

St. Therese Catholic School

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STS Newsletter

Go Crusaders!



Mission Statement: To provide Faith, Service and Learning opportunities for students, families and communities in a Christ-like environment.

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UNIFORMS

Here are some links for uniforms. While in the past we have used Dennis uniforms, we have not contracted with them in the past three years. You may buy the polos or sweatshirts from only the school by clicking on this link:

<https://www.stthereseschoolabq.org/uniforms>

- **If you are needing the **plaid jumper**, you can order from Dennis here:**
Dennis uniform basics (Prek-4th grade) [girls jumper](#)
- **If you need a plaid skirt, we have some sizes for new skirts in the office. 5th-8th grade, if you need a particular size, we will order these in bulk and you can purchase from us.**
- **Dennis Uniform also has a **basic store**. This means you can buy their plain stock, such as navy blue slacks, white blouse/shirt, but nothing with a logo. [Dennis uniform basics girls](#) and [Dennis uniform basics boys](#)**
- **Remember boys wear navy slacks, girls may wear navy skorts or the plaid jumper/skirt. Girls need a navy crisscross tie and boys a regular navy tie for Mass.**
- **You can also check out the closet for gently used uniforms, which are all free of charge. If you have any questions on uniforms, just drop me an email m.giglio@stschool.org**

JANUARY LITURGY

1	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (USUALLY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION BUT THE USCCB ABROGATED THIS HOLY DAY THIS YEAR)
2	SAINT BASIL THE GREAT; ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN
3	HOLY NAME OF JESUS
4	ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
5	ST. JOHN NEUMANN
6	ST. ANDRE BESSETTE
7	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
13	MASS OF OUR LADY; ST. HILARY
17	ST. ANTONY, ABBOT
20	ST. FABIAN; ST. SEBASTIAN; MASS OF OUR LADY
22	DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN
23	ST. VINCENT, DEACON; ST. MARIANNE COPE
24	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
25	CONVERSION OF ST. PUAL THE APOSTLE
26	STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS
27	ST. ANGELA MERICI; MASS OF OUR LADY
31	ST. JOHN BOSCO

SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE – JANUARY



Thursday	January 4	No Mass, Christmas break
Sunday	January 7	No Sunday School Mass
Thursday	January 11	2nd grade hosts; Awards to follow
Thursday	January 18	8th grade hosts the Mass
Thursday	January 25	7th grade hosts the Mass

Adoration will follow most Masses on Thursday.

January Events

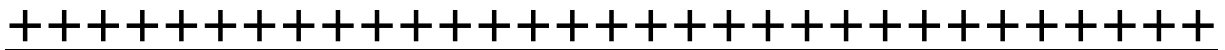
- January 1-7 Christmas Break
- January 8 Teachers return from break
- January 9 Students return from break
- January 11 Awards to follow the School Mass
- January 15 No school Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 18 Group/class pictures following the Mass
- January 28-February 3 Catholic Schools Week
- January 29 Honor parents/grandparents
- January 30 Honor students
- January 31 All Schools Mass 7th and 8th gr to attend
- February 1 Open house @ 10 am
- February 2 Honor faculty and staff

Financial Corner



Over the school's Christmas break, the school was able to update the electric panels at the school. Lighting around the school is now nice and bright and the electric panels have been updated and are stable. This has been an on-going project.

We offered a reduced registration fee for our current families which ended on January 1. We had over 100 students enrolled during this period! Registration to the public is now open. Third, fourth, and fifth grades are getting full; only a few seats remaining in each of these classes!



Faith Formation

The first eight days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white, which represents lights, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. The remaining days of January are the beginning of liturgical season known as ordinary time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical color green is worn during prayer of the Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

Highlights of the Month

In the first part of January we continue to rejoice and celebrate Christ's coming at Bethlehem and in our hearts. We have the wonderful feasts of Mary, Mother of God, where we honor Mary's highest title, and then we follow the Magi to the crib as they bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh on Epiphany. Finally, we reach the culmination of this season with the Baptism of Our Lord by St. John the Baptist. With a touch of sadness we take down our decorations and enter into the liturgical period known as Ordinary Time where we will devote ourselves to the mystery of Christ in its entirety.



This is a time of growth and an opportunity to allow the dignity of Sunday to shine forth prolonging the joy of Easter and Pentecost.

