

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday!

***Lord by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Come, Holy Spirit, Come!***

Canceled - Sunday Bible Study
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Penitential Prayers. 3:00
Knights of Columbus - monthly collection after Mass at the Garage

School Newsletter attached.

1. Today's Readings: [Pentecost Sunday | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost with 2 articles. The first is informative about Pentecost itself. The second is inspirational, encouraging us to be transformed by the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit!

3. Quotes of the Day:

~"The Pentecost of the upper room in Jerusalem is the beginning, a beginning which endures." *Pope Francis*

~"The Church needs a perennial Pentecost. She needs fire in her heart, words on her lips, prophecy in her outlook. *Pope Paul VI*

~"Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy." *St. Augustine*

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Everything you need to know about Pentecost



This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

Here's what you need to know about the feast day.

The timing and origins of Pentecost

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus and 10 days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13.

The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the novena — nine days of prayer — because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together “continuously” for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, the Church prays the novena to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word “pentecoste,” meaning 50th.

There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu’ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu’ot is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover.

Originally a harvest feast, Shavu’ot now commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

What happens at Pentecost?

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk — but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission — to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

Where’s that in the bible?

The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in Acts 2:13, though the events immediately following (Peter’s homily, the baptism of thousands) continue through verse 41.

Happy Birthday, Church!

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the

Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which “cut them to the heart.” When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter’s sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church — Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

Pentecost vestments and customs around the world

Typically, priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God’s love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles.

However, in some parts of the world, Pentecost is also referred to as “WhitSunday”, or White Sunday, referring to the white vestments that are typically worn in Britain and Ireland. The white is symbolic of the dove of the Holy Spirit, and typical of the vestments that catechumens desiring baptism wear on that day.

An Italian Pentecost tradition is to scatter rose leaves from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues, and so in some places in Italy, Pentecost is sometimes called Pascha Rosatum (Easter roses).

In France, it is tradition to blow trumpets during Mass to recall the sound of the driving wind of the Holy Spirit.

In Asia, it is typical to have an extra service, called genuflexion, during which long poems and prayers are recited. In Russia, Mass-goers often carry flowers or green branches during Pentecost services.

Source: catholicnewsagency.com

Pentecost Sunday: Be Set Afire by the Holy Spirit

This is a feast about that transformative, refining, purifying fire that the Lord wants to kindle in us.



A depiction of Pentecost, painted by Jean II Restout, 1732 (photo: Public domain)

What a wondrous and challenging feast we celebrate at Pentecost. A feast like this challenges us because it challenges a tepid Christian life. The Lord Jesus said to the apostles, “I have come to cast a fire on the earth” (Luke 12:49).

This is a feast about that transformative, refining, purifying fire that the Lord wants to kindle in us. Let’s consider two aspects.

Portraits of the Spirit

The reading from Acts 2 speaks of the Holy Spirit using two images: rushing wind and tongues of fire.

Notice how today's text from Acts says, "there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were." The root meaning of the word "spirit" refers to breath. This is preserved in the word "respiration," which is the act of breathing. So the Spirit of God is the breath of God. Genesis 1:2 says that God had breathed his very breath (Spirit) into Adam. But Adam lost this gift by sinning and died spiritually. Thus, we see in this passage from Acts an amazing and wonderful resuscitation of the human person as these first Christians experience the rushing wind of God's Spirit breathing spiritual life back into them. The Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us once again as in a temple (1 Corinthians 3:16).

The text from Acts then says, "Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them." The Bible often speaks of God as fire or in fiery terms: Moses saw God as a burning bush. God led the people out of Egypt through the desert as a pillar of fire. Moses went up onto a fiery Mount Sinai where God was. So it is that our God, who is a holy fire, comes to dwell in us through his Holy Spirit, and he refines us by burning away our sins and purifying us.

God is also preparing us for judgment; we must be set afire by God's love and be brought up to the temperature of glory. He purifies us and prepares us.

