



## Open Interviews for Catholic Schools

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding open interviews May 16-20. Positions are available throughout the Archdiocese for elementary and secondary teachers, teacher aides, and school administrators.

Upload resume and sign up for an in-person or virtual interview at <https://form.jotform.com/221224114804139>

Kenrick-Glennon Days (KGD) is an over-night summer camp that gives grade-school boys a chance to experience life at the seminary.

Over two days/nights at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, campers join small groups led by seminarians and experience games, prayers, and activities that promote openness to the priestly vocation.

Camp One (for 6&7th Graders in the fall) begins on Monday June 13, 2022. Check in time is at 3:00pm. Camp One will end with a 10:00am closing Mass on June 15. Please make arrangements to pick up all campers at 11:00am.

Camp Two (for 8th&9th Graders in the fall) begins on Thursday June 16, 2022. Check in time is at 3:00pm. Camp Two will end with a 10:00am closing Mass on June 18, 2022. Please make arrangements to pick up all campers at 11:00am.

Junior Counselors are high school guys entering grades 10-12 who assist at both camps, from June 12-18, 2022.



## FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

*But the word of God is not chained. (2 Tim 2:9)*

St. Paul wrote these words to his beloved disciple St. Timothy from house arrest in Rome. He wrote them to encourage St. Timothy that, even though he was suffering in chains for the Gospel, his hope remained firm in the liberating power of the Gospel.

This line of Scripture recently came up in my personal prayer. A focus in the Archdiocese right now is evangelization. This is a large term, but it has at least three components to it:

The first is a basic level of openness to the Gospel message. In the Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles, we read of large crowds going out to hear Jesus or the apostles preach. To journey from one's home to listen to a speaker reveals a basic level of openness to the preacher's message.

The second is evangelization. Evangelization is hearing and experiencing the power of the Gospel message. This means that I have heard the message of the preacher or am reading the Gospel and experiencing how it can help me in my daily life. This effect can be felt in many ways: from turning away from poor decisions and sin to living a life of better choices and treating people with charity.

The last level is catechesis. Catechesis is experiencing the Gospel message and wanting to go deeper into the teachings of the faith. This is what inspires people to read the Catechism or to attend adult faith studies.

As you read these three levels, where are you in your personal journey of evangelization? How is God calling the word to be unchained in your life?

### *Confirmation*

This past Tuesday, members of our 7th grade, 8th grade, and a high school student from our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to you! May the Holy Spirit richly bless you with the gifts needed to live a holy life.

### *Black and Gold Dinner Auction and GiveSTL Day*

We also recently held two successful fundraisers for our school community.

On Thursday, May 5, GiveSTL Day raised \$2,750 for our school. Thank you for your generosity.

Saturday, May 7, was our Black and Gold Auction. This event raised over \$100,000 for our school! This is an amazing amount. Thank you so much for your enthusiastic support and we look forward to the next auction in February.

### *Congratulations*



Last Saturday, Deacon Jacob Wessel was ordained a Transitional Deacon for the Archdiocese. He spent this year with us here at St. Raphael. Congratulations and many blessings to him as he begins his ministry to the people of God and enters his final year of formation for the priesthood.

### *Block Party on Bishop's Place*

On June 4, we introduce a new event...Block Party on Bishop's Place!

This initiative of our Stewardship Committee is an effort to bring our parish together to celebrate our SRA community. We hope to have some hot dogs and maybe snow cones, but really it is an evening to come up the parking lot, bring a chair, and enjoy the evening with your parish family. We also encourage you to bring beverages and food to enjoy! The party will begin after the 4:30pm Mass.

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