

St. Stanislaus School
February 4, 2019
Friendship With Jesus: Living a Eucharistic Life

Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God! - St. Josephine Bakhita

Saint of the Week: St. Josephine Bakhita was born near Jebel Agilere in South Darfur (Sudan). Kidnapped when still very young, she experienced the cruelty of slavery as she was sold several times in slave markets of Africa. Finally she was rescued by an Italian family and brought to Italy where she not only became a Christian but also felt the call to consecrate her life to God as a sister. She joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and lived the rest of her life at Schio, a small village near Vicenza. She died on 8 February, 1947. In a February 1993 homily given in Sudan, Pope John Paul II said of then Blessed Josephine Bakhita, "Her Beatification was an act of respect not only for her but also for the Sudan, since *a daughter of this land was put forward as a hero of mercy and of goodwill*. God used her to teach us all the meaning of Jesus' words: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God' (Mt. 5: 9)."

Our Diaper Drive 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 outside the school office. Thank you!

Contracts for the 2019-2020 academic year are due back on **Friday, March 1**.

The Parent Group will meet on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. We will be planning the teacher appreciation lunch.

The Yearbook Club will not meet this week.

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. **Deadline is March 1, 2019.**

Finally, I have made a decision not to return to St. Stanislaus School as principal in the 2019-20 academic year. Thank you all for your support throughout my years here.

Miss Willis

Dear School Families,

May the Lord give you peace. As we all have learned this week of Miss Willis' announcement that she will not renew her contract with the school next year, I wanted to take a moment to reach out to all of you. First and foremost to express on behalf of us all, our deep gratitude to Miss Willis for her years of tireless service to our school community and her deep and abiding care for not only the education of our young people, but so importantly for the development of their Catholic faith. These are both the hallmarks of our beloved school. I am grateful that we will have the rest of the school year to express that thanks to Miss Willis and celebrate her time with us, and we keep her deeply in our prayers for all that the next chapter in her life will bring.

I also wanted to let you know that I have already been in contact with the Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools, and conversations are beginning to seek out our next principal for the school. I promise you that this process will involve not only seeking the best possible candidates for our consideration, but will begin with a process that listens to you, the families of our students, to hear your hopes and concerns for the next principal of our school. I'm confident that we will be able to find an excellent principal who will keep our school on the path to growth. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. The easiest way to reach out is via email and you can reach me at frtom@3cfallriver.org.

Please join me in thanking Miss Willis for her service, and praying for her during these months of transition into the next chapter of her life.

Peace, love, and prayers,

Fr. Tom