



From the Desk of the
St. Monica Catholic School President
Tuesday, June 28, 2022



- 1. Thank you to Father Mark Garrett:** Throughout this school year, Father Mark has been instrumental in guiding our students and staff in the teachings of the Gospel and the life Jesus wants us to live. Father Mark has had an active role in the formation of our students at St. Monica Catholic School and for students and adults in our parish. His gift to bring scripture to life through his homilies has been both inspiration and hope. Join me in thanking Father Mark for his 2 years of ministry to our school and join me in wishing him the very best as he moves to be Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral. For our Bishop Lynch families, Father Mark will continue as chaplain.
- 2. Welcome to Father Elijah Thomson (Father Elijah):** I have had the privilege to meet Father Elijah and discuss continuing the great presence and leadership of our priests, Father Guadagnoli and Father Elijah here at St. Monica. Father Elijah (unique spelling) arrives here on July 1, 2022, and I know you will have the opportunity to meet him after masses throughout the month of July. In the past few years with Father Wade and Father Mark, formation and involvement with our students have been key to their ministry at St. Monica, Father Elijah will continue the road they have paved. Please join me in welcoming Father Elijah.
- 3. Summer Reading Lists:** Update for 3rd grade summer reading lists:
To Rising Third Grade Parents,
We hope your summer is going well! A note about summer reading choices... As parents, you know your children well. If the suggestions communicated early this summer are not interesting or not the right fit for your child, please feel free to choose something else. Their teachers ultimately would like them to practice reading, and the students will not be penalized for reading something different. However, some of these titles give the opportunity for you to read and discuss with your child. As educators, we would like our students to continue the routine of reading to foster their love of literature.
- 4. Staff goodbyes:** With gratitude for the service of the following faculty/staff members:
 - Kim Allen
 - Julie Bagchi
 - Amy Brown
 - Paige Cory

- Kathe Daniel
- Cindy de la Chapelle
- Darla Dorsey
- Lupe Flores
- Libby Hassell
- Mary Krakosky
- Donna Lestage
- Lori Luna
- Amy Melle
- Meredith Newman
- Taylor Nunn
- Cici Petty
- Elizabeth Rodriguez
- Vicki Russell
- Joann Sauer
- Gatlin Shore
- Kelly Simmons
- Amber Wood

5. **Security of the campus:** St. Monica parish and school leadership are very aware of the challenges we face with security and that upgrades are important and needed. Rest assured we are working as an entire parish campus to address these needs.
6. **Principal Search:** The search continues with our current search firm, The Education Group, our interview committee, and our Lead teacher team. Together we will find the best candidate for this position. Your continued prayers and support are appreciated.
7. **Back to School Guide/Announcement of New Staff:** We are working diligently to re-open a regular school year, post-COVID. Schedules and other activities are being reviewed to bring us back to pre-COVID or better. We are preparing our yearly Back to School Guide to come to you in July along with the announcement of new teaching and other SMS staff. You may wish to check the website throughout July for updates.
8. **Msgr Meyer's Funeral at St. Monica Catholic Church:** It with great sadness that it was announced the peaceful passing of Msgr. John (Jack) Meyers on June 23, 2022. Msgr. Meyers was a longtime Pastor here at St. Monica and then Pastor Emeritus. Msgr. Meyers made an impact on so many faithful throughout his devoted life. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul.

Arrangements are set as follows:

Visitations: 4 - 7 p.m. on Friday, July 15th at St. Juan Diego Catholic Church, 10919 Royal Haven Lane, Dallas.

Funeral Mass: 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 16th at St. Monica Catholic Church, 9933 Midway Road, Dallas with a reception to follow.

Interment: Procession to Calvary Hill will begin at 12:15 p.m.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and hard work, you make a difference for the students of SMS.

On behalf of all of the St. Monica Catholic School staff, we wish you a safe, peaceful, and restful summer. We look forward to our return and the excitement that 2022-2023 promises for our students and staff.

United in Faith, Hope, and Love-Siempre Adelante...Always Forward,

Mrs. Angeline Trudell