ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

APRIL 1, 2026

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS



"IT IS WRITTEN: THE MESSIAH WOULD SUFFER AND RISE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY."

Luke 24:46

Heavenly Father,
We rejoice in the glory of Easter and the gift of new life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate His Resurrection, fill our hearts with hope, joy, and gratitude.

Help us to remember that Your love is stronger than sin and death, and that through You, all things are made new. Guide our students, families, and staff to live as witnesses of this joy, sharing kindness, compassion, and faith in all that we do.

Lord, bless our school community as we continue to grow in knowledge, faith, and service. May the light of the Risen Christ shine in our classrooms, our homes, and our hearts. Inspire us to follow Jesus each day, bringing His peace to others and trusting in Your plan for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for **GREATNESS**.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

this week

2nd graders attended their First Communion Retreat and got a behind-the-scenes look at the sacristy, where Fr. Paul showed them the vestments. Middle school students explored the importance of water, including how much is available on Earth, and investigated concepts like cohesion, adhesion, surface tension, gravity, and capillary action with a penny-drop experiment. They also braved the rain for a field trip to the National Great Rivers Museum and Melvin Price Lock and Dam, learning about river systems and water management. A fun, short week of learning at SFA!

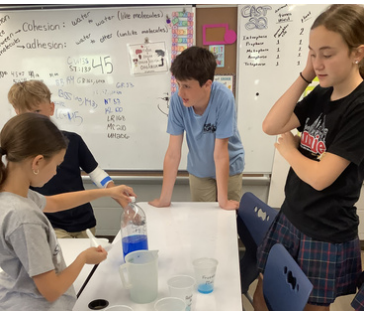










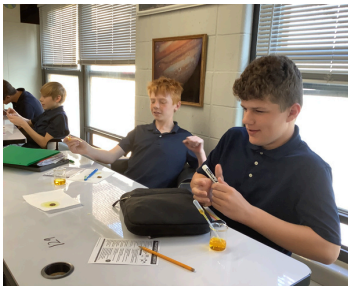













HOMEPAGE

Easter FUN at SFA!





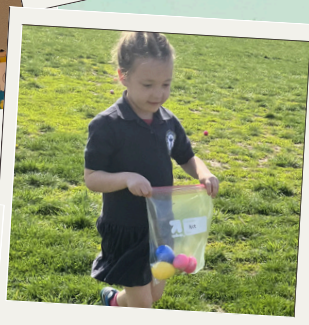





















What Does Service to Your Country Mean to You?

We are proud to recognize Margaret, a 6th grade student, for her outstanding accomplishment. She was honored at the Oakville Elks Club for earning 1st Place in the 6th Grade Division for her essay responding to the prompt, ***"What Does Service to Your Country Mean to You?"***

Margaret's essay was also selected for **1st Place at the District Level**, an impressive achievement. She was supported at the ceremony by her parents and family, along with her proud teacher, Lori Mayer.

Congratulations to Margaret on this well-deserved recognition! We are proud of her hard work and the amazing way she represents our school.

ESSAY WINNER
MARGARET BREIHAN





Helping Hands Needed for a Day of Service!

We are looking for parent volunteers to support our *Kids Against Hunger* service event on April 17th from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM.
The event will take place in the gym helping students prep meals

Volunteer Requirements & Details:

- Volunteers must have completed all required school safety requirements.
- Upon arrival, please sign in at the school office before heading to the gym.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Bundren at sarah.bundren@sfaschoolstl.org.
Thank you for your generosity and support!

HOMEPAGE

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCMENT

FACTS

Starting TODAY - April 1, 2026, **FACTS will implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for the Parent Portal.**

You may already use an MFA for other logins you use, like banking. This is to make the FACTS system more secure.

When you log in, the page will look a bit different, and you will be asked to follow some prompts to set up your MFA account. It will give you a choice of getting your code by email or if you use an existing MFA system, you can use that.

St Francis of Assisi does not control this system, and we cannot troubleshoot.

FACTS has set up a hotline for help should you need it.

BEFORE YOU CALL SUPPORT

- **Clear your browser cookies and cache.**
- **Log completely out of your account before trying again.**

FACTS Support Help Line
FACTS Parent Support: 866-441-4637

Hours of Operation:
Mon-Fri 7am - 7pm CST
Saturday 8am - 2pm CST

HOMEPAGE

Donations Due April 17th

COME ONE, COME ALL!