Propagation by the Spirit

In the Psalm response today, we sing: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." Practically, how does the Lord do this? Perhaps a picture will help to illustrate. My parish church is dedicated to the Holy Spirit under the title "Holy Comforter." The clerestory walls are painted Spanish red; and upon this great canvas are also painted depictions of more than 20 saints, surrounding us like a great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1). Over the head of every saint's depiction is a tongue of fire. This is how the Spirit of the Lord fills the earth: in the fiery transformation of every Christian going forth to bring warmth and light to a cold, dark world. This is how the Lord casts fire upon the earth. This is how the Spirit of the Lord fills the orb of the earth — in the lives of saints (and in your life). Let the Lord cast fire on the earth, through you.

A blessed Pentecost to all!

Source: catholicnewsagency.com by Msgr. Pope



“The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance and advantage, but everyone who acts in haste comes surely to poverty.

- Proverbs 21:5

May 26, 2023

Our mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, which will prepare us for outstanding achievements in all aspects of life. Our education will enable us to realize spiritual, intellectual, moral, and social growth in a safe, disciplined, family-oriented environment.

Virtue † Academic Excellence † Discipleship

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Important...



NO SCHOOL

No School
Monday, May 29th

Memorial Day

Important...

Awards Ceremony

Grades 1st -7th

Wednesday,

May 31, 2023

Church

Mass 8:30am

****Students are to wear
Mass Uniforms****

Awards Ceremony to follow
approximately 9:30 – 10:30am



Students...

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!



CHARITY
FRIENDSHIP
COURTESY
PURITY
FORTITUDE
PRUDENCE
RESPECT
FORGIVENESS
RESPONSIBILITY

Submit your design by **Tuesday, May 30th** and the winner will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on the 31st!

Your design must be submitted on a plain 8.5x11 sheet of paper with your name!

Winning design will be on our school t-shirts for next year!

Important...



Small Reception to Follow

Kindergarten Graduation

May 31, 2023
Outdoor Classroom
~ 10:30am
(will be held after
Awards Ceremony)

Confirmation Practice



**Wednesday,
May 31st
6:30pm in
Church**

Important...

Thursday, June 1st
Last Day of School

FREE DRESS!

11:45am Dismissal -
NO EXTENDED CARE

Yearbooks will be passed out on this day!

Important...


Student Medications and EpiPens!

Please pick up any student medication from the school office by June 2nd before 12pm.

Parents must pick up in person. Medications will not be sent home with the student.

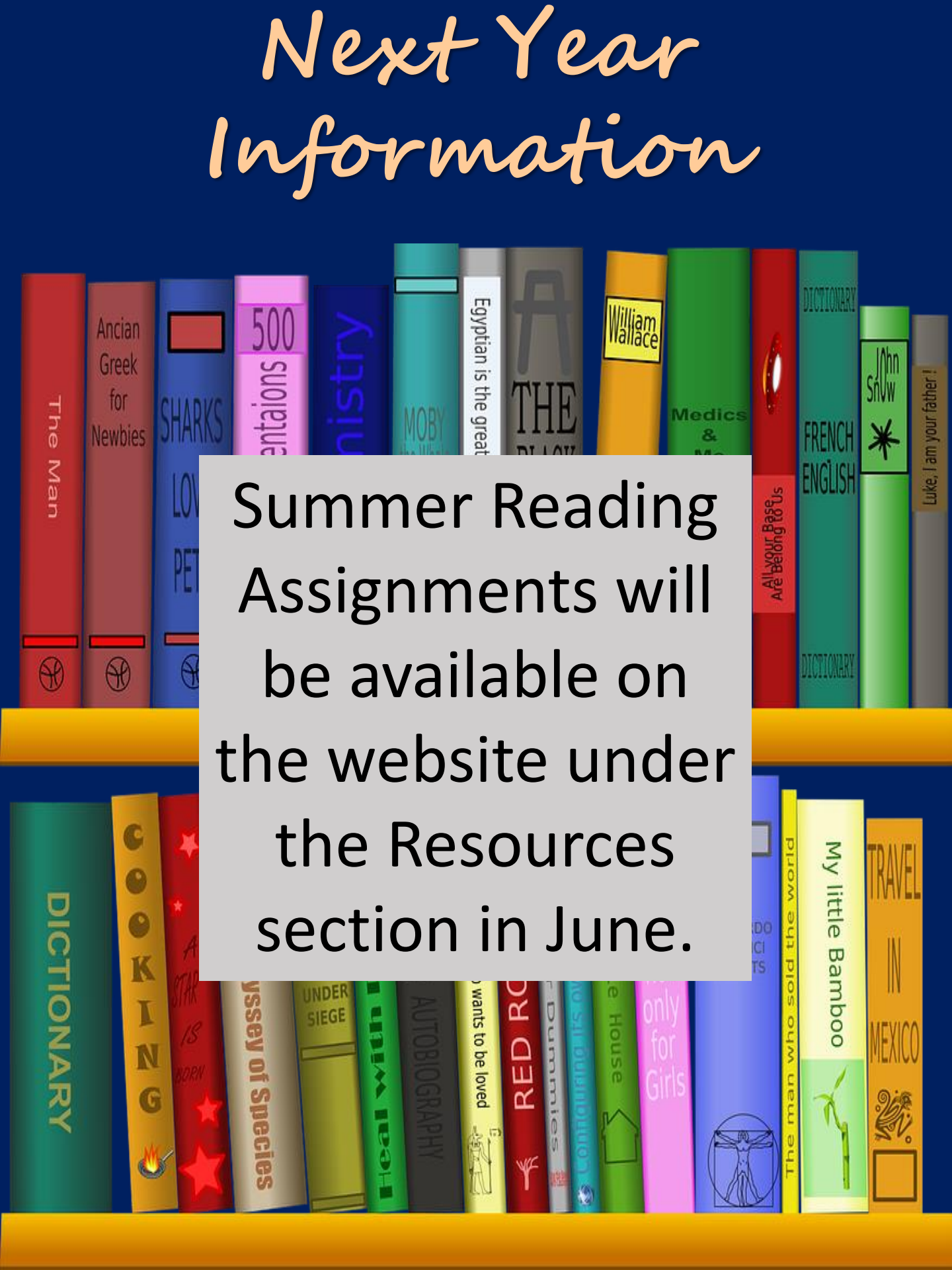
Anything not picked up will be disposed.

