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Celebrating 10 years of Catholic education at Holy Trinity School



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Bishop Joseph M. Siegel delivers his homily.

By MEGAN ERBACHER The Message editor

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel told students that the purpose of Holy Trinity School in Jasper is to help them grow in holiness and know Christ so that they can worship him, as they were doing on the morning of Nov. 22 during a schoolwide Mass.

Bishop Siegel celebrated Mass at Holy Family Parish in Jasper Nov. 22 to celebrate Holy Trinity's milestone of 10 years of providing Catholic education to the families of Dubois County. Father Jeff Read, pastor of Holy Family Parish in Jasper; Father Brian Emmick, pastor of Precious Blood Parish in Jasper; Father John Brosmer, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Jasper and Dean of the East Deanery; and Father Jaison Kuzhiyil, parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Jasper; concelebrated Mass with Bishop Siegel.

By attending Holy Trinity School, Bishop Siegel told students they are able to pray daily in school and learn about Christ in their religion classes. Educators at Holy Trinity also ensure kids get the same Catholic faith in all that they do at school, whether it's in science class, math or any subject, there's always something to learn and it's seen as a gift from God. There are many ways students can grow closer to God, he said.

During his homily, Bishop Siegel spoke about the day's Gospel, Luke 19:45-48, on the Memorial of St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr. When Jesus entered the temple and drove out those people selling things, he said to them, "It is written, my house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves" (Luke 19:45-48). Bishop Siegel said Jesus' anger was

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Reitz Memorial celebrates completion of chapel renovation



The Message photo by John Rohlf

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel pours sacred Chrism on the corner of the altar during the anointing of the altar in the Chapel of St. Joseph at Reitz Memorial High School

By JOHN ROHLF

The Message assistant editor

Months after renovation began to the chapel at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Bishop Joseph M. Siegel dedicated the altar and blessed the Oratory of St. Joseph.

The dedication and blessing was held Nov. 19 during Mass, which was celebrated by Bishop Siegel. Construction of the Chapel of St. Joseph began in late April.

"At Reitz Memorial High School, this newly renovated St. Joseph's chapel stands as a beacon of faith, hope and love, serving as the spiritual heart of our school community" Reitz Memorial President Josh Reising said. "This sacred space invites students and faculty and staff to encounter Christ in the Eucharist, find solace in prayer and deepen their relationship with God."

The chapel was renovated due to the gift from J.P. and Allison Engelbrecht. Reising said the school is "profoundly grateful to J.P. and the Engelbrecht

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Schulte bakes cupcakes to help hurricane victims

By JOHN ROHLF
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Through the baking of dozens of cupcakes, a St. Bernard School student donated around \$1,400 to those impacted by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina.

An eighth grader at St. Bernard School in Rockport, Amelia Schulte baked around 70 dozen cupcakes and helped raise \$1,400 for hurricane relief in North Carolina. She said she baked a few hours each day over her fall break. Additionally, she is still baking cupcakes as coupons are redeemed for the cause.

"We've always tried to help as much as we can with anything," Schulte said. "And I love baking. So my mom had



Submitted photo Amelia Schulte helped raise \$1,400 for Hurricane victims.

this idea that I could bake cupcakes to raise money for hurricane relief in North Carolina."

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Design and Innovation Studios open at Flaget and Washington schools

Special to The Message

In partnership with Vincennes University and Purdue's Indiana Next Generation Manufacturing Competitiveness Center (IN-MaC), Vincennes' Flaget Elementary School and Washington Catholic Elementary School in Washington hosted ribbon-cutting events Nov. 22 for the opening of their new Design and Innovation Studios for early education

VU President Chuck Johnson provided remarks from Vincennes University, while Sascha Harrell with Purdue IN-MaC was also present. Flaget Principal Samantha McClure, as well as Washington Catholic Elementary School Principal Kelsi Edwards and Washington Catholic Middle/High School Principal Karie Craney were all present at their respective events. Educators from both schools were also present, as well as students to run the technology.

The ribbon cutting was an opportunity to celebrate the new equipment and technology and show the schools' commitment to

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