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New Year, New Opportunities for Faith and Family

As we begin this new year, we're reminded that every fresh start is a gift from God — a chance to grow closer to Him and to one another. Many of us make resolutions for the year ahead, so why not include one centered on faith?



This year, consider making a family resolution to pray together more often and take an active part in parish life. Whether it's attending Mass as a family, volunteering at a parish event, or simply saying grace before meals, every small act of faith strengthens our community and nurtures our children's hearts.

Let's make 2026 a year of deeper prayer, joyful participation, and shared gratitude. Together, we can create a parish family that continues to shine with faith, hope, and love.



**Half Day
Friday, Jan. 16th.**
Students will be dismissed at noon

2026 is the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of St. Louis!!



ARCHDIOCESE
OF ST. LOUIS

Heavenly Father,
you are the giver of all that is good.

We give you thanks for 200 years of faith, grace, and mission in the **Archdiocese of St. Louis**.

As we celebrate this bicentennial, we remember with gratitude and thankfulness, all those who have helped to build the Church here: clergy, religious, and lay faithful.

Strengthen us in our resolve to carry forward their legacy with love and courage.

Through the intercession of **Saint Louis**, our patron and king, **Saint Vincent de Paul**, and **Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne**, give to us hearts rooted in justice, holiness, and charity.

May we continue to be a beacon of the Gospel in our time, faithful to Christ and alive in the Spirit.

Bless our archdiocese with unity, renewal, and vocations as we journey into the future.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Saint Louis, pray for us.
Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us.
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, pray for us.*

For Your Planning January

- 14** - Parent 1st Communion Meeting - 6:30
- 16** - Noon Dismissal - Faculty Meeting/CPR Training
- 19** - MLK Holiday- No School
- 19** - K of C Free Throw Contest
- 20** - Board Of Education Mtg at 6:30PM
- 23** - Geography Bee - 2:00 PM
- 23** - Father Daughter Dance
- 25** - **CSW Begins. Open House 9:30-Noon.**
- 30** - Noon Dismissal & Parent to Lunch from 12:00- 1:00



February

- 13** - **Kindergarten Donuts with Dads in AM**
- 13** - **Noon Dismissal**
- 15** - **Youth Ministry- Activate Excursion**
- 16** - **No School**
- 17** - Board Of Education Mtg at 6:30 PM
- 18** - **Ash Wednesday**
- 22** - **Confirmation Retreat 1 to 5 PM**

A note about report cards

2nd Quarter Report Cards will be emailed (grades 2-8) and sent home (K and 1st grade) on Friday, Jan. 16th. Also on Friday, 1/16 the Winter NWEA Map Growth Test results will be sent home for all students. Look for an email around that date from Mrs. Patke with information to help parents interpret it.



7th Grade attends “The Outsiders” at the Fabulous Fox



SLUH Math Competition

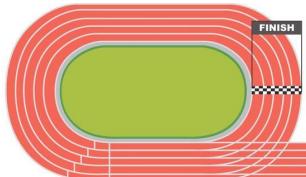
We sent two 8th grade teams and one 7th grade team to the SLUH middle school math competition. One 8th grade team won 1st place! Way to go SCL!

Thanks to our Middle School Math teachers, Mrs. Ellen Schleicher and Mrs. Kate Marnatti for their excellent instruction and preparation.



2026 Spring Sports Registration

Registration for the spring baseball/softball and track season is now open. Please register before January 31st.



[Click to register](#)



1st Grade Receives a Traditional Epiphany Blessing from Fr. Dominic



As part of the Epiphany tradition, Fr. Dominic blessed the doorway of the 1st Grade Classrooms, marking it as a place where Christ is welcomed.

The blessing asks God's grace, health, and peace for all who pass through these doors in the year ahead. The ancient tradition recalls the visit of the Magi who followed the star to Christ.



Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year Coming Soon!

- Registration for incoming Kindergarten students and Re -registration for Current Students will both begin on Sunday, January 25th, which is our Catholic School Week Open House from 9:30 am to Noon.
- We will again be using the FACTS online registration system.
- Additional information and enrollment instructions will be forthcoming.
- If you plan to enroll a new K student for next year, you will also need to complete the online FACTS application process. Those families with eligible children to attend K next year will be receiving an email from Mrs. Koch soon with instructions.



