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Calendar of Upcoming Events

May

- 2 Confirmation, 7:00pm Cathedral
- 3 Spring Band Concert, 7:00pm Gym
- 5 May Crowning, 9:30am - **students bring a flower**
- 7 Celebration of First Eucharist - 10:00am SFA Church
- 8 **Happy Mother's Day**
- 10-12 8th Grade Exams
- 12 6th/7th Grade Christian Witness Awards following Mass
- 13 8th Grade Rehearsal & Awards; PK, JrK & K Field Day
- 16-19 8th Grade to Washington, D.C.
- 14 Celebration of First Eucharist - 10:00am SFA Church
- 17 SFA Used Uniform Sale 8:00a -8:00p PLC;
CiCi's Pizza Fundraiser Night
- 18 1st-5th Christian Witness and Awards following Mass
- 19 6th Grade Awards Ceremony following 8:15am Mass
- 20 7th Grade Awards Ceremony, 9:00am, Church
- 21 8th Grade Graduation, 10:30am, Church
- 25-27 6th/7th Grade Exams
- 27 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 11:15am DISMISSAL**

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Summer Reading & Math Requirements have been posted to the website (webpage links are noted below). Please be sure all required work is completed by the first day of school in August!

Summer reading requirements (rising grades 2-8) -
http://www.sfawolves.org/summer_reading.html

Summer math requirements (rising grades 1-8) -
http://www.sfawolves.org/summer_math.html

SFA SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAMS-

Summer Academic Programs for students entering grades 1-8 are being offered this summer. These classes are available to assist students in completing the summer reading and math requirements under the guidance of a certified SFA teacher. Visit

<http://www.sfawolves.org/documents/2011SummerRefresherSchool2.pdf> for more information and registration form.

FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION is NOW OPEN.

Walk up registration (& deadline) will be held

Sunday, May 22nd

1:30 - 3:00 pm - room 113

St. Francis Parish Life Center

After May 22nd, registration forms will only be accepted if space is available.

Sports included are:

- * FOOTBALL - 5th-8th Grade Boys
 - * CROSS COUNTRY - 5th - 8th Grade Boys & Girls
 - * VOLLEYBALL - 5th - 8th Grade Girls
 - * CHEERLEADING - 5th - 8th Grade Girls
 - * SOCCER - 1st - 8th Grade Boys & Girls
 - * GOLF - 7th and 8th Grade Boys & Girls (experienced)
- Peewee SOCCER - 4, 5, & 6 yr olds (4K & 5K) must be 4 by August 1st
(Grade determined in the fall 2011)

*Parochial Athletic Association (P.A.A.) rules require that participants be either students at St. Francis School or attending PRE through St. Francis Church.

All 5th - 8th grade Boys & Girls are required to have a physical in order to participate in any P.A.A. sport. The medical form (dated after June 1st, 2011) should be on file with the Athletic Director by JULY 29th. The orange medical form can be found in the church office, school office or athletic director's office.

The \$50.00 fee is due at registration

Online registration is available - Visit:

http://www.cdom.org/Web_Sites/StFrancis/YouthAthletics/YouthAthletics.htm.

A printable form can be found at www.sfawolves.org click on Athletics.

Due to schedule conflicts, participants in the 5th - 8th grade need to choose one Fall sport.

Questions? Call Kareen Baird at 381-2569

8th Grade Superlatives

Congratulations to the following students, your classmates think very highly of you!

Most Spiritual – *students who are excellent examples of the Catholic faith:*

Ryan Cobb & Lauren Gates

Wittiest – *students who are funny in a practical, good-natured way – always see the humor in life:*

John Yarbro & Maddie Arnold

Most Dependable – *students you know that you can always count on*

Matthew Smith & Emily Harding

Most Talented – *students who are gifted with some extraordinary talent (i.e. voice, instrument, etc...):*

Spencer Smith, Tia Clorina & Kirkland Schuler

Most Artistic – *students who are the most artistically talented:*

David Brickhill & Breanna Parker

Most School Spirited – *students who are involved in school activities and are proud to represent SFA:*

Matthew Hailey & Katherine Migliaccio

Most Intelligent - *students who are intellectually gifted:*

JR Jamora & Meghan Brino

Most Athletic – *students who are athletically gifted:*

Hayden Ferrari & Katilin Haynes

Mr. and Miss SFA – *students who would be considered "best all around" – must have represented SFA proudly – and have been excellent role models for fellow students:*

Michael Bardos & Macie Zarshenas

ACADEMICS TEAM

The SFA Middle School Academic Team competed on Tuesday, April 19th in the Spring Knowledge Master Open computer competition against thousands of students on over 600 teams throughout the United States and in many foreign countries. During the competition, students answered 200 tough questions covering a wide variety of content areas to vie for top scores based on the accuracy and speed of their answers.

