



# St. Margaret Catholic School

## Viking Vine



"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." Nov. 20, 2020

### Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Here's a statement to which most of us would give a nod of agreement. "The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always certain of themselves but wiser people so full of doubts." - Author unknown. In His book, *The Myth of Certainty*, Daniel Taylor chooses not to use the term "doubting Christians" but instead chooses to refer to the doubters among us as "reflective Christians".

According to Taylor, a reflective Christian is one who is thinking deeply and questioning often, because our minds are at work; any belief worth having must survive doubt. This seems to be supported by the Zen mantra which goes something like this, "Great doubt - great awakening. Little doubt - little awakening. No doubt - no awakening."

The story in Mark's gospel of the father of the demon-possessed boy, suggests that God isn't looking for people of great faith (yes, they do exist) but for individuals ready to follow him: "They brought the boy to Jesus. When Jesus saw him. Immediately the demon threw the boy into a convulsion and falling to the ground the boy began rolling around and foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, 'How long has this been happening to him?' the boy's father said, 'From childhood. The demon has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You

can do anything, take pity on us and help us!' And Jesus said to him, 'If you can? All things are possible to him who believes.' Immediately, the boy's father cried out and said, 'I do believe; help my unbelief.'" Mark 9:14-24.

Each of us in our life has been through unexpected twists perhaps even tragic turns, when our faith in God has been overwhelmed by doubt. However, the father in Mark's story, through his response, encourages us to be bold enough to acknowledge our doubt and to request help to overcome it. The following story has a rather cheeky boldness to it:

"After several years of drought a farmer went to see the manager of his bank. 'I've got good and bad news for you,' said the farmer.

'Give me the bad news first,' requested the manager.

'Well, with this drought still with us, I won't be able to pay anything on my mortgage this year,' he said.

'That is bad,' The manager responded.

'It gets worse,' said the farmer, 'As well, I won't be able to pay anything on that loan for the machinery I bought last year.'

'That's really bad,' said the manager.

'It's worse than that,' the farmer went on, 'This year I had to borrow to buy seed and fertilizer. I'm not able to pay on that either.'

'Struth, that's awful,' exclaimed the manager. 'So what's the good news?'

'Oh, yeah, the good news!' replied the farmer with a big smile. 'The good news is that I intend to keep on doing business with you!'" - Author unknown.

The good news for us is that even though we might be suffering from

faith bankruptcy, God has faith in us; God loves us and in spite of us being bankrupt, God will always continue to do business with us.

"God of young faith and tired faith, Breathe into my life a new beginning. Amen."

Peace and Blessings,

Wendy L. Wicke

Dear Vikings,

Being sent home today with your oldest student enrolled is a little gift from our friends at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School in LaPlace, The Diocese of Baton Rouge, and the Diocese of NOLA. We have prayed over them and we hope they will be a Blessing to each of you during this Holiday Season.



### Events

**Tuesday, November 24th**

Students may wear Jeans with a Spirit Shirt

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Wednesday, November 25th-Friday, November 27th**

Classes Resume on Monday, November 30th

Have A Blessed and Safe Thanksgiving!!



### Lunches

**Lunches at ICCS**

**Monday, November 23rd**

Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Baby Carrots, Cucumber Sticks, Cherry Tomatoes & Pear Slices

**Tuesday, November 24th**

Nachos, Corn, Apple Wedges & Wheat Roll  
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### Things to Remember

#### HALO's

Our HALO's this week were Mrs. Grace Morris, Mrs. Wendy Wicke, Mrs. Alyson Mathis and Mrs. Kayla Theriot!



#### Upcoming Events

**December 7th - 11th**

Santa's Secret Shop at SMCS

**Christmas Holiday's**

December 23rd - January 1st

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## Unveiling the Virtues