



Why I Serve

CSJ Educational Network Advisory Board

I serve because I am passionate about providing quality and affordable Catholic education to all students and their families.

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St. Irenaeus Students Support Respect Life Ministry

St. Irenaeus Parish School, Cypress

During the month of October, St. Irenaeus students partnered with the St. I. Parish **Respect Life Ministry** by collecting items for babies and mothers. This partnership was organized by the eighth grade class. St. I. students responded graciously donating diapers, clothes, and other needed items to the **Precious Life Shelter** in Los Alamitos.



Mexicali Service Project

St. Anne Parish School, Santa Ana

Last month, the St. Anne School community gathered supplies for people in need at a migrant center in Mexicali. Over 240 people emigrated from Central America and are waiting to be allowed to cross into the United States legally.

The collection drive was organized by grade level. Preschool and Kindergarten donated coloring books and crayons. Other classes brought clothing, detergent, hygiene supplies, diapers, toys, games, hair ribbons, candy, and 1000 pounds of rice. Children's books in Spanish were included to help create a small library.

Jessie Rees Foundation Supply Drive

Rosary Academy, Fullerton

Rosary Academy students served their dear neighbor by delivering stuffed animals, socks, boxes of crayons, and jars full of supplies to the Jessie Rees Foundation. The foundation is an organization and resource center for children and families dealing with childhood cancer.

Learn more about the Jessie Rees Foundation [here](#).

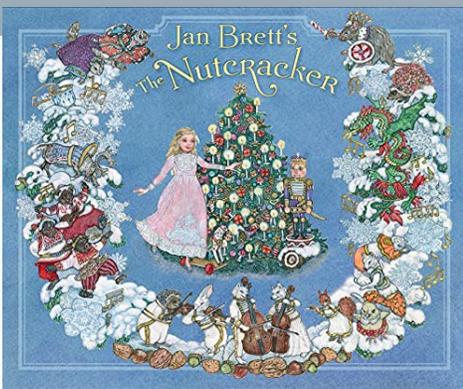




Turkey Trot Walk-a-thon

St. Finn Barr Catholic School, San Francisco

St. Finn Barr hosted their annual walk-a-thon in November. The theme of the 2021 event was “Raising Resources for Resource.” The money donated to the event will help support the new resource program. After the previous year of hybrid schooling and curriculum, the community is focusing their attention on the transition from hybrid learning to full time on-campus learning. The transition to the post-pandemic new normal is an ongoing learning experience, but with strong support from the community, St. Finn Barr will come back stronger than ever.



What is Sr. Susan reading this month?

The Nutcracker

Author: Jan Brett

Jan Brett’s beautifully illustrated Christmas classic, *The Nutcracker*, is an absolutely gorgeous picture book for children and adults alike. Every page is filled with beautiful illustrations. Enjoying this book will be an instant Christmas tradition for families who love the ballet and those new to the story.

You can check out the book [here](#).