



"Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?"

March 16, 2017

Dear St. Ann Family,

This week's All-School Mass was led by our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. The Gospel reading focused on an interaction between Jesus and the mother of James and John. Her request to Jesus that James and John be included in heaven at his right and left was met with Jesus' challenge, "Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?" Fr. Nick spoke to us about the need to do hard things for ourselves rather than relying on others to take our place. He explained that the chalice is a symbol of Jesus' cross and suffering and that each of us can bear a cross and take on tough challenges too.

We continued our Lenten practice of the daily Examen. This week we turned over the responsibility of leading the reflection and prayer to our students. We had 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and even some courageous 3<sup>rd</sup> graders lead us over the intercom. We also continued our practice of whole school prayer and silent dismissal from the church on Wednesday morning after Mass. We continue this throughout the school year. It is a much more orderly and reverent way to conclude our Mass.

### **THERE IS NO SCHOOL TOMORROW! ENJOY YOUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

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!

Look out for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards coming home this evening. I encourage students and parents to take time to discuss student grades and progress, reflect on the third quarter of school, and utilize prayer to navigate the work to be done to keep high grades up and to help students experiencing challenges in various subjects.

This Saturday is the Confluence Trash Bash, a riverside cleanup opportunity at several nearby locations. Our school's Stream Team is heading to the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge to join other community members for a day of cleanup and beautification near the Mississippi River. We commend and thank our dedicated Stream Team members who are sacrificing their Saturday for the responsibility of improving our community and caring for creation.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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](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:

March 17<sup>th</sup>-NO SCHOOL  
April 4<sup>th</sup>-Fine Arts Night  
April 7<sup>th</sup>-Faculty Meeting NOON DISMISSAL  
April 13<sup>th</sup>-Holy Thursday NO SCHOOL  
April 14<sup>th</sup>-Good Friday NO SCHOOL  
April 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Spring Break NO SCHOOL  
April 29<sup>th</sup>- Sponsor's Auction & Dinner Dance

Blessings,  
Jacob Reft

