ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

APRIL 8, 2026





A NOTE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear SFA Families,

I hope you all had a blessed and restful Easter weekend with your families. It is wonderful to see our students back at school as we enter this spring season. The outside is currently filled with color as the trees and flowers come into bloom, serving as a great reminder of the beauty of God's creation and the new growth taking place this time of year.

Please keep in mind that we have our monthly Birthday Lunch scheduled for this Friday. We are also currently accepting donations for the Mission Carnival; please refer to the details below for the specific items needed and where to drop them off. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated as we work together to support our missions.

In the coming weeks, our students will participate in a school-wide service project in partnership with "Kids Against Hunger." This is an excellent opportunity for our students to gain hands-on experience in service and help provide meals for those in need. Finally, we would like to extend my congratulations to our students who will celebrate their First Communion this weekend. We are proud of your commitment to your faith and look forward to your continued growth within our school community.

~ SFA Leadership Team

What's inside this issue:

APRIL MENU

MISSION CARNIVAL

VOLUNTEERS

FACTS ANNOUCEMENT

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

POPE BENEDICT XVI

this week

First graders enjoyed reading time with their preschool buddies, sharing stories and smiles! The SFA Broadway cast and crew are hard at work, and we can't wait to share their incredible talent and all their hard work with the school! Last week, our fourth graders took advantage of the beautiful weather by learning in the courtyard, and today they celebrated with a class reward and some fun Gaga Ball time! Meanwhile, our preschool explorers spent time in the atrium with Mrs. Paeper, discovering the Holy Land and the places where Jesus traveled. Our middle school scientists dove into hands-on experiments exploring cohesion, adhesion, surface tension, and gravity!

























JA BizTown

Fifth graders had a wonderful trip to Junior Achievement BizTown today, where they experienced a hands-on simulated town and learned about money management, business roles, and real-world financial and economic decision-making. A meaningful and educational day of learning!























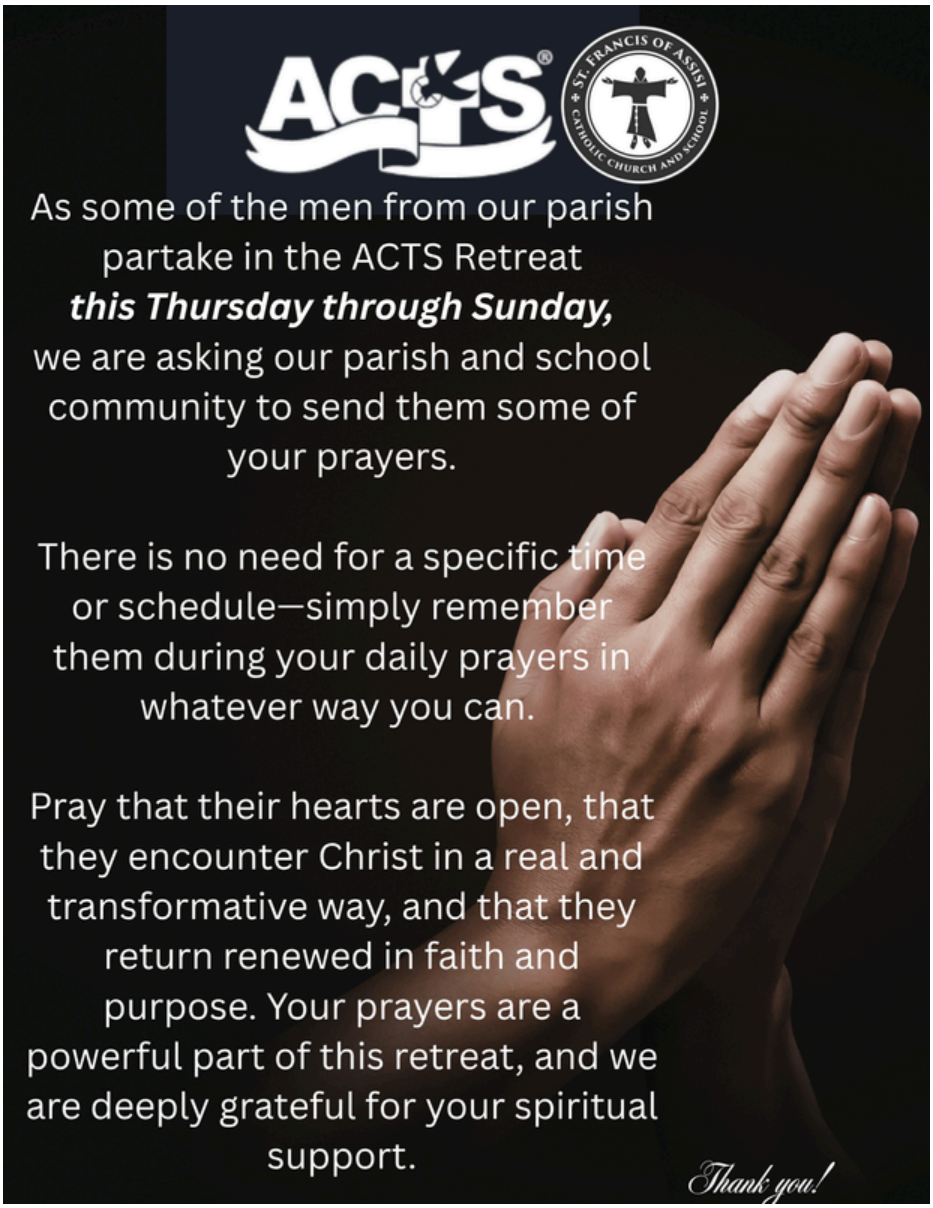



Helping Hands Needed for a Day of Service!

