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SCL Celebrates Advent with Music!



Earlier this week the SCL community was treated to an amazing performance featuring our talented students in grades first through third! A special thanks to Mr. Cox, our amazing Music teacher, for all his work and preparation on the Advent concert.

Dear Parents,

The second week of Advent is nearly complete and we have already lit the first and second purple candles, as symbols of HOPE, & PEACE and so we hope in the Lord for a new tomorrow. Maybe a better job, a clearer focus on a situation, or a repaired relationship with a family member, or maybe just a warmer day! Hope does not disappoint because God's abundant love, symbolized by the the first purple candle, is poured in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

So, what do we do with this abundance of love? How about spreading some holiday cheer; pray for others, visit someone in a retirement facility, hug with a purpose, make cookies for fun with the kids. Whatever you do, wherever you go - give some hope to others; neither you or they will be disappointed.

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week. Thank you, parents, for your support and care for your children. There was much evidence of love in church, for God and for one another. It was beautiful and an honor to witness. This week, all 3rd-8th grade students also received this precious sacrament to help them prepare for the coming of Jesus.

This Sunday we light the pink candle as a symbol of JOY. We are pretty sure the students (and staff) will be joyful this week as we get closer to Christmas break.

Mrs. Horan & Mrs. Patke

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation
St. Catherine Laboure Parish
December 2024

You are God's Masterpiece,
a living canvas,
beautiful but unfinished,
made clean through Reconciliation.





SCL Advent 2024



This month students will be preparing for the birth of Jesus with the theme: **Let's be Advent Angels**. Students will be learning about angels, reading/reflecting on Scripture that involves angels, and doing acts of kindness and service to be like angels. Preparations began last month when our school "families" gathered on the feast of St. Catherine Labouré and the students made angels that will be displayed throughout the school to help us stay focused on being Advent Angels.

Since Advent is a time of preparing for the birth of a child, our **two service projects** are aimed at helping children. First, we will be supporting **Angels' Arms**, an organization that helps families with foster children in the St. Louis area. They asked us to collect various types of food for these families and to help keep their shelves balanced, each grade has been assigned a specific item.

During our 1st Advent prayer service we challenged the students to do an act of service (something extra/age appropriate) to EARN the funds to purchase the food. We want the STUDENTS involved- as it is THEIR project from which to learn/grow.

Here's a List of Requested Food Items for Angels' Arms.

****No glass jars, please****

Kindergarten: Ramen noodles and Soup

First Grade: Canned vegetables

Second Grade: Cereal

Third Grade: Pop Tarts and Breakfast bars

Fourth Grade: Capri Suns and Fruit Snacks

Fifth Grade: Individual bags of chips/cookies/lunch snacks

Sixth Grade: Peanut Butter

Seventh Grade: Jelly

Eighth Grade: Pasta and Pasta Sauce

The second project is being led by the Louissettes (a 7th & 8th grade girls service club) who will be sponsoring a parish-wide collection to support the children seen at medical clinics in Honduras serviced by the **Amiga Organization**. They will be collecting gently used beanie babies, or similar sized stuffed animals and gently used matchbox/hot wheel cars and trucks.

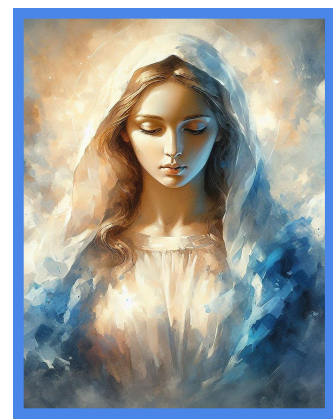
**Let's all be Angels
for the children in Honduras!**





Run for Ryan Rosary for the Sick

All are invited to join us for our monthly praying of the rosary coordinated by the Run for Ryan ministry for those in need of any type of healing: physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual. We meet in church once a month to pray this prayer, alternating between afternoon and evening.



