ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 25, 2026





SFA Broadway rehearsals started this week! Nearly 70 students joined the cast of Annie Jr. this year!

A NOTE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Families,

Can you believe we are already closing in on the end of the 3rd quarter? It feels like just yesterday we were ringing in the new year, but time truly flies when you're having as much fun as we are here at SFA! Before we get into the upcoming weeks, we want to send a huge "thank you" to Dr. Jordan and our 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders for the absolutely awesome concert last night. It was such a joy to see their hard work and talent shine on stage—you all did a fantastic job!

As we head into these final weeks of the term, please encourage your kiddos to stay focused and finish their assignments strong. We also have a very special event to look forward to: SFA will be hosting ***Grandparents Day*** on the very last day of the quarter! We are so excited to have our students' wonderful grandparents visiting our halls, so keep an eye out for more information and RSVP details coming your way very soon. Also, mark your calendars because right around the corner is **Spring Break, from March 16th through the 20th**. I know we are all looking forward to that well-deserved rest!

In the midst of all the classroom excitement, don't forget that our Friday Fish Fries are in full swing! These evenings are such a highlight for our community, and we would absolutely love for you to join us for dinner and fellowship every Friday. It takes a village to make these nights a success, so please take a quick second to check the fish fry working schedule to see when your family/child is signed up to help. We are so grateful for your hard work and can't wait to see you there!

~ SFA Leadership Team

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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

SFA in Action – The 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades gave a wonderful performance at their Winter Concert, directed by Dr. J. We are so grateful to Dr. J for inspiring creativity and giving our students the opportunity to shine! Current NJHS members enjoyed a fun field trip to Crestwood Bowl, building community and having a great time together. In 3rd grade, students explored Olympic sports, choosing a sport they'd like to participate in, selecting a country to represent, and designing their own athlete and medal.Middle school science students have been busy as well: 8th graders successfully extracted DNA from strawberries, while 6th and 7th graders are learning about geological time and the history of our Earth.















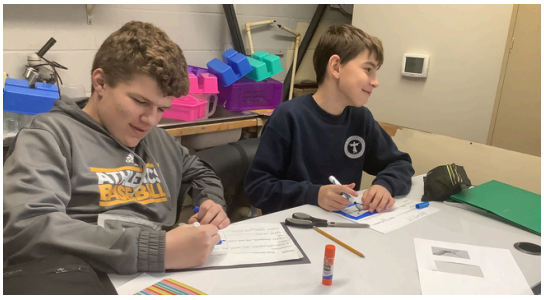


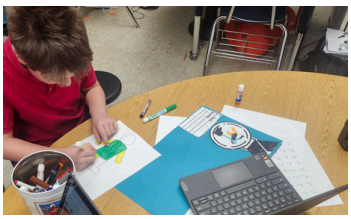


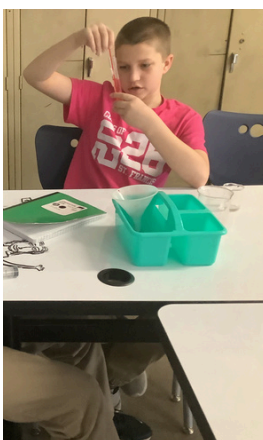

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ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR!

If you have not yet re-enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year, the registration fee goes up on March 1st. Please register your child/children before March 1, 2026 to ensure their spot in next year's class.

Another reminder that scholarship applications are open! Find out more about the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) and MoScholars at ttef-stl.org or scan the QR code!

TTEF & MOSCHOLARS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RE-ENROLLMENT

Please go to **www.factsmgt.com**

>> Select ***Parent Log In*** from the menu bar and FACTS Family Portal from the drop-down menu.

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>> Type in your username and password. Our District Code is **SFA-MO.**

>> After logging in, click on **Apply/Enroll** in the left menu.

