

A MESSAGE FROM
MSGR. TODD



Our hearts go out to the Covenant community as we remember them in our prayers today. As we grieve over this most recent act of senseless school violence, our concern naturally focuses on the safety of our own children. As such, I wanted to take this opportunity to both remind and update you on our safety protocols.

First, know that we are constantly updating our procedures and safety measures. We are mandated to hold a yearly rhythm of fire, tornado and shelter-in-place drills. As part of this, we consult regularly with the Plymouth Police Department on safety concerns and have them review our emergency plan as well as work with our staff for safety training.

With their consultation, we made these upgrades this past year.

- Upgraded our security cameras
- Installed bullet proof glass in the first and second entry doors in the main vestibule as well as the windows of the main office.
- Worked with Plymouth Police Department to update our Emergency Operations Plan
- Replaced all old classroom doors
- Had Michael Evoy, the Student Services Coordinator from the Archdiocese of Detroit, conduct in-person active shooter ALICE training with staff in August 2023.

Also this past year, we completed a grant application from the Michigan Department of Education to receive money for school safety upgrades. At the end of February, we were awarded \$50,000 for this grant. The grant allows us to have a full school safety assessment conducted with personnel from Homeland Security. This is

already scheduled to begin in April. This assessment will give us recommendations of safety measures to implement over the summer. We will keep you updated as to their recommendations.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone to remain rooted in the peace which only Jesus can give. Be comforted that even in the midst of violence, we can hold fast to the mercy of God and remain fixed on Him as our sure protection and hope. Jesus, we trust in you.

Please continue to join me in keeping the Covenant community in our prayers. Know that you and your children remain in mine.

In His Peace,

Msgr. Todd

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