Tuesday, December 17th 3:15 pm

For Your Planning

December 2024

- 15 - Breakfast with SANTA!! (7th grade service opportunity also)
- 16 - Advent Prayer Service & wear PINK top w/ uniform bottom
- 17 - 1st Grade Field Trip to Nursing Home for Service Project
- 17 - Run For Ryan Rosary for Sick - 3:15 PM in church
- 19 - 2nd Q grades closed to parent viewing after school
- 20 - Noon Dismissal; End of 2nd Quarter - Class Parties 11:00, Wear Christmas Colors/Clothing

January 2025

- 3 thru 5 - Luke 18 Retreat for 7th/8th grade
- 6 - Classes resume - Start of 3rd Quarter
- 6 thru 24 - Winter NWEA MAP Growth tests in progress
- 7 - SLUH Math competition for some 7th/8th students
- 17 - Noon Dismissal for Faculty Meeting & 2nd quarter Report Cards Open
- 20 - No School - MLK Holiday
- 21 - 2nd grade Field Trip to MAgic House Makerspace
- 24 - Father/Daughter Dance
- 26 - Open House 9:30-Noon & 2025-2026 registration begins
- 27 thru 31 - Catholic School Week - More Info to come!!
- 31 - Noon Dismissal & Parent to Lunch Day



Celebrating Students' Acts of Virtue

Charlie Deves- Stayed after school to help put Chromebooks away.

Luke Wilkison- Stayed after school to help clean up.

Tyce Vitale- According to a library helper, Tyce was so great and worked in the library perfectly.

Heidi Fothén- According to a library helper, Heidi was a perfect angel in library.

Molly Sinclair & Vivian Christ- Wrote homework assignments for a classmate who was absent.

Bobby Houchin- Thank you for picking up someone else's Pringles can during recess when it blew everywhere.

Ian Barnhart- Ian very thoughtfully helped a friend who was sick.

Isabella Fuchs- After school was out for Thanksgiving break, Isabella was sweeping up pieces of Christmas garland on the floor outside of the office.

Cecilia Carter- Cecilia shared her "stuffy" with a friend who didn't have theirs.

Celebrating Students' Acts of Virtue

Olive Christ- Olive helped a friend with a Math problem when they were stuck.

Evan Vojcic, Landon Kinworthy, & Josh Walters- Helped Mrs. Stockel set up the gaga pit M-F last week.

Charley Ekland & Reese Larusso- Charley was heading to lunch and saw a younger student come in upset & walked her to the nurse without being asked.

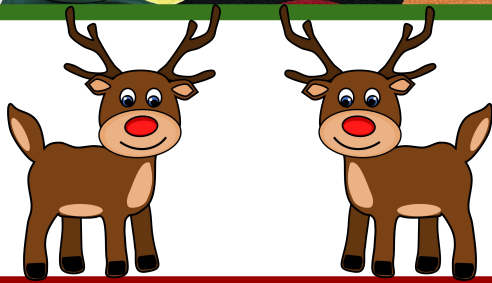
Justin Walsh- Justin offered his seat to a teacher during the very crowded Advent program.

Anthony Fitzgerald- Thank you for using such good manners.

Jude Hawkins- Jude encouraged all his friends to pick teams fairly and think of others feelings instead of arguing.

Eli Steinlage, Beau Steinlage, & Mareck Steinlage- Helped Sue Baumgartner carry things from one place to another outside.

Maddie Fitzgerald & Heidi Polokonis- Helped pass out Chromebooks.



3rd Grade Book Worms Groups Perform Holiday Fairy Tales

301 Book Worms performed "Snow White and the 6 1/2 Reindeer" for both kindergarten classes and **302 Book Worms** performed "The Gingerbread Dude" for both 1st grade classes.

Book Worms is an SCL enrichment program taught by Enrichment Coordinator, Mrs. Molly Price, for students in younger grades that are reading at least two grade levels above their own grade level.

First graders led us in a beautiful Advent Prayer Service.



Mark Twain Readers Awards

4th and 5th Graders have been busy reading Mark Twain Award nominees in their spare time! Reminder: to be eligible to vote and attend the "Mark Twain Book Club" Party in March, students need to read at least 4 of the nominated books and fill out a google sheet for each one they finish. SCL purchased 5 copies of each book and some have been so popular they have a waitlist to check out. See list below for nominated books and ask your 4th or 5th grader if they'd like to put any on their Christmas wish list!

"Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting" by Roseanne A. Brown

"A Rover's Story" by Jasmine Warga

"Field Guide to the Supernatural Universe" by Alyson Noel

"Hummingbird" by Natalie Lloyd

"Thirst" by Varsha Bajaj

"Maizi Chen's Last Chance" by Lisa Yee

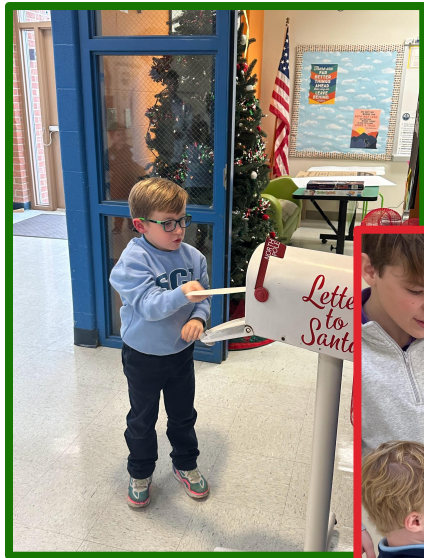
"The Curious League of Detectives & Thieves - Egypt's Fire" by Tom Phillips

"The Daredevils" by Rob Buyea

"The Girl in the Lake" by India Hill Brown

"The Midnight Children" by Dan Gemeinhart

"The Two Wrong Halves of Ruby Taylor" by Amanda Panitch



Kindergarten Letters to the North Pole

8th graders helped their Kindergarten Buddies write down their Christmas lists and put them in the magical mailbox to the North Pole!

As part of his journey to Eagle Scout, SCL graduate Luke Myers handcrafted beautiful figures, buildings, and a puzzle to donate to our atrium.



Congratulations to our 2nd Graders on their First Reconciliation!

LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM

This sacred time of year invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord. As John the Baptist calls out in the desert, "Make straight your paths," we are reminded to reflect on our lives and seek reconciliation.

St. Catherine Laboure

Date: Tuesday, December 17th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

During this service, we will have multiple priests available for individual confessions, providing a wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us come together as a community to embrace this chance for spiritual renewal and preparation for Christmas. We look forward to seeing you there as we prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming!

Neighborhood Parishes Reconciliation Schedules

Assumption- Every Wednesday 6-6:45 p.m., Every Saturday 4-4:45 p.m.

St. Simon- December 18th, 5-6 p.m.

St. Justin- Monday, 12/16 at 6:30 (Multiple confessors will be available)



WORSHIP with us



CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:15am daily Mass (no 6:30 am Mass)
4:00pm Mass (Church) Children's Liturgy
Carols will begin 20 minutes before Mass.

We ask that you be respectful and remain silent in church while the children are singing.

4:00pm Mass (Parish Hall)
5:30pm Mass (Church)
10:00pm Mass (Church)

*Carols will begin 20 minutes before Mass.
We ask that you be respectful and remain silent in church while the choir is singing.*

CHRISTMAS DAY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:15am Mass
10:30am Mass
Noon Mass

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1

9:00am Mass
10:30am Mass



LET'S BE ANGELS IN HONDURAS!

The Louisettes are sponsoring an Advent collection to support the children seen at medical clinics in Honduras serviced by the Amiga Organization. They will be collecting gently used beanie babies, or similar sized stuffed animals and gently used matchbox/hotwheel cars and trucks. So start looking in closets, drawers, the basement, the garage and under the bed! NO NEED to shop.

DROP-OFF LOCATION

**Boxes in SCL
Classrooms**

DONATION TIMELINE

**December 2-16
Our Goal is 1000!**



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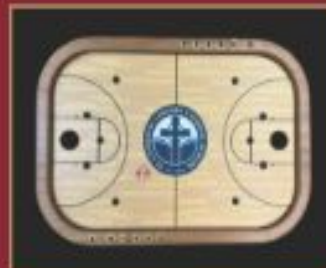
SCL WILL RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF ALL ORDERS



BASEBALL \$75.00



FARKLE \$42.00 each



PENNY BASKETBALL & SOCCER \$60.00 each



Order by DECEMBER 18, 2024 to guarantee Christmas delivery!

St. CATHERINE LABOURE



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025
in the Parish Hall**

Doors open at 6:00pm - Trivia starts at 7:00 pm

The cost is \$200 per table - Maximum of 8 people per table

Checks should be made out to the SCL Men's Association

Beer-Soda-Snacks Provided

Participants can bring their own food and drinks.

**Reservation Information/Questions:
Call PJ Perucca at 314-707-3194
or email at
sclmensclubpresident@gmail.com**

**Mail Checks and this form to
SCL Trivia Night,
c/o PJ Perucca
9750 Sappington Rd
Saint Louis, MO 63128**

Receipt of FULL Payment of \$200 is needed to secure table of 8

Table Captain: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

**Knights of Columbus
Christmas Pancake Breakfast
With Santa Claus**



**All You Can Eat Breakfast
Best Tasting Pancakes Around Town!
Featuring Four Types of Pancakes
Plain, Pecan, Blueberry and Chocolate Chip
Scrambled Eggs and Sausage
Flaky Biscuits and Gravy, Tater Tots
Fresh Fruit
Beverages - White Milk, Coffee,
Orange Juice and Hot Chocolate**

**Please Join the
Knights of Columbus
In the School Cafeteria
7:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Carry Outs Available
December 15, 2024**



Kids aged 6 & under.....	Free
Kids aged 7 - 12	\$5.00
Adults.....	\$10.00

Service Opportunity for 7th Grade

If your 7th grader would like to help at Breakfast with Santa, please contact **Joe Hejlek** at **314-775-1325**.