SFA

MISSION CARNIVAL HOSTED BY NJHS

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

Cost: $5/child OR $10/family

donation includes a dress out day

Donations go directly to purchasing food packing kits for ***Kids Against Hunger***



GAME PRIZES NEEDED:

- CANS OF SODA (6-12 PACKS)
- GATORADES, JUICES
- CANDY
- HOSTESS TYPE TREATS
- NEW OR GENTLY USED SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS OR TOYS (CHILDRENS MEAL TOYS, PARTY FAVORS, ETC)
- NO ENERGY TYPE DRINKS PLEASE

All food/candy donations **must be individually packaged with nutrition information listed**
contact Mrs. Della Croce sarah.dellacroce@sfaschoolstl.org

HOMEPAGE

Hot Lunch

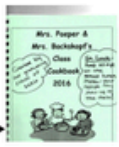
APRIL IS A MONTH FULL OF FIELD TRIPS:
1ST & SAFETY PATROL 3RD 5TH MIDDLE SCHOOL

APRIL 2026

ANY CLASS ON A FIELD TRIP THIS MONTH WILL NOT BE BACK IN TIME FOR A SCHOOL LUNCH SO NO NEED TO ORDER A LUNCH FOR THAT DAY.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 *(MS FIELD TRIP)* CHICKEN STRIPS TATER TOTS GRAPE TOMATOES GRAPES	2 11:30 DISMISSAL HOLY THURSDAY NO LUNCH	3 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
6 NO SCHOOL	7 BURGER ON A BUN (CHEESE OR NOT -CHOOSE IN FACTS) CURLY FRIES BROCCOLI (RAW) PINEAPPLE	8 *(5TH FIELD TRIP)* FRENCH BREAD PEPPERONI PIZZA COOKED CARROTS COOKIE PINEAPPLE	9 MOSTACCIOLI GARLIC BREAD SALAD PINAPPLE	10 *(3RD FIELD TRIP)* CHICK-FIL-A SANDWICH OR NUGGETS PRETZELS SALAD PINEAPPLE
13 SWEDISH MEATBALS EGG NOODLES VEGETABLE MEDLEY STRAWBERRIES	14 NACHOS BEEF & CHEESE OR ONLY CHEESE (CHOOSE IN FACTS) SLICED BELL PEPPERS STRAWBERRIES BROWNIE	15 *(1ST FIELD TRIP)* SAFETY PATROL CARDINAL GAME TRIP WAFFLES BACON YOGURT STRAWBERRIES	16 CHICKEN ALFREDO DINNER ROLL BROCCOLI STRAWBERRIES	17 DOMINO'S PIZZA (CHEESE, PEP OR SAUSAGE) CHIPS SALAD (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) APPLESAUCE
20 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES WITH WHITE GRAVY GREEN BEANS ORANGES	21 MAC & CHEESE COOKED BROCCOLI ORANGES S'MORE	22 CHICKEN RINGS CURLY FRIES GRAPE TOMATOES ORANGES	23 HOT HAM & CHEESE BAGEL LOSCHEIDER CHEESY SMASHED POTATOES COOKED CARROTS ANTHONY'S GONE FISHIN DESSERT	24 DOMINOS PIZZA (CHEESE, PEP OR SAUSAGE) PRETZELS CUCUMBER SLICES W/ RANCH MANDARIN ORANGES
27 SCRAMBLED EGGS (PICK W/ OR W/O CHEESE IN FACTS) SAUSAGE BISCUIT ½ BANANA	28 TACO SALAD W/BEEF CHEESE, LETTUCE & FIXIN'S SPANICH RICE CORN ½ BANANA	29 LOADED POTATO (BUTTER, SOUR CREAM, CHEESE & BACON) SALAD CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE ½ BANANA	30 "I THINK I'M GOING TO LIKE IT HERE" LUXURY MELT (GRILLED CHEESE) "THE SUN WILL COMEOUT TOMORROW" TOTS SANDY LIKES CORN ON THE COB "ANNIE" TREAT	MAY 1 CHICK-FIL-A CHIPS CELERY STICKS WITH RANCH TO DIP APPLESAUCE

B-DAY LUNCH & 3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP



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

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! Please check the dates for the monthly birthday lunches.

UPON ARRIVAL FOR BIRTHDAY LUNCH
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.

