There’s nothing like a good arts and crafts project to help welcome the holiday season! During the month of November, representatives from the Racine Art Guild helped J23 students make trivets, which are hot pads for use in the kitchen. Without a doubt, these trivets will be useful on the holiday tables of several John XXIII Educational Center students!

Middle School- Imar, a 4th grader at John Paul II Academy, is the middle school room “Student of the Month” for November. Imar’s favorite color is light blue, and she loves to draw. It is no surprise that art is her favorite subject in school. She comes to the center often, either to complete her own homework or to help others with theirs, or to spend time with friends. She is very confident and is always in a joyful mood. It is her wish for the world that it becomes a better place.

Reflection

Where has all the time gone? If you are like me, you find yourself asking this question frequently, particularly around this time of year, when the end of the year is upon us. Has it been a good year for you? Of course, that will depend on how we define “good”. As we go through our annual trek through the hustle and bustle of the Christmas shopping season, it can be difficult to lose sight of the blessings and wonders that are around us. As I have gotten older, and I have been given the chance to reflect on my life, I have become aware that I have been blessed in many ways. A loving family, a worthwhile ministry, enriching co-workers, activities that I enjoy, and a community that I can call home, are just some of them. As we celebrate the Christmas holidays and prepare to bid farewell to this year of 2021, try to pause at least once each day to recall the miracle that life is, and the manifold blessings that are around us, if only we allow ourselves to be present to them. And may you experience peace and joy during this holiday season, and into the new year!
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Holiday gift-giving arrives at John XXIII!

John XXIII Educational Center marked the arrival of the Christmas holiday season by continuing two of its long-standing Thanksgiving traditions. The center collected ten Thanksgiving food baskets, which were donated by parishioners of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish of Union Grove and St. Mary Parish of Dover. The food baskets consisted of a turkey, potatoes, carrots, apples, oranges, cucumbers, squash, and other food items. The project was coordinated by Kathy and Joe Jaeger and their committee at St. Robert's, and the food was distributed on November 21 and 22. Later in the month, coats, scarves, and hand-knitted hats were donated by the Knights of Columbus Council 4106 of Union Grove. Grand Knight Jim Lasken and fellow Knight Tom Goetz coordinated the clothing drive. These clothing items will be available to J23 families at the center’s Christmas party on December 14 as well as to St. Patrick’s parishioners in the days afterward. The center wishes to thank all those who provided any assistance to make these efforts a success!

Center hours are: Mondays through Thursdays, 4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.

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