



October 7, 2011

Counting our Blessings...

St. Ann School Mission Statement

We at St. Ann School are guided by the Holy Spirit to provide an exceptional Catholic education for students spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM,
and 5:30PM

October Events

- 7 - 4th/5th Spirits @ St. Peter, 5:30
- 7 - 6th/7th Spirits @ St. Peter, 6:30
- 8 - Oktoberfest, after 4PM Mass**
- 10 - 4th/5th Spirits @ CCA, 6:00
- 10 - 6th/7th Spirits @ Trinity, 5:30
- 13 - 6th/7th Spirits vs. Trinity, 6:30
- 17-21 - Book Fair
- 17 - 4th/5th Spirits vs. St. Mike, 5:00
- 18 - 6th/7th Spirits @ CCA, 5:30
- 19 - Muffins with Moms, 7:30AM
- 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences**
12:30-4:30PM & 5:30-7:00PM
Dismissal at 11:30AM,
NO LUNCH, NO PM BUSSING
- 24 - 4th/5th Spirits @ St. Peter, 5:30
- 24 - 6th/7th Spirits @ St. Peter, 6:30
- 25 - Advisory Mtg., 6:30PM
- 26 - PALS
- 26 - Sacramental Prep Mtg., 7-8PM
- 27 - 4th/5th Spirits vs. Heritage, 4:00
- 31 - Halloween Parade and Parties

From the Principal

It has been an outstanding week at St. Ann School already and the best is yet to come (the Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 8th, from 5:00PM-9:00PM!). The week has included more successful matches for our two girl's volleyball teams, a Liturgy of the Word lead by our 3rd graders (and very generous Loaves and Fishes donations), and the beginning of reciting the Rosary during Morning Prayer. We also have successfully completed another fire drill (in preparation for Fire Safety Week) and a tornado drill. Our students and staff have done a great job with all of our drills so far this school year, including two Homeland Security drills.

The success of the Oktoberfest this Saturday will be the result of the tremendous effort of the volunteers who are making this a reality (parents, staff, parishioners, etc.). The entire school, comprised of all students and staff, appreciate all that has been done or will be done, to enable us to enjoy a great time and a successful fundraiser. Please remember to bring in a cake or cupcakes for the Cake Walk, a 12-pack of pop or water and turn in your blue raffle ticket money and stubs. This fundraiser, the most important of the entire school year, has allowed us to add a Jr. Kindergarten classroom and have separate 6th and 7th grade classrooms this school year! Thank you!

Next week will include a girl's volleyball match on Monday, a Fire Safety assembly and drill on Tuesday, and Liturgy of the Eucharist (2nd grade) on Wednesday. The week of October 17th - 21st will include a week-long Book Fair, Muffins with Moms, a school-wide wellness activity, and Parent/Teacher conferences (1/2 day of school).

We will be offering after school care on Thursday, October 20th, from 11:30AM-5:30PM, which will include lunchtime and afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences. The cost will be \$3 for each 1½ hour block (11:30AM-1:00PM, 1:00-2:30PM, etc.) or a total of \$12 if your child stays the entire six hours. We will provide lunch (pizza, fruit, vegetable, milk) for the students in after school care, however it is not being served for the entire student population. We will be following the 24 hour policy we have in place to notify us that your child(ren) are attending after school care that day (with all paperwork filled out and turned in). We need this information for your child(ren) to attend, for the appropriate staffing to be in place, and so that the correct amount of food can be ordered.

I would like to emphasize again how important it is for every family to read the school and classroom newsletter that you receive each week. Last Friday, we had more than 20 students who were not picked up at the early dismissal time (1:30PM due to CHS Homecoming activities), which had been listed on the school calendar (left hand side of first page) and/or mentioned in the school newsletter and classroom newsletters. I bring this to your attention so that you will not be surprised by the half day of school on October 20th (dismissal at 11:30AM) due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thank you for working with us to have a plan in place for that day! Please remember there will be no lunch served (other than for after school care students) and no after school bussing.