Monthly Birthday Lunch
OCT 10/10
NOV 11/14
DEC/JUN 12/12
JAN/JUL 1/9
FEB 2/6
MAR 3/6
APR 4/10
MAY 5/8

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for volunteers to help with Birthday Lunches

- Making sure all visitors are buzzed in with the main office
- Welcoming parents and guests as they arrive
- Ensuring everyone signs in and out on the provided sheet
- Staying in the foyer to help guide visitors
- Kindly reminding guests to remain in the cafeteria area

11:00AM - 12:45PM
MARCH 6TH
APRIL 10TH
MAY 8TH

SIGN UP HERE



ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

For any LUNCH questions please contact Jo Hufker *at* jo.hufker@sfaschoolstl.org or 314-487-5736 x126



PURCHASE YOUR SFA BROADWAY ADS, SHOUT-OUTS & KEEPSAKES!

Order by April 6!

Ads & Shout-Outs:

Celebrate your child, support our cast and crew, or promote your business! Orders are due April 6. You can:

- Fill out the **Google Order Form** and make payment online via Squarespace,
  OR
- Print the **paper order form** and turn it in to the school office.

Please send all ad or shout-out copy to Melissa Loscheider at melissa.loscheider@gmail.com.

Keepsake Wine Glasses:

Commemorate the show with a fun **Keepsake Wine Glass**! Glasses reflect the show's theme and will be given out at the Dinner Theater on Saturday, May 2.

Thank you all for your continued support – we couldn't do it without you!

ORDER NOW THROUGH APRIL 6!

HOMEPAGE

Mark your calendars!

St. Francis of Assisi

PARISH PICNIC

10.10.26

21+ Night 10.9.26



Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and community at the

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic

October 10, 2026

Bring your family, gather with friends, and come enjoy a great day filled with parish spirit as we celebrate the wonderful community we share.

More details to come—we can't wait to see you there!

Be sure to check out our Parish Picnic Facebook page, too, for updates and fun sneak peeks!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Abby LeCroy at 314.369.1051
or **abigaillecroy@gmail.com**

reminders & save the dates

HOMEPAGE

SPRING PHOTOS ARE IN!



LOG IN TO STL DIGITAL AND USE THE CODE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD

http://stldigital.com/photo-galleries/stfrancisspringphotos2026/

How to Access Photos Using QR Code or Password

- Go to the "Find My Photos" section on STLdigital.com.
- Use your child's QR code: Scan the QR code your child brought home
- Or enter the password manually
- If missing the code contact the school office.
- Questions about orders please contact STLDigital at paul@stldigital.com

FREE SHPPING TO SCHOOL ENDS 4/5

AND DONT FORGET TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

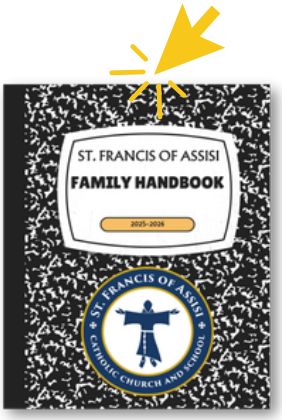
YEARBOOK $25



Snack & Scripture



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



SUBSCRIBE

*To our weekly **Bulletin** to see what's going on in the Parish!*

And check out our Parish website for more events and all things SFA!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



Quick Guide to ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

SFA DRESS CODE

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Just Me Apparel
www.justmeapparel.com

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL
AND PARKING ASSIGNMENTS

Save the Date!

SEE FULL 2025-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

april

1 School Board Meeting
2 Holy Thursday | Half Day
K-8 11:30 AM // PK 11 AM Dismissal
3 Good Friday | No School
6 Easter Monday | No School
10 Birthday Lunch
11 First Communion 10am
23 Xstream Night
24 Mission Carnival | Mid-Q4



2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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.

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 new business manager at businessmanager@sfastl.org or 314.487.5736 ext: 142

FACTS Parent Helpline: 866-441-4637

HOMEPAGE

FISH FRY

LAST FISH FRY OF LENT

JOIN US THIS GOOD FRIDAY FROM 4-6 PM

(NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!)

MASS AT 7 PM.







GREAT VOLUNTEERS!

A big thanks as well to the AMAZING Fish Fry crew led by Joe Hoeing and his well-oiled team of volunteers who show up week after week, making sure everything is ready and running smoothly! And to all the helping hands who worked, served, cleaned, bussed tables, or donated baked goods—your dedication helps make every Fish Fry a success.

