

“God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life.”

April 28, 2017

Dear St. Ann Family,

We had a very busy and fast paced first week back after the long awaited Easter holiday and spring break. With just 5 weeks remaining before the summer break, staff and students hit the ground running with several big events this week! The all-school Mass was led by our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. We heard the oft-cited Gospel passage from John 3:16 and a story in the reading about the Apostles' escape from prison to continue their work of building the very early Church. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders did an excellent job leading our Mass and the Children's Choir helped us resurrect a brand new version of the 'Alleluia' for our Easter season. Despite the end of Lent, we are sticking with two of our newly adopted prayer practices: the individual reflection and prayer as students dismiss from Mass, and our Daily Examen. We're so pleased with the many students who volunteer each week to help lead our school in the Examen and our parents and parishioners have noted how reverently students exit the church on Wednesday mornings!

On Tuesday, volunteers from Schnucks were at St. Ann to help lead each classroom in their JA for a day- Junior Achievement curriculum. JA's volunteer-delivered, kindergarten-12th grade programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills, and use experiential learning to inspire students to dream big and reach their potential. Each classroom was presented with a different portion of the curriculum. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade learned about taxes, 5<sup>th</sup> grade took on the free market, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade learned about resumes and job interviews.

On Thursday our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class visited Jefferson City including tours of the state capital building and Governor's mansion, a visit with Clem Smith, our local representative, and a stop at the secretary of state's office. The students did an excellent job representing our school and special thanks go to all the parents who helped chaperone and make the trip a success. Additionally, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students visited UMSL for a special Meet Me in Missouri social studies competition that yielded a number of ribbons for our participating students.

The Annual St. Ann Dinner Dance & Auction is tomorrow night! The theme is 'Fiesta' and the parish center has already been transformed into a beautiful space to enjoy dinner, dancing, and the opportunity to support St. Ann while bidding on some really great items! We're looking forward to celebrating our school and continuing the great tradition of parish and school support for our students.

Field Day will be on Friday, May 5th. All students may dress out in their team's color(s) and of course wear their speediest shoes! A healthy dose of sunscreen would be beneficial too. Each student should bring a water bottle with their name on it. St. Ann Men's Club will provide the traditional grilled hot dog and chip lunch free of charge! If you would like to volunteer to help supervise one of the events for a while, email Mr. Reid [pe@sacs-stl.org](mailto:pe@sacs-stl.org). All volunteers please meet in the pavilion at 7:45 on May 5th. Meanwhile pray for good weather!

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. We'll look forward to their first time participating in the Eucharist at an all-school Mass during our May Crowning celebration on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Student Council is hard at work preparing for Spirit Week. This year's Spirit Week will begin at the end of next week and will continue during the following week. Look out for a flyer coming home soon with details about each day.

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!

Here are the Science Fair Results for this year:

We are very proud of all our St. Ann Science Fair participants!

Our Red Ribbon Winners:

5th Grade: Will Garrett

6th Grade: Adam Smith and Rebecca Williams

7th Grade: Nia Bell, Jack Garrett and Lucas O'Donnell

Special Award to Desiree Gigers from Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri for her work on succulent plants. Desiree demonstrated the virtues of fortitude and perseverance by continuing her research and work after the St Ann Science Fair and improving her project for the Greater St. Louis Science Fair.

Congratulations to our other green ribbon winners for their hard work on their science fair projects:

5th Grade: Shannon White, Katie Harrington, and John Dunker,

6th Grade: Desiree Gigers

and 7th Grade: Marilyn Dunker, Victoria Bradley and Laura Williams

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 29th- Sponsor's Auction & Dinner Dance

May 5th- Field Day-Noon Dismissal (Staff PLT)

May 7th-First Communion (2nd grade)

May 10<sup>th</sup>-May Crowning

Blessings,

Jacob Reft