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Playground Superstars

Ben Enyeart, JrK
 Brooke Ellens, K
 Avery Mickelson, K
 Camden Clugston, 1st
 Jacob LaMonde, 1st
 Logan Collins, 2nd
 Owen Nicholson, 2nd
 Keegan Buckmaster, 3rd
 Alix Matzke, 3rd
 Mia Kendell, 4th
 Maggie Neiss, 4th
 Ryan Cox, 5th
 Bailey McLaurin, 5th
 Jordin Ellens, 6th
 Jacob Kochanny, 6th
 Kristy Erway, 7th
 Jennifer Slater, 7th

I Spy Awards

Abbey Allen, K (x2)
 Nick Blaszak, 3rd (x2)
 Kenna Booher, 1st
 Andrew Burt, 3rd
 Nick Burt, K (x2)
 Jim Canfield, 5th (x2)
 Ryan Cox, 5th
 Ben Drabik, 2nd
 Madi Drabik, 3rd (x3)
 Jordin Ellens, 6th (x3)
 Brandon Eller, 5th (x3)
 Heather Eller, 3rd
 Luke Enyeart, 3rd (x2)
 Brian Geiger, 5th
 Emma Johnson, K
 Mackenna Johnson, 1st (x2)

Maddie Johnson, 4th
 Spencer Kapuscinski, K
 Karsyn Kastl, 1st (x2)
 Mia Kendell, 4th
 Luke Kennard, 1st
 Frannie Kiomento, 2nd
 Jacob LaMonde, 1st
 Justin LaMonde, 4th (x2)
 Zachary Losinski, 7th
 Jesse Martin, 7th
 Alix Matzke, 3rd
 Molly McKeever, 3rd
 Avery Meyer, K
 Avery Mickelson, K
 Oakley Mickelson, 3rd
 Quinn Notarian, 4th

Johnny Parrish, 4th
 Aidan Raffaele, 5th
 Teddy Richards, 1st
 Derek Tonello, 5th
 Lindsey Tonello, 2nd
 Gracie Tweedale, 2nd
 Cole Ulrey, 6th (x2)
 Lindsay Ward, 1st
 Arianna Weidemann, 5th
 Emma Whitaker, 1st
 Sophie Whitaker, 1st
 JrK Class
 Second Grade Class
 Third Grade Class
 Fourth Grade Class (x2)
 Sixth Grade Class (x2)



September Dignity & Respect Award Winner

The Dignity and Respect Award winner for September is 7th grader, Brendan Shanahan. In the classroom, on the playground and everywhere in between, Brendan's actions and words consistently exemplify respect and dignity for those around him. His kind and fair words to other students and staff at St. Ann make this school a positive learning place and his honesty is an example others should be proud to follow. Although new to St. Ann, Brendan's actions show a deep understanding of the lessons of Christ and how to love thy neighbor as thyself.



September Character Award Winners: Caring

Back row: Molly Mackey
 Middle row L-R: Ian Munch, Brandon Eller, Heather Eller, Maddie Johnson
 Front row L-R: Andrew Drabik, Lindsey Tonello, Quinn Hess, Spencer Kapuscinski

Liturgy of the Word with Children

The team for Liturgy of the Word with Children is looking for helpers for the 10:30AM mass. The rotation is only one time per month, or less, from October through May. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Diana Johnson, 468-2333, markanddiana@charter.net, or Heidi Kastl, 779-4420, heidi.kastl@pineriver.org. Thank you!

Handbook Update

Parent requests for homework will be honored if their child is ill for 2 or more days. **Addendum:** Makeup time is one day absent = one day to make up work, two days absent = two days to make up work, etc.

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Thoughtful Moments

Too busy?

On your deathbed you are not going to lie there thinking, "Boy, I wish I had worked more." You are going to long for more time with your spouse, your children, or your family. A child needs the undivided attention of his or her parent for a little while each day. Don't be so busy that you miss even one special moment with yours.

