

St. Stanislaus School
January 14, 2019
Friendship With Jesus: Living a Eucharistic Life

He who trusts himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things. - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Saint of the Week: St. Joseph Vaz January 16. Joseph Vaz was a missionary born on 21 April 1651 in Goa, India. He died on 16 January 1711 in Kandy, present day Sri Lanka. He was an Oratorian missionary priest. He arrived in Sri Lanka during the Dutch occupation. The Dutch had expelled the Portuguese who had introduced Catholicism to Sri Lanka. The Dutch then went on to impose Calvinism as the official religion in Sri Lanka. Father Vaz travelled throughout Sri Lanka, bringing the Eucharist and Sacraments to clandestine groups of Catholics. He would sometimes disguise himself as a beggar in order to facilitate his mission. Later, he founded a shelter in the Kingdom of Kandy where he intensified his missionary work of ministering to both the minority Tamil and Sinhalese ethnic groups. By the time of his death, he had managed to rebuild the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka. He was beatified by Pope Saint John Paul II on 21 January 1995, in the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo, and canonized there by Pope Francis on 14 January 2015. (*Universalis*)

If you have a child whom you wish to enroll in preschool or kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year, please be sure that you have an application on file in the office. Enrollment is opening to the general public next week.

Preschool and Kindergarten Parent Conferences are on Thursday, January 24. Call the school office this week to make an appointment.

Catholic Schools Week is January 27 - February 1. We have a great week planned:

Sunday, January 27: 11:00 a.m. Opening Mass. All students, PK-8 attend Mass in uniform and sit with their classes. Students should arrive no later than 9:40 a.m. and meet their teachers in the following places:

Choir members go directly to the choir section in church

Altar servers go directly to the sacristy

PK, K and Grade 1 in their classrooms

Grade 2 in the first grade classroom

Grades 3, 4 and 5 in the corridor outside grade 1

Grades 6-8 in the school lobby.

Monday, January 28: Minute To Win It Competition

Tuesday, January 29: Pajama Day and Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, January 30: Visit by local children's author Robert Clark

Thursday, January 31: Open House 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Come and bring family and friends! Enjoy all the activities we have planned!

Auditorium: Book Fair, Club Information, Refreshments, Bishop Connolly High School representatives

Preschool: Imagination Station

Kindergarten: Weather Study

Grade 1: Safari

Grade 2: Polar Habitat

Grade 3: Massachusetts History Makers

Grade 4: Invention Convention

Grade 5: Living Wax Museum

Grade 6: Student Designed Math Games

Grade 7: History Fun

Grade 8: Massachusetts Authors

Friday, February 1: Big Buddy-Little Buddy

Diaper Drive: We will launch a disposable diaper drive on January 27 that will last through February 15. Any size is fine, but sizes 4, 5 and 6 are the most needed. The diapers collected will be given to Catholic Social Services for distribution to needy families. Donations can be left in the school lobby. Thank you!

In the past, the Sunday Catholic Schools Week Mass has been followed by a brunch prepared by the Parent Group. We are discontinuing this because the Mass is now an hour later. **Instead, we will have refreshments at the Open House on Thursday, January 31.** If you are able to bake, please let the office know. Baked goods can be dropped off that morning.

9 Days for Life, January 14-22, 2019, is a “digital pilgrimage” of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person’s life. A multifaceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Sign up to receive the novena through a free app, daily emails, or daily text messages. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to sign up and for information on how else you can get involved! #9DaysforLife #OurPrayersMatter

Rosary for Life: On Monday, January 22, grades 2-8 will pray the Rosary for Life at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the protection of life from conception to natural death. The General instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”. “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

The Yearbook Club will meet this Thursday from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

February lunch order forms are being sent home today. They are due January 25.

We are in need of volunteers to mount art work on construction paper for Fine Arts Night. Please contact Miss Willis if you can help.

The Dorothy Vaill Scholarship applications for Catholic school students for the academic year 2019-20 are now available at <http://www.holyunionsisters.org/dorothy-vaill-fund/> . **The application deadline is February 15, 2019.**

The **FACE (formerly St. Mary’s Fund) scholarship applications for 2019-2020** are now available online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/>. **The deadline for application is February 15.** Remember that you must re-apply every year for this scholarship.

The Virginia Winiarski Lowney Scholarship Applications for 2019-2020 are available in the school office. The Lowneys have provided for 12 \$500 scholarships.

SAL Days: The diocese is piloting a Strategic Alternative Learning project. This initiative allows us to send specific work on snow days that are designated by the school administrator as SAL days. A SAL day counts as a school day and will not have to be made up at the end of the year. Our school’s SAL day is based on the diocesan policy and is attached.

Miss Willis

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Structured Alternative Learning Day Policy 2019

Structured Alternative Learning Days will be utilized when a storm is predicted at the discretion of the administration. The day will be announced in advance. SAL days will not be enacted for consecutive days. It is the teacher's responsibility to ensure that each student goes home with SAL day folders and the books needed. Should a student be absent, the teacher must email the scanned documents from the folder to the student's parents before the teacher leaves school for the day.

Instruction/Performance

Instruction/Performance expectations shall accomplish the learning outcomes of the particular unit and be completed within a reasonable timeframe. The goal is to continue quality learning while students are at home

SAL folders shall contain thoughtful, reflective assignments on current units, as well as the directions for each assignment. They shall also contain semester project sheets. No online assignments may be given. Included in the instructions are the two-hour time frame when the teacher will be available for email consultation or for google classroom consultation. SAL folder assignments are to be submitted to the principal for approval. This approval must be sought each time the folder is revised.

Teachers should plan for all five major subjects (math, literacy, religion, science, and social studies). Integration of subjects/assignments is encouraged.

Work for ELL students, special education students, or students who ordinarily need more assistance must be appropriately modified.

Activities for students in grades PK-2 should last a total of approximately 45 minutes.

Activities for students in grades 3-4 should last a total of approximately 90 minutes.

Activities for students in grades 5-8 should last a total of approximately 180 minutes.

Students shall turn in assignments and work on the next school day.

Students who do not hand in the assignments or complete the work will receive an unexcused absence for the SAL day and a zero on the assignments.

Communication

Teachers will communicate to parents and/or students the directions for SAL day assignments and will also be available at designated times for parents to communicate regarding assignment completion and directions.