



ST. JAMES

Elementary School

Virtue of the Month **Courtesy**

Being thoughtful of others

Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.

1 Peter 3:8



November



- 3 End of 1st Quarter
- 4 Regis Auction
- 10 Veterans Lunch 11:15 a.m.
- 10 4th & 5th grade ECCT field trip
- 20 Monday Casual for Christ
- 21 Mass at 10:15 A.M. followed by Thanksgiving Feast (more information to come)
- 22-24 No School, Thanksgiving break
- 27 Classes resume

MASS SCHEDULE

- 8 - 2nd grade
- 15 - 1st grade
- 21 - (Tuesday) 5th grade
- 29- 4th grade

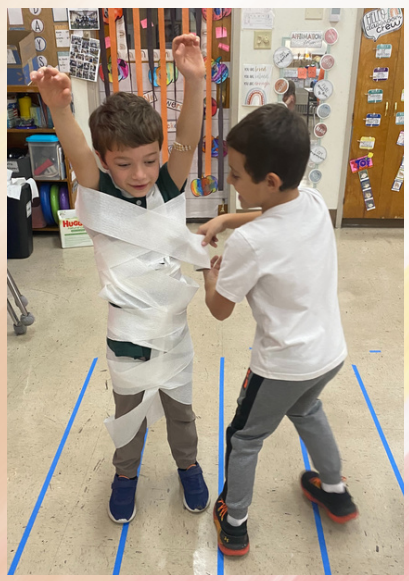


Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

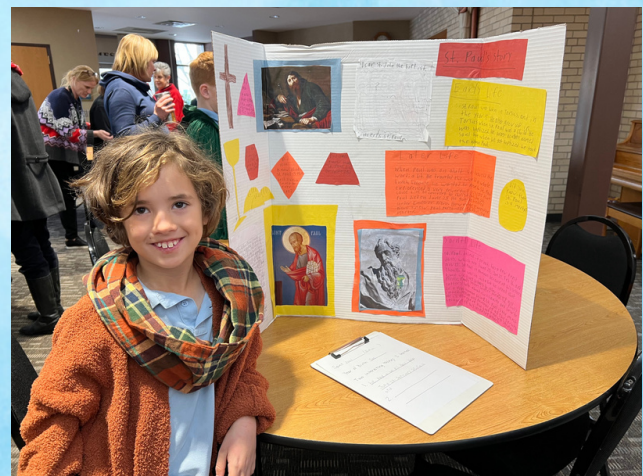
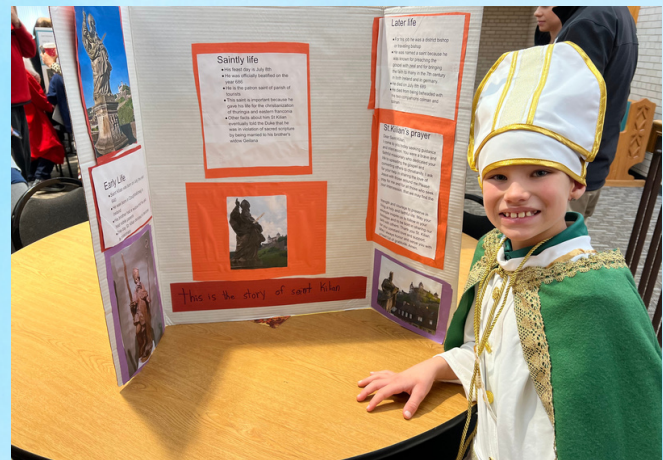
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HALLOWEEN FUN!



In addition to the Halloween fun this week, our fourth and fifth grade students presented their hard work on two different projects to our students and families. Our fourth grade students showcased the Saint they have been researching for the last two weeks. Our fifth grade students presented a play they have been rehearsing called, "The Miracle of Spring."



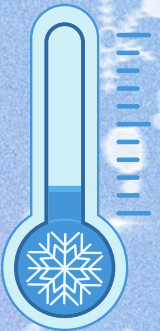


DON'T FORGET



Winter weather is here! Please remember these items daily: boots, snowpants, coat, hat, and gloves/mittens to school.

We also could use donations of warm gloves/mittens.



SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Program

DECEMBER 13TH
2:00 P.M.



