



*" When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;
he did not carry it out."*

March 10, 2017

Dear St. Ann Family,

This week's All-School Mass was led by our Kindergarten class. They did an excellent job of sharing the story of Jonah and his warning to the people of Nineveh about their way of life. Jonah convinced them to change their ways and they took up fasting and obedience to God and were spared by God's mercy. Fr. Nick talked to us about the story of Jonah, his attempts to avoid God's call, and his hesitation to do the hard things that God was telling him to do. Fr. Nick related this hesitation to our own stubborn behavior and avoidance of the things that we know are right but find can often find difficult.

This first full week of Lent has included some additional routines to recognize the importance of the season and to help us grow closer to one another and closer to God. We have engaged in a daily Lenten Examen at 1:00, each afternoon, to give staff and students an opportunity to reflect on their day, meditate in the presence of God, and pray for virtue in the next day ahead. On Wednesday, after Mass, we engaged in a moment of personal and whole school prayer. It was a good way to recognize the added importance of Lent and helped students exit the church in a more reverent and peaceful manner. This afternoon, students headed back to the church for Stations of the Cross and Benediction. It was a fulfilling way to conclude our week of school.

The school re-registration period is open now! Please don't hesitate to stop by school and secure your student's spot for next school year. The office is open between 7:30am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday. I encourage you to tell your family, friends, and neighbors about the school community we are building at St. Ann and the potential for them to join us! We're so blessed to have the students and families that we do and you are the best representation of what makes our school special!

This evening is another edition of the St. Ann Fish Fry! Doors open at 5PM. The Lenten Fish Fry is a big St. Ann tradition with lots of great food and the warm family atmosphere that St. Ann is so well known for. 8th grade will be selling sweet treats with a bake sale fundraiser. Enjoy some deep fried dinner and satisfy your sweet tooth all in one meal!

Next Monday, March 13th, is Spring Picture Day. Only those students who are dressed for the photo and have the Spring Portraits Selection Form will have their picture taken.

STAFF NEWS: As Mrs. Brickler prepares to transition to her principal position at St. Patrick's, Mrs. Cheryl Thomas will be moving to the vacant 5th grade position. Mrs. Thomas brings a warm and caring approach, a passion for teaching, and previous experience teaching 5th grade at St. Ann. We're excited for her to lead next year's 5th grade classroom. This does mean that the 6th grade position will need to be filled. School administration has begun the search process to find the right person for our students and school community.

Last weekend's SAPO Progressive Dinner was a success. The event raised over \$1200 for SAPO. Special thanks go to all those who participated, especially those who opened their homes to host an evening of fun and camaraderie among school and parish families.

2017 BASEBALL / SOFTBALL / GOLF / FOOT GOLF REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is now open for the 2017 baseball/softball/golf/foot golf season. All players, coaches, assistant coaches, and managers need to register ASAP so that we can determine what teams can be formed for these sports seasons. Please consider joining St. Ann athletics. Don't strike out on your chance to have some summer fun with other St. Ann ballplayers!

Fine Arts Night is not far off and students and staff have been working hard to put together musical and visual pieces of art to display and present on April 4th. Mark your calendars for an evening of artistic expression featuring your students!

Reminders:

- Monthly calendars and the weekly school newsletter are available on the school website 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

SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

5th Grade

1st Will Garrett

2nd John Dunker

3rd Shannon White

Honorable Mention Katie Harrington

6th Grade

1st Rebecca Williams

2nd Adam Smith

3rd Desiree Gigers

Honorable Mention Erin Coleman

7th Grade

1st Marilyn Dunker

2nd Jack Garrett & Lucas O'Donnell

3rd Nia Bell

Honorable Mention Zaire Joyner

Upcoming Dates For Your Calendar:

March 17th-NO SCHOOL

April 4th-Fine Arts Night

April 7th-Faculty Meeting NOON DISMISSAL

April 13th-Holy Thursday NO SCHOOL

April 14th-Good Friday NO SCHOOL

April 17th-21st Spring Break NO SCHOOL

April 29th- Sponsor's Auction & Dinner Dance

Blessings,
Jacob Reft