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!

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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

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END OF YEAR Celebrations

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATIONS ARE HERE!

This year, our K–7 awards will be celebrated a little differently. Instead of a full-school assembly on the last day, students will enjoy their awards, pins, and certificates in their own classrooms during the final week of school. Then, on the last day, we'll come together for a school-wide celebration filled with fun activities—a perfect way to honor our students and kick off summer!

Our 8th graders will still have their formal awards assembly as part of their end-of-year events!

last week of school

MAY 18

8th Grade
Last Mass & Final Walk the Halls.

8th Grade Award Assembly
(after Mass)

MAY 19

8th Grade Mystery Trip!

Kindergarten Graduation
Gym 9 AM

MAY 20

8th Grade Graduation
Mass 6 PM
Reception to follow

MAY 21

Preschool Graduation
Gym 9 AM

MAY 22

Last Day of School!

Mass 7:45 AM & Franciscan Awards
(in church after Mass)

End of year fun!!

FRIDAY, MAY 22 A day to celebrate!

All School Mass 7:45 AM



Franciscan Award Ceremony
(In church following All school mass)

Celebrate!
Students will head back to the school for an end-of-year celebration / kickoff to summer fun!

DISMISSAL AT 11 AM!

Thanks for an amazing year!

HOMEPAGE

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCMENT

FACTS

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

Hot Lunch

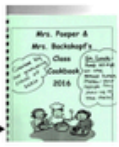
APRIL IS A MONTH FULL OF FIELD TRIPS:
1ST & SAFETY PATROL 3RD 5TH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

reminders & save the dates

HOMEPAGE

SPRING PHOTOS ARE IN!



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

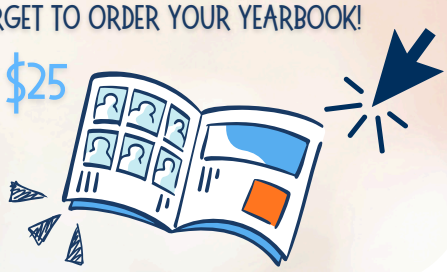
http://stldigital.com/photo-galleries/stfrancisspringphotos2026/

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

AND DONT FORGET TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

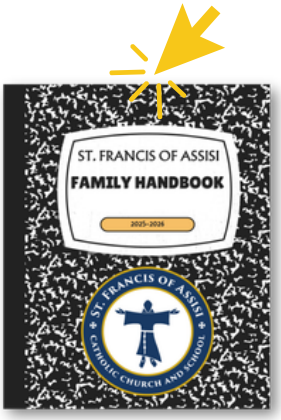
YEARBOOK $25



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
17 Raising Canes Restaurant Night 3-30PM // Arnold
18 SFAAA Ice Cream Social @ Oberweis
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

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER at

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

April 17, 2026 **03:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

1163 Jeffco Blvd, Arnold, MO

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will **donate 15% of Net Sales*** to:

SFA School

Raising Funds with Raising Cane's



Learn more about how we can support you at **CanesAndCommunity.com**

Minimum donation amount will be 15% of the Net Sales donated directly to your organization. Not valid on kiosk orders. **"Net Sales" means the purchase price of food and beverages sold during the event to customers who (i) mention your organization when ordering in person or (ii) use the code RCFUND96 when ordering online or in the Raising Cane's app. The purchase price excludes special or limited time offers, discounts, returns, and taxes. "Net Sales" does not include gift cards and retail merchandise purchases.*

RaisingCanes

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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



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**



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

ANNOUNCEMENT

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Good afternoon,

As part of our continued celebration of the Archdiocese Bicentennial, we have launched the Christ's Light Among Us Photo Contest.

Entries may be submitted in one of two age categories:

- Youth (18 & under, primarily cell phone photography)
- General (all ages, DSL, mirrorless, or high-quality phone photography).
- Please note that Archdiocese employees are not eligible.

Entries may also be submitted in one of two topic categories:

- Christ's Light in the Everyday: Where His love is lived and shared
- Sacred Spaces: Where beauty draws us closer to Him

Submissions are open through May 10. Selected submissions will be featured across archdiocesan communications and social media and displayed at the Bicentennial Jubilee Mass on July 18, 2026.

Below is a link to our online toolkit, which includes materials to promote the photo contest within your parish communities:

https://resources.archstl.org/article/777656/bicentennial-photo-contest

Please contact our office at communications@archstl.org if you have any questions about using these materials.

Thank you,

Communications

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