



"Then {Jesus} sent him home and said, 'Do not even go into the village.'"

February 17, 2017

Dear St. Ann Family,

We're concluding this week of beautiful February weather and looking forward to a 3-day weekend. Next Monday is President's Day and there is no school. Class will resume Tuesday morning. The weather looks to be shaping up nicely for the next several days. I hope our staff, students, and parents can get some well-deserved time enjoying some fresh air and outdoor activity!

First Grade led our All School Mass this week. We heard a very long and very well read passage about Noah. Our first graders did a wonderful job of working through that extra long reading. This week's Gospel was about Jesus' efforts to cure a man from blindness. After successfully restoring the man's sight, Jesus urged him to head straight home rather than going into town and sharing his experience. This humble approach to service and work is a good model for us. Serving others shouldn't be an act of pride or an attempt at fame or recognition. We serve others because it is right and because it helps us to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

During the first week of the month, our high school bound 8<sup>th</sup> grade students received notification of their acceptance to their respective high schools. We are very pleased to announce that each student was accepted to their high school of choice once again. While each student is blessed to be joining their school of choice, we know each school is also lucky to be admitting St. Ann students to their school communities.

Science Fair Projects are underway for many of our students in 5th, 6th, and 7th grade. If your student/family is participating, don't forget that projects are due on Friday March 2nd. The Science Fair project can seem like a tall task but it's a great way for students and families to work through the scientific process together.

Lent is approaching fast which means our first Fish Fry of the season! Join us Friday, March 3rd, for a great St. Ann tradition. The Lenten Fish Fry in the parish center is a fun family event where you can enjoy a delicious meal with the whole St. Ann community.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade's production of "The Wonderful Oz" is next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Showtime is at 7:00 PM each night and is taking place in the Parish Center. Ticket Prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 students, and \$2 for children under age 5. Mrs. Kathleen Carter and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have been working very hard in daily rehearsals and I know the show will be magical. Come and enjoy the show and don't miss a special guest appearance from our cast of munchkins played by Kindergarten and First Grade!

St. Ann's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Progressive Dinner is 2 weeks away on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Start the evening at one home for appetizers then transition to another home for the main course. End your evening at a third home for dessert! You can find a flyer in this week's Friday Folder with more info about the event. We're still in need of Dinner Hosts. Consider opening your home to St. Ann friends and showing off your favorite dinner recipe!

### **Volunteers needed for the 2017 Sponsor's Dinner Dance and Auction**

St. Ann's annual Dinner Dance and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th. Please reserve the date on your calendars today! The Sponsor's Dinner Dance and Auction is St. Ann's largest fundraiser of the year. Volunteers are needed to help with solicitations, invitations, decorations and much more. If you are interested in assisting with the Sponsor's Dinner Dance and Auction, please attend a volunteer meeting **Tuesday, January 24** in the rectory library. Questions - please contact Kate Flatley at [flatleyk@gmail.com](mailto:flatleyk@gmail.com) or [314.518-5241](tel:314.518-5241).

Our annual Jump Rope for Heart event to raise money for the American Heart Association will be held on February 28. Students will participate in a variety of jumping activities partnering with their buddy class. A sponsor donation form will be in the Friday envelope. Students are encouraged to seek donations to help this worthy cause. Every student that raises \$5 will be able to dress out on 2/28. For more information and to register online go to [https://www.kintera.org/site/c.dkLRKbOWLjK4E/b.9387231/k.38A9/Home\\_NEW\\_2017.htm](https://www.kintera.org/site/c.dkLRKbOWLjK4E/b.9387231/k.38A9/Home_NEW_2017.htm)

Reminders:

- Monthly calendars and the weekly school newsletter are available on the school website [www.sacs-stl.org](http://www.sacs-stl.org). Please notify the office if you would like to receive a paper copy through the weekly Friday Envelope.
- The Protecting God's Children Workshop schedule can be found through this link. [http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theOrgID=14498&theme=0](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=14498&theme=0)

Upcoming Dates For Your Calendar:

February 20-President's Day (NO SCHOOL)

February 24-Jump Rope For Heart

February 23, 24, 25-8th Grade Play @ 7pm (The Wizard of Oz)

February 28-Mardi Gras

March 1-ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2-STUCO CureSearch 'Go Bald Event @ 2:30

Science Fair Projects Due

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March 3-Teacher Professional Development NO SCHOOL

March 4-Progressive Dinner 6 pm

Blessings,  
Jacob Reft