Next Year Information



School Supply
Lists will be
available on the
website under the
Resources section
in June.

Next Year Information



Summer Reading
Assignments will
be available on
the website under
the Resources
section in June.

Important...

2023-2024 School Year

Friday, August 11th

Parent Meeting

6 – 8pm Fr. Friend Hall

Saturday, August 12th

Ice Cream Social &

Meet the Teacher w/

School Supply Drop Off

1 – 3pm School and Hall

Monday, August 14th

First Day of School

Drop off begins at 7:30am &

school starts at 7:55am

**11:45am DISMISSAL – NO
EXTENDED CARE**

In the Know...



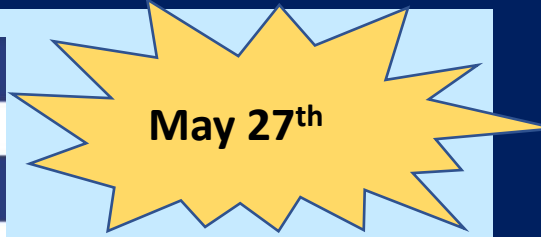
GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY May 27, 2023
8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
ANDERSON JOCKEY LOT

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



KNIGHTS YARD SALE

WHO BENEFITS FROM OUR YARD SALE?

AIM-WACS	ANDERSON EMERGENCY SOUP KITCHEN	ANDERSON FREE CLINIC
ANDERSON PREGNANCY CLINIC	AREA 13 SPECIAL OLYMPICS	CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN
Cancer Association of Anderson	Coats for Kids	Good Neighbor Cupboard
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	HAVEN OF REST MISSION	HOSPICE OF THE UPSTATE
MEALS ON WHEELS	NEW FOUNDATION HOME FOR CHILDREN	OPERATION CLEAN START
PURPLE HEART HOMES	RICHARD B. CAMPBELL VETERANS HOME	SAFE HARBOR
ST. CLAIR HOME	ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL	UKRAINIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT

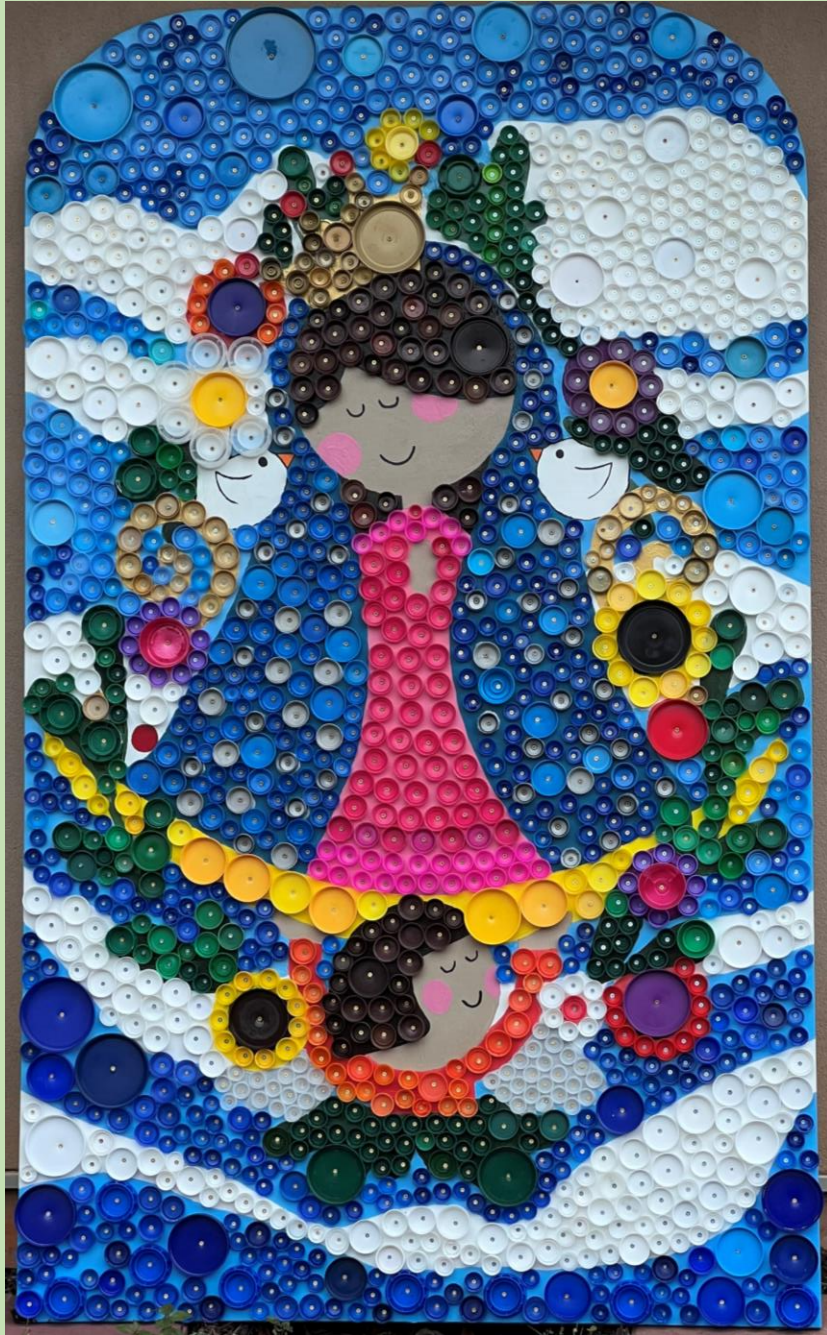
THANK YOU TO THESE WONDERFUL ORGANIZATIONS WHO SUPPLY THE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Art Club

No more Art Club for the rest of the school year.



Meet Mary



Thank you for the
bottle caps!

Important...



Parking Lot Procedures

MORNING DROP-OFF

Please **DO NOT** let your student out of the car before you pull up to where the teachers are. The teachers are there to assist the children out of the cars and to maintain the safety of your children in the parking lot.

Students should only get out of the **passenger side**. Please consider parking if your student is not ready to exit when you reach the teachers.