>> Click on the **Enrollment/Reenrollment** link. The online enrollment system will open with a link to the enrollment packet for your child/children. Students who currently attend St. Francis should follow the re-enrollment process. Students new to St. Francis (*younger siblings not yet enrolled*) should start with the application for new student.

RE-ENROLL BEFORE MARCH 1st!

District Code SFA-MO

Let us know if you have any questions!

School sarah.bundren@sfaschoolstl.org // **314.487.5736 ext. 121**

Preschool michelle.mondello@sfaschoolstl.org // **314.487.5736 ext. 132**

Financial businessmanager@sfastl.org // **314.487.5736 ext. 142**

www.sfastl.org

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GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents leave handprints on our hearts forever.

COMING SOON

Hi Families,

We're pausing the Grandparents Day Form for now. If you already filled it out, we're so sorry—we will need you to complete it again.

We're making this change to follow new safety procedures, which will now ask for the names and birthdates of each grandparent/guest. The updated form will go out next week, so keep an eye out for it along with more details!

Thank you so much for your patience as we work through the logistics of this large school event.

We're really looking forward to celebrating with all our grandparents soon!



ORDER YOUR SFA BROADWAY ANNIE JR. T-SHIRTS!



SFA Broadway Shirts Are Available for purchase until March 6th!

- ***Annie Jr.* Spirit Wear Shirt** – Available for all students! Wear it on any Spirit Wear Monday and Friday, May 1st for the in-school performance!
- **Cast & Crew Shirt** – Only for members of SFA Broadway. Cast & Crew may wear these shirts on any rehearsal day.

IMPORTANT:

- All Cast & Crew members should purchase the black ***Annie Jr***.
- The red option is for Spirit Wear participation.

QUESTIONS?

Cast and Crew families can contact Emily Schmitz at emily.schmitz@sfaschoolstl.org.



ORDER NOW THROUGH MARCH 6!

https://sfa.314printco.com

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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

Hot Lunch

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MAKE UP LUNCHES FROM OUR JANUARY SNOW DAYS

*IF YOU ORDERED LUNCH JAN 26TH YOU AUTOMATICALLY HAVE A LUNCH FOR MARCH 2ND.

* IF YOU ORDERED LUNCH JAN 27TH YOU AUTOMATICALLY HAVE A LUNCH FOR MARCH 3RD.

IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER IF YOU BOUGHT YOUR CHILD A LUNCH THOSE DAYS, CLICK ANYWHERE IN THIS TEXT BOX AND A LINK "SNOW DAY LIST JAN 26 & 27" WILL APPREAR. CLICK THE LINK AND YOU WILL FIND A LIST OF BUYERS FROM JANUARY 26 & 27.

MARCH MENU 2025

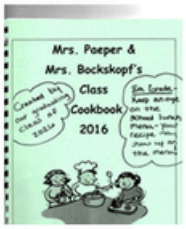
SNOW DAY LUNCHES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAR 2/JAN 26 HOT DOG ON A BUN TATOR TOTS PEAS ORANGE SLICES	MAR 3/JAN 27 TACO TUESDAY 1 BEEF SOFT TACO 1 BEEF CRUNCHY TACO CORN CSW TREAT	4 ORANGE CHICKEN FRIED RICE STEAMED BROCCOLI ORANGE SLICES	5 BYRNE FAMILY LASAGNA SALAD MINT ORANGE SLICES	6 DOMINO'S PIZZA (CHEESE ONLY) POTATO CHIPS RAW CARROTS W/RANCH ORANGE SLICES
9 PRETZEL PIZZA GREEN BEANS APPLE SLICES RICE CRISPY TREAT	10 PANCAKES SAUSAGE YOGURT APPLE SLICES	11 CHICKEN PARMESAN BUTTERED NOODLES CALIFORNIA MEDLEY FERGUSON APPLE CARTWHEELS	12 CIRCLE CHEESE PIZZA SALAD (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) MANDARIN ORANGES OREO COOKIES (2)	13 11:30 DISMISSAL GRANDPARENTS DAY NO LUNCH
16 NO SCHOOL S B	17 NO SCHOOL R R	18 NO SCHOOL I E	19 NO SCHOOL N A	20 NO SCHOOL G K
23 CORN DOG TATOR TOTS COOKED CARROTS ½ BANANA	24 SOFT PRETZEL W/ CHEESE SALAD BAKED BEANS ½ BANANA	25 CHICKEN NUGGETS FRIES CORN ½ BANANA	26 TOASTED RAVS W/ MARINARA SAUCE SALAD (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) ½ BANANA S'MORES COOKIE	27 DOMINOS PIZZA (CHEESE ONLY) PRETZELS CUCUMBER SLICES W/ RANCH MANDARIN ORANGES
30 MOZZARELLA STICKS W/ MARINARA SAUCE SALAD GRAPES CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE	31 FRENCH TOAST STICKS SAUSAGE CHOCOLATE PUDDING GRAPES	APRIL 1 CHICKEN STRIPS TATER TOTS GRAPE TOMATOES GRAPES	APRIL 2 11:30 DISMISSAL HOLY THURSDAY NO LUNCH	APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL

