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FROM THE DESK OF DR. MCINNIS, PRINCIPAL

Dear School Community,

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news with you all! Our very own Mrs. Julie Bingham has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious 2026 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

This long-standing annual program honors outstanding educators across the St. Louis metropolitan area who have been selected by their school administration for their exceptional dedication to their students and school community.

To mark this achievement, Emerson will honor Mrs. Bingham and this year's other recipients at an Excellence in Teaching Awards Ceremony on Sunday, November 22, where she will receive an engraved crystal apple keepsake and a certificate of achievement.

As Akberet Boykin Farr, vice president of human resources at Emerson, shared:

"When a teacher goes above and beyond in their role, their students not only learn, but also receive encouragement to explore their passions and become better versions of themselves."

We could not agree more. Mrs. Bingham's passion, commitment, and tireless support for our students exemplify everything this award stands for. Please join us in sending a warm congratulations to Mrs. Bingham on this much-deserved recognition!

In the Spirit of St. Francis,

Blessings,

Timothy M. McInnis, Ph.D.
Principal, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Class of 1984

Click below to learn more about ***Excellence in Teaching Awards Program*** and view to the **2026 Teacher Award Honoree List**.



This Week at St. Francis

- **Mother-Daughter Craft Social:** A wonderful afternoon of crafting, laughter, and making memories together!
- **3rd Grade Dictionaries:** A special thank you to the South Side Optimist Club for donating dictionaries to our third graders each year! The students love using them in the classroom, especially for their daily Word of the Day, and look forward to bringing them home at the end of the year!
- **6th Grade Soccer:** Our sixth grade boys had a blast competing in their end-of-year soccer tournament!
- **8th Grade Flower Game:** A special SFA tradition! Our eighth grade boys honored their parents during their CYC flower game, celebrating the many years of support and memories made through sports.
- **Middle School Summit:** A beautiful day of prayer, fellowship, and growing closer to Christ. Our middle school students had a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith!
- **PK2 Leaf Hunt:** Our PK2 friends enjoyed a leaf hunt around the SFA campus! They brought their treasures back to the classroom for some fun, fall-themed centers!



8th Grade Boys Flower Game







6th Grade Boys Soccer











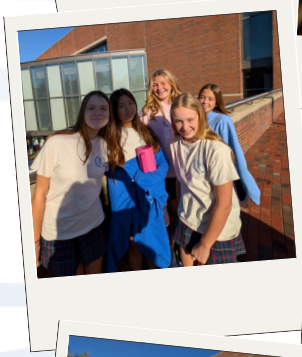







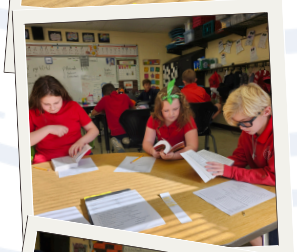









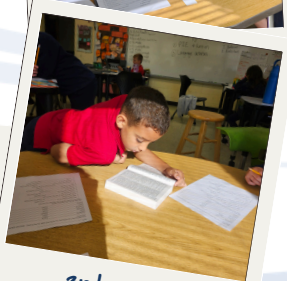



Mother/Daughter

3rd grade



Middle School Summit





Leaf Hunt in PK2

WELCOME

VETERANS















Honoring Our Veterans

Thank you to all who joined us for our Veterans Day celebration last Friday! We were honored to welcome active-duty and retired veterans to SFA as we recognized their bravery, service, and commitment to our country. We shared Mass together, followed by a special presentation and breakfast in their honor.

A big thank you to Mrs. Schmitz and our seventh graders for the time and care they put into making this celebration so special. Thank you also to Mrs. Jo Hufker and her staff for providing a delicious breakfast for our guests. We are so grateful to all who helped us honor these amazing heroes!

BULLETIN BOARD

HOMEPAGE

Congratulations

GRACE LY

ON RECEIVING HER

BAPTISM

SUNDAY NOVEMEBR 8TH

We are so happy for ***Grace*** as she takes this special step in her faith journey. May God bless her always!



Mini Vinnies FOOD DRIVE

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to our Mini Vinnies Food Drive! Wow! The response was absolutely amazing! Thanks to your generosity, St. Vincent de Paul has everything they need for this year's holiday food baskets and won't need to purchase any additional items!

Thank you for showing such incredible generosity and care for our SFA community outreach. Your kindness truly makes a difference!