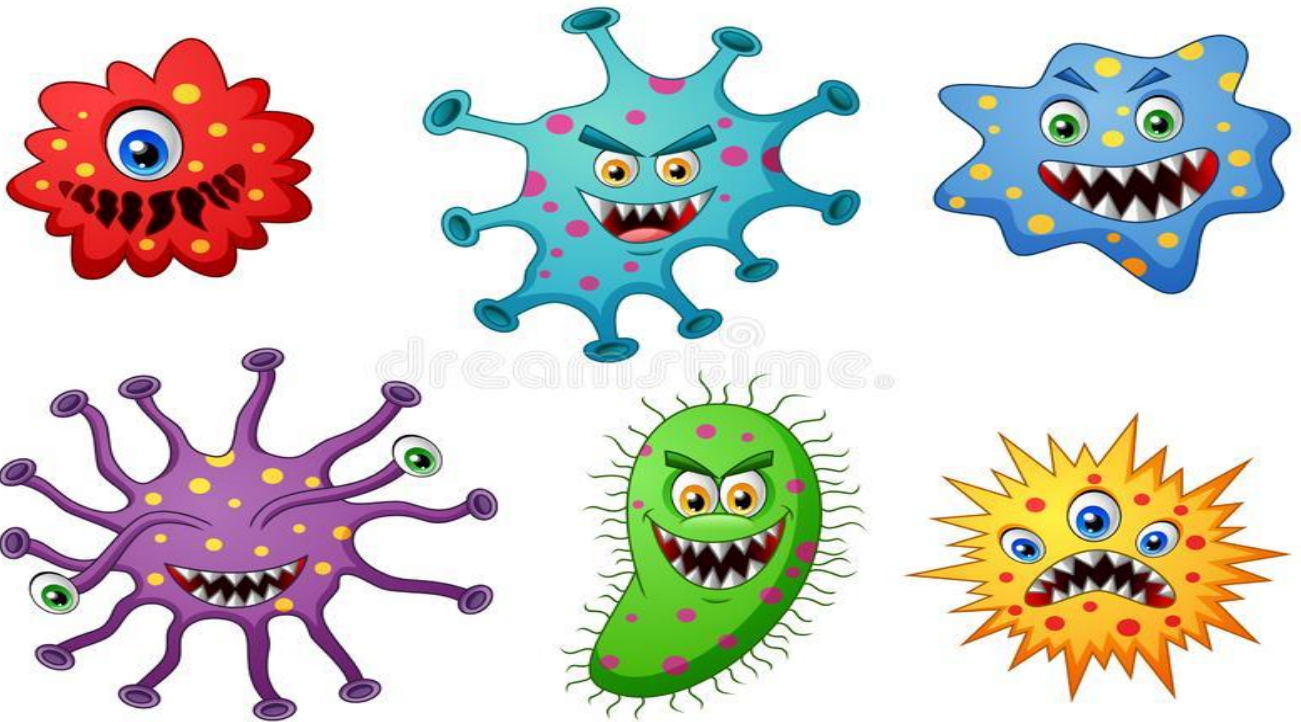
Please **DO NOT** drive around other cars during drop off.

If you arrive after 7:55am the teachers will be inside – you must park, come inside, and sign your child in at the front desk.

Remember to always be patient and kind.

Important...

We love it when students share - but, not germs!



To minimize the spread of illness, please keep your student home when they are sick. In case of fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, **PLEASE WAIT 24 HOURS AFTER THE LAST EPISODE** before sending your student back to school.

May Virtue of the Month

Diligence-

Doing your best and working hard until you are finished.

"Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor."

- Proverbs 12:24

PK – 2nd

St. Andre Bessette

3rd – 5th

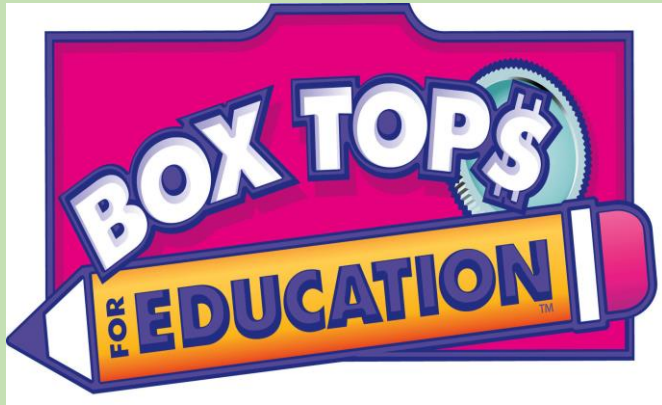
St. Francis de Sales

6th – 8th

St. Catherine of Siena

Click [HERE](#) for the Parent Guide and access to all home projects.