The results are in and with a total of 1360 points out of a possible 2000, our SFA team once again placed **1st in the State of Tennessee, 1st in the Mid-South Region, top 20% in the USA, and in the top 20% in the world scoring 106th out of all teams competing.**

Some of the categories that our SFA team answered 95% or better of the questions correctly included World History, American History, Government, Current Events, Economics/Law, Math and "Useless Trivia."

Team members included

8th graders: Brad Reber, Jake McClure, Ryan Cobb, JR Jamora, Kirkland Schuler, Will Nash, Adam Ryan, and Maddie Arnold

7th graders: Lawson Tyrone, Harley Chapman, Grant Burks, Sarah Turner, Matthew Crowe, Matthew Barczak, Luigi Siligato, and Jake Griesmer

6th graders: Andrew Sweatt, Stella Cea, Yazuka Karube, and Ricky Carrasco

The coaches, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Zientek, and Mrs. Lenahan, would like to congratulate the team on their GREAT YEAR and would like to thank all families for their tremendous support.



Easter Fun... The PK, JrK and Kindergarten classes participated in the annual Egg Hunt with the 8th graders! The "big" kids were a "big" help in finding the hidden eggs! And we even had a visit from the Easter Bunny! The JrK students and teachers also dressed up like farmers to celebrate the end of our Farm Unit. ☺

News from the SFA Home & School Association

Wow! The school year has flown by! As the year comes to a close, on behalf of the Home and School Association, we'd like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and talents to make this a successful year. The teachers, staff, and students all benefit from the programs we provide.

Next week, the students will be enjoying ice cream from the *Lickety Split* Ice Cream truck as a reward for a job well done with the *Boosterthon Fun Run!* Home and School will also be presenting Monsignor with a check for the Endowment Fund near \$28,000!

Save the Date - The *Used Uniform Sale* will be Tuesday, May 17th. Drop off of consigned items will be Monday, the 16th and all items not sold must be picked up on Wednesday, the 18th. More detailed information regarding consignment will be sent out soon...

If you'd like to get more involved with the *Home & School Association* next year, please feel free to contact us. We'd love to have you!

Thank You,

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School Supplies for the 2011-2012 School Year

Remember to order your student supply bags by May 26th. Order forms are available on the website. Pre-ordered bags will be delivered to your child's classroom on or before the first day of school in August!

If you plan to purchase supplies on your own, grade level lists are also available on the website.

<http://www.sfawolves.org/St.FrancisofAssisiCatholicSchoolSchoolSupplies.htm>

St. Francis Church CCM Children's Clothing (and other stuff) Annual SALE!

Thursday, April 28th

8:00a - 8:00p

Friday, April 29th

8:00a - 8:00p

Saturday, April 30th:

Half Price Sale: 8:00a - 12:00p

Sale located in the PLC Gym

"The Great Shake Out"

Thursday, April 28, SFA students, faculty and staff participated in "The Great Central US Shake Out" Drill.

Sponsored by FEMA and other national organizations, this event covered parts of 11 states in the central United States. Visit www.ShakeOut.org/centralus for more information. This site provides all sorts of information if your home or your business might wish to create a plan of your own for handling such an emergency.

BOX TOPS & SOUP LABELS

Great job collecting Box Tops and Soup Labels this year! We've earned \$955 for our school from the Box Top program and we continue to earn points to redeem for school items from the Labels for Education program!

Remember to keep clipping the UPC code on Box Tops and Soup Labels and send to school anytime.

