



# St. Francis de Sales School Newsletter

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## The Season of Lent

The season of Lent is a time for Catholics and Christians to prepare for Easter. During Lent we think and pray about the wondrous life of Jesus and how he gave us salvation through his own suffering. We walk with the Lord during Holy Week. At Easter we renew our baptismal promises .

We can renew ourselves during Lent:

- ◇ by attending Mass more often
- ◇ ; by thinking and reflecting upon the readings at Daily Mass;
- ◇ by confessing sins that keep us apart from God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation;
- ◇ by fasting or abstaining from food, tv, sweets,...whatever;
- ◇ by attending the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2PM to pray with our students;
- ◇ by practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

### Corporal Works of Mercy

- ⇒ Feed the hungry
- ⇒ Give drink to the thirsty
- ⇒ Clothe the naked
- ⇒ Give shelter to travelers
- ⇒ Visit the sick
- ⇒ Visit the imprisoned
- ⇒ Bury the dead.

### Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ◆ To instruct the ignorant
- ◆ To counsel the doubtful
- ◆ To admonish the sinner
- ◆ To bear wrongs patiently
- ◆ To forgive offenses willingly
- ◆ To comfort the afflicted
- ◆ To pray for the living and the dead

## Register your student to maintain

There's a new, universal Admissions Policy in all diocesan schools. ALL STUDENTS must re-enroll or enroll for the first time using this new online application process:

Go to [sfdbeckley.org](http://sfdbeckley.org) -

Go to **Prospective Parents-**

Scroll to **Admissions-**

Click- **Apply Here**

### Tuition Assistance

The website for applying for tuition assistance is now open.

To receive any local assistance you **MUST** complete the application on **FACTS**.

Even though the diocese only gives assistance to Catholic families, we have two other sources of assistance that is for **ALL** families. However, you must first apply with the diocese at: **www.factsmgt.com**.

## Special Prayers are Requested



**For Pope Francis and Bishop Brennan.** May the Holy Spirit support and guide them in their ministries.

**For an increase in vocations to the priesthood.** May God send blessings for our own Fr. Leonard Smith.

**For the leaders of our country and state.** May God give them the courage and guidance they need to make good decisions.

**For all those who serve in the military.** May God bless them and keep them safe.

**For the poor, persecuted, and any suffering from addiction, depression, or any other danger.** We pray that God will offer them shelter.

**For all those who are sick.** May God heal and strengthen them.

**For all those who have recently had a death in their family.** May God help them through this time of grief.

**For all of our generous patrons and parishioners.** May God bless each of them. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.



### ***Parish Fish Dinners***

Our parish will prepare and serve fish dinners throughout Lent in the De Sales Hall each Friday 4-6 PM.. These meals are for dine-in or take-out. Dinner options include Fish, Crab Patty, Shrimp, Homemade Potato Chips, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and a Dessert.

### **Camp Zulu**

#### **Summer Camp**

Camp Zulu will start on June 13th and run through Aug. 5th.

Packets are available in the school office. SFDS students get a special rate of \$20 a day for the first child, \$35 for 2 children.



#### **Preschool Art Show**

The Preschool 4 year-old class will have an Art Exhibit in the De Sales Hall beginning on March 11th. These preschoolers will bring their versions of the works of the great masters alive again and add their own twist! This exhibit will be dismantled on St. Patrick's Day, so check it out prior to that date!



### **March Home/School Meeting**

Our next scheduled Home/School meeting is **Wed., March 3rd at 6:30** in the cafeteria.

We will:

- ◆ Organize the spring book fair
- ◆ Review spring events

- ◆ Plan for Golf Tournament and Trivia Night.

Please plan to attend.



**Where Faith and Knowledge  
go hand in hand.**



## Important Dates



**Preschool Art Show Exhibit-**  
March 11th—17th Church Hall

**Book Fair**—April 4th– 8th

**Good Friday** - April 15th  
No School

**Easter Sunday** -April 17th

**Spring Break** -April 18th—22nd  
No School

**Return to School**—April 25th

**Graduations** are tentatively  
set as follows:

Eighth Grade Graduation  
Mass will be at 6:30 PM on  
Wednesday, May 18th.

Preschool Graduation is set  
for Friday, May 20th at 6 PM.

March 2- Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins  
March 11- Preschool Art Show  
March 14- Third Grading Period Ends  
March 17- St. Patrick's Day  
March 18- No School  
March 22-April 1-ARK Testing  
March 26- Regional SS Fair- Westside  
April 1- First Friday/All School Mass  
April 4-7- Spring Book Fair  
April 11-May 12 NWEA Testing window  
April 15- Good Friday/No School  
April 18-22 Spring Break/No School  
April 28- GOLF Tournament  
April 30- FHC Practice Day 10 AM  
May 1- FHC Mass 11AM  
May 6- First Friday/All School Mass  
May 6- Trivia Night  
May 18- Eighth Grade Graduation  
May 20-Preschool Graduation  
May 25- Last Day for Students

### St. Francis de Sales School Mission Statement

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School exists to provide a safe, nurturing environment for our students in their pursuit of academic achievement, moral development, and spiritual growth in Our Lord Jesus Christ. This combination builds character and creates responsible citizens.

## Spring Sports

### Track begins soon!

If your student is interested, please fill out the form and return it to school ASAP. Our coaches are Ms. Basham and her friend Susan Osborne.



*“God is love, and those who  
abide in love abide in God, and  
God abides in them.”  
- 1 John 4:16*

## Miscellaneous News:



### Grading Quarter & Report Cards

Our 3rd Quarter grading period ends on **Monday, March 14th**. Report cards will be sent home on Monday, March 21st. Please continue to follow your child(ren)'s grades on FACTS SIS.

### Uniform Holiday

On **Thursday, March 17th** students will have a uniform holiday. We ask that they try to wear something green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

You don't have to be Irish to celebrate this day!

**March 18th –No School**



# Aquinas Award

## 2022



The Regional Science Fair was held on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Several St. Francis students placed and will move on to the state competition:

**Aubrie Pompie**- “Fidgeting Around with Test Stress”

**Jola Aborisade & Madelynn Tipton**-  
“Can an Artificial Hand Be Useful For Everyday Activities?

Kinetics Role in Movement”

**John Fernald & Lauren Fernald**-

-“Do Dogs Have a Favorite Color?”

## Congratulations!



*Our Education in Virtue focus for March is Prayerfulness. This is when you talk with God, pray to*

*Jesus, sing with your heart, and listen with your spirit.*



This year’s Aquinas Award recipient is Allison Bates. She is an excellent student and has attended St. Francis from Kindergarten through Eighth grade. She is a member of 4-H and Girl Scouts. She earned a Bronze award in Girl Scouts and is currently working on her Silver award. She is an Altar Server at St. Francis de Sales Parish and volunteers at the school’s summer camp. She attends Rhythms of Grace Dance Studio and was a principal dancer in the winter production of Narnia this year.

Allison has three siblings: Callan, Mikeal, and Clare. She loves dancing and reading in her free time. She plans to become a Forensic Anthropologist and work with law enforcement to bring justice to families that have suffered.

