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## Dedication of Holy Family Statue

Date and Time: October 27, 2020

Welcome: Grade 3: 1:30- 1:35 pm

My name is Lily Militzer and I would like to welcome all to Archangel Gabriel School's Dedication of the Holy Family statue. We would like to extend a special thank you to our pastor Father David Poecking, Father Joe Codori, all of the Archangel Gabriel parish priests, and all of those who have helped with the statue relocation from the Mother of Sorrows Church in Stowe Township. It is a beautiful addition to our school campus and is a daily reminder of the love that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph have for all of us.

We will now listen to a beautiful song to honor the Holy Family as sung by middle school students Sarah Sellman and Gianna Kennelly and led by the parish musical director Mr. Rone.



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## History of Holy Family Statue: Grade 4 representative- 1:40- 1:45 pm

My name is Matthew McCord and I will share the history of the Holy Family statue. Standing tall for all to enjoy, we proudly display our latest addition to our Archangel Gabriel Catholic School campus, the Holy Family statue. This beautiful representation of our most Holy Family is from Mother of Sorrows Church in Stowe Township. The historical church was designed by the great Italian architect Belini and Belini to resemble Noah's Ark. This solid Carrara Marble statue was erected in 1966 when Father Joseph Farina, one of five Farina brothers who were all priests in the Diocese, was the Pastor. This grand statute weighs over 1,500 pounds and its base weighs an additional 1,500 lbs. We are extremely grateful to J Poli who was able to remove, clean, and place the 3,000 lb statue and Rome monument at no cost to us. Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph are posed gazing at Holy



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Trinity Church in the distance, the place where their Divine Child still lives in the Tabernacle, awaiting our prayers.

We are pleased to have the Holy Family's likeness in such a profound location as we enter our building and are reminded that through prayer and the Sacraments of our Church, our families can also become truly holy families.



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Prayer Honoring the Holy Family: grade 5 representative:  
1:45- 1:50 pm

My name is Mario Thomas and I would like to share a prayer honoring the Holy Family.

Dear Lord, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

St. Joseph, pray for all fathers and grandfathers. Obtain for them the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence they need to support and direct those under their care.

Mother Mary, pray for all mothers and grandmothers. Help them to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more they resemble you, the better our family will be.



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Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family in wisdom, strength, and grace.

Holy Family of Nazareth, by Your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen

Blessing of the Holy Family statue by Father: 1:50- 1:55  
pm