



The Green Line

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St. James Students Show That They Are “Alive in Christ” During Catholic Schools Week 2011!

Catholic Schools Week was held from January 30th to February 4th, 2011. In keeping with the spiritual theme of the 2010-11 school year, students at St. James participated in a variety of activities to show how our community is ‘Alive in Christ’.

Before the week began, each school family was asked to design a special leaf to be used in a display on the main floor of school. On each leaf, the family members were asked to depict the ways that they are alive in Christ. All the leaves were collected, and students arranged the works of art in the “Vine of Life” display in the main hallway (see the photo at right).

In addition, students and their teachers created special calendars that were given to parishioners at the Family Mass on January 30th. Each month of the calendar featured a different grade, and each child provided an ‘Alive in Christ’ quote for different days of the month.



During the week, a variety of fun activities were planned to help raise money for a charitable cause. Unfortunately, the week was cut short due to a few unplanned winter storms! Even so, students from St. James collected \$181.50 by donating 25 cents each to participate in “Silly Sock Day” (see photo at left). Several other activities were planned, but had to be cancelled because of the snow days. In keeping with the spirit of the event, however, many students donated more than 25 cents! All the money that was collected was donated to St. Patrick Center.

On the last day of the week, students and their parents enjoyed “Take Your Child Out To Lunch Day”. Families were allowed to leave school property and to enjoy a meal together. “This is a good opportunity for the families to take some time to reflect on the week’s activities and the meanings surrounding them,” Principal Karen Battaglia said. She added, “they look forward to it all year long!”

Perhaps the most eagerly anticipated event of the week was the “Minute To Win It Family Challenge”. The event was postponed several times, but was eventually held on Thursday evening. Parents, students, and teachers participated in wacky games based on the hit TV show. Everyone enjoyed the event immensely! 7th grade parent Mary Jo Thayer said, “It was so much fun! It was great to see the entire community interacting with each other and having such a good time!”

If you would like to watch a video of this event, please click [HERE](#).

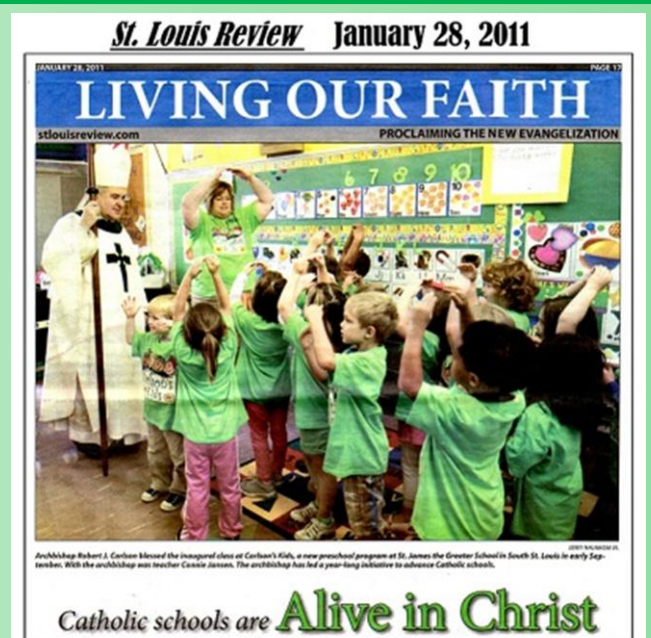


Carlson’s Kids Recently Featured in the St. Louis Review

Carlson’s Kids, the curriculum-based pre-kindergarten program at St. James the Greater School, was featured in the St. Louis Review on January 28th, 2011.

A full-page color picture of the 4-year-old Carlson’s Kids (along with Archbishop Carlson and teacher Connie Jansen) appeared in the education section that was prepared for Catholic Schools Week (see photo at right).

An article on the pre-kindergarten program was also paired with the photo. If you would like to read the article and see the full-size picture, please click [HERE](#).



Check out a few of the St. James “Notable Alumni”!



We have just added a new feature to the St. James website. If you browse the “About Us” section, you will notice the “Notable Alumni” tab. This page serves to highlight some of the fine former students in the long history of St. James the Greater school.

The first two occupants on the page are Pulitzer-Prize winning cartoonist Mike Peters, and prominent St. Louis business woman Sharon Lee Tucci. If you would like to visit the “Notable Alumni” page and read all about these two fascinating people, please click [HERE](#).

Sharon and Mike are just the first two in a long line of prominent alums we plan to feature on our website. If you would like to nominate a candidate for this honor, please call our advancement office at (314)647-5244.



St. James Students Prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation

At the Family Mass on February 27th, Confirmation candidates from St. James the Greater School began the formal phase of their preparation for receiving the sacrament. They appeared in church with their Confirmation sponsors (see photo), and will interact with these sponsors throughout the remainder of the preparation process. Each candidate will perform acts of service to show their dedication to the faith. Before they receive the sacrament, Fr. Johnson will meet with each candidate on an individual basis. Let us pray for these students as they enter this final phase of what has been a year-long process. The Confirmation ceremony will be held on May 5th, 2011.

Decades of Dreams Auction 2011 Promises to be a “Ritz-y” Affair!

The theme for the Decades of Dreams Auction 2011 is “Puttin’ on the Ritz”. In keeping with the recurring ‘decades’ sentiment, the evening will be a ‘Roaring 20’s’ themed gala.

This year, in addition to the regular events, there will be a special Alumni Reception and school tour before the dinner and auction. St. James alumni from graduation years ending in ‘01 have been invited for an informal reunion.

The auction will be held on Saturday, May 14th 2011 and will feature professional auctioneer J. Kim Tucci. If you would like know more about the auction, please visit our auction website at www.decadesofdreams.com or visit us on [facebook](#) at “St. James the Greater Auction”. We look forward to seeing everyone in May!

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Decades of Dreams website



(Screen Shot of the Decades of Dreams Auction Website)