HOMEPAGE



Dax Haase and Wellington Bomarito recently received their very own hallway signs in recognition of their incredible fundraising efforts for during SFA Fun Run! Dax will also have the courtyard named in his honor! Thank you both for your amazing generosity and continued support of our SFA school community

Make me a CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

MARATHON KIDS

WE ARE AT: **835 MILES**

CLUB GOAL: **2100 MILES**

Congratulations to Kaeden Dalton, Emma Edmonson, and Sydney Faughn on completing a marathon! Nice work SFA Marathon Kids!

KEEP UP THE PACE!

FATHER-SON BLUES GAME!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

PAPER TICKETS WILL COME HOME ON 11/10

OR

PICKUP IS AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE 11/10 – 11/13

IF YOU COORDINATE WITH

laurennelle01@gmail.com



Advent Family Night

Join us for an evening to enjoy the season of Advent together.

TUESDAY
Dec 8 | 5:30—6:45 PM | St. Francis of Assisi
on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Take a break from the busyness of the season and enjoy an evening of prayer, simple crafts, and time together as a family. Let's slow down, be present, and prepare our hearts for Christmas!

All SFA school and parish families are welcome!

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 30
Please complete the Google Form linked so we can plan for the evening.

Make an evening of it! Join us afterward for the 7:00 PM Candlelight Mass at SFA as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

JOIN US FOR

Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY DEC 12

9 - 11 AM | SFA GYM

Join us for a morning full of Christmas cheer!

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast by ***Chris Cakes***, visit with Santa, get creative with festive crafts, and enter to win some amazing raffle baskets!

Bring the family and kick off the Christmas season with a little extra magic. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Registration Opens Next Week

Be on the lookout for link to register in next weeks newsletter!

Hosted by SFA Home & School Questions: **sfahs@sfastl.org**



PANTHERS

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WRAP YOURSELF IN

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

with SFA's New Holiday gear!

Order Window

11/3-11/13

Spread Cheer, Wear the Gear

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HOME & SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER. CONNECT. BUILD COMMUNITY.

HOMEPAGE

FALL
Volunteer Opportunities

Help with events, activites, special projects this FALL!

Sign Up!

SPRING
Volunteer Opportunities

Help with exciting events, celebrations, and more this SPRING!

Sign Up!

Support Our School **Clear the Lists!**

Our teachers have put together classroom wish lists with items that would be helpful throughout the school year. If you'd like to help, take a look and see if there's anything you'd like to check off their lists! Thank you for supporting our teachers and students!



- Mrs. Faust/Atrium
- PK2 - Mr. Adams
- PK4 - Mrs. Kircher
- Kindergarten - Mrs. Della Croce & Mrs. Irvin
- 1st Grade - Mrs. Wayne
- 2nd Grade - Mrs. Terriault
- 5th Grade - Mrs. Rutledge
- 6th Grade - Ms. Mayer
- 7th Grade - Mrs. Schmitz
- Stream - Mrs. Watson
- Gym - Mrs. Smith
- Performing Arts - Dr. Jordan

**Don't see a teacher? Their list is on the way!*



PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Now through Nov 16

WREATH FUNDRAISER

Now through Nov 15

FATHER/SON EVENT

November 14th

When SFA Comes Together, Amazing Things Follow.

Together, we make SFA a place where faith, family, and community thrive. Thank you for being part of it.

FOR QUESTIONS TO THE HOME & SCHOOL BOARD PLEASE CONTACT US AT: SFAHS@SFASTL.ORG

Preschool Play Date

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

What a NIGHT!

Our Mommy & Me Preschool Play Date was such a success, and we are SO excited to share that we raised

$710

for our new preschool playground!

Watching our little ones play, moms connect, and our community come together for such a special cause was everything we hoped for and more!

A HUGE thank you to all the families who attended, purchased raffle tickets, and supported our fundraiser.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE SPONSORS!

Lindsey Reichlet at CML & CO

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Totspot SOCIAL

Dr. Brendan Giljum

$710 closer to making our playground dreams a reality!



THANK YOU!

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CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Andoro & Sons
Pizza

PIZZA FUNDRAISER



STOCK YOUR FREEZER!

TO SUPPORT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

45%
OF THE PROCEEDS GO TO SFA

Ordering Window:
NOW - NOV 16
SCAN HERE TO ORDER ONLINE!

Pick Up:
12/11 3-6 PM & 12/12 12PM -2PM

SFA Home and School

Live Holiday Wreath Sale

Scan the QR Code to Order Online

Now through November 15th!



