ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

MARCH 11, 2026





A NOTE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear SFA Families,

As the flowers begin to peek through the soil, we are reminded of the beautiful promise of renewal that spring brings. It is hard to believe we are already standing at the threshold of Spring Break! There is a palpable sense of accomplishment in our hallways; we are truly entering the "home stretch" of the academic year. While we are all eager for a collective deep breath, we know from experience that once we return, the calendar fills up quickly with year-end traditions, and the weeks seem to fly by in the blink of an eye. We are determined to savor every moment of growth and fellowship remaining.

Before we head off for our break, we have a truly special day ahead of us. We are so excited to welcome our Grandparents to campus this Friday! It is always a joy to see the bridge between generations and to give our students the chance to show off the "SFA magic" that happens in their classrooms every day. Following the festivities, we hope your family's break is filled with the rest and relaxation you all so richly deserve. May it be a time of quiet reflection and joyful connection.

In the spirit of celebrating our students' God-given talents, I am thrilled to share some wonderful news regarding one of our 6th graders. Margaret Breihan recently won the ELKS Lodge Essay Contest! This is a magnificent achievement that speaks to her hard work, insight, and dedication to her education. Please join me in offering her a huge "Way to go, Margaret!" for representing St. Francis Academy so beautifully.

Finally, looking toward our safety and stewardship of the gift of life, the entire school practiced our tornado drill today. Our students from Preschool through 8th grade did an excellent job following protocols with focus and calm. As we enter the season of unpredictable weather, it might be beneficial to practice and discuss your own safety plans at home as well. Thank you, as always, for your unwavering support and for trusting us with your children.

~ 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

Father–Daughter Night was a wonderful evening filled with fun, laughter, and special memories as dads and daughters danced the night away. Our 1st graders created beautiful work in the Atrium while learning more about the season of Lent. In 7th grade science, students explored states of matter and investigated the effects of temperature and pressure. Our 6th and 7th graders participated in a fossil gallery walk and hands-on fossil exploration. Meanwhile, 5th graders put their engineering skills to work by building their PLTW robots.

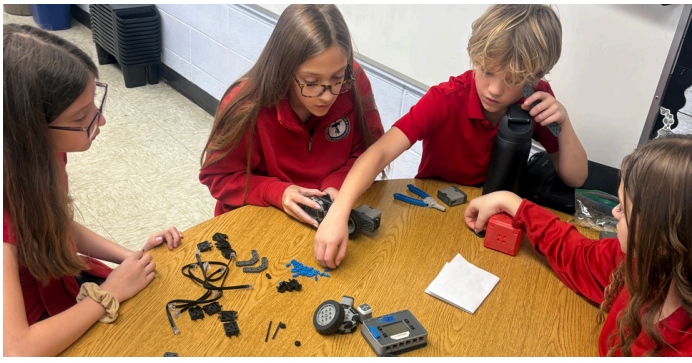










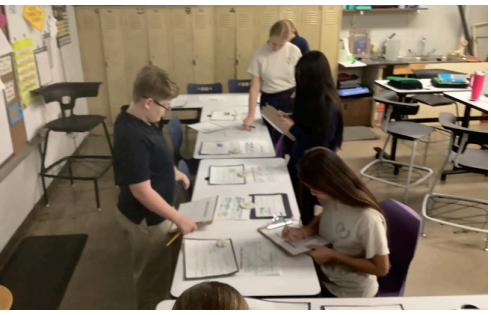






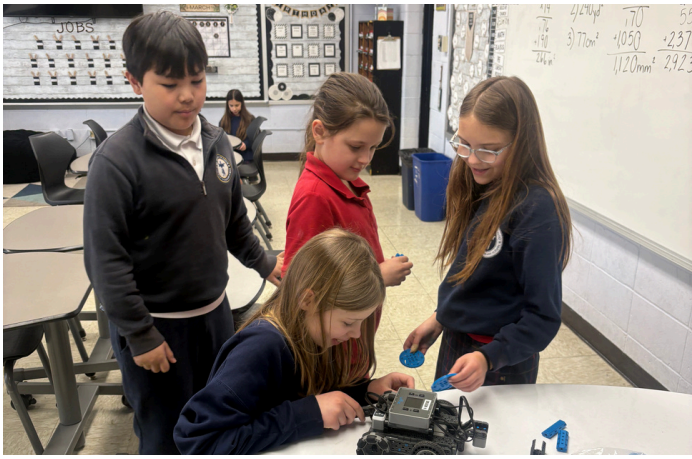












ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents leave handprints on our hearts forever.

We can't wait to see you! Join us for a morning of fun, crafts, and memories with your grandchildren.



MARCH 13
9 - 10:30 AM

We look forward to welcoming our grandparents on Friday, March 13! Upon arrival, grandparents will check in and receive a visitor badge. There will be two badge pick-up locations based on the student's last name.