How to help... Sign up today



Box Tops for Education

Download the App, select our school, scan your receipts. Or bring in your receipts and we will do it for you! EASY!

When you shop at **Ingles**, they donate money to the school for new supplies and equipment. Click [HERE](#) and link your Ingles Advantage Card to St. Joseph Catholic School.



Click [HERE](#) to sign up for Club Publix, under your profile, click Publix Partners (scroll all the way to the right) and search for us. Enter your phone number when you shop.

May Birthdays



Levi C	5-3
Shriya P	5-9
Yare V	5-10
Luna M	5-11
Ellie W	5-13
Vada W	5-14
Andrea R	5-15
Eva G	5-22

June Birthdays

Heli P 6-4

Wyatt W 6-5

Enzo M 6-8

Zoe K 6-11

Josh W 6-13

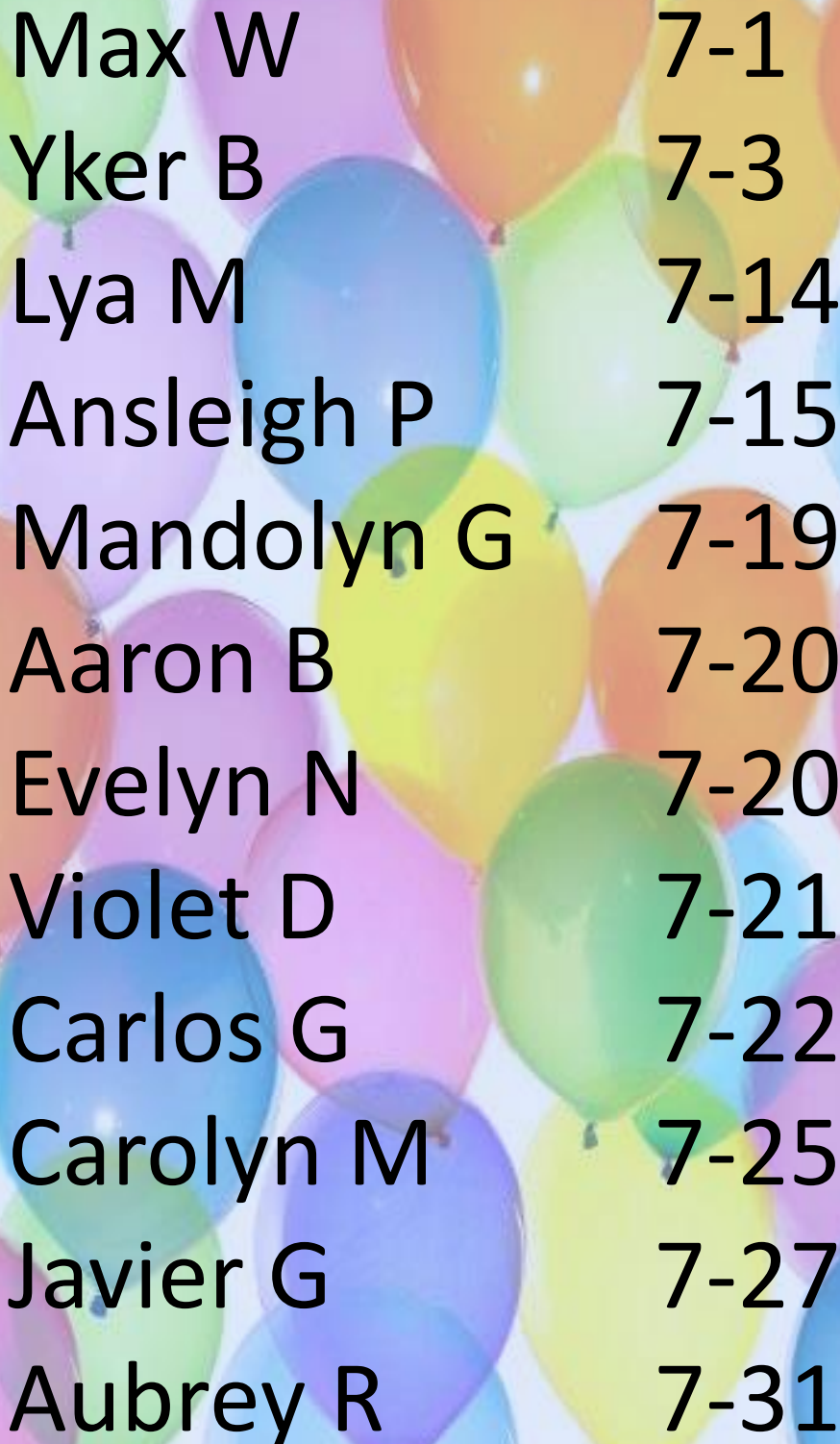
Christopher P 6-15

Allison R 6-17

Abella T 6-21

