



SAINT JAMES THE GREATER
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CITY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009

Yard Duty Schedule:

Monday: Tyann Finn and Angela Lanemann
Tuesday: Ann Chulick and Pete Thomas
Wednesday: Meredith Schaper and Katie Ryan
Thursday: Jennifer Mayberry and Christine Lakey
Friday: Cultural Day

Server Schedule:

10-10-09 – 4:30 – Steven Grondalski and Peter Wiss
10-11-09 – 8:00 – Audra Laird and Tom Marshall
10-11-09 – 10:30 – Anastasia Pitts and Mikayla Pitts
Weekday: - Audra Laird and Tom Marshall

Sports Mass on Sunday, October 11th – 10:30 Mass

The Athletic Association Sports Mass will be held this Sunday at 10:30. The students can wear their sports uniform.

First Reading: Andrew Thomas

Second Reading: Audra Laird

Petitions: Joseph Thairer

Scholastic Book Fair:

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. and again on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. It is not too early to get some Christmas gifts. Books are always a great gift.

Fall Picture Day:

Your child's picture envelope was sent home this week. Tuesday, October 20th is Picture Day. The children may wear dress-up clothes (no jeans). All students will have their pictures taken

Vision Test:

The vision test will be held on Monday. Only the students that returned the permission slip will be tested. Attached you will find another copy of the Vision Testing Form. This is voluntary and free of charge, so if you would like your child's vision tested, you must return it tomorrow. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Trick or Trunk:

Trick or Trunk will be held on October 25th. Please see the attached flyer.

Mr. Z's Fall Fundraiser:

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their order forms and payment. In order to give everyone a bit more time, we have extended the selling period by a few days. Please return your forms with payment **no later than Monday, October 12th!** This will be the last possible day to process the orders. Thank You!

"I Love The 80's Dance":

The 80's Dance will be held on Saturday, November 14th (see the attached flyer for all the details). Mark your calendars now! This will be a major fundraiser for the school. We are expecting a capacity crowd, so make your reservations as soon as possible.

Mission Carnival:

The mission carnival will take place on Thursday, October 29th. We need parent volunteers to help with the carnival. Please see the attached flyer & sign up sheet.

Report Cards:

Report cards will be given to parents on Thursday, October 22nd during parent/teacher conferences. Please make sure you return a conference sign-up form to your child's homeroom teacher.

This Week In Sports:

SOCCER - Sat. Oct. 10th

2nd Grade 12:30 St. James VS St. Frances Cabrini @ Epiphany

1st Grade 3:15 St. James VS Immaculate Heart of Mary @ Mullally Field

Pre-K/K 3:45 St. James VS St. Margaret of Scotland @ Mullally Field

VOLLEYBALL

10/11 7th Grade Boys VS St. Gabe 3:30 @ Immaculate Heart of Mary

10/9 6th Grade Girls VS Our Lady of Sorrows 8pm @ Immaculate Heart of Mary

10/10 6th Grade Girls VS Marian Middle 11am @ Epiphany

10/11 5th Grade Boys VS St. Raphael 1:30 @ Immaculate Heart of Mary

St. James in the Newspaper:

A story about the "Pennies for Priests" campaign appeared in the Suburban Journal on Wednesday, Sept. 30th. Several St. James students were featured in the article. If you would like to read the article, it is attached to the newsletter.

Read, Right & Run:

Students still have time to turn in the entrance form for the "Read, Right & Run" program in which students will read, do good deeds and run (both in training and in running a marathon). The entrance fee is \$5.00. For more information, contact Mrs. Richert. An entrance form is attached to this newsletter.

Athletic Association Trivia Night:

The Athletic Association Trivia Night is this Saturday, October 10th. There are still some tables available. Please call Judy Levitt at 781-3852 to reserve a table.

5th Grade Scientists:

5th grade science students perform an experiment to show that air has mass.



Eye Examination Permission Slip

Dear Parents,

On Monday, October 12th, Dr. Melissa Massey has offered free vision screening to the students of St. James. She and two staff members of Clinical Ophthalmology will check students for the following:

- Visual acuity (distance and near)
- Eye alignment
- Stereo acuity
- Color vision

This screening will help diagnose vision problems that impair a child's ability to learn and develop normally.

If you would like your child to have Dr. Massey, of Clinical Ophthalmology, Inc., test your child's eyes, please sign the following permission slip and return it to school.

Sincerely,

Karen Battaglia
Principal

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My child/children _____ has/have my
permission to have Clinical Ophthalmology test his/her/their eyes.

Signature



4th Annual Chili Cook Off

&

Trick Or Trunk

Sunday, October 25, 2009

3pm – Dusk

St. James School Yard

Please mark your calendars and join us for Halloween Fun!

Enter your famous chili recipe to win the
4th Annual “Braggin Rights” trophy.

Parking is \$5.00 at the gate, walk in’s \$ 1.00 per person.

Enter your chili for \$20.00, and your parking fee is waived.

Hot Dogs and chili tasting are free,
soda will be available for \$1.00.

Feel free to bring your beverage cooler.

Prizes will be awarded for Best Kid’s Costume,
Best Adult Costume, and Best Decorated Car.

The St. Louis Fire Department will be
on hand with the Safe House.

8th Grade will have a maze and pumpkin patch to
raise money for their 8th Grade trip.

Music played by Bruce Shamrock.

Call Angie at 314-781-5622 to enter your chili,
deadline to enter is Friday, October 23, 2009.

Hope to see you there for this great, fun-filled afternoon, to
spend with friends, taste some great chili,
and get some Halloween candy a little early!!



DANCE

FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL TAMMY

AT (314) 644-2501

NEED MORE INFO? VISIT WWW.BESTSCHOOLINSTLOUIS.COM

TO BENEFIT

ST. JAMES THE GREATER SCHOOL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 2009

1360 TAMM AVENUE - IN DOGTOWN

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

MUSIC FROM 8PM - MIDNIGHT

**COSTUME CONTEST: COME IN YOUR BEST 80'S
OUTFIT & WIN AN 80'S MULTI-MEDIA GIFT BASKET!**

**LIQUOR BASKET RAFFLE: BUY A CHANCE AND YOU
COULD WIN A BASKET FILLED WITH YOUR FAVORITE
80'S LIBATIONS!**

\$25 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE

\$30 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR

PRICE INCLUDES: APPETIZERS, DRAFT

BEER, WINE & SODA

(CAN BEER AND MIXED DRINKS \$2 EACH)



Dear Parents,

Mission Carnival Day is October 31, 2009 from 12:45 to 2:15 pm. We are in need of many volunteers. The children like having their parents/grandparents volunteer. If you are unable to volunteer to work, please consider sending in prizes for the booths or other donations.

Please fill out the bottom of this form to let us know how you will be helping.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
The Mission Carnival Committee

Yes, I would love to volunteer.

I am very sorry, I cannot arrange my schedule to volunteer.

I will send in prizes or donations.

Signature _____

Student/Students' Name _____ Grade _____

Out of the pockets of babes

