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Calendar of Upcoming Events

October, 2011

- 4 *St. Francis Feast Day & Field Day (see details below)*
- 6 *Parent-Teacher CONFERENCES - 11:30 a.m. DISMISSAL*
- 7 *Diocesan Faculty Conferences – NO SCHOOL*
- 12 *All School Rosary – 10:00 a.m.*
- 14 *End of First Quarter*
- 18 *BOOSTERTHON PEP RALLY; CiCi's Pizza Night*
- 19 *Christian Witness Awards following Mass – Grades 1-5*
- 20 *Christian Witness Awards following Mass – Grades 6-8*
- 24 *Red Ribbon Week through October 28th*
- 26 *Honor Roll Awards following Mass – 5th Grade*
- 27 *Honor Roll Awards following Mass – Grades 6-8*
- 30 *Mrs. Crone's Choir sings at 8:45a.m. Sunday Mass*
- 31 *PK, JrK & Kindergarten Halloween Parade*

November, 2011

- 1 *All Saint's Day – NO SCHOOL*
- 5 *Mr. Vaziri's Choir sings at 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass*
- 7 *Missoula Children's Theatre Auditions*
- 8 *Home & School Meeting- 12:00pm Lunch; 12:30pm Meeting*
- 15 *CiCi's Pizza Night*
- 17 *Beta Club Inductions following Mass*
- 18 *Donation Out of Uniform Day*
- 21 *Spelling Bee 8:30a.m. Gym*
- 23-25 *Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL*

ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY

OCTOBER 4, 2011

**Students wear PE clothes to school. Field Day T-Shirts will be distributed in homerooms.*

**Pizza Lunch will be provided. (If your child does not want pizza, please send a sack lunch).*

8:00a.m. Mass followed by Pet Blessing

9:30a.m. – 10:50a.m. Field Day 1st/2nd SBA track

11:35a.m. – 1:05p.m. Field Day 3rd/4th SBA track

1:15a.m. – 2:35p.m. Field Day 5th/6th SBA track

12:40p.m. – 2:35p.m. Field Day 7th/8th SBA Football field

**Our PK, JrK and Kindergarten classes will be enjoying activities throughout the day, including a Moon Bounce, visits from Mad Science, a storyteller and art activities.*

TIMBERWOLVES HELPING OTHERS

We will have a school-wide collection for items to donate to **ST. FRANCIS ANIMAL RESCUE AND REFUGE** through **Monday, Oct 10th**. St. Francis loved animals and so do we! *Items needed are cat/kitten and dog/puppy food (especially Pedigree small crunchy bites for sick animals), collars and leashes for large dogs, hard chew toys, cat toys, clay cat Litter, cat scratching posts, dog beds, dog kennels, flea protection (Advantage or Frontline), heartworm preventive (Heartguard or Interceptor), bath towels (new or used), blankets (new or used), newspaper for lining cages, and Clorox.*

This month eighty students in grades 1-8 ran to show support for Pro-Life by participating in the *Silver Rose Fun Run*, sponsored by the *Knights of Columbus, Council 9317*. The Silver Rose represents the value of human life in all its stages. We thank the Knights for organizing this important event for our students.

Our students recently held a "jeans day" to raise money for Catholic Charities. We donated \$1,312.51 to help with disaster relief to people in affected areas.

Thank you for continuing to encourage your students to support those in need!

BOOSTERTHON is coming back to SFA!

Tuesday, October 18th ~Boosterthon Pep Rally

K – 5th Grade – 1:10pm

6th – 8th Grade – 2:15pm

October 19th – October 26th – Boosterthon

Representatives will visit our campus, classrooms and students daily!

Thursday, October 27th – FUN RUN @ Church Field

3K - 2nd Grade – 9:15am

3rd – 5th Grade – 10:15am

6th – 8th Grade – 2:00pm

Friday, October 28th – Middle School Launch Party

@ 8:00am in Gym – (rocket levels will be \$2/lap, \$4/lap and \$6/lap)

Thursday, Nov 3rd - All Pledge Money Due

Boosterthon is our main fundraiser this year and we are hoping for 100% participation!! There will be Great Prizes and Loads of Fun for all!



MISSOULA THEATRE and the "Little Red Truck" is coming to SFA **November 7th** for casting and production of

The Tortoise v. The Hare

The audition signup forms will be available **October 21st**. The production week runs from **November 7-12** with a cast of 60 students from 5K-8th grade. If your child is interested in the group audition be sure to fill out the audition form and return it to the attention of Mrs. Sandi Chando. We look forward to seeing a great musical production starring our talented SFA students!