St. Francis

One of the most cherished of all saints is St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Friars Minor. On his feast day, Oct. 4, many parishes offer a blessing of the animals during which you can bring your pet for a special blessing in his honor. St. Francis rejoiced in all of God's creation.



Parent love

When we give love to our children, they learn to give love to others. When we give them unconditional love, we give them the courage to overcome their natural self-absorption and become sacrificial in their love – just as Jesus intends.



Help your child live a good Catholic life

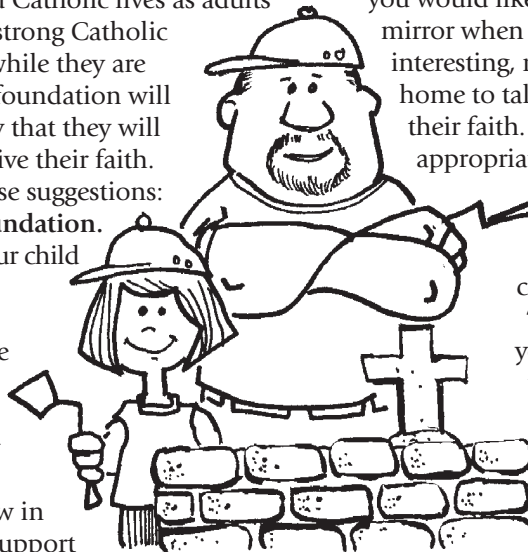
The best way to ensure our children will live good Catholic lives as adults is to build a strong Catholic foundation while they are young. That foundation will make it likely that they will continue to live their faith. Consider these suggestions:

Lay the foundation.

Make sure your child is getting the Catholic education she deserves so she has all the necessary resources on which to draw in adulthood. Support her religious education, whether she attends Catholic school or the parish school of religion, by supervising homework and helping her master the prayers and doctrine required.

Present positive influences.

to youngsters grown-ups whose lives you would like your children's to mirror when they are adults. Invite interesting, religious adults to your home to talk about how they live their faith. Bonus: Offering appropriate role models gives children substitutes for the less-desirable celebrities of today. "Do as I do." Don't kid yourself into thinking that you can live by the world's rules yourself but expect your children to follow God's rules.



Abraham's nephew, Lot, made that mistake and lost most of his family during an emergency. They didn't respect him because his words and deeds didn't match (Genesis 19). To raise faithful Catholics, we have to be faithful Catholics ourselves – and that begins with going to Mass every week.

Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why is the Mass going to change next Month?

Actually, the Mass isn't going to change but some prayers we say will sound different when the Third Edition of the Roman Missal is implemented on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27th.

The Missal is the guide to the prayers and instruction of the



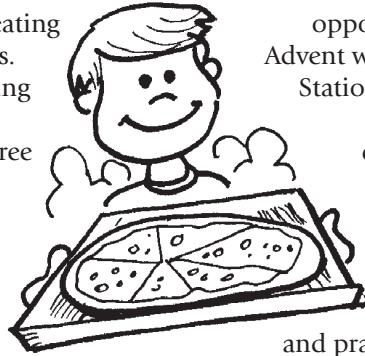
Catholic Mass. The update will include newly canonized Saints as well as additional prayers and Masses.

Although the Mass is the same, the new translation will make it a more meaningful and authentic interpretation of the original Latin.

The value of family traditions

Spending time together as a family and creating a sense of belonging strengthens our families. That's what family traditions are – the handing down of a culture that binds us together. Consider enriching your own family with three kinds of traditions:

Celebration Traditions: These are the activities built around special occasions that call for a celebration, such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or holidays. Christmas and Easter, and the seasons that precede them, are wonderful



opportunities to practice traditions: lighting the Advent wreath, trimming the Christmas tree, praying the Stations of the Cross, or lighting the Easter candle.

Lifestyle Traditions: Special ways your family can come together, such as pizza night on Fridays, monthly family meetings, or weekly breakfasts before Mass on Sunday mornings.