Pickup Options:

11/28 or 11/30 at SFA

Send any questions to:
sfahs@sfastl.org

Find us at both Panera locations!

5696 Telegraph • 6904 Lindbergh

RAISE SOME
DOUGH
Help support us!

25% of sales will benefit
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
OAKVILLE
November 20, 2026
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
5696 Telegraph Road
St Louis, MO

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Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

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FUNDRAISING



HOMEPAGE

Hot Lunch

NOVEMBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 SOFT PRETZEL WITH CHEESE SALAD (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) GRAPES SUGAR COOKIE	3 BURGER ON A BUN (CHOOSE CHEESEBURGER OR HAMBURGER IN FACTS) CURLY FRIES COOKED BROCCOLI GRAPES	4 CHICKEN STRIPS TOTS GRAPE TOMATOES GRAPES	5 WAFFLES BACON YOGURT GRAPES	6 DOMINO'S PIZZA (CHEESE, PEP OR SAUSAGE) GOLDFISH SALAD APPLESAUCE
9 MOZZARELLA STICKS MARINARA SAUCE BAKED BEANS VEGETABLE MEDLEY PINEAPPLE	10 NACHOS: CHEESE OR BEEF&CHEESE (CHOOSE IN FACTS) CORN PINEAPPLE BROWNIE	11 CHICKEN SANDWICH (BUFFALO OR REGULAR) (CHOOSE IN FACTS) CURLY FRIES PEAS PINEAPPLE	12 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH CUP OF CHILLI GREEN BEANS PINEAPPLE	13 DOMINO'S PIZZA (CHEESE, PEP OR SAUSAGE) PRETZELS CUCUMBER SLICES (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) PINEAPPLE
16 TOASTED RAVIOLI W/ MARINARA SAUCE SALAD (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) ½ BANANA	17 MAC & CHEESE COOKED BROCCOLI ½ BANANA S'MORE	18 QUESADILLAS (CHICKEN OR CHEESE) (CHOOSE IN FACTS) REFRIED BEANS CORN ½ BANANA	19 PRETZEL PIZZA RAW BABY CARROTS W/RANCH FOR DIPPING ½ BANANA RICE KRISPY TREAT	20 CHICK-FIL-A CHEEZ-ITS CELERY STICKS WITH RANCH TO DIP MANDARIN ORANGES
23 ORANGE CHICKEN FRIED RICE STEAMED BROCCOLI KIWI	24 SLICED TURKEY BREAST MASHED POTATOES WITH GRAVY GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE PUMPKIN DESSERT	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL

Happy THANKSGIVING

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP REMINDER TO NOT ORDER LUNCH

WELCOME VETERANS TO SFA'S VETERAN CELEBRATION!! CHECK THE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS AND ON HOW TO RSVP

NOVEMBER B-DAY LUNCH
PLEASE DON'T ORDER LUNCH IF YOU ARE BRINGING A LUNCH FOR YOUR KIDDO

CHICK-FIL-A OPTIONS & PRICING:
1. SANDWICH
2. NUGGETS 5 PIECE
3. NUGGETS 8 PIECE

PRICING:
1. FULL LUNCH W/ SANDWICH OR 8 PIECE NUGS - $6.50
2. FULL LUNCH W/ 5 PIECE NUGGET -$5.00
3. ONLY SANDWICH OR 8 PIECE NUG -$4.50
4. ONLY 5 PIECE NUGGETS - $3.00

BIRTHDAY LUNCH FRIDAYS!

If your child is one that celebrates their birthday this month, you or another significant adult can come eat with your child during their lunch period. You can bring fast food or homemade lunch for the birthday child and for yourself!

Birthday Lunch Arrival:

Please sign-in (in gym lobby sign-in sheet) You may enter the gym, have a seat at a table and wait for them to arrive.

Check the school calendar for Dates of Birthday lunch! Lunch times are on this page!

The School LUNCH periods

11:20 - 11:40 // 3,4,5
11:30 // Preschool
11:45 - 12:05 // K, 1, 2
12:15 - 12:35 // 6,7,8

FOR ANY LUNCH QUESTIONS OR TO CANCEL LUNCH CONTACT JO HUFKER AT JO.HUFKER@SFASCHOOLSTL.ORG OR CALL 314-487-5736 X126

LUNCH ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

HOMEPAGE



Snack & Scripture

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
Every Wednesday
3-3:45PM
IN YOUTH MINISTRY ROOM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SFA DRESS CODE

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SPIRITWEAR

Perfect for school spirit Mondays, games, weekends, and all things SFA!