MARCH B-DAY LUNCH REMEMBERN OT TO ORDER A LUNCH IF YOU ARE BRINGING A LUNCH







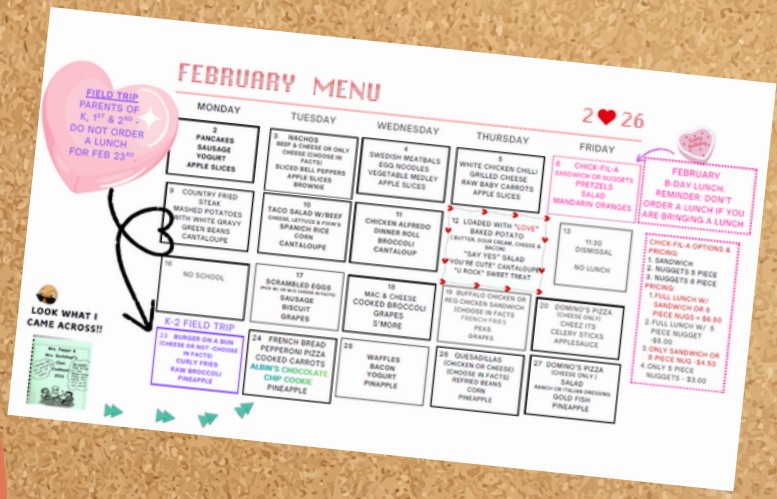
BIRTHDAY LUNCH

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 // 3rd, 4th, 5th
11:30 // Preschool (eats in classroom)
11:45 - 12:05 // Kindergarten, 1, 2nd
12:15 - 12:35 // 6th, 7th & 8th



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

Shell We Dance?

2026 Father Daughter Dance

Volunteer Here!

Saturday, March 7 5:30-8:30pm

Get ready for a fin-tastic night with Dad, making waves of memories!



SFA GYM

SCAN ME SCAN ME SCAN ME SCAN ME

Admission: $50 per family

Includes Dinner, DJ, Dancing & Photo Ops

If Dad can't make it, bring a Grandpa, an Uncle or a Special Father Figure

Register by February 28th

questions: Angela Cafferata - angela.m.cafferata@gmail.com | 314.602.5073

reminders & save the dates

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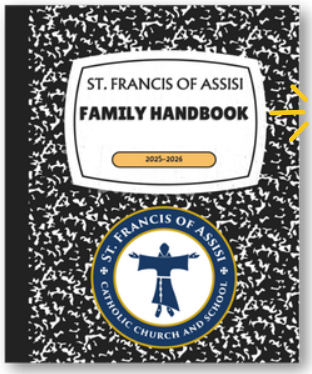
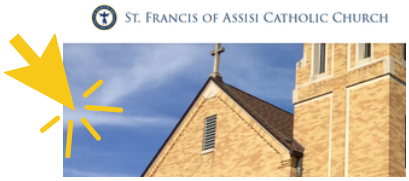


SUBSCRIBE

*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!