GIRL SCOUTS PRESENTS:

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up the Night

DADDY-DAUGHTER

Glow Dance

Friday, January 24th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

SCL Parish Hall

Girls Can Bring Dad or Other Special Guest



Please use the QR code to register.
\$40 per couple (no additional fee
for extra daughters.)

Venmo: @Sadie-Vujevic

INCLUDES: DJ, GLOW BRACELETS,
REFRESHMENTS, PHOTO BOOTH AND MORE!

OFF THE RAILS

Adult Pinewood Derby Party

Car Races - Games - Drinks - Fellowship



SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, February 22, 2025

7:00pm

Registration opens in January

Proceeds benefit SCL Cub Scout Pack



Hello SCL 7th and 8th grade teens and parents -

We hope the 24-25 school year thus far has been full of energy and many great things. The SCL High School Ministry is thrilled to announce the dates of our upcoming Luke 18! Luke 18 has been one of the most anticipated events each year for the SCL 7th and 8th grade teens. The return of this experience last year was very successful and plans are already underway to deliver a weekend filled with faith, fun, friendships (new and old) and excitement.

Thus, it is with **great excitement and anticipation** that we invite you to save your spot for the 2025 Luke 18 Retreat! This retreat will have games, inspirational talks and discussions led by high school and young adult teens, music and dancing, lots of food, laughter, and tons of fun!

RETREAT DETAILS:

Date/Time: January 3rd at 7pm through January 5th at 1pm

Location: SCL Parish Grounds and Parishioner Sleephouses

Registration Link: sclym.org - **NOW OPEN!**

Cost: \$80 for registrations received by 11/22/24; \$100 for registrations after 11/22/24.

(Please reach out to us at scliyouthministry@gmail.com if scholarship may be required.)

What is the Luke 18 Retreat? This is a retreat **for teens** delivered **by teens**. It is a great way to make new friends, connect with your classmates on a deeper level, have a ton of fun, and gain perspective from high school teens on their journey as a teen...struggles, celebrations, prayer, and faith. This retreat is built upon the bible verse Luke 18:16: "But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'"

The retreat starts on Friday night and ends after Noon Mass on Sunday. Because the retreat experience builds and deepens throughout the weekend, participants are **not allowed** to leave during the weekend to attend sports or other events (no exceptions). (Please keep in mind, however, we choose this weekend as it is typically one that has few scheduled sporting events.) Space is limited, so don't wait too long to sign up!

Will I go home each night? Luke 18 participants will stay overnight at parish sleephouses. They will be supervised by junior/senior high school teen leaders each night. Parents, if you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a sleephouse for 6-8 male or female teens and their leaders, please let us know. You will not typically have your own child in your home.

We understand that schedules can get busy, but we encourage you to prioritize this retreat as a unique opportunity for you on your faith journey. We are excited, we are getting ready, and we can't wait to share this experience with you. If you have any questions, please reach out to either , Peggy Manuel (314-807-1114), Kelly Faust (314-486-2870), Claire Laurentius (314-313-7228) or Joey Hornburg (jhornberg86@gmail.com).

The SCL Leadership Team



@sclym

Watch our Luke 18 video here!



AUCTION SPOTLIGHT

LOUIS VUITTON FELICIE POCHETTE | \$25 PER TICKET

175 TICKETS AVAILABLE | \$1,688 VALUE



The Félicie Pochette is crafted from Monogram Empreinte leather, embossed with Louis Vuitton's signature Monogram pattern in the classic Turtledove color. Designed to adapt to modern lifestyles, this envelope-style pouch contains a spacious compartment with two removable pockets: one zipped, and one with card slots. It can also be carried in different ways thanks to a removable chain (8.3 x 4.7 x 1.2 inches).

Tickets available at <https://one.bidpal.net/sclspandsupport>

Drawing will be held on Friday, December 20, 2024

All proceeds benefit the 2026 St. Catherine of Laboure School Auction.