



Principal Sister Stephnora Ogbonna

Whispering Saints Newsletter



Important Dates

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Holidays

Wednesday, April 2nd-

Student half day/staff development

Friday, April 4th-

NO SCHOOL, Annual Enchilada Dinner at St. Jude's parish hall. 11am-7pm

Sunday, April 13th-

Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17th-

Holy Thursday, **NO SCHOOL**

Friday, April 18th-

Good Friday, **NO SCHOOL**

Saturday, April 19th-

Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 20th-

Easter Sunday

Monday, April 21st-

Easter Monday, **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday, April 22nd-

Earth Day

Sunday, April 27th-

Divine Mercy Sunday



March was a very busy month and April is looking just as busy! We are starting off the month of April with our Annual Enchilada Dinner on the first Friday of the month, and it is a huge undertaking as we are all aware! Please be sure to sign up and get your mandatory parent volunteer hours done during this time. All families are required a minimum of five hours volunteer time during the enchilada dinner on top of the mandatory twenty hours for the school year (Parent Student Handbook, p. 55). We have hours available in the evenings Monday, March 31st-Thursday, April 3rd from 5pm to 8pm and all day Friday, the 4th. We will need assistance from 8am-8pm on Friday. Any and all help is very much appreciated.

Please note that there will be no school on Holy Thursday, April 17th through Monday, April 21st in observance of the Easter holiday. Students and staff will return to school on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Please note the included pages of the STFCCS Parent Student Handbook on the mandatory dress code for our students. Our school takes pride in the modest dignity of our students and we want to ensure that we are all seen with the utmost respect and virtue of a private Catholic school. In addition to the included pages of the dress code, dress down days do not include pajamas unless it is specifically pajama day for spirit week. Crocs and slippers are also not to be worn to school at any time, and there is to be no nail polish or make up of any kind on any male students. We appreciate your cooperation and adherence to the school dress code.



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School Uniforms & Dress Code

Parents have the first responsibility to see that their children follow the school's Dress Code. Uniforms are worn daily, and at times and events determined by the Administrator. Uniform dress encourages a sense of common bond and purpose, and it creates a sense of belonging to the school community. It also eliminates the unhealthy distraction of keeping up with material fads and fashions.

Since the uniform is not a specific brand, school uniforms are available at most department or discount stores. The school offers previously worn (and many brand new) uniforms for sale at reduced prices. Students may be asked to change to a used uniform if they are not in compliance with the dress code. Parents may be contacted to bring proper uniform attire or pick up a child if a used uniform cannot be found.

School Uniforms

PreK-6th Grade BOYS: The uniform for boys consists of khaki for boys with a navy polo shirt. The shirts must be tucked in.

For Mass Dress, boys are required to wear a white button-down collared shirt (oxford shirt) with a necktie. Clip on ties and bow-ties are also acceptable. The ties must also be a navy/light blue and/or white. Blazers are available and recommended but not required at this time.

PreK-6th Grade GIRLS: The uniform for girls consists of khaki pants, shorts, skorts, skirts or jumpers with a navy polo shirt.

For Mass Dress, girls are required to wear either a khaki skirt or jumper with a peter pan blouse and crossover tie. During the wintertime, girls can wear leggings. Girls are also **REQUIRED** to wear shorts under their skirts and dresses. Blazers are recommended to be worn when wearing a skirt as part of Mass dress but are not required at this time.

All clothing except for plaid items, must be of solid color, with white, light blue or navy blue.

7th & 8th Grade Girls & Boys: The uniform consists of tan pants, skirts, or shorts with a navy blue polo shirt. Boys and girls may wear a tan or black blazer, tan, black or grey sweatshirt, or sweater. Hooded sweatshirts are allowed if hoods are not worn inside. **NO LOGOS**, except for the St. Frances Cabrini crest. **NO** specialized printing or pictures present.

