



"If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

April 8, 2017

Dear St. Ann Family,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus described his word and teachings as the truth and urged his believers to hold his word as the same truth and teaching that they received from the God of Abraham. We also heard the story of King Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, a story about three men whose faith and unflinching belief in God saved them from death. As Fr. Nick pointed out, this is an exciting story, but perhaps also worth telling because of its unique and interesting character names. Our 5th grade class led the Mass and did a great job of applying the day's scripture to our petitions and navigating those tricky names in our reading!

This week's staff meeting included preparation for the final weeks of school but discussion also centered on an attitude of gratitude and positivity through Holy Week, Easter, and the final days of the school year. While we spend a lot of effort on identifying and trying to fix problems or improve practices (this is very critical!), it's also important that we, as a school community, reflect on the positives and the blessings we receive at St. Ann. As the school year approaches its conclusion, staff will be encouraging students to consider the things they love most about our school and the progress and accomplishments they have made this year and throughout their St. Ann career. I encourage family members to engage in this kind of discussion and reflection as well!

Fine Arts Night was a big success. A special thank you goes to our Music teacher, Mrs. Morice, and our Art teacher, Mrs. Kinsella, for preparing the evening for us with the help of our classroom teachers. They worked very hard to get the children ready to perform and showcase their best artwork. I also want to thank the many parents, siblings, grandparents, and family members who were in attendance to support our students. I am always so impressed with the big turnouts that our school events consistently get. It's a sign of a vibrant and supportive family community and we're very blessed to have that support.

We still need a few servers for the Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses. If your student is able and willing to serve one of these Masses, please contact the main office this week!

Holy Thursday-7pm -3 servers needed

Good Friday-7pm – 3 servers needed

Holy Saturday- 8pm – 4 servers needed

Easter Sunday – 8am – 1 servers needed 11am- 2 servers needed

This week, the whole school attended Stations of the Cross. Next Wednesday we will have our final devotion of the Stations but it will be a special instance as our 8th grade class will be enacting the traditional St. Ann Living Stations of the Cross. The students will help act out and more fully illustrate Jesus's path to the cross and resurrection. The devotion begins at 2:40 in the church. All of the students will be there and family members are encouraged to join us!

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!

The Annual St. Ann Dinner Dance & Auction is approaching fast! The event is April 29th. Many students and families have been selling their raffle tickets. Please continue to work hard in selling these. You're encouraged to keep selling all the way through April!

A special request from Kindergarten---KDG is asking each student to bring one penny on Monday and again on Tuesday. We are going collect and count them. Then, we will donate them in our Rice Bowl. Our pennies together will make a difference!

May 5th is Field Day! It's a noon dismissal day that will be highlighted by a morning of games, sports, activities, and treats for students. The 8th grade class has picked their teams and determined their team colors (more info to come) and students are already looking forward to a day of competition and fun. Family members are encouraged to stop by and check out all the fun!

May 7th is The First Holy Communion for our 2nd grade class. This is a very sacred and important day for our 2nd graders and their families. Supporting our 2nd grade as they receive this Sacrament for the first time is a joyous moment for us all. Please pray for our 2nd grade class as they continue to learn more and prepare to make this Sacrament.

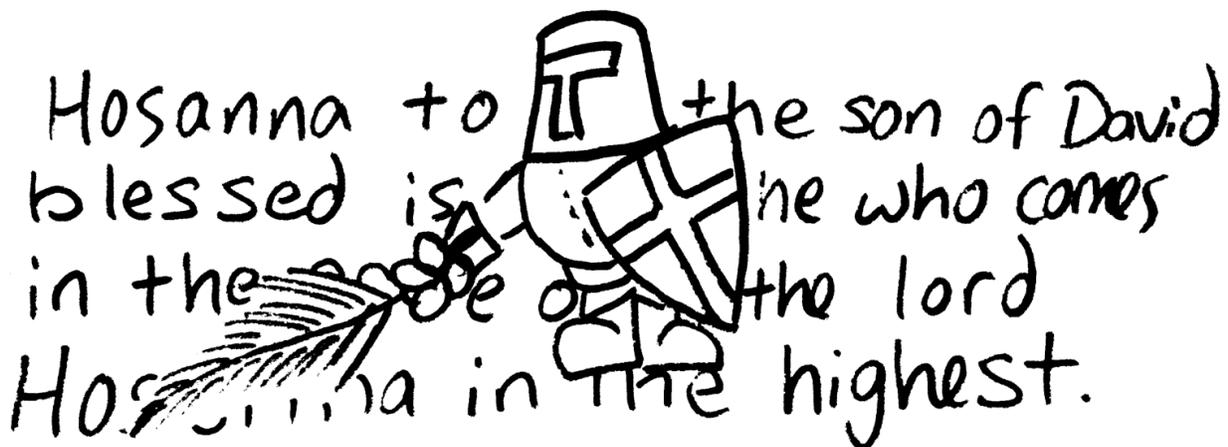
Reminders:

- 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

Upcoming Dates For Your Calendar:

April 10th-Peaceful Shirt Day
April 12th-DARE Graduation (5TH grade) @ 1:30 in Parish Center
April 12th-Living Stations of the Cross @ 2:30 in church
April 12th-Progress Reports
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
May 5th- Field Day-Noon Dismissal (Staff PLT)
May 7th-First Communion (2nd grade)

Blessings,
Jacob Reft



Hosanna to the son of David
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the lord
Hosanna in the highest.