LUNCH

We encourage and welcome parents to join students for lunch. If you plan to join your child for lunch, please call the office ahead of time. If you plan on having the school's hot lunch please call by 10:00 A.M., so our cook can ensure enough food is prepared. The cost for an adult lunch is \$4.65

Save The Date

Santa's Workshop

Friday, December 1st

1-3 P.M.

We look forward to this school community event to start the Advent season! We have a wonderful group of parents planning festive activities for our students. We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to help during this exciting event (12-3:30 P.M.) and/or to prepare materials. More information will come as we get closer to the date. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Mrs. Carlson at ncarlson@regiscatholicschool.com



Youth Choir

**You can
still join!**

The young people of the parish (grades 2 through 6) are invited to two special opportunities to support our parish with music! Singers are welcome to sing for either event or for both of them.

NOV. 11 - 4:30 MASS

ST. JAMES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

After-school rehearsals 3:25 to 4:15

Dates: 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, and 11/8

DEC. 24 - 4 PM MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE

After-school rehearsals 3:25 to 4:15

Dates: 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20

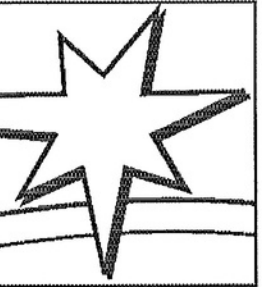


INFORMATION

- A light snack will be served at the end of rehearsal.
- Additional rehearsal times available before religious education: 5:30 to 6:10.
- Pre-registration is welcome but not required:

[www.stjameseauclaire.org/
music-ministry](http://www.stjameseauclaire.org/music-ministry)

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Thoughtful Moments

St. Margaret of Scotland

St. Margaret was beautiful, kind, and generous. Her family was shipwrecked on Scotland while fleeing from William the Conqueror. The king of Scotland welcomed them, fell in love with St. Margaret and made her his queen. St. Margaret practiced the corporal works of mercy, including feeding the poor before eating her own meals. Her private life was simple, prayerful, and penitential, and she inspired her family to imitate her. Finally, she worked to bring ecclesiastical and moral reform to the kingdom.



Take time for gratitude

Are you stressed or anxious? Take a moment and thank God for the blessings in your life — big and small. Making a list of these blessings is a powerful way to remind ourselves of God's love. Whatever you face, you won't do it alone.

"Peace is not just the absence of war. Like a cathedral, peace must be constructed patiently and with unshakable faith."
Pope St. John Paul II



Giving thanks leads to generous hearts

"What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?" (Psalm 116:12) We can never repay God for His gifts to us but we can show gratitude by sharing them with others in ways that glorify Him. During the Thanksgiving season, try these suggestions to make your holiday more meaningful:

Offer prayers of gratitude.

Jesus was deeply moved when one of the ten lepers He healed came back to thank Him (Luke 17:15-19). Give thanks as a family every day this season by each offering gratitude for specific blessings received throughout the year.

Go to Mass. The word "eucharist" is from the Greek for "thanksgiving" or "gratitude." "The Eucharist" refers to the

Mass and the Blessed Sacrament, the ultimate form of Thanksgiving.

When we actively take part in the Mass — praying with others, offering our own prayers, reverently receiving the Blessed Sacrament, joining in the singing — we offer heartfelt Thanksgiving to God.

Send it out. Another tradition of Thanksgiving involves sending notes of

appreciation and

thanks to friends and loved ones, especially for kindness received throughout the year. Kind words are always a powerful and a much-needed gift.

Share the blessings. If you know of people without holiday plans, offer them a place at your table. Adding to your family circle sets a powerful example of generosity.



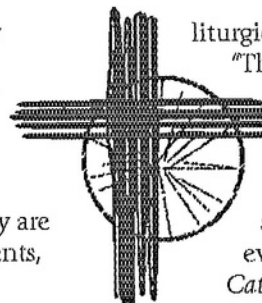
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics follow a liturgical calendar?

Just as families remember important milestones, the Church's liturgical calendar recalls the history of our Catholic family. The feasts and seasons that draw us deeper into salvation history are reflected in the Mass vestments, readings, and music of our

liturgical celebrations.

"Thus recalling the mysteries of the redemption, she opens up to the faithful the riches of her Lord's powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present in every age" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1163).