For Mass dress, students are required to wear tan bottoms, and white button-down shirt/blouse, blazer jacket or sweater. **SWEATSHIRTS/HOODIES** are not allowed during mass. Ties for both boys and girls.

Modesty is a very important virtue, rooted in Gospel Teachings, and which is often ignored today. Modesty helps our children to learn what true beauty is and to respect their inherent dignity as children of God as well as the dignity of others. It is important to the mission of our school that we teach and model the virtue of modesty to our students.

*Spirit shirts for PreK-8th grades may only be worn on Wednesdays and any other day designated by school administration.

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The Administrator will make discretionary decisions regarding appropriate attire in a consistent, fair manner. If students are not in compliance with the dress code, parents will be called and requested to bring appropriate dress.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Shirts and blouses should be of solid color, have collars and sleeves (sleeveless is not allowed) and be always tucked in.
- Navy blue cardigan sweaters and fleece or bomber jackets may be worn *over* shirts or blouses during chilly weather. Non-uniform heavy coats may only be worn outside, during cold weather.
- Jewelry must be conservative, for example, a watch, simple necklace, or stud earrings for girls. (No looped earrings for safety purposes.)

SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITTED

- No open-toe shoes/flip-flops (during PE days)
- No loose, baggy pants that hang or fall below the waist.
- Skirts and skorts will fit properly at the waist and must be at least knee length.

GROOMING

Boys:

- Hair must be neatly combed.

Girls:

- Hair must be neatly combed.
- No make-up may be worn.

ACCESSORIES

- Heavy coats, scarves and gloves may be worn during colder weather outside only.
- Jewelry-Students may wear the following:
 - A Christian symbol on a small chain around the neck
 - A watch or bracelet

FREE DRESS FRIDAYS (OR DESIGNATED DAYS BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL)

- Students must dress in good taste. The following items are not permitted–
 - halter and spaghetti straps
 - Strapless, low-cut dresses or partial or bare midriffs
 - Cut-off tops, see-through clothing
 - Clothing with slogans, wording or pictures of a questionable nature
 - Short shorts (shorts must be knee length)

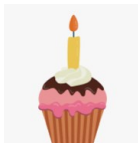
Weekly Mass Intentions

We will now be offering mass intentions for our weekly masses on Fridays at the school. The cost will be \$1.00 and proceeds will go towards supplies for our school masses. If you are interested, please see Ms. Virginia to put in your mass intentions.



2025-2026 School Year!

Registration is now available for the 2025-2026 school year! Please visit us on our website and get the process started. Additionally, do not forget to apply for the scholarships and financial aid offered.



Hailey G. 25th



Ms. Virginia 22nd



Summer Saints Program



We are excited to introduce our new summer program, the Summer Saints! This is a faith based, core curriculum summer program that teachers from STFCCS will be providing for select weeks during the upcoming summer! It is open to all children ages six through thirteen, and they do not have to be current STFCCS students.

Our goal is to prevent the summer regression in children's developmental milestones and education. We will be providing prayer, math, science, STEM, physical education, reading, writing and arts and crafts in a fun, structured and familiar environment. Lunch will be included. We will also be including attendance to the public library for their summer reading program, water days and weekly field trips!

We will offer two separate, two week long summer sessions, one in June and one in July. We will not be repeating the curriculum for both sessions so that kids can attend both sessions for continued learning and fun each time. Dates, times and prices are listed below.

First session: June 9, 2025 through June 20, 2025

9:00am - 2:00pm, Monday-Friday

Second session: July 7, 2025 through July 18, 2025

9:00am - 2:00pm, Monday-Friday

Registration fee is \$25 per child for the first session registered and \$15 for the second session registered if registering for both. There will be a charge of \$100 per child per week for each session registered.

The registration funds are allocated towards supplies for the program. Additionally, each child registered will receive a t-shirt, water bottle and bag.

More information will be coming! We hope you can join us for some fun this summer!



Religion, Art, P.E. Music, Spanish, Library



In Spanish class, the students wrote poems and
they are amazing!

