

St. Louis School Cardinal Post

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Upcoming Dates:

March 30 – 6th Grade
NET Retreat

March 31 –
Boosterthon Fun
Run; 8th Grade
NET Retreat

April 1 – 7th Grade
NET Retreat;
Men's Club Fish
Fry 5:00 p.m.-8:00
p.m., Cafeteria

April 10 – Bunny
Brunch after 9:00
a.m. Mass

April 14 – Home and
School Meeting
6:30 p.m. in the
Clunan Center

April 15 - Men's Club
Fish Fry 5:00 p.m.-
8:00 p.m.,
Cafeteria

April 21 – Holy
Thursday, Dismiss
at 11:30

April 22 – Good
Friday, No School

April 24 – Easter
Sunday

April 25 – School
Resumes

April 27 – 4K Field
Day

April 29 –
Kindergarten – 4th
grade Field Day

April 30 – First
Communion
Practice 10:00 a.m.

**Refer to
stlouismemphis.org for
additional dates.*

A Message from Mrs. Niedzwiedz:

Dear St. Louis Families,

March was a very productive month! The SACS/CASI quality assurance review team came to visit us the first week in March and St. Louis School has successfully been reaccredited. They were very impressed with our self-study /action plan and they made the following commendations and recommendations:

The Quality Assurance Review Team commends the St. Louis School for:

- Establishing clear goals, measurable objectives and instructional strategies that focus on student performance
- Initiating rapid and comprehensive technological advances that address learning styles and also providing the professional development necessary to support this effort
- All stakeholders are informed regarding student performance, the high ITBS scores, and the implementation of a strong advisory board.

The Quality Assurance Review Team recommends St. Louis School:

- Integrate technology into the cafeteria operation
- Increase integration of the Catholic faith across the curriculum to enhance Catholic Identity
- Form a safety committee under the leadership of the school safety coordinator
- Continue to refine and improve Learning Lab services.

The St. Louis leadership committee along with the entire faculty and staff has set the following goals to be achieved over the next five years:

- To communicate with stakeholders current innovative and effective teaching strategies being used in the classrooms as well as the many opportunities afforded SLS students to do research
- To ensure that St. Louis students have access to a highly challenging curriculum, utilizing differentiation in instruction and assessment, thus offering more challenging opportunities for students who are capable of high achievement and offering remediation and support to those who have learning differences
- To increase the utilization of technology throughout the curriculum
- To increase Math scores on the ITBS in the area of Math computation.
- To improve the structured writing curriculum from kindergarten through eighth grade, ensuring students will be prepared to express themselves at the optimum level necessary for success in high school.

As you can see we have been very busy and our work continues. Currently, the teachers are reading and sharing the book [Teach Like A Champion](#) by Doug Lemov. It is so important for all of us to continue to hone our skills as educators. I want to thank everyone who participated in our survey. Thanks to you, we were able to identify our path to continuous improvement.

Congratulations to everyone for their contribution to the reaccreditation process. St. Louis is a vibrant school in the community and we want it to continue to improve and grow.

Thanks and God Bless,

Teddi Niedzwiedz

St. Louis School Mission Statement

St. Louis Catholic School is committed to quality education in the spirit of Christ in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Working in partnership with parents and the community, we are dedicated to preparing our students for the future through faith formation and academic excellence utilizing progressive technology while enhancing students' emotional, physical and spiritual well-being.



Science Fair

If you saw a sixth grader before spring break and asked them what they have been doing in school, they would have likely said, "Science Fair". The sixth grade students worked very hard for several months on their projects. Their hard work paid off because the projects were creative and interesting.

In the fall, the class worked on a mini class science fair project to prepare for doing their own projects. They used the computer to learn how to research, make graphs, bibliographies and more. The students learned more than science, including skills such as: time management, problem solving, and important research skills like note-taking.

The winners of the St. Louis science fair attended the Memphis and Shelby County Science Fair at Christian Brothers University on March 24, 2011. The students who placed are:

- First place overall: Natalie Tipton
- Second place overall: Nicole Walls
- 6A Winners: Nicole Walls, 1st; Julianne Cordera, 2nd; Marie Kraker, 3rd; Chandlor Stroud, 4th; Jack Mitchell, 4th; Kate Baker, 5th; Nicolas Vanelli, 6th
- 6B Winners: Natalie Tipton, 1st; Walker Hecht, 2nd; Michael Montegut, 3rd; Nate Huettel, 4th; Liz Holliday, 5th; Kate Goodman, 6th

Congratulations to all sixth graders who participated in the 2011 Science Fair.