SPORTS NEWS....from the desk of Karen Baird, Athletic Director

5th – 8th grade BASKETBALL

All 5th – 8th grade athletes must have a physical prior to participation. The orange medical form can be picked up in the church office, main school office, and just outside of the gym in St. John Neumann Hall. The medical form must be on file in order to participate in the evaluations. BASKETBALL Evaluations will be on the following dates:

Sunday, October 23rd:

2:00pm - 3:30pm for 7th grade boys

3:30pm - 5:00pm for 8th grade boys

Monday, October 24th:

5:30pm - 7:00pm for 7th grade girls

7:00pm - 8:30pm for 8th grade girls

Tuesday, October 25th:

5:30pm - 7:00pm for 5th grade boys

7:00pm - 8:30pm for 6th grade boys

Thursday, October 27th:

5:30pm - 7:00pm for 5th grade girls

7:00pm - 8:30pm for 6th grade girls



To the parents of current 4th graders: If your child plans to play any SFA sports in the 5th grade and you're only allowed one physical a year for insurance reasons, please **PLAN AHEAD** and have their physical scheduled **after June 1st, 2012**. The Parochial Athletic Association (PAA) requires all athletes in the 5th – 8th grade to have a physical. The orange medical form must be on file with the athletic director prior to participation. The orange medical form for the 2012-13 school year will be available in May.



SFA FORENSICS TEAM

Congratulations to the 2011 Forensics Team Members! Thanks to all those who auditioned. Competition was fierce among the 50+ performers. Everyone did a great job! The judges eventually whittled it down to a mere 26, but those 26 were fantastic! The forensics team for this year is:

8th graders-Maggie Callahan, Sarah Turner, Rebecca Saunders, Mary Conroy, Carter Pruett, Elizabeth Bunch, Harley Chapman, Jacob Timmins, Sophie Bougeois, Katie Hieatt, Curtis Scott

7th graders -Robert Campbell, Anna Schuman, Brianna Williams, Becca Elliot, Max Thielemier
6th graders-Michelle Shah, Caroline McClure, Cara Bascom, Sophie Scoggins, Noelle Ybos, Somer Smith, Margo Valadie, Madeline Matheson, Jo Dearman, Emily Hieatt

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2011-2012 ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to all...

SGA President – **Courtney Parker**

SGA Vice-President – **Blake Criswell**

Treasurer – **Fielding Quarlers**

Secretary – **Lindsay Arvin**

Communication Chairman – **Sophie Bougeois**

Chaplain – **Andrew Barczak**

7th Grade President – **Ricky Carrasco**

6th Grade President – **Jo Dearman**

Homerom Representatives:

6th Grade – Patrick Callahan, Noelle Ybos, Lindsey Gaffney, Maddy Matheson, William Hagan, Jonathan Radcliff, Parker Heavener, Ashley Clemente, Celia Kaplan, Caleb Criswell, & Kelsey Sanderson

7th Grade – Amber Dote, Sam Incardona, Meghan Tuttle, Nikeshe Patel, Isabella Giddens, Kara Drago, Baylor Bearden & Max Thielemier

8th Grade – Dale Pitawanakwat, Monika Milczek, Daniel Smith, Patrick Vassallo, Emily Reber, Matthew Barczak, Maddie Rose, Katie Hieatt, Gabi Contaldo, Ben Jones & Lance Sanderson

**THANKS to SGA officers and Representatives
for a great homecoming week!**



SFA FALL FEST- This Friday & Saturday
Be sure to visit the Silent Auction Tent – Our Class
Baskets look GREAT!

All proceeds from the baskets benefit SFA!

Craft Fair & SFA Spirit Shop, Kid's Games, Pump it Up,
 BBQ and Corn Hole Competitions.

For more information, visit www.sfallfest.org.

The PreK enjoyed a visit from a fire truck this month! The children learned about what a firefighter does and even got to squirt the fire hose!



Extended Care was very busy during September as we continue to have students register and join our after school program. Everyone is now accustomed to the routine of Extended Care. We have quite a few PK and JrK students and we are pleased with how well they have adjusted to their extended day. They are very busy and having a good time. We also have many students involved with the extra-curricular activities offered during Extended Care hours. Homework rooms are going well and students are taking advantage of getting their daily homework done. We are all looking forward to some nice fall days in October.