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Lost & Found Reminder!

Parents are welcome to stop by and check the bins just outside the school office. Items left unclaimed after a few weeks may be added to the SFA Uniform Exchange *(if applicable)* or donated. Friendly reminder to label your child's belongings so we can get them back to the right owner.

Volunteering at SFA

If you're planning to volunteer at the school in any capacity, please make sure you've completed the Protecting God's Children training. 👉 Click here to visit the Archdiocese of St. Louis website and register for an upcoming training session. If you've already completed the training through another school or parish, you will need to log in to your account and add **St. Francis of Assisi** to your profile to verify your training and so you will be included on our approved volunteer list.

november

13 🥳 BDAY Lunch
14 Father/Son Event
15 8 Gr Confirmation Practice after 11AM Mass
16 8 Gr Confirmation 7PM
18 Enroll. Mgmt. Mtg.
20 Mid-Q2 // PANERA NIGHT
21 First Reconciliation 2 Gr 10AM
25-27 No School | Thanksgiving Break

Updated School Calendar

sfastl.org
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
4550 Telegraph Rd. St. Louis, MO 63129
Phone: 314.487.5736 **Fax:** 314.416.7118
School ext: 121 // **Preschool ext:** 132 // **Parish ext:** 150

Tuition Questions

Please contact **Dan Denton** our business manager at businessmanager@sfastl.org or 314.487.5736 ext: 142

FACTS Parent Helpline: 866-441-4637

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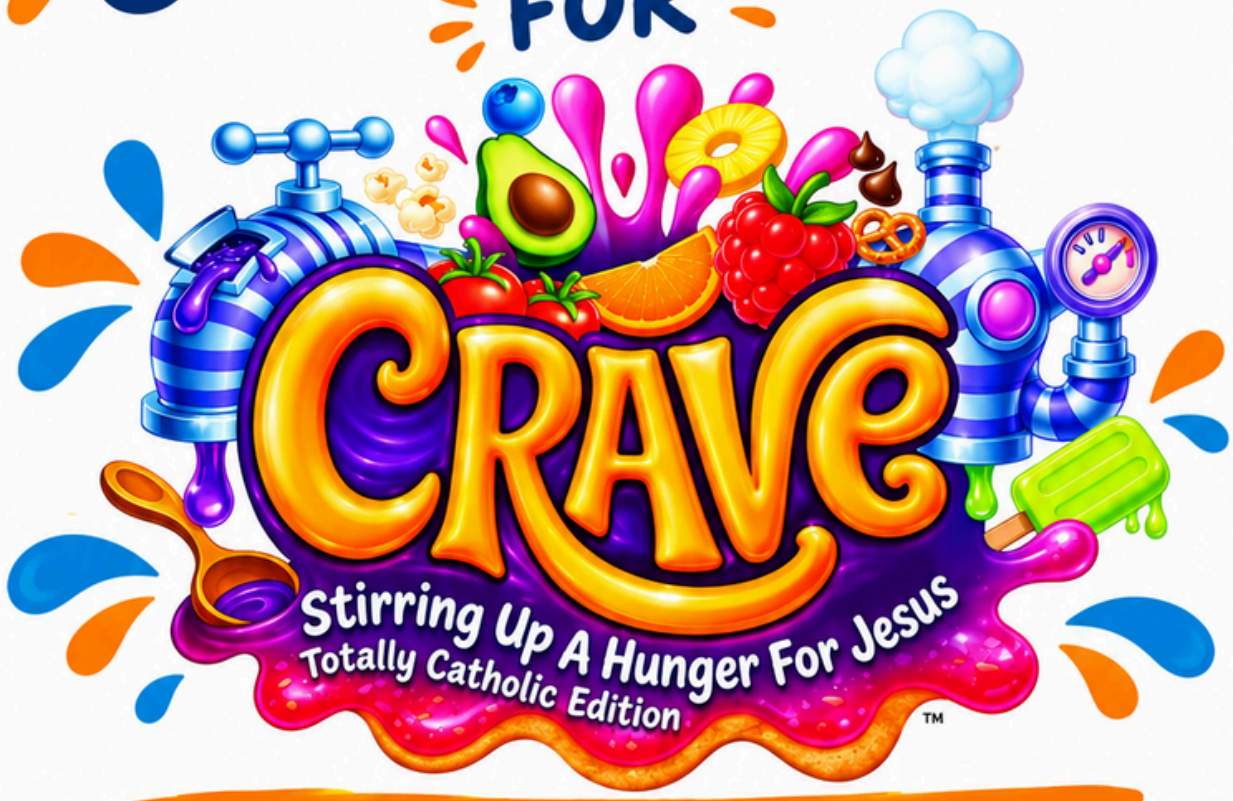


JULY 26 - 30, 2027

Now seeking a Volunteer Director/
Assistant Director and Adult Volunteer Leaders.

