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Jaguars celebrate National Catholic Schools Week

St. James School celebrated Catholic Schools Week 2022 from January 31 – February 4. This year they took a closer look at their family roots. Beginning at the beginning in Genesis, the whole school gathered on Monday of that week to hear the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and of Seth and his descendants. This led up to the time of Noah. Principal Sister Mary Alma, C.K. stated, “These earliest of human stories contain great truths. God is the loving Creator and all of His creation is good. Man and woman, made in the image and likeness of God, are meant for communion with God and with each other. Sin brings sorrow and death. Following God’s ways brings blessings for generations to come.”

Tuesday brought the stories of Abraham and Isaac and of Jacob and Esau. Sister explained, “Though these historical figures lived more than 2000 years before Christ, their lives have much to teach us today. Faith is precious in God’s sight and brings forth life, laughter, and joy. Deceit and trickery lead to sorrow, isolation, and strenuous difficulties. Forgiveness reunites a family and offers a new beginning.”

The drama continued on Wednesday with Joseph who was Abraham’s great-grandson and the eleventh son of Jacob. Outstanding for his ability to see God’s plan of salvation in the midst of human cruelty, and for his ability to forgive, Joseph saves the lives of his family and of hundreds of others.

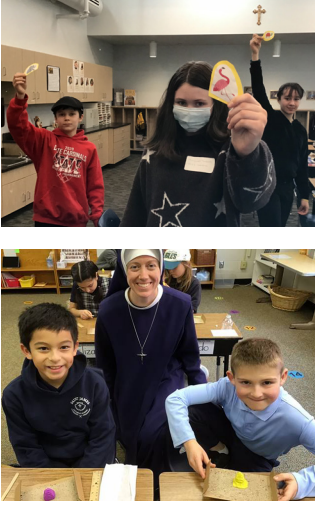
Thursday brought the magnificent story of Moses, the meekest man on earth, who through his intimacy with God led an entire nation out of slavery and into their purifying desert journey toward the Promised Land.

The children listened attentively and faculty and staff enjoyed being together to hear the stories. “There is something very human and uniting about listening to a story. For some reason, we all love it,” exclaimed St. James

teacher, Shannon Ward.

The children also relished the activities that followed. These activities, particularly chosen by the teachers, had connections with the stories of the day. The patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for example, were shepherds. The teachers, therefore, procured a live sheep with her lambs, bags of wool, and a spinning wheel, along with a goat and goat cheese. As a nomadic people, Jacob and his sons would have used the stars in the sky to map out their travels. St. James children learned about and made models of starry constellations. The Egyptian taskmasters forced the Israelites to make bricks. The St. James children experienced brick making using mud, straw, and water. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt in such haste that their bread had no time to rise, therefore the children made their own unleavened bread sweetened with honey.

St. James School finds that going back to humanity’s ancient family roots is sweet and strengthening. They learned that they are part of a family with an amazing history. They learned that their lives and choices matter. They learned that they have a perilous journey to make which, if made well, leads to a glorious destiny. Finally, they learned that this journey is best made together as a family.”



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