Overall Science Fair winner Natalie Tipton.



Sixth grade Science Fair ribbon winners.

Spooky Visits the Fourth Grade

Mrs. Linton's fourth grade class was recently honored by a visit from Spooky, a St. Jude therapy dog. Spooky visits patients at St. Jude every Thursday. The interaction with Spooky is a wonderful healing aid for the children. Spooky's owner, Ms. Debbie Richerson is head of the engineering department at St. Jude. She spoke with the students about how Spooky helps the patients. All of the fourth graders loved meeting both Ms. Richerson and Spooky.



Just a Reminder...

- There is an 8th grade parent meeting on April 7 at 7:00pm in the Clunan Center to discuss the end of the year events.

Sixth Grade Mythology

Recently the sixth grade students presented the annual Greek god and goddess reports. Students portrayed figures from Greek mythology ranging from Poseidon to Athena and Medusa. Each student dressed as a Greek god or goddess and then gave an oral report in front of the class.



Honor Roll

'A' Honor Roll

4th Grade

Catie Grusin
Kara Kane
Katie McBride
Nash Smothers
Gerard Tavoletti
William Trotter
Robert Ward

5th Grade

Bryce Bush
Ethan Ferguson
Katy Grace Jones
Lee Griesbeck
Jack Herring
Austin Martin
Anna Bryan Nieman
Madeline Novak
Fiona Toomey
Kate Spencer

6th Grade

Megan Bryant
Adelaide Charbonnet
Caroline Conrad
Courtney Cremerius
Liz Holliday
Nate Huettel
Reid Lanigan
Christian Locastro
Natalie Tipton
Keagan Voss
Sam Werner

7th Grade

Bailey Cochran
Jillian Cunningham
Nicole Dunavant
Ben Hill
Lauren James
Katie Koch
Owen Martin
Maggie Perry
Elizabeth Tavoletti
Zoe Thompson
Lanie Trotter
Lila Walhquist
Catherine Weglicki
Mary Katherine
Werner

8th Grade

Mary Ellen Benedict
Anthony Bologna
Jack Borg
Dallas Broughton
Baylor Bush
Maria Marconi

Nicholas Pharr
Brooks Phelan
John Anthony Ward
Emory Wills
Megan Wilson

'B' Honor Roll

4th Grade

Anna Grace Barnett
Samuel Barnett
Spencer Beck
Karen Benedict
Isabella Bodini
Allison Bryant
Michael Buchholz
Hayden Cervetti
Alyssa Donato
Raymond Fracchia
Kells Hecht
Claire John
Will Kelley
Patrick Koch
Zach Lucchesi
Anna Riley Pieroni
Luke Spencer
Reid Voss
Christian Ward
Emily Wilson
Turner Wolffe
Wesley Wolffe

5th Grade

Ryan Anderson
Max Carroll
Chip Davis
Nicholas DiMeglio
William Dorian
Christopher Dunn
Kyle Frasure
Bishop Gates
John Daniel
Goodspeed
Gracie Griesbeck
Campbell Johnson
Christina Manuel
Abby Mason
Julia Mason
Finn Mullen
William Newsom
Savannah Stovall
William Thiel
Kaitlyn Trainor
Grayson Walthall
Henry Ward
Sarah Ward
Ross Wills

6th Grade

Eleanor Atkinson
Elizabeth Atkinson
Catherine Broughton
Ashton Bunch
Sam Collins
Julianne Cordera
Hudson
Cunningham
Jack Delgado
Nate Delgado
Anna Jane DeMeglio
Kate Goodman
Drew Hendrix
Emma John
Evan Lichterman
Jack Mitchell
Sam Nieman
Katie Posey
Hannah Shelton
Chandler Stroud
Erin Taylor
Nicole Wallis

7th Grade

Annie Armstrong
Iggy Crone
Violet Durden
Mary Fracchia
Sara Griesbeck
Graham Kelly
Justin McClusky
Rives Moore
Andrew Mosteller
Mia Mullen
Meghan O'Donnell
Gwen Parry
Shea Short
Justin VonStein

8th Grade

Caroline Acciaro
Hayes Anderson
Lena Baioni
Jack Charbonnet
Matthew Evangelisti
Mary Fortney
Isabella Goza
Warner Hill
Maggie Kaiser
Allese Lewis
Thomas O'Malley
Sarah Orians
Laura Vanelli
Christopher Varnado
Lillie Weirich

Alumni Update

Stephen Orians, Class of 2006 and Lou Posey, Class of 2007, have received appointments to the United States Air Force Academy.