The Lapid Life

The life of a lapiz is no ordinary deal.

Once you wake up

Estas arriba, arriba, arriba!

And drawn with

If you aren't careful

And happen to break

You will get the sharpener of doom!

This is where they sharpen your tip.

We all stay in a school or at home.

In this school,

**They sharpened you until you are the smallest you
could be**

We come in packs of tres

Our brother eraser,

Erases our mistakes

If this isn't enough

You can get thrown away.

By: GianCarlo H.

There once was a nina

Her name was Lachlan.

Her family called her bee.

Or Smokeybee

Because she would always go out

And watch the estrellas

When it was dance class

She would go at the end of the dia.

It would turn to noche.

She looks out the window

To see if it's noche.

When she sees the estrellas,

She smiles.

By: Lachlan C.

La Gota de Agua

Una vez, una chikita gota de agua

Estaba en una nube,

Y se cayo.

Pero esta gota ne era normal.

Estaba VIVO!

Se cayo de la nube.

Hasta que llego al rio.

El encontro otras gotas

Estaba vivo co el.

Pero el no estaba en un rio,

El estaba en un mar!

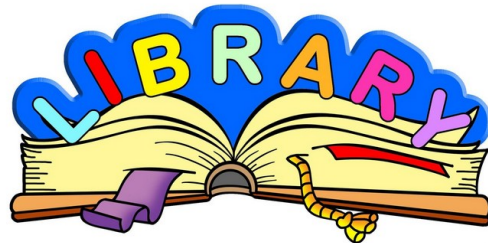
Cuando estaba caliente,

El esta subiendo del agua hasta llegar a una
nube.

Este es el ciclo de la agua.

El fin.

By: Brian S.



We completed February with our Black History Month book reports, and the students did amazing! We went straight into celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Week. Green Eggs and Ham, The Cat and the Hat, Fox in Sox and more were introduced and reminded to all the students along with birthday hats and crafts. We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day and many students participated in making beautiful and creative leprechaun traps in hopes of catching a little leprechaun possibly loose in the school! No luck, but there is always next year!

In the month of April, we will be celebrating National Poetry Month and springtime! From kindergarten and up, we will be reading poetry and possibly even writing a little with the older classes along with planting some seeds and monitoring their growth and change while reading about how this happens and why. Please remember to continue reading with your children and filling out their weekly reading logs!

-Mrs. Kernohan
School Librarian



★ Student Spotlight ★

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What are your favorite hobbies?

Singing, dancing, and listening to music

In your free time, what do you like to do?

Study and do math

What was the hardest thing about last week?

Being sick and having to stay home

What is your favorite book?

Elephant and Piggie

What is your favorite T.V. show?

Section E

What is your favorite movie?

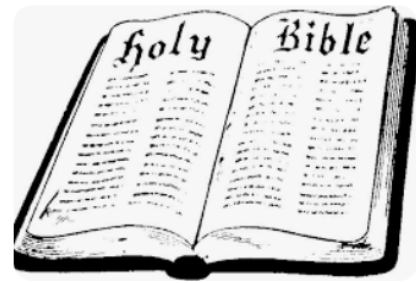
Dogman

What is your favorite color?

Pink

What is your favorite subject?

Math



“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!’”

-Mark 16:6



Thank you!

Father Martin	Rosemary
St. Elenors	Avalos
Mrs. Harris	St. Joseph
Brian & Gracie	Apache Mission
Fitzpatrick	Trish Lozano
Father Emmanuel	Father Patrick
Stevens	Knights of Columbus
St. Jude's	St. Mary's Council
Thrift Store	Jessica Villareal
Our Lady of the Light	Saenz family
Food Pantry	Clint & Angelina Muncy
Bishop Peter	Knights of Columbus
Baldassino	Ladies Auxiliary
Knights of Columbus	HAFB
St. Jude's Council	ICC
St. Frances de Paula	St. Jude's Catholic Church
	Our Lady of the Light