- Last names A–I: Please go to the gym to receive your badge.
- Last names J–Z: Please pick up your badge in the hallway outside the office.

Grandparents who did not RSVP should check in using one of the three kiosks available upon arrival. After checking in, please proceed to the appropriate location based on your grandchild's last name:

- A–I: Gym
- J–Z: Your grandchild's classroom
-

We are excited to celebrate this special day with our grandparents!

PARKING

Parking is available in the North and South Lots. Upon arrival we will direct guests to get their visitor badge and meet their grandchild(ren)

Grandparents may enter through either the Gym or Preschool doors.

DISMISSAL

11 AM dismissal for Preschool & 11:30 AM Dismissal for K-8

Grandparents Day will conclude at 10:30 to help with parking and half-day dismissal. If your child will be leaving at 10:30 with a grandparent, please indicate this on the RSVP form and **remind the grandparent to sign out at the designated sign-out sheets.**

Please see notes in newsletter email to review the saftey protocols for Grandparents Day!

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

Hot Lunch

HOMEPAGE

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.

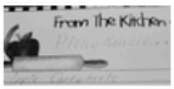
MARCH MENU 2025

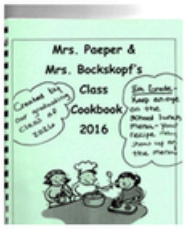
SNOW DAY LUNCHES

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



ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

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



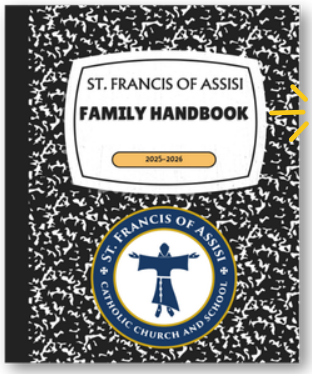
reminders & save the dates

HOMEPAGE



Snack & Scripture

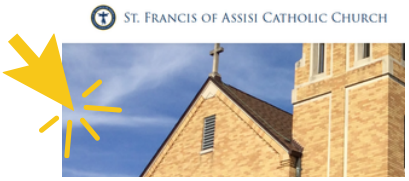
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
Every Wednesday
3-3:45PM
IN YOUTH MINISTRY ROOM



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!





Cafe TELEGRAPH SMOKE SHACK

MARCH 11, 2026

COME FOR THE FOOD AND STAY FOR THE FUN!

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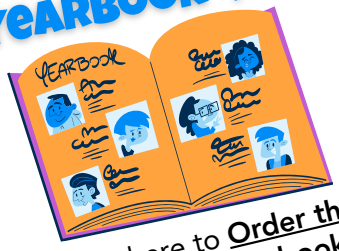
ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK $25



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

march

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
23 Crazy Sock Day! | Tune in to Hortons Heroes
26 Spring Pictures | Club Pictures (bring club shirts)
28 First Communion Retreat 9:30-11:30am

Volunteering at SFA

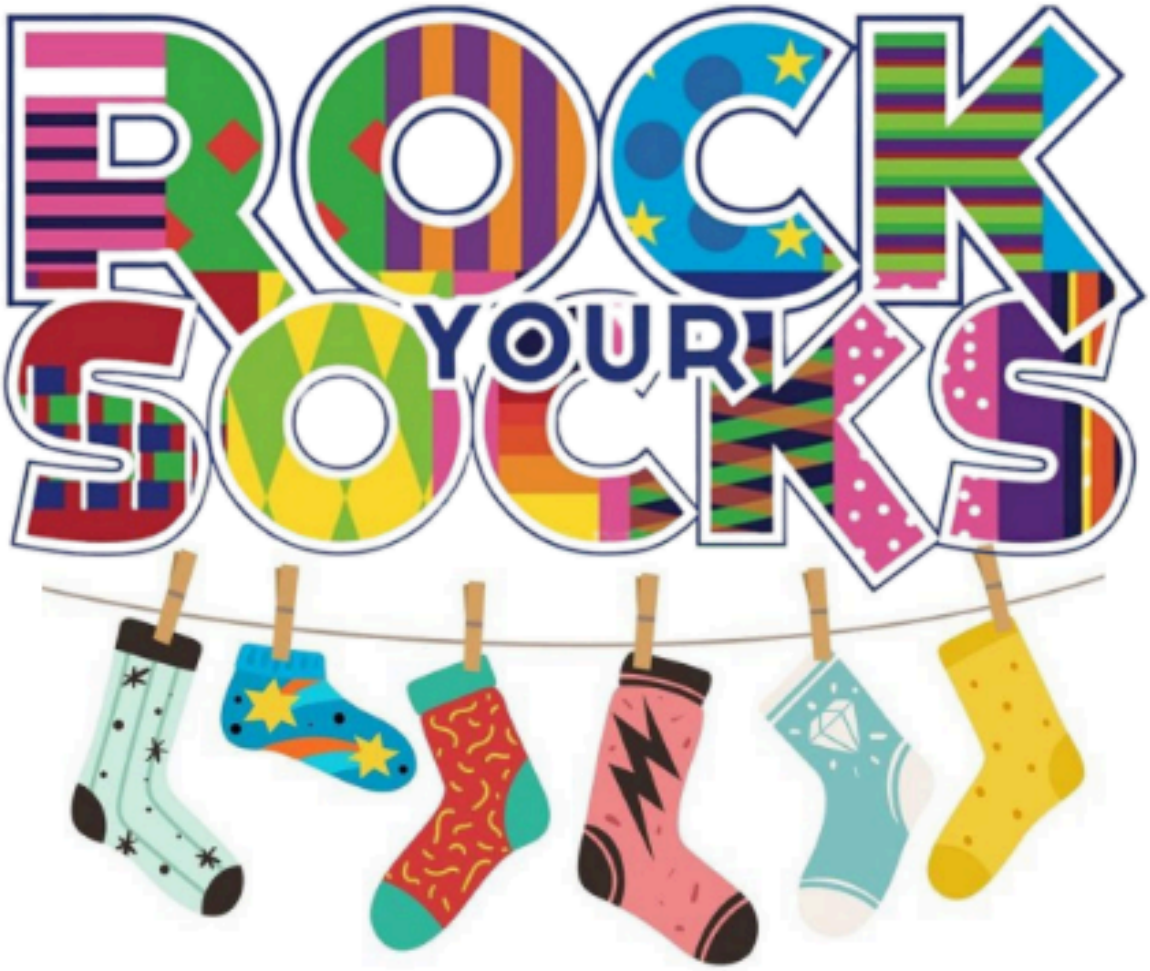
If you're planning to volunteer at the school in any capacity, please make sure you've completed the Protecting God's Children training. 👉 Click here to visit the Archdiocese of St. Louis website and register for an upcoming training session. If you've already completed the training through another school 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



