

School News

From Mrs. Amanda Knauer: Religion, Math, Reading, Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)

Fifth Grade: The fifth graders are studying the "Sacraments at the Service of Communion." They are learning about how to listen for their calling and the various types of vocations. During Math, the students are learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers. The students read a non-fiction article about Abraham Lincoln during Literature. We worked on determining fact and opinion within the article. The fifth graders are working on a historical figure project. They were able to choose someone who has impacted our history and research about his/her life and will teach the rest of the class about their person.

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders have continued work with fractions during Math. The students have been adding and subtracting fractions with both like and unlike denominators. During Literature, the students are learning about the iconic author Beverly Cleary. We read one of her short stories and worked on finding figurative language within her writing.

From Miss Gretchen Decker: Art

Pre-K art students got to learn about Piet Mondrian and the Primary Colors. The next 2 weeks we will create a drawing of what "Paradise" looks like to them from either going to Disney World or to the Beach. Early Childhood students have completed their 2nd project! They drew a Magic Treehouse where they included different places from a playground to a hotel and also created VIP guests like Shawn Mendes and Ariana Grande! The students had a fun time with this project. The students will learn about Shel Silverstein for the next project and will create their own scene of interests/people that are important to them with Word Association.

Upper classes have completed their first Art Test! After testing how well they know their Art terms, they are prepared for their next big project, completing a one-point perspective design or surreal scene. The students learned how to create their own one-point perspective along different drawing techniques that will help them succeed in their next project. I look forward to seeing what they create with their own imaginations!

Mrs. Sioux Roslawski: Literature & English (6-7-8)

Bellarmino Speech Meet: The following SRA students competed, and these are the ribbons they earned: James Browning-Red Ribbon, Addison Pfeiffer*-Blue Ribbon, Clara Thompson*-Blue Ribbon, Claire Fuhr-Red Ribbon, and Helen Potts-Red Ribbon.

*These two students were just 1 point shy of getting a perfect score.

One of Lydia Eddingfield's photographs, a picture of a piece of petrified wood, is going to be featured in an ekphrastic poetry collection published by the Gateway Writing Project. Ekphrastic poems are written pieces inspired by artwork.

SRA middle-schoolers are submitting poems to this anthology. The art-some were photos, some were paintings/drawings, some were sculptures-was sent to schools all over the St. Louis area. The published collection will represent student writers from all over the city and county.

Middle schoolers are just about to begin looking at essays along with writing them. They will begin several, and then will decide which one they want to revise, edit, and polish.

From Mr. Zach Almeida: Standard Math and Challenge Math (6-7-8), Pre-Algebra (7-8), and Algebra (7-8)

Challenge: Students are identifying angle relationships to solve problems.

Pre-Algebra: Students are solving multi-step equations and inequalities.

Algebra 1: Students are factoring quadratic equations.

Algebra 2: Students are applying the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, and Descartes' Rule of Signs to find roots of polynomial equations.

#SRAstrong—"God Has This"

The Holy Spirit is on fire at Saint Raphael Archangel! Have you noticed parishioners with blue bracelets and wondered what's going on...ASK THEM! Over 500 of these bracelets were purchased with the intent of igniting everyone's SPIRIT and aiding the larger community through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. More updates coming!

P.S. "Moses Baskets" will be in the back of church where bracelets can be purchased after every weekend Mass for a minimum \$1 donation. During the week, bracelets may be purchased at the parish office.

All Things New/Disciple Maker Index

As of the writing of this article, we have 253 Disciple Maker Index surveys completed. This is an incredible number. We hope in the next week to have many more!

If you have not had the chance to fill one out yet, there will be Chromebooks available this Sunday in the cafeteria during Donut Sunday. Please consider stopping by to socialize for a bit and to fill out the survey. Additionally, we will have Chromebooks available at the Ladies' Club meeting this week for people to fill out the survey.

The feedback of every adult in your household is important to St. Raphael Parish! High school students, your voice needs to be heard too!

Our parish goal this week is to reach 400 surveys! You can fill out the survey online. Scan the code or visit the SRA website: straphaelarchangel.org. The survey is front and center on the SRA page.



Paper copies of the survey are also available if you would prefer that method. Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive a paper copy.

This Week in the Parish

Join us on Tuesday evening for our Lenten devotions! We will have confessions from 6:15-6:45pm with Mass at 7:00pm. Following Mass, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross according to St. Alphonsus Liguori.

On Wednesday, the South City Men's Recollection group will meet at 7:30pm in the church. We will also have Eucharistic Adoration that evening from 3:00-7:00pm.

Saturday will bring back to our parish life a long-awaited event...Trivia Night! We look forward to seeing you at this evening of fun for the first time since the pandemic began.

Anointing of the Sick Mass April 2 at 10:00am

As we approach our first Healing Mass since the beginning of the pandemic, it is good to remember who the Church calls to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

First, those who are facing a serious surgery are invited by the Church to receive the Anointing of the Sick. If someone, for instance, is about to have orthopedic surgery or heart surgery, the person would be invited to receive the anointing of the sick.

Second, those who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness are also invited to receive the sacrament. For instance, if someone has been diagnosed with cancer or another illness, the person may also receive the sacrament. People in this situation are invited to receive the sacrament many times throughout the course of their illness, so, if it has been a while since you have been anointed, you may take this opportunity to receive the sacrament.

Third, those near death are also invited to receive the sacrament. Obviously, I would be happy to come to their residence in such a situation, but I mention it here just because I am outlining the various times when one may receive the sacrament.

Lastly, once one has reached an older age, according to the Catechism, a person may also receive the sacrament. The Church is vague on this point and leaves it up to the discretion of the minister and the person involved.

I will see you online or in church! - Fr. John
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