The Winter Seasons

The opening days of January may be cold and nature bleak, but the domestic church still glows warm with the peace and joy of Christmas. We dedicate the New Year to Mary on the January 1st Solemnity honoring her as Mother of God; and on January 7, the Solemnity of Epiphany, we rejoice with her, as her Son is adored by the three Wise Men.

Herald John, who ushered in the Advent season, is present once again to close Christmastide on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (The First Luminous Mystery), and to open the Season of Ordinary Time. He points to Jesus, the Lamb of God who unites time and eternity in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and even January's diminishing darkness seems to echo St. John's prayer: "He must increase and I must decrease."

In this liturgical season the Church eagerly follows Our Lord as he gathers his apostles and announces his mission. At Cana's wedding feast (The Second Luminous Mystery) he performs his first public miracle at the request of his Mother, and his disciples saw his glory and believed in him.

We, his present-day disciples pray for a like faith as we contemplate the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb and the unique role of the Blessed Mother in the plan of salvation. May we wholeheartedly obey her words of counsel: "Do whatever he tells you."

Courtesy CatholicCulture.org



Service Hours We are in the second quarter of the school year, and many have given of their time or donated items to the school. Please make sure to log your hours in your FACTS SIS account. To do this:

1. Log into your FACTS SIS account
2. Click on Family on the left side of your screen
3. Find service hours
4. Click Add +
5. Add hours
6. Add description (volunteer or food / goods)
7. In the note, just BRIEFLY state what you did i.e. Halloween carnival, donated food for party, etc.
8. We will verify the hours throughout the year

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year

January 1, 2024, enrollment is open to those seeking a Catholic Education that is not currently part of our community. Registration fee is \$250. Several classes are getting full: 3rd grade is 77% full; 4th grade is 73% full; 5th grade is 82% full.

To enroll:

1. Log into your FACTS SIS account.
2. Scroll down to Apply/Enroll
3. Click on Enrollment/reenrollment
4. Click on blue link that state “click here to open enrollment”
5. Under the Packet Status, click on “Start Enrollment Packet”
6. Go through all the pages and make sure all needed boxes are filled. If you get a yellow triangle on the left screen, you must address those areas. Finally, click on the last page and submit enrollment. You are welcome to check with me to see if your enrollment was submitted successfully.

Email me m.giglio@stschool.org with any questions or issues you may have.



School Dress Code

Just a reminder that students (male and female) should not have highlights or colored hair, artificial ns, non-prescription contacts or wear make-up. Boy’s hair should be cut above the collar and not have any shapes or razor art in their cuts. For both boys and girls, hair/bangs should not cover their eyes. We ask that girls keep hair items to a simple hair tie or STS uniform headband or scrunchie. No big bows or jewelry/beads in their hair. Shoes and other items for your student: please make sure that shoes should be regular sneakers that are white, black or blue; no high tops, no Vans with checks or designs, no light-ups and no wheels on the shoes. Please no boots; heels on student shoes no more than an inch. Please keep

socks conservative: white, black, or blue. A small swish is fine, but no graffiti or images on the socks. Please do not have students wear the no show socks. They must be ankle or knee socks for both boys and girls. Thank you for helping in honoring the dress code for the school! This is referenced in the handbook.



Virtus is an Archdiocesan training for all volunteers that helps adults learn to recognize the warning signs of abuse, and it shows them the appropriate way to respond to suspicious behavior. If you are planning on attending or volunteering in any capacity at the school, even if only driving or being with your own child, please take the time to take “Protecting God's Children” online. The certificate is turned into the front office and is good for five (5) years. This will also cover any volunteering in any of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe communities. Visit www.virtusonline.org and take your class today.

Annual Notifications

Legal Notice

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and St. Therese Catholic School comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) by providing access for the review of the Management Plan at this school. The Management Plan is kept in the principal's office and will be updated as various situations develop and inspections are completed. Arrangements may be made with the principal of the school or to the executive director of general services at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Civil Rights

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online

at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a

letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov

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<https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/i/community/smiths-inspiring-donations>



APIAL is our sport program. Registration is currently active for the following sports: co-ed flag football (elementary) deadline for registration is 10/13/23 and boys basketball deadline for registration is 10/31/23. Please click the link: <https://sites.google.com/view/apialathleticsregister/sts> to register today. No registrations will be accepted after the deadlines. Registration includes the student information and payment which is all available on the APIAL link above.