We especially want to recognize a group of students who have worked every Fish Fry (except Spring Break) and help with cleanup:

- **Stephen (K) and Kennedy (2nd) Gates**
- **Giuliana (PK4) and Sophia (1st) Cafferatta**
- **Wellington Bommarito (1st)**

Stephen has even earned the title "***Co-Captain of the Fish Fry***"!

What a wonderful example of stewardship and dedication from some of the youngest volunteers!

DATES	WORK SCHEDULE	BAKED GOODS SCHEDULE
APR 3	7TH GRADE	K/1ST/ 2ND

SignUp Genius Volunteer:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAEA722A2FEC25-57818489-2026#/

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT JOSEPH HOEING: 314-703-2627 OR JOSEPHHOEING@GMAIL.COM.

HOMEPAGE

LENT AT SFA 2026

FISH FRY

Join us Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent for our annual Fish Fry! Dinner is being served from 4-7 pm. Good Friday Fish Fry will be 4-6 pm. Menu is online.

LIKE TO BAKE?

Our fish fry needs desserts! Bring any store bought or homemade baked good to the gym or Rectory any Fish Fry Day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will be led every Friday at 12:30 pm (or immediately following the noon Mass). On Good Friday, Stations will be at 3pm instead.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration will begin Thursday, March 26th at 8:15 am and run through Holy Thursday, April 2nd at 8 am. Please see sign-ups in the back of church. Come spend time with Jesus.

EVENING MASS/HOMILY SERIES NEW

"The Life of St. Francis of Assisi" *Homily Series in honor of the Franciscan Jubilee Year*

Join us this Lent for Mass on Wednesday nights at 7pm, running through March 25th.

RECONCILIATION WEEKEND MARCH 20TH & 21ST

SFA annual Reconciliation Weekend

6-8 pm Friday, March 20th

9 am - 3 pm Saturday, March 21st

BOOK STUDY NEW

Ladies, please keep an eye out for the ***BLESSED IS SHE*** ministry this Lent. They will be taking a deep dive into selected letters from **"Sincerely Stone Heart"** by Emily WIlson Hussem. See bulletin for details.

TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

There will be no 7:45am, noon, or 4pm Mass during Triduum

Holy Thursday

Mass at 7:00pm

Good Friday

Confession 12-3 pm
Stations of the cross 3pm
Passion service at 7:00pm



Holy Saturday

Vigil Mass at 8pm

Easter Sunday

7am- 9am-11am

St. Francis of Assisi Church Website

HOMEPAGE

REGISTER NOW!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI EASTER EGG HUNT!

Saturday April 4th, 2026
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

10:30 AM - *Bunny Tracks*
Children 2 and under will hop along the bunny trail collecting eggs to fill their baskets

10:40 AM - *Cottontail's Egg Hunt*
Children 3-5 yr. old Easter Egg Hunt

10:50 AM - *Velveteen's Egg Hunt*
Children 6-7 yr. old Easter Egg Hunt
Games Open from 10:45-12:00pm

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish
4556 Telegraph Rd. - St. Louis, MO - www.sfastl.org

HOMEPAGE

Come Support SFA Athletics From 11 AM - 10 PM

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mention SFA Athletics at the register when dining in or placing a takeout order. Oberweis will contribute 20% of your meal's price to SFA Athletics. Don't forget to explore their dairy coolers and stock up on your favorites!

Saturday, April 18th

OBERWEIS DAIRY

4590 Telegraph Road, Saint Louis, MO 63129



ACTS

To learn more about ACTS,
please visit
www.actsmission.org
www.stlouis-acts.org

Men's ACTS Retreat

April 9-12, 2026
Mercy Retreat Center

Don Kaag - Director 314-954-5687
Rob Kennedy — Co-Director 217-820-1444
Andy Pollman — Co-Director 314-489-3759

Skip the paper - register and pay online!

https://acts-retreat-2026.cheddarup.com

The ACTS Retreat Movement

The ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service) retreat movement originated in San Antonio, Texas, in 1997 and made its way to St. Louis in the early 2000s. Today, it flourishes in over 25 parishes, with new ones joining the movement daily. The ACTS weekend is designed to inspire, encourage, challenge, and much more. It is organized by lay men and women, for lay men and women, with support from our parish priest. Take a leap of faith, place yourself in the care of others, and enjoy some quality time away from your busy life in the presence of Jesus. Embrace the journey—you won't regret it!