"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

In a time when it was a challenge to follow God's way, Joshua made a public declaration that he and his family would continue to serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15). Here are some ways you and your family can know and serve the Lord:

Family prayer time. At least once a day, pray as a family. Praise God for His goodness. Repent of the times you failed to love God or each other. Intercede for others. Ask for all that you need. Quietly listen for God's voice.

Experience Mass each week. Help your

children meet Christ "up close and personal" at Mass on Sunday. Let nothing come in the way of your weekly appointment with the Lord.

Keep a family gratitude journal. At mealtime, take turns writing a line or two about how God blessed you each that day.

Participate in your parish. Take your family to First Friday and Saturday observances, holy days and devotions, and support your parish's charitable efforts. These are important expressions of our Catholic spirituality.



Scripture LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46, "You did it for me."

In this Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the separation of the sheep and the goats. In Jesus' time, sheep and goats were treated similarly and were herded together, to be separated later in the herding process. Jesus compares the separation of livestock to the separation of people—between those who really believed Christ and followed Him faithfully and those who didn't.



we try to alleviate it, like the "sheep?" What ultimately prevented the "goats" from entering the Kingdom of God was not that they harmed anyone, but that they stood by indifferently and did nothing.

What can a parent do? Teach children to look out for the needs of their peers and to treat them with kindness, as if it were Jesus Himself who

The evidence of our faith in Christ will show in the way we act, specifically, the way we treat people in need. How do we respond to others' suffering? Do

was lonely, hungry, without a jacket and so on. Jesus counts even the smallest kindness done to someone in need as done to Him, personally.

Parent TALK

I have wanted to get more family prayer into our days but our busy schedule seemed to get in the way.



We decided to commit to praying together three times a day. After trial and error, we now start in the morning by praying an

Angelus before breakfast. Then we pray a decade of the Rosary. This has become a peaceful way to begin the day.

After we get home from school and work, we have a snack and pray another decade of the Rosary. This only takes a few minutes but it also becomes a nice time to reconnect. Finally, we gather one more time at bedtime and pray the Angelus and another decade of the Rosary.

Although I set alarms on my phone to remind me, the children alert me to prayer time before the alarm goes off. They enjoy the opportunity to connect with God and each other.

Feasts & Celebrations

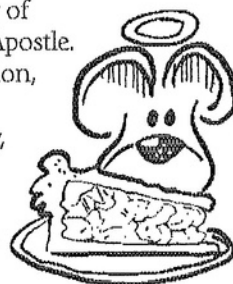
November 1 – All Saints Day. On All Saints Day, we honor those who lived with extraordinary virtue and are now in Heaven in God's presence.

November 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven.

November 11 – St. Martin of Tours (397). The patron of soldiers, St. Martin was forced to join the army, but left to become a priest. He founded a monastery near Poitiers, France, and later became bishop of Tours.

November 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria (c.310). St. Catherine converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. She rebuked Emperor Maxentius for persecuting the Christians. While in prison, 200 people came to visit her and were convinced to convert.

November 30 – St. Andrew (1st Century). The son of a Galilean fisherman, brother of Simon Peter, and Apostle. After the Resurrection, he conducted missions in Turkey, Greece, and Macedonia. He was martyred on a X-shaped cross.



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OUR VISION

Inspired by our Catholic tradition, Regis Catholic Schools will provide the highest quality programs possible from early childhood through high school to nourish the body, mind, and soul of each student, and help them become faithful servants of Christ the King.

OUR CORE VALUES

LIVING FAITH

- We believe the Holy Spirit inspires all that we do
- We embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ and encourage a personal relationship with God the Father
- We acknowledge the diversity of others and their beliefs

ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY

- We lead through example and are accountable for our actions
- We believe and promote our Catholic values
- We affirm good judgment and trustworthy behavior

PROMOTING TEAMWORK

- We communicate honestly, openly, and consistently
- We build community by cooperating in the classroom and in all co-curricular activities
- We work together to achieve common goals with all members of our school and parish community

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

- We respond to challenges and pursue continuous improvement
- We nurture a love of learning that will last a lifetime
- We strive for academic growth in all subject areas

INSPIRING LEADERSHIP

- We prepare students for leadership and service in church and society
- We celebrate integrity and seek fair choices
- We honor the Regis Catholic Schools' tradition...

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