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**If you have recently changed any phone #s on your child's registration form, please let us know. We have found some numbers are incorrect. If you are not sure, please ask to see your child's registration form and make sure all numbers are correct.

**Gently used toys, games & books are always appreciated for use in Extended Care. Also, if your child outgrows his/her riding toys, big wheels or "trikes", please send them our way. Thank you to those who have sent items our way!*

As a **REMINDER**, weekly fees are due by the close of Extended Care each Wednesday. There is a \$30 late fee charge after Wednesday.

EXTENDED CARE UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2011 - December 2011

October 6 – Parent-Teacher Conferences – 11:30 Dismissal - Extended Care OPEN

October 7 – Diocesan Professional Day - NO SCHOOL – Extended Care OPEN (if 20 sign up)

November 1 – All Saint's Day - NO SCHOOL – Extended Care CLOSED

November 23 – 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday & Break - NO SCHOOL – Extended Care CLOSED

December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception - NO SCHOOL– Extended Care OPEN (if 20 sign up)

December 14 - 16 – Exams 6th – 8th – 11:15 Dismissal for 6th – 8th Extended Care OPEN

December 16 – Last Day before Christmas Break - 11:15 Dismissal ALL Students -Extended Care OPEN

December 19 – January 2, 2012 – Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL – Extended Care CLOSED

SFA Spirit Shop is open Tuesday's & Thursday's before & after school! **Items may also be purchased during Extended Care hours of 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. Take time to browse and shop with us!**



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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

October 2011

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Thoughtful Moments

Too busy?

On your deathbed you are not going to lie there thinking, "Boy, I wish I had worked more." You are going to long for more time with your spouse, your children, or your family. A child needs the undivided attention of his or her parent for a little while each day. Don't be so busy that you miss even one special moment with yours.

St. Francis

One of the most cherished of all saints is St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Friars Minor. On his feast day, Oct. 4, many parishes offer a blessing of the animals during which you can bring your pet for a special blessing in his honor. St. Francis rejoiced in all of God's creation.



Parent love

When we give love to our children, they learn to give love to others. When we give them unconditional love, we give them the courage to overcome their natural self-absorption and become sacrificial in their love – just as Jesus intends.



Help your child live a good Catholic life

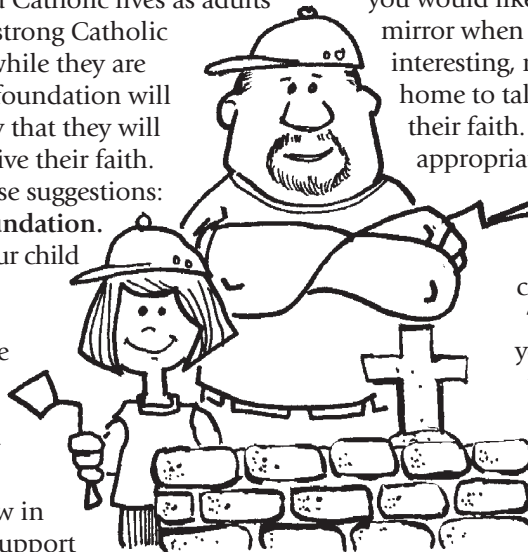
The best way to ensure our children will live good Catholic lives as adults is to build a strong Catholic foundation while they are young. That foundation will make it likely that they will continue to live their faith. Consider these suggestions:

Lay the foundation.

Make sure your child is getting the Catholic education she deserves so she has all the necessary resources on which to draw in adulthood. Support her religious education, whether she attends Catholic school or the parish school of religion, by supervising homework and helping her master the prayers and doctrine required.

Present positive influences.

Present to youngsters grown-ups whose lives you would like your children's to mirror when they are adults. Invite interesting, religious adults to your home to talk about how they live their faith. Bonus: Offering appropriate role models gives children substitutes for the less-desirable celebrities of today. "Do as I do." Don't kid yourself into thinking that you can live by the world's rules yourself but expect your children to follow God's rules. Abraham's nephew, Lot, made that mistake and lost most of his family during an emergency. They didn't respect him because his words and deeds didn't match (Genesis 19). To raise faithful Catholics, we have to be faithful Catholics ourselves – and that begins with going to Mass every week.



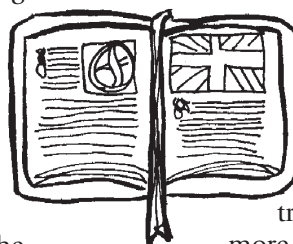
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Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why is the Mass going to change next Month?