\$\$\$\$ FACTS Financial Update \$\$\$

- We are transitioning to a new platform within FACTS that will allow for a smoother and more efficient enrollment process. This updated system will enable families to complete enrollment in one step, without the back-and-forth communication with the office that has sometimes resulted in incomplete enrollments in the past.
- With this new format, tuition dollar amounts will not be displayed at the time of enrollment as they have been previously. Charges will appear once payment plans are finalized. Since enrollment is completed in April and tuition payments do not begin until July, there will be ample time to review and make adjustments to your payment plan once charges are visible.
- Additionally, SCL will now be using Electronic Rollover for returning students. In the past, families were required to re-enter their bank account or credit card information and select a payment plan each year. With Electronic Rollover, your existing payment plan and payment method will automatically carry over from year to year, eliminating the need for repeated setup. If you need to make any changes to your payment plan, you may still do so by contacting Penny Weiss in the parish office.
- **IMPORTANT: If your tuition is paid directly to SCL using a MOST 529 Plan account, a grandparent or parent check, or cash, please send an email to Penny Weiss for notification and prevention of auto payments occurring. THIS OPTION DOES NOT ROLLOVER.**
- If you have questions or concerns regarding Enrollment, please contact Suzie Koch. For questions or concerns regarding Financial information, please contact Penny Weiss.

Enrollment for 26/27 School Year

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year will open on Sunday, January 25th, during our Open House. Open House hours are 9:30 AM-12:00 PM.

Service

Community

Partnership

Educate



Chromebooks will be available for families to complete registration in the Parish Hall. If you are unable to attend, online registration is available at sclschool.org under Admissions.

Required Documents for Kindergarten & New Families

- State issued birth certificate
- Baptismal certificate

Prayer

Faith

An email will be sent to the primary parent after applying to complete the enrollment process.

The online enrollment packet requires a physical and a list of immunizations.

Important Dates for Incoming Kindergarten Students

Families may sign up for a screening date and time during the Open House.

Kindergarten Screening will take place on:

Monday, March 30 - Tuesday, March 31 - Wednesday, April 1

New Students to SCL

New students (1st - 8th grade) schedule a shadow day and assessments by contacting the school office.

Curriculum

Structured

School Tours

Families are welcome to schedule a personal tour by calling the school office at 314-843-2819.

We look forward to welcoming new families to our community! Returning families complete registration by February 26th.

Challenge

Friendship

Technology

Celebrating Students' Acts of Virtue

Lucy Herold- Lucy helped someone open their snack.

Oliver Tierney-Oliver helped a friend sharpen his pencil

Patrick Pieschel- Helped straighten up 202's game shelf after recess

Christian Pantazi-Christian helped a friend when no one else would.

Noah Lewis and Sam Africano- Held the door for all the students

Avery Gennaoui-Helped clean up a game shelf in 202

John Paul Mulvahill- Gave a nice compliment to a friend

Jonathan Schwartz-Jonathan shared a red marker with a friend who didn't have one and was a STAR helping Mrs. Sullivan organize her stickers.

Nora Van Ryn- Nora shared her lunch with Mrs. Sullivan

Henry Young-Henry picked up paper towels without being asked and shared a paper with a friend who needed help.

Nick Thomas- Nick picked up after someone else.

Murphy McLaughlin- Offered to take a forgotten lunch down to the cafeteria.

Celebrating Students' Acts of Virtue

Ava Armbruster- Ava helped a friend carry her crate..

Vivian Gianino & Lucy Herold-helped clean out Mrs. Sullivan's sticker box.

Cal Price- Thank you for being kind to a classmate.

Sienna Hanenberg- helped clean up for Mrs. Sullivan after school.

Maddie F., Isla K. and Livi T.- tidied and organized all of the seats and tables in the Tech Room.

Will Benson and Michael Gray-swept and cleaned the floor and straightened desks to clean the classroom.

Malcolm Sandvos- taught a Google Slides lesson to a small group of peers who missed the last class.

Noah Lewis-pushed in all the chairs in 202

Ruby Brown- Ruby shared a candle with a friend during the Advent service

Ethan Croghan- Ethan found money in a desk and turned it in- even though he wanted to use it to buy a Snickers bar.