WEAR YOUR CRAZIEST SOCKS ON MONDAY, MARCH 23rd!

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

3 - 21

Every year on March 21, people all around the world come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks. March 21 is symbolic because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome. Socks were chosen because the karyotype of Down syndrome chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks!

TUNE IN

COVENANT NETWORK
Catholic Radio

96.7



The students of "Horton's Heroes", our middle-school Respect Life Club, will be on air from **3 to 4 pm** on **Monday, March 23** participating in the station's Spring "Radiothon". Please tune in and support our students by supporting Covenant Network Catholic Radio!



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

HOMEPAGE

Save the Date for VBS

Vacation Bible School

July 13th–17th

Kindergarten – 5th grade

Registration Coming Soon!

If you are interested in volunteering or have a high schooler looking for service hours, please email **Jan Fabick** at ***janet.fabick@sfaschoolstl.org***

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



scan here

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

HOMEPAGE

FISH FRY

CREW NEEDS YOU!

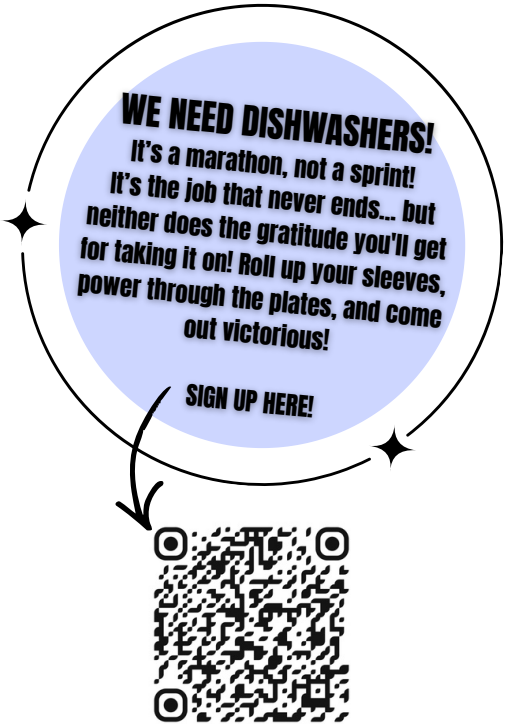
Dear Parents,

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
FUNDRAISING



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.

MOScholars

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

Powered by the Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation

100% TAX CREDITS

Available to Corporations, Small Businesses and Individuals!

Turn your Missouri taxes into scholarships!
Your contribution helps families across the Archdiocese access Catholic education—and **every dollar comes back to you as a 100% state tax credit.**



Get Started Today!

Questions? Contact Our Team!

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Jeff Buchek, Senior Director of Advancement | 314-792-7621 | jeffbuchek@archstl.org


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
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HOSTED BY
Cor Jesu
ACADEMY


Rebel for a Day!
April 1, 2026
NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
Calling all 5th-7th graders!
Join Us Wednesday, April 1st from 8am-12:30pm. Scan to RSVP!
VISIT US! ndhs.net



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!