



"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.  
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

March 24, 2017

Dear St. Ann Family,

This week's All-School Mass was led by our 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. The morning's reading and Gospel passage focused on the importance of laws, rules, and routines. Fr. Nick explained to us that it's important to have rules and to follow those rules to keep us safe, happy, and comfortable. He assured the students that even the rules we don't always appreciate have value and are not simply thought up by sinister parents and teachers aiming to make life more difficult. The same is true of God's laws and commandments. Jesus explained to his disciples that he had not come to them to abolish laws or rules but as a fulfillment of the good that those laws and rules maintain.

This evening the St. Ann Fish Fry is back in action and we'll be treated to a special live music performance from The Tail Lights! Come enjoy dinner, music, and an evening of St. Ann camaraderie in the Parish Center from 5-7pm!

Fine Arts Night is almost here. The event is Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, in the Parish Center. Students will be showcasing their visual artwork pieces that they have been creating in class but will also be performing musical arrangements with their classmates. Attendance at this event is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED as it is connected heavily to 4<sup>th</sup> quarter music and art grades. If your student/family is unable to be in attendance, please let us know ahead of time. Students are allowed to "dress down" during this evening exposition but are required to follow the school's "dress down" policy.

Next week, researchers from the University of Illinois, in association with the Archdiocese' VBRD program, will be conducting some interviews about school climate, relationships, virtue education, and the restorative process at our school. Student will be chosen randomly and only those with permission forms will participate, but the researchers are also hoping to interview staff and even parents for their study. There is a complimentary Target gift card available to willing parent participants!

**Spring Pictures are going home today. Please send payment by Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you do not want to purchase the pictures, please return the complete picture package by March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Don't miss your Sponsor's Dinner Dance/Auction information tucked inside your Friday Folder this week. The Auction & Dinner Dance is an incredibly beneficial evening to the St. Ann school and parish community and without the continued generosity and giving of those in attendance, our school's programming might look very different. Please consider attending or contributing to this big fundraiser in your own way!

It's Friday in Lent, which means students are heading off to church for Stations of the Cross this afternoon. This week's devotion will be geared specifically toward our 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will take a more mature and reflective tone as we follow Jesus' persecution and path to the cross.

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!

## **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!

### **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:**

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