Layla Hooper- Helped a friend clean up a water bottle spill

Augie Chik-helped clean up after recess and helped a friend find a missing piece of work.

Virtue for January: Fidelity



Definition: Being faithful to promises and commitments

Mass: God shows his faithfulness through Jesus' offering of himself for us at each Mass.

School: Completing our homework on time, being a good classmate, and meeting other commitments.

Home: Performing our chores and loving our family.

Virtue Language:

What are some ways I can work this virtue into my language?

- "I like how (Name) is showing fidelity by..."
- I will be faithful to my commitments, even when I don't feel like it.

Remember: Fidelity strengthens our character and helps us and others grow in cheerfulness.

Showing Fidelity at Mass:

1. **Attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.** Ask God to help you get to Mass regularly and consistently.
2. **Spend the quiet time before Mass speaking to God in your heart.** God is always there waiting for us and desires that we communicate with Him often.
3. **Listen to God speak to you in the readings.** Listen for examples of the ways God shows His faithfulness to His people.
4. **Say or sing the responses meaningfully.** Pay close attention to the words you are saying, and mean them from your heart.
5. **When distracted, quietly redirect yourself back to prayer.** We sometimes find ourselves distracted, but bringing our mind back to God shows our fidelity to Him.
6. **Receive the Eucharist like a faithful disciple of Christ.** Bow fully at the waist. Hold your hands chest high, one supporting the other, flat like a paten. Say "Amen" clearly, and reverently receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Conversation Starters & Journaling Prompts

In what ways was the saint from this month's reading an example of fidelity?

In what ways can I grow in fidelity?

How have I improved in the virtue of fidelity lately?

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

2025 RECAP: WE ASKED, YOU RESPONDED, AND WE'RE LISTENING!

Written by Jason Gray

Parish Council President 2025/2026

On behalf of the SCL Parish Pastoral Council, I want to first wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy & holy new year in 2026!

This time of year, it's fun to think about all the unexpected events of the last 12 months, or maybe those things that just seemed so far off at the time, but which are now a reality. I mean, who would have thought that the lowly Chicago White Sox would become an overnight global brand all because of...the Pope!?!? That statement is total nonsense to a 2024 brain, but here we are!

Similarly, for the Parish Council, our *Big Rocks* we announced this time last year were just fledgling concepts aimed at a distant future but now have already begun to take shape and make an impact at SCL. Most significant is the Parish Survey we conducted this summer. Our objective was to hear from you directly and understand whether our current Mass schedule still optimally serves our parish. We asked what is working and what, if anything, you'd like to see different. Lastly, we were particularly interested in understanding your "why" behind the preferences you shared. You responded in a BIG way, and so we start by saying THANK YOU!!! The Council has spent the last several months critically analyzing the data, reading and listening to *every single one* of your responses, and discerning the best ways to meet them. Today we want to share with you the insights gathered from that process.

WHO RESPONDED?

 557 unique responses were received from the survey

 All age ranges were represented (under 18 to 90+)
- Highest response groups were 71-80, 61-70, and 41-50

 Balanced representation based on the Mass time respondents currently attend most frequently

WHAT ARE OUR NEXT STEPS?

 After prayerfully and thoroughly analyzing your feedback, the Parish Council is prepared to humbly recommend a revised Mass schedule to Fr. Dominic

 We are currently collaborating with the Parish Staff and Liturgy Committee to develop a communication and implementation plan

 We're excited to officially announce more details in the coming weeks and begin this new chapter at SCL later this summer!

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

 Nearly 70% of parishioners favor a Saturday evening Mass starting before 5:00

- Opinion was shared across all age groups
- Most common reasons were driving after dark, family meal times, and young child schedules

 There was an overwhelmingly strong preference for our existing 7:30 and 9:00 AM Sunday Masses

- These responses are reinforced by attendance trends at these times we've previously observed

 Potential Mass time options between 10:00 and noon proposed in the survey showed a general indifference/lack of preference in responses

- No clear feedback trends that helped explain the "why"

 In asking about a possible Sunday evening Mass option, only 35% indicated they would be "likely to attend at least monthly"

 You shared other ideas to improve the Mass experience, including: more time and opportunity for fellowship between Masses, more impactful homilies, and a desire to connect the Scripture readings to your daily lives

We cannot thank you enough for sharing your voices with us, encouraging us, and ultimately entrusting us with this important work on behalf of and in support of our parish. Our hope is that, as Pope Francis urged, SCL will continue to help believers to grow spiritually so that they can respond to God's love ever more fully in their lives.