Hally A 6-29

July Birthdays



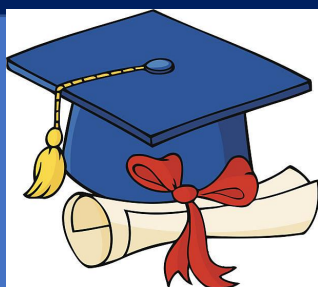
Max W	7-1
Yker B	7-3
Lya M	7-14
Ansleigh P	7-15
Mandolyn G	7-19
Aaron B	7-20
Evelyn N	7-20
Violet D	7-21
Carlos G	7-22
Carolyn M	7-25
Javier G	7-27
Aubrey R	7-31

Upcoming Events

*Calendar can be located at www.sjccs.net.



No School –
Memorial Day
May 29th



Kindergarten Graduation
May 31st



Awards Ceremony
May 31st

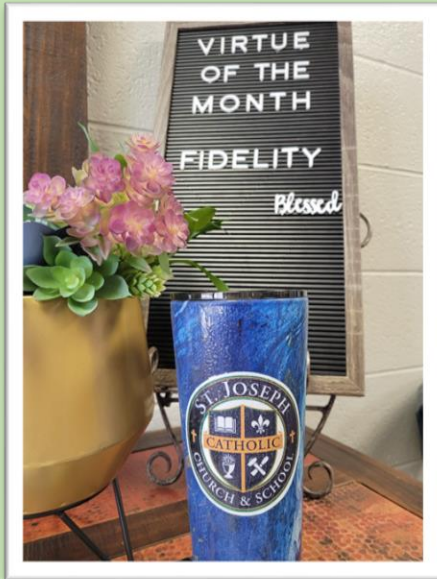


Last Day of School
11:45am Dismissal – No
Extended Care
June 1st



Confirmation
June 3rd 8:30am

Going on Now...



Tumblers \$20



Umbrellas \$25



T-Shirt \$20

S-M-L-XL

**New SJCS
shirts and
sweatshirts
on sale now!**

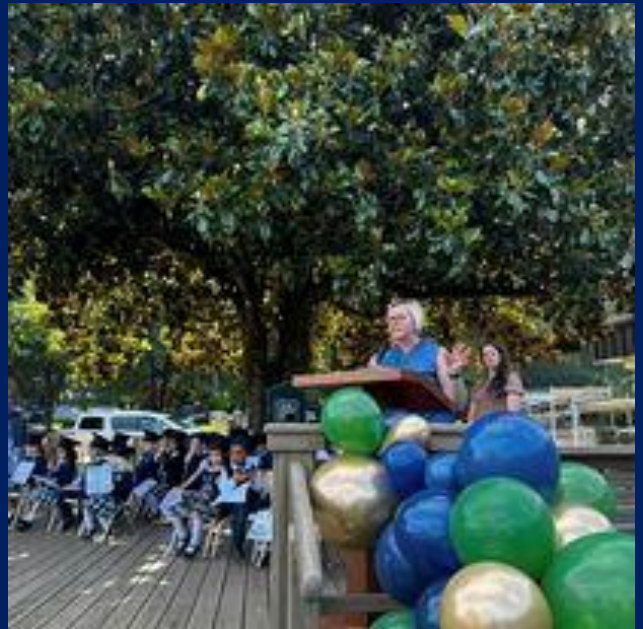
Sweatshirt \$30

only smalls remain

School Life

View more pictures on St. Joseph of Anderson Facebook Page!