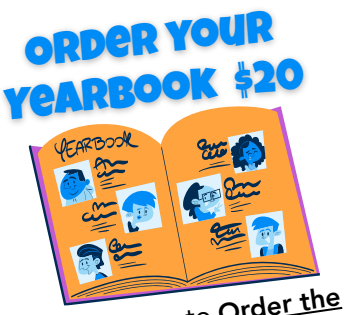


Cafe Telegraph Smoke Shack

MARCH 11, 2026

COME FOR THE FOOD AND STAY FOR THE FUN!

2650 TELEGRAPH RD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63125 | (314) 200-9952



Click here to Order the 2026 SFA Yearbook

- 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

february

27 FISH FRY 4-7

28 8th Grade Clavius Jamboree | SFA Trivia Night

march

4 School Board Meeting
6 Birthday Lunch
7 Father Daughter Dance
11 Cafe Telegraph H&S Restaurant Night
12 SFAAA Panera Night
13 Grandparents Day | **11:30 Dismissal** - Teacher PD | End Q3
16-20 Spring Break | No School
26 Spring Pictures | Club Pictures (bring club shirts)
28 First Communion Retreat 9:30-11:30am

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

BLESSED IS SHE

Calling all SFA Moms!

Join us this Lent for a beautiful and meaningful journey with Sincerely Stoneheart: Unmask the Enemy's Lies, Find the Truth That Sets You Free by Emily Wilson Hussem. Written in the spirit of C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters, this powerful book gently uncovers the lies that can weigh on a woman's heart and points us back to the life-giving truth of Christ.

We will gather on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Middle School Atrium (accessible through the side door on the north lot of the school nearest Telegraph Road) on the following dates: February 23, March 9, March 23, and April 6 (Easter Monday).

At each meeting, we will listen together to the audiobook of a few of the letters, followed by discussion and time to share reflections and takeaways. There will also be space to talk about any additional letters you've read in the weeks between our gatherings. Purchasing the book or audiobook is not required for this discussion group.

Come as you are and invite a friend! Whether Lent is a season you embrace eagerly or one you enter quietly, this series offers encouragement, community, and truth for the journey. We would love to walk through Lent with you.

LENT SERIES

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St. Francis of Assisi

FISH FRY 2026

sign-ups are open!
VOLUNTEER NOW!

4-7 PM
SFA PARISH CENTER

Ash Wednesday:
February 18th

Fridays in Lent:
February 20th & 27th
March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Good Friday:
April 3rd (4-6pm)

St Francis of Assisi
4556 Telegraph Rd. St. Louis, MO 63129
MENU: www.sfastl.org

FISH FRY

CREW NEEDS YOU!

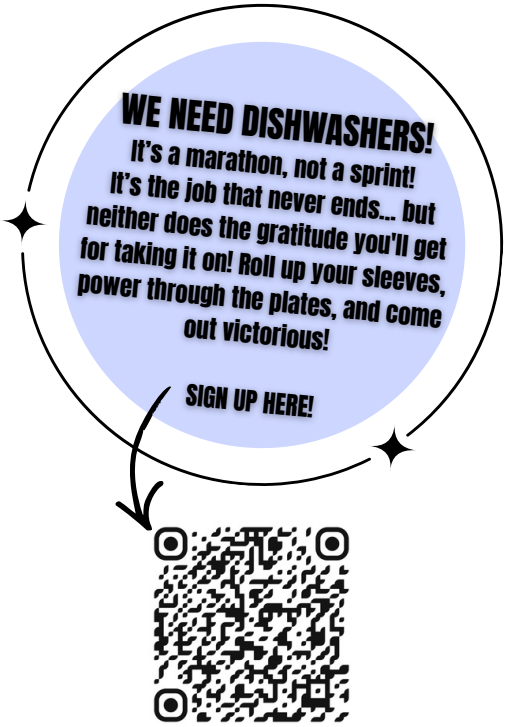
Dear Parents,

Again this year as a school-wide Lenten service project, we are asking our SFA families to help support our parish Fish Fries.