Day of Caring

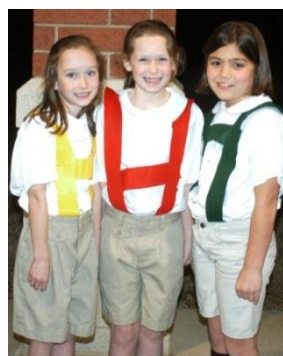
Beta Club visited St. John Catholic School on Friday, March 11, for a Day of Caring. Beta Club members played games, and read stories with St. John students.



Religion Excellence



St. Louis religion teachers receive the 2010-2011 Certificate of Excellence in Catechist Formation.



Second grader Maria Cremerius, and fourth graders Anna Kate Cremerius and Alyssa Donato rehearse their parts in the St. Benedict production of *The Sound of Music* on March 31-April 3.

Preschool Grandparents' Day

The preschool celebrated our grandparents during the last week in March. All were invited for a special presentation with refreshments to follow. The children were so excited to show off all of their work and take their Nanas and Pops on a tour of their classroom. We even had a few grandparents sit down for tea. It was a very special day for all!



Corbin Kirkland, Mary Ann Pesce, and Bella Ellis enjoy tea with their grandmothers.

Monsignor's Reflection

We are three weeks into the Lenten Season and, like everything else, it is easy for things of importance to pass us by in life. I know Spring Break was a distraction for a lot of people traveling with family.

Lent is defined as springtime. It is in spring that we clean up, get renewed, open windows and put on new brighter clothes and colors. We are to do the same with our spiritual lives. We began Lent on Ash Wednesday and were reminded that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. We were called to repent. Turn around our lives, clean up spiritually, open the windows of our minds and souls. Become spiritually renewed and put on and clothe ourselves with Christ. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

As we will one day die we can begin the process today. No, I'm not being morbid, but die to that which is distasteful in our lives. Put aside greed, anger, malice, jealousy, judgmental attitudes, lust, hatred and selfishness. Be willing to let go of pride that makes us cling to what is wrong in our life. Be courageous enough to say "I need to change." Then start the steps back to God and away from self or others that may hinder the best version of yourself.

Forgiveness by God, and therefore by each person, is the constant call of Jesus. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us is part of the great prayer that he taught. It is the way he lived and the reason he died.

Lent is now! St. Paul says now is the acceptable time. As parents you promised to be the first teacher of your child in the ways of faith. Lent asks us, are we by word and example being that teacher?

In Christ,
Msgr. John B. McArthur

Lenten Crosses

The children in third grade have been studying Lent in religion class and going to Mass on Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday. We also are learning about Stations of the Cross.

As a project for Lent, we collected thin sticks from the playground or from home to make crosses using purple yarn. Purple is the traditional color of the Lenten season, which represents royalty and repentance. As we made the crosses, we reflected on the fact that Jesus died on the Cross for us, so, what could we do for Him? We then displayed the crosses on our religion bulletin board as a daily reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us and what we are sacrificing for Him. ~Mrs. LaDelle Lequerica, 3rd Grade



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Palm Sunday Vigil, Saturday, April 16
Mass 4:30 pm
Palm Sunday, April 17
Masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 noon & 6:00 pm
(10:30 am Mass: Blessing of Palms
and Solemn Procession)

Confessions
Monday, April 18
5:00 - 6:00 pm
Seder Supper
Wednesday, April 20
6:30 pm - School Cafeteria
Holy Thursday, April 21
Confessions, 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm
Good Friday, April 22
Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm
Confessions 5 - 6:30 pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday, April 23
Confessions, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 24
Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon
(9:00 & 10:30 am Masses in Church & Clunan Center)
****There will be no 6:00 pm Mass**
Nursery: 9:00 - 10:30 am Masses only