K4 Stepping Up!



School Life

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Picnic with Principal!



Congratulations to Cate! She won a picnic with the principal and friend at last year's gala!

School Life

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Lunch with Principal!



Congratulations to Charlotte! She won a lunch with the principal and friend at last year's gala!



School Life

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4th – 7th
Field Trip
Latin Mass at
Price of Peace!



Volunteer Spotlight

Thanks to all the volunteers that help make our school great!
You are awesome!

Lunches:

Catholic Women Serving:

Donna Wingo
Joanne Carothers
Mary Donovan

Evelyn Hooks
Wilma Aguado
Mayra Salgado
Gladys Tortolero
Maria Tortolero
Isbel Mercaro
Elizabeth Wingard
Sheila Pineda



Readers:

Alice Henderson
Linda Firreno
Linda Ketchapaw
Mary Donovan
Beth Cartlidge

**Thank you,
Office and School
Volunteer!!**

Cary Infante
Alice Henderson
Ashlin Drake
Harlee Summers

**Thank you,
Garden Volunteer!!**

Beth Cartlidge



Joke Corner!

Why isn't there a clock in the library?



Because it tocks too much!

**Submit your joke to the office.
The winning joke will receive a
free dress pass.**

Plan for it...

Church



POLICY CHANGE:

If you have requested the use of the hall and kitchen for an event, please follow up 2 days prior to request gas service for the stove and oven, if you require access.

Corner

Gas Stove & Oven

Please request service to either the Church or School Offices during our standard working hours Monday - Friday to have gas service turned on for your event. Advance notice (2 Days) would be greatly appreciated.

Only St. Joseph Staff are authorized to perform this function. Thank you.

Church	School
864-225-5341	864-760-1619

Plan for it...

Church



corner



**Kidz Camp VBS
Save the Date!
June 19-23, 2023**

Plan for it...

Church



corner



The Queen of Heaven Express is leaving the station! Mysteries & Messages Revealed at Each Stop! Discover how Mary brings us closer to Jesus through the POWER of the ROSARY.

PARENTS!!

- COOL CRAFTS
- FUN GAMES
- UPBEAT MUSIC
- EXCITING ACTIVITIES
- CREATIVE SKITS
- BIBLE STORIES

Get Your GOLDEN TICKET

**& Track Mary All Over the World!
FUN-FILLED DAYS AHEAD
AT CATHOLIC KIDZ CAMP!**



DATES: JUNE 19-23 TIMES: 9:00AM - 12:15PM

FAMILY PICNIC AT 12:15PM ON FRIDAY 23RD

LOCATION: St. Joseph Catholic Church

For more information, please contact the parish office at 864-225-5341.

~PLEASE USE THE GRADE ENTERING THIS FALL~
PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.

Grade e K	Grade s 1-2	Grade s 3-4	Grade s 5-6

Child's Name:

Child's Name:

Child's Name:

Child's Name:

Parent Name:

Address:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone:

Registration fee per child (Max/family \$45) 15.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Reserve my Mary's Messages Storybook 4.99 x _____ = \$ _____

I have enclosed cash/check in the amount of TOTAL \$ _____ (Check to St. Joseph)

To Register: Complete both sides and return with payment to parish office.

Please return by June 12.

Plan for it...

Church



Corner

Please list any allergy or medical conditions that we need to aware of:

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Release Form

I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard the health and well-being of the participants in this summer camp and that I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. In the case of sickness or an accident, I authorize and consent the Camp Team, or other associated volunteers of the Camp program to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic for my son/daughter in the event that myself or other legal guardian(s) cannot be reached. I hereby do release and forever discharge this Diocese, Parish and/or Organization from all manners of actions, claims which I or the children named on this form shall or may have for any reason, arising during my children's attendance of the summer camp.

Unless other written instruction is submitted, I also consent to allowing my child's image to be recorded, either by photograph or video, and used during the camp week or for future advertisement of Parish camp programs. Any other use will require your further consent.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (please print):

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to child/children: _____

Cell phone Number: _____

Children can be released to the following persons (besides parent who has signed above): _____
