ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

MARCH 25, 2026





A NOTE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear SFA Families,

As we approach the final weeks of Lent and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter, it is necessary for all of us to pause and honestly reflect upon our Lenten commitments. This is a season of discipline and prayer, and we must remain steadfast in our promises as we enter this holiest time of the year. To help guide our reflection, our 5th-grade class will be performing the Stations of the Cross, with a solemn prayer service to follow immediately afterward. We expect this to be a powerful experience for our school community; please look for the specific scheduling details in next week's newsletter.

To further support our school families in celebrating Holy Week together, each family will be receiving a white prayer box. These will be sent home with your child this Friday. It is our hope that the contents of the box serve as a meaningful guide for your family's prayers and reflections throughout this sacred time. Regarding school operations, please remember that the arrival of warmer weather does not signal a lapse in our standards. We ask that you ensure your child is following the school dress code. This applies to standard uniform days and is especially important on "dress down" days, which still require modest and appropriate attire. If there is any doubt about whether an item is acceptable, please consult the specific guidelines outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook.

Finally, please remember that Spring Pictures are scheduled for tomorrow. We ask you to do your best to have your child to school on time, as pictures will be taken during the morning hours. We are grateful for your continued support and hope you enjoy the remainder of your week.

~ 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

Before break, we celebrated our Grandparents Day—it was a wonderful event filled with joy for both students and their grandparents. We also held our Q3 PAWS Awards—congratulations to all of our winners for being such great representatives of our school values! Additionally, our 3rd graders created a beautiful slideshow representing the Stations of the Cross, which the entire school was able to experience together. Our Earth Science students learned about human impact on the watershed, deepening their understanding of caring for our environment.















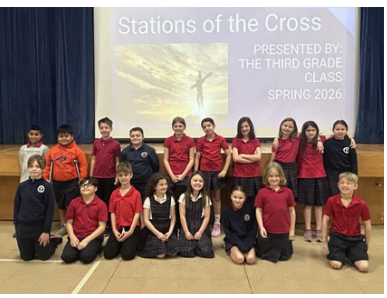


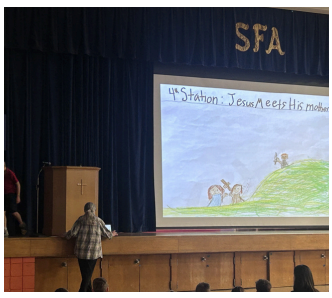






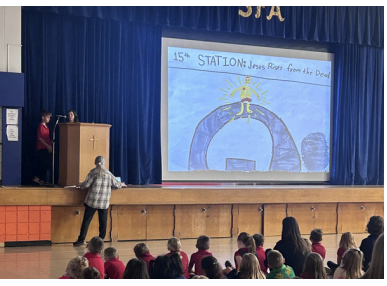


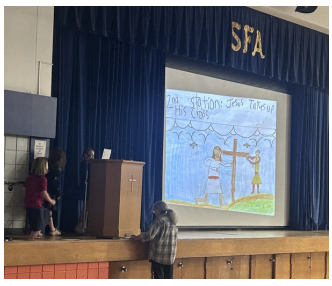










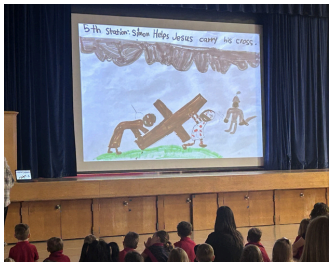












HOMEPAGE

Hot Lunch

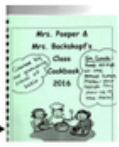
APRIL 2026

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

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
6 NO SCHOOL	7 BURGER ON A BUN (CHEESE OR NOT -CHOOSE IN FACTS) CURLY FRIES BROCCOLI (RAW) PINEAPPLE	1 (MS FIELD TRIP) CHICKEN STRIPS TATER TOTS GRAPE TOMATOES GRAPES	2 11:30 DISMISSAL HOLY THURSDAY NO LUNCH	3 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
13 SWEDISH MEATBALS EGG NOODLES VEGETABLE MEDLEY STRAWBERRIES	14 NACHOS BEEF & CHEESE OR ONLY CHEESE (CHOOSE IN FACTS) SLICED BELL PEPPERS STRAWBERRIES BROWNIE	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
20 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES WITH WHITE GRAVY GREEN BEANS ORANGES	21 MAC & CHEESE COOKED BROCCOLI ORANGES S'MORE	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
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	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
		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

MARCH Menu

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





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



Dear SFA Families and Local Business Supporters,

St. Francis SFA Broadway students are hard at work bringing ***Annie Jr.*** *to life!* Show your support by purchasing a **shout-out or ad** in the play program.

- **Shout-outs** are simple messages (25 words or fewer), like: *"Charlie, we are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad."*
- **Ads** allow for longer messages, custom fonts*, graphics*, and photos.

We would love for **every cast and crew member** to receive at least one shout-out, and students may also receive multiple messages or ads from family and friends.

Local businesses are invited to support our production by purchasing an ad in the program. Please share this opportunity with any business that may be interested in supporting the show while promoting their business!

Send completed ad files* and shout-out wording to **melissa.loscheider@gmail.com** by **April 6**.
*Fonts, logos, and images copyrighted cannot be used.

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reminders & save the dates

HOMEPAGE



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!

Snack & Scripture



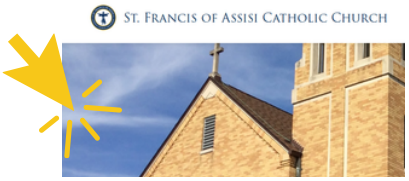
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
Every Wednesday
3-3:45PM
IN YOUTH MINISTRY ROOM



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!





Click here to **Order the 2026 SFA Yearbook**

Quick Guide to ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

SFA DRESS CODE

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Just Me Apparel
www.justmeapparel.com

P ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL
AND PARKING ASSIGNMENTS

Save the Date!

SEE FULL 2025-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

march

26 Spring Photo Day, Class & Club Pictures (bring club shirts)
28 First Communion Retreat 9:30-11:30am

april

1 School Board Meeting
2 Holy Thursday | 11:30 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

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

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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

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

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

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.

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


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!