We need volunteers to come early and help prep food, and during the serving hours, 4 to 7, to prepare and keep the line stocked.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: Your child will be helping in the dining room UNLESS you would like them to be a runner for delivering the take-out orders to the cars in the lot. If they want to be a runner, have them sign up on the Sign-up Genius (see QR, link below, or sfastl.org)

DATES	WORK SCHEDULE	BAKED GOODS SCHEDULE
~~FEB 13~~	~~8TH GRADE~~	~~KINDERGARTEN~~
~~FEB 20~~	~~7TH GRADE~~	~~1ST GRADE~~
FEB 27	6TH GRADE	2ND GRADE
MAR 6	5TH GRADE	3RD GRADE
MAR 13	4TH GRADE	4TH GRADE
MAR 20	3RD GRADE	5TH GRADE
MAR 27	8TH GRADE	6TH GRADE
APR 3	7TH GRADE	K/1ST/ 2ND



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

Important Notes:

- Please come as a family—students should not be dropped off. One parent should work alongside their child.
- If you have multiple children, your family can choose which night to participate.
- Wear your SFA shirts and show off our school pride!
- If you are unable to volunteer, please consider donating baked goods on your child's assigned night. You don't need to sign up in advance; just drop them off at school the day of the Fish Fry.

Thank you for your time and support!

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

RAISE SOME DOUGH

Help support us!

25% of sales will benefit

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH OAKVILLE

March 12, 2026
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
5696 Telegraph Road
St Louis, MO

In Cafe Drive-Thru
Pick-Up Delivery

Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

Panera
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Scholarships

Family & Student Information

2026-2027 School Year

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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.

MOScholars

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

Powered by the Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation

The MOScholars Program provides financial support to qualifying Missouri families to help cover educational expenses, including tuition at eligible schools.

Student Eligibility:

- ☐ Be a Missouri resident
- ☐ Have a student who meets **ONE** of the paths to eligibility (found on the back)

Scan below to learn more and take the pre-qual survey:

MOScholars Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)			
Household Size	Annual Income		
	100%	200%	300%
1	$28,953	$57,906	$86,859
2	$39,128	$78,256	$117,384
3	$49,303	$98,606	$147,909
4	$59,478	$118,956	$178,434
5	$69,653	$139,306	$208,959
6	$79,828	$159,656	$239,484
7	$90,003	$180,006	$270,009
8	$100,178	$200,356	$300,534

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Pick a path to eligibility

Path 1:

- ☐ The student has a written IEP/ISP
- ☐ The IEP/ISP must be dated within 36 months of application

Path 2:

- ☐ The family does not exceed 300% of free and reduced lunch income guidelines
- ☐ The student is entering Kindergarten or 1st grade

Path 3:

- ☐ The family does not exceed 300% of free and reduced lunch income guidelines
- ☐ Must have attended a public/charter school for one semester during the previous 12 months

Path 4:

- ☐ The family does not exceed 300% of free and reduced lunch income guidelines
- ☐ A sibling of a qualified student who received a scholarship in the previous year and will again the upcoming school year.

Questions? Contact Jeanette Katic, Program Director

314-792-7043 | jeanettekatic@archstl.org

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

FOR THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

*Up to **$2,500** per student!*

APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 20, 2026

AVAILABLE FOR:

- *ALL elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis*
- *ALL Catholic High Schools*
- *Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis*



APPLY HERE:

FOR MORE INFORMATION

VISIT TTEF-STL.ORG OR CONTACT LAURA GEORGE,
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF SCHOLARSHIP
314.792.7777 | LAURAGEORGE@ARCHSTL.ORG