For a list of participating products, go to the following links:

Box Tops for Education:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=3878>

Campbell's Labels for Education:

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/earn/participating-products.aspx>

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

May 2011

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Thoughtful Moments

Manners matter

Courtesy and good manners are simple and effective ways to carry out the command of Jesus love other people. Holding the door for someone, saying "please" or "thank you, or picking up an item someone else has dropped is treating others with love, just as Jesus asked.

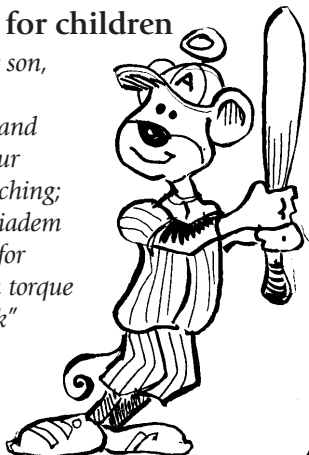


"The only kid who ..."

Do your children complain about not being allowed to do all that their friends are allowed to do? The truth is, Christian parents know that sin is much more available to children at younger ages these days. To keep our children strong, limits are a parent's best tool. We know that children are ours only for a short while and then we will answer to their real Father.

Advice for children

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and reject not your mother's teaching; A graceful diadem will they be for your head; a torque for your neck" (Proverbs 1:8-9).



Mary, the perfect model for all parents

Although Mary was the mother of Jesus, her life was difficult and her suffering was great. That's why she understands our struggles and sympathizes with our petitions to her. She is the perfect model for all parents.

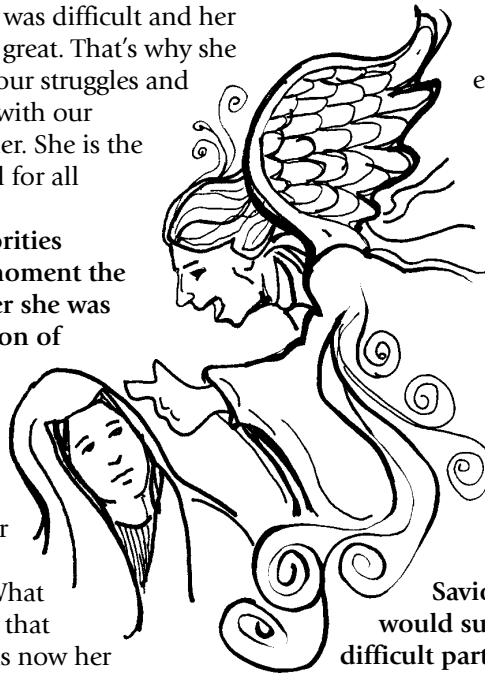
Mary's priorities shifted the moment the angel told her she was to bear the Son of God (Luke 1:28-35). It didn't matter that she wasn't yet married or that people would talk. What mattered was that a little life was now her responsibility. She had to respond.

Imagine the fear Mary felt when Herod issued a death sentence for Jesus (Matthew 2:13-15). Without

questioning God's instructions, Mary and Joseph fled, leaving everything behind, to ensure the safety of their son.

Raising any child is hard but to be responsible for the Savior must have been overwhelming at times. When Jesus was 12, he was lost for three days until they found him in the temple (Luke 2:41-49). It made sense later, but at the time Mary grieved and blamed herself.

As the mother of the Savior, Mary knew her child would suffer and that's the most difficult part of parenting. Being prepared didn't make it any easier to watch her son die. But Mary had complete trust in God. That makes her the perfect model for all parents.

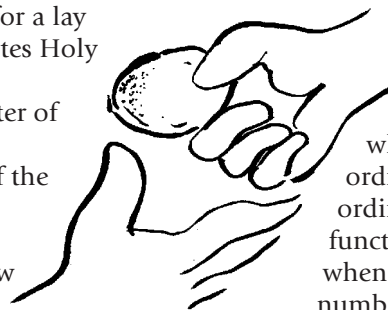


Why Do Catholics Do That?

The accurate title for a lay person who distributes Holy Communion is Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. The Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist is a priest, deacon, or bishop.

A bishop may allow the training and commissioning of suitable lay

What is a Eucharistic Minister?