SCL Parish Council 2025/2026

Kari Bass

Jason Gray

Maggie Murphy

Sue Baumgartner

Joey Hormberg

Julie Prior

MaryLee Burlemann

Claire Laurentius

Steve Twele

Lori Flauter

Maria Mattingly

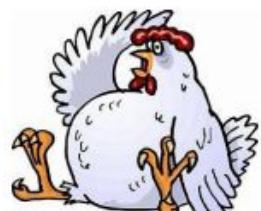
Chris Vaughan

Our inbox is always open if you have questions or want to share thoughts and ideas! PARISHCOUNCIL@SCLPARISH.ORG



2026 SCL Men's Association Wing Cookout

Sunday, February 8



The SCL Men's Association will be selling chicken wings on Superbowl Sunday

Preorders will be taken until Wednesday – February 4

Pick them up between 12pm and 2pm on the lower lot on game day

Send you order to:

stcatherinemensassociation@gmail.com

20 Wings - \$30

40 Wings - \$55

60 Wings - \$75

Choose from:
Plain (no sauce)
Garlic Parmesan
Hot and Spicy
Sticky BBQ

BEST DEAL IN SOUTH COUNTY



All orders will be tossed unless sauce on side is requested



You can pay when you pick up or you can send a check to:

St. Catherine Laboure

Attn: Men's Association 9740 Sappington Rd. St. Louis, MO 63128



**GIVE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIFE**



In 2025, we collected over 140 units of blood at our two blood drives. Your blood donations went a long way in easing the blood supply shortage.

Our next blood drive will be held
Monday, January 19, 2026
from 1:30-6:30
in the school cafeteria

Sign up in the Narthex after next weekend's masses or you can go online and schedule your time at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org>.

St. CATHERINE LABOURE



SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026
in the Parish Hall

80'S THEME-HAVE SOME FUN-
WINNING TABLE PRIZE AWARDED

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: _____

GIRL SCOUTS PRESENTS:

*a magical night with your
special someone*

AT THE DADDY-DAUGHTER

Snowflake Ball

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD

7:00PM - 9:00 PM

SCL PARISH HALL

girls can bring dad or other special guest



PLEASE USE QR CODE OR LINK TO REGISTER
\$40 PER COUPLE (NO ADDITIONAL FEE FOR
EXTRA DAUGHTERS)

LINK:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/OYYDNGRNBLZZNDRP6](https://forms.gle/OYYDNGRNBLZZNDRP6)

ANY QUESTIONS TEXT: 314-640-0669

PLEASE REGISTER BY MONDAY, JANUARY 19

INCLUDES DJ, REFRESHMENTS,

PHOTO BOOTH AND MORE!

OFF THE RAILS

Pinewood Derby Party for Adults
Car Races - Games - Roomballoon Rumble

Saturday, February 28



Doors open 7:00pm - Races start 7:30pm
St. Catherine Laboure Parish Hall
\$25/person

More Info & Register:
<https://bit.ly/AdultPinewood2026>



Proceeds support
Cub Scout Pack 646
Sponsored by the Men's Association

Questions?
Marcie Schumert
314-610-6272



Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Championship

Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Location: ST. CATHERINE'S GYM

Date: MONDAY, JAN 19, 2026 Time: 6:00 PM

Sponsor: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Contact: GARY ROGLES 314-608-1729



Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

SAVE-THE-DATE

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

Light of Life

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,
"I am the light of the world; he who follows me
will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(JOHN 8: 12)



February 7, 2026

9:00am–3:00pm
SI Commons at SLUH
4970 Oakland Ave

SAVE-THE-DATE

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

Light of Life

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,
"I am the light of the world; he who follows me
will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(JOHN 8: 12)



March 21, 2026
9:00am–3:00pm
SI Commons at SLUH
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