Actually, the Mass isn't going to change but some prayers we say will sound different when the Third Edition of the Roman Missal is implemented on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27th.

The Missal is the guide to the prayers and instruction of the



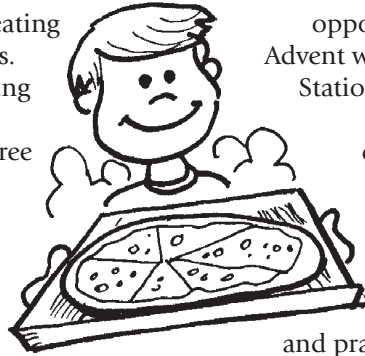
Catholic Mass. The update will include newly canonized Saints as well as additional prayers and Masses.

Although the Mass is the same, the new translation will make it a more meaningful and authentic interpretation of the original Latin.

The value of family traditions

Spending time together as a family and creating a sense of belonging strengthens our families. That's what family traditions are – the handing down of a culture that binds us together. Consider enriching your own family with three kinds of traditions:

Celebration Traditions: These are the activities built around special occasions that call for a celebration, such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or holidays. Christmas and Easter, and the seasons that precede them, are wonderful



opportunities to practice traditions: lighting the Advent wreath, trimming the Christmas tree, praying the Stations of the Cross, or lighting the Easter candle.

Lifestyle Traditions: Special ways your family can come together, such as pizza night on Fridays, monthly family meetings, or weekly breakfasts before Mass on Sunday mornings.

Patterned Family Traditions: Everyday events that give your lives stability and comfort – saying grace before meals, stories and prayers at bedtime, family dinners, a kiss before starting the day.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 23:1-12, Do I practice what I preach?

In this passage, Jesus accused the Pharisees and scribes of hypocrisy. He pointed out that although they may have faithfully taught what Moses handed down from God, they acted as if they were better than the people they served.

Jesus' message serves as a warning to all leaders, especially those in our governments and in our Church. While he tells us to follow their faithful teachings, we should remember that they are human and can err.

This warning is a message that applies to all of us. When we are dealing with



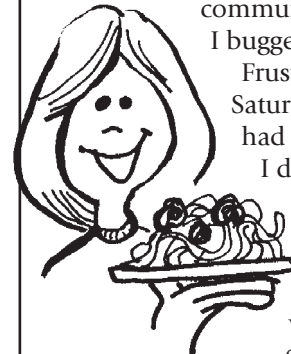
family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors, Jesus' message in this Gospel instructs us to practice what we preach. When we exalt ourselves, we move away from God. When we humble ourselves, God will exalt us in heaven.

What can a parent do?

Remember that children watch their parents. They learn more from what a parent does than what a parent says. Striving to show how to live a Godly life is more important than telling a child what to do.

Parent TALK

When Julia turned twelve, she stopped talking much about school, expressing her feelings or engaging in any real communication unless I bugged her.



Frustrated, one Saturday I told her we had a special project.

I decided she was old enough to learn the family recipe for homemade pasta. We broke out bags of flour, cracked eggs and dusted off the pasta machine. Soon we were up to our elbows in dough.

We both laughed more that day than we had in months. And we talked for hours as we slowly cranked out tables full of spaghetti. Without even asking, I heard all about school, her friends, and her life. Now we make pasta once every six weeks or so and we both look forward to that special time.

My Grandmother always said that pasta has a way of bringing people together. Now I realize the true wisdom in her words.

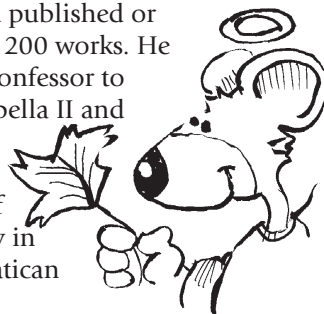
Feasts & Celebrations

October 14 – St. Callistus I (222). Born a Roman slave, Callistus was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callistus's election caused an eighteen-year schismatic movement. He fought against heresy and showed forgiveness toward sinners. He was martyred in Rome.

October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross (1775). Born in Italy to a poor noble family, St. Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ. He founded the Passionists in 1720 and was elected superior general of the

order. He lived a penitential life and cared for the poor and sick.

October 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret (1870). Born in Spain, St. Anthony traveled and preached in Catalonia before becoming the archbishop of Cuba. In 1849, he founded the Claretian orders. He also founded the Religious Publishing House and published or wrote over 200 works. He served as confessor to Queen Isabella II and defended the doctrine of infallibility in the First Vatican Council.



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