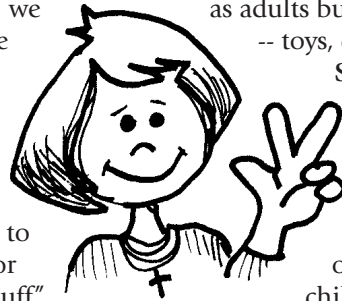


people as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in his diocese when there is a lack of ordinary ministers, when an ordinary minister can't function because of ill health, or when there is an unwieldy number of communicants. The preference is for Ordinary Ministers.

Teach three important life lessons

As responsible parents, we do all we can to prepare children for adult life. We support learning, we introduce sports or other activities, and save for college as well as we can. Even more important is what we do to prepare them for Heaven. Teaching holiness is critical:

Detachment: The array of expensive gadgets marketed to children these days is dizzying. Yet the more we give our children to occupy their time, the less time they have for God. Plus, we teach them that acquiring "stuff"



is more important than acquiring faith. Stuff won't help them as adults but faith will. Instead, help children keep possessions -- toys, clothing, electronics, etc. -- to a minimum.

Sacraments: Never missing Mass on Sunday is crucial to building faith habits that last. Make regular visits to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, too, so children experience God's forgiveness. That also helps them learn to offer forgiveness.

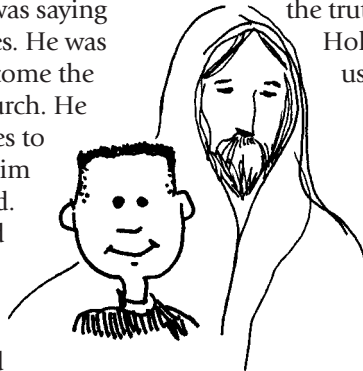
Keeping company: Our friends can build us up or tear us down. Jesus chose his carefully. Teach children to do the same.

Scripture LESSON

John 14:15-21; I will not leave you.

Like a parent sending children off into the world, Jesus was saying farewell to his disciples. He was preparing them to become the foundation of his Church. He was asking his disciples to be the ones to bring him to the rest of the world. Jesus knew that would be difficult, so he made two powerful promises:

First, Jesus promised that the disciples would always have the help of an Advocate -- the Holy Spirit. He told them that the gift of the Holy Spirit would be poured out on his



followers to help them (and us) see the truth of God's love for us. The Holy Spirit continues to guide us today.

Second, he promised that even though he was going away, he would never leave us.

What can a parent do?

We can't see Jesus but we know he is with us. Remind children that when we live our love

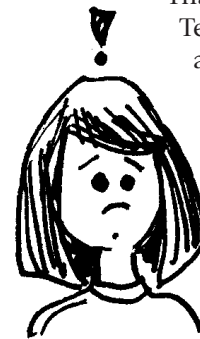
for God by obeying his commandments and loving others, we show Jesus to the entire world, just as he asked. And he truly is always with us.

Parent TALK

I got so tired of nagging Tessa to do her chores that I decided to try something different.

That Saturday, I asked Tessa to do her chores and gave a deadline.

When the jobs weren't done by the deadline, I did them. Tessa was thrilled to come down for dinner and find her jobs completed.



The next night was the parish youth group Easter celebration. When she came down, I told Tessa she wasn't going. "You didn't do your chores yesterday, so you won't be going to the Easter party tonight." She was stunned. "But you didn't remind me," she whined. "Sure I did," I said. "I asked you do to your chores," I said. "From now on, that's all I'm going to say. If you don't do them, there will be consequences," and the rest of us went to the party while she stayed with a babysitter.

Here's hoping it works.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 25 – St. Bede the Venerable (735). Honored as a saint during his lifetime, he was an extraordinary scholar and writer. From the time of his ordination at 30 till his death, he was occupied with learning, writing and teaching.

May 25 – Pope St. Gregory VII (1085). During dark days for the Church, St. Gregory worked to eliminate simony (buying and selling of sacred offices), unlawful marriages of the clergy, and lay investiture (kings and nobles appointing Church officials). St. Gregory fought attacks on

the authority of the Church for which he suffered and died in exile.

May 26 – St. Philip Neri (1595). Founder of the Oratorians, where reading, singing, and charitable works were practiced. He is remembered for his humor and his joyful love of God.

May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury (605). Augustine persevered as a missionary in rough and dangerous times in England.

Wisely, he purified and retained local customs into Christian rites.

His efforts resulted in the conversion of England after his death.



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