MARCH 10, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

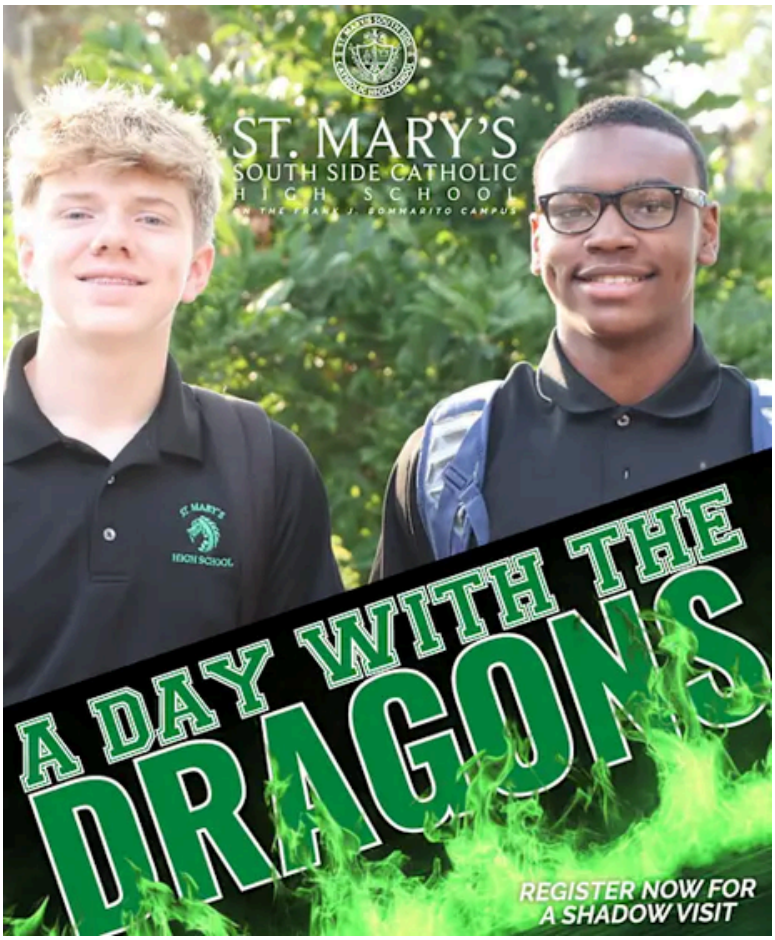
Join us for a warm and informative evening at St. Pius X, where you'll have the opportunity to learn more about our community and discover what it means to belong to the St. Pius X family.

6:30-6:40: Opening welcome session in the gym showcasing our mission

6:45-8:10: Choose 3 of 6 informative sessions tailored to your interests

Session topics: Academic Excellence, Tuition Assistance, Student Involvement, House System, Freshmen to Senior transition, and Student Support







St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Uniform Fitting Dates!

Thursday, March 26 - Saturday, March 28, 2026

Just Me Apparel

232 Old Sulphur Spring Rd
Manchester, MO 63021
(636) 391-3551

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10am-4pm

Thursday
10am-6pm

Saturday
10am-2pm

Closed Sunday & Monday

WHAT IS A UNIFORM FITTING?

A school uniform fitting allows students and families to try on uniform tops and bottoms for the correct fit and size. Families can take home the items or place orders for any out-of-stock products or special order items.

CAN I ORDER ONLINE?

Absolutely! Our store is open year-round, and if you already know your child's size, ordering online is a great option! We offer $5 USPS shipping during your fitting dates.

WHY SHOULD WE ATTEND?

All paid orders will enjoy a 10% discount on the total purchase, whether made online or in-store! If we happen to be out of stock in your desired size or color, we will gladly place an order on your behalf. This allows us enough time to ensure the item arrives before the school year begins.

WHAT IF MY CHILD GROWS?

We fit for growth! Any stock items purchased that are unworn and with tags can be exchanged for another size!

Shop Online Anytime at www.justmeapparel.com!