Patterned Family Traditions: Everyday events that give your lives stability and comfort – saying grace before meals, stories and prayers at bedtime, family dinners, a kiss before starting the day.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 23:1-12, Do I practice what I preach?

In this passage, Jesus accused the Pharisees and scribes of hypocrisy. He pointed out that although they may have faithfully taught what Moses handed down from God, they acted as if they were better than the people they served.

Jesus' message serves as a warning to all leaders, especially those in our governments and in our Church. While he tells us to follow their faithful teachings, we should remember that they are human and can err.

This warning is a message that applies to all of us. When we are dealing with



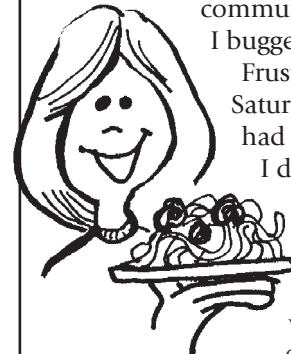
family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors, Jesus' message in this Gospel instructs us to practice what we preach. When we exalt ourselves, we move away from God. When we humble ourselves, God will exalt us in heaven.

What can a parent do?

Remember that children watch their parents. They learn more from what a parent does than what a parent says. Striving to show how to live a Godly life is more important than telling a child what to do.

Parent TALK

When Julia turned twelve, she stopped talking much about school, expressing her feelings or engaging in any real communication unless I bugged her.



Frustrated, one Saturday I told her we had a special project.

I decided she was old enough to learn the family recipe for homemade pasta. We broke out bags of flour, cracked eggs and dusted off the pasta machine. Soon we were up to our elbows in dough.

We both laughed more that day than we had in months. And we talked for hours as we slowly cranked out tables full of spaghetti. Without even asking, I heard all about school, her friends, and her life. Now we make pasta once every six weeks or so and we both look forward to that special time.

My Grandmother always said that pasta has a way of bringing people together. Now I realize the true wisdom in her words.

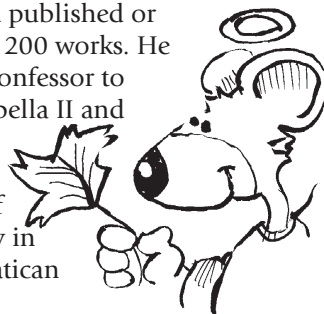
Feasts & Celebrations

October 14 – St. Callistus I (222). Born a Roman slave, Callistus was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callistus's election caused an eighteen-year schismatic movement. He fought against heresy and showed forgiveness toward sinners. He was martyred in Rome.

October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross (1775). Born in Italy to a poor noble family, St. Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ. He founded the Passionists in 1720 and was elected superior general of the

order. He lived a penitential life and cared for the poor and sick.

October 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret (1870). Born in Spain, St. Anthony traveled and preached in Catalonia before becoming the archbishop of Cuba. In 1849, he founded the Claretian orders. He also founded the Religious Publishing House and published or wrote over 200 works. He served as confessor to Queen Isabella II and defended the doctrine of infallibility in the First Vatican Council.



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**Public
Welcome!**

FAMILY NIGHT

O k t o b e r f e s t

This Is It!

Saturday, October 8th, 2011

5:00 - 9:00PM

Dinner 5:00PM - 7:30PM

Fabulous Bratwurst Bar

Children's Games 5:00PM - 8:00PM

Kid's Movie ~ 8:00PM

Silent Auction 5:00PM - 9:00PM

Cash Raffle Drawing - 9:00PM

*Please be sure to plan on bringing a cake or cupcakes
(for the Oktoberfest Cake Walk)
on Friday during school hours or Saturday until noon.
Be sure the cake/cupcakes are on a plate you do not expect to get back.*

*If you still have Blue Raffle ticket money and stubs,
please bring them to the Oktoberfest.*

*Proceeds from Oktoberfest 2011 go towards the expenses
of the new Jr. Kindergarten classroom and
the separation of the 6th and 7th grade classrooms.*