Invitation to the Upcoming ACTS Retreat Weekend

QAS & SFA invite men aged 21 and over to participate in our upcoming ACTS Retreat Weekends. This retreat presents a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship with God, strengthen your faith, and forge lasting friendships within our parish community.

- The retreat kicks off on Thursday, April 9th, with check-in at 6:00 PM at QAS Church.
- Transportation will be provided to and from the retreat center.
- The retreat concludes with the 11 AM Sunday Mass at SFA Church, followed by a lunch reception.

Approximately 7-10 days before the retreat, you will receive details on what to bring for the weekend.

A **$50 deposit** is required to secure your spot, with the remaining $350 due at check-in (total cost is **$400**). To register, please return your registration and deposit to the parish office or sign up online.

Important: Financial difficulties should not hinder anyone from attending this retreat. If you would like to inquire confidentially about a scholarship, please reach out to Fr. Hamilton at 314-487-5736 or Fr. D'Amico at 314-380-4021.



Bunco Night

Sponsored by St. Anne Sodality

MAY 8th



Raffles-Basket Raffles-Attendance Prizes-Pot of Gold

GUYS and GALS grab your mom for a fun filled night at Bunco Night, sponsored by
St Anne Sodality at St Francis of Assisi.
Give mom an early Mother's Day gift, a night out with her favorite child.

Doors open at 6 pm game starts at 7 pm.

No need to know how to play.

Tables of 4,8 or 12. Cost $15.00 person adult beverages and non alcoholic beverages included in price.
Bring your own snacks.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT
BY MAY 1st
call Carol 314-892-6690

St. Francis of Assisi 4556 Telegraph Rd. 63129

3RD ANNUAL SFA SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP



SCAN HERE

DATES **15-18 JUNE** 2026

Camp is all skills and open to all
BOYS & GIRLS entering 2nd - 8th Grades!
Campers will be grouped by age & ability.

Times

Incoming 5th-8th:
9:00-11:00 AM

Incoming 2nd-4th:
11:30 AM -1:30 PM

COST **$90**
INCLUDES FREE T-SHIRT

Camp Venue

St. Francis of Assisi
4556 Telegraph Rd
Saint Louis, MO 63129

Camp Director:

Coach Deb Nicollerat
debnicollerat722@gmail.com

Coach Deb has 35+ years of coaching experience training all levels of players in all aspects of the game. Her camp is staffed by club coaches and players.

Registration Link

tinyurl.com/SFAVolleyCamp

Scholarships

Family & Student Information

2026-2027 School Year

HOMEPAGE

MOScholars

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

Empowered by

TODAY & TOMORROW

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Program

About MOScholars:

The MissouriEmpowerment Scholarship Accounts Program known as MOScholars, provides financial support to qualifying families to offset educational expenses including tuition.

Families Must PreQualify to Apply

ttef-stl.org/MOScholars
OR
Scan the QR Code

Contact the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation:



Jeanette Katic
Program Director
314-792-7043
mottef@archstl.org

Application Period Opens Fall 2025

Benefits

- A **$6,375 annual scholarship** for eligible K-12 students
- **Renewable** through high school
- Access to exceptional private education and approved educational resources

Who is Eligible?

All of Missouri residents are eligible.

OR

IEP/ISP

- Private School
- Not intended for students remaining in public schools

Not to exceed 300% free and reduced lunch

AND

1. Must have attended a public or charter public school for one semester during the previous 12 months
2. Or entering Kindergarten or 1st grade.
3. Or a sibling of a qualified student who received a scholarship in the previous year and will again in the upcoming school year.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
EDUCATION WITH A HIGHER CALLING

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Fair

Families with students in grades 5 and up can explore exciting educational opportunities by meeting representatives from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis!

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 8, 2026

5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

COR JESU ACADEMY
10230 GRAVOIS ROAD
ST. LOUIS, MO 63123
314.842.1546

PRE-REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED, WALK-IN REGISTRATION WELCOME.

HOSTED BY

Cor Jesu ACADEMY

Pauline
BOOKS & MEDIA



Risen Jesus Party!

Featuring Story Time with the Daughters of St. Paul
Crafts, prayers, and Easter Egg Hunt!
(activities for children ages 3-7)

Saturday, April 11, 2026. 10:30-11:30 am.

Doors open at 10 am.

Pauline Books & Media. 9804 Watson Rd. Crestwood.
314-965-3512