Email vbs@sfastl.org for more info!

High School/Middle school volunteer
sign ups will open in January.

VBS will be open to students who will have completed at least PK2 through students entering 5th grade in the Fall of 2027!

SFA PARISH NEWS

Upcoming Parish Events



Let the MEN'S MINISTRY *Do the cooking this year!*

SFA Men's Ministry will be smoking turkey breasts this Thanksgiving season.

Please place your order no later than November 18th, choose either a SWEET or SAVOR rub Turkey breast is three pound boneless breast meat Turkey breast will not be sliced.

Cost will be $40 per breast

ORDER: SFAMENSMINISTRY@gmail.com

ORDER BEFORE 11/18



New Parishioner MEET & GREET

TONIGHT

NOVEMBER 11TH AT 7PM

This event is a small group setting intended to bring new parishioners together to learn more about the rich history of the parish, understand some of our ministries, and get to know some great people.

We hope to see you there!

Located in the Rectory Meeting Room

RSVP mkosta@sfastl.org or 314-487-5736 ext. 150

Not Registered?

REGISTER HERE

parishoffice@sfastl.org

Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 2nd at 7pm



Please submit the names of loved ones lost in the last year by returning this form to the rectory or placing in the collection basket no later than October 24th.

You may display pictures of these loved ones on the window ledges during this Mass if you wish, please remember to take them with you.

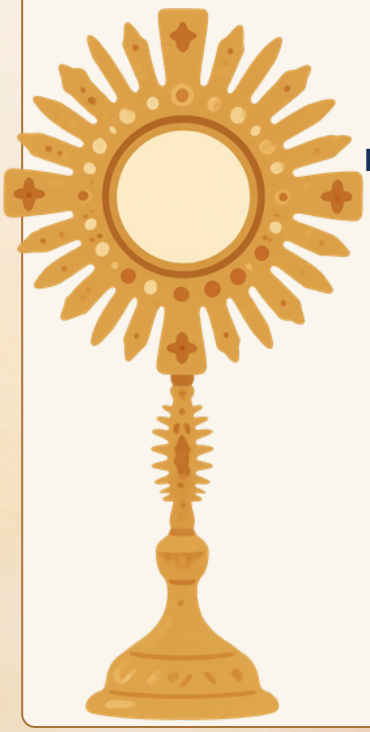
YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR PHONE #: _____

NAME OF DECEASED (IN THE LAST YEAR): _____

_____

OR you can email: parishoffice@sfastl.org



40 Hours of *Adoration*

Please consider offering an hour to Eucharistic Adoration.

6pm Friday November 6th through 4pm Sunday November 8th

Sign-ups are in the back of church

Questions?: sfaadoration@gmail.com

On the Eucharist: Jesus is really present to the world, just as when his apostles and disciples saw him walk the streets of Jerusalem.
– Carlo Acutis

You're Invited!

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Advent by Candlelight

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Step away from the rush of the season for a quiet evening of candlelight, Scripture, and contemplative prayer. The word Advent means not only a coming but a Presence: God is not far off, waiting to arrive someday, but here and now, nearer to us than our own breath.

Fr. Phil Krill, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, retreat director, and author of 40 books on the spiritual life, will help us awaken to the hidden Presence that fills every moment.

All women are welcome, whatever your faith background.



Fr. Philip Krill

Awakening to the God Who Is Already Here

CNEWA 100

Donations will go to Catholic Near East Welfare Association

REGISTER HERE:
https://wkf.ms/4pcaexv

Gift Market 5:30-6PM
Dinner 6PM
Followed by Presentation

Catering by Andre's: $25 p/p
RSVP by November 16th
Carol Smith 618-691-8735
carol_smith232@yahoo.com parishoffice@sfast.org

Shop Hand-made Gifts!

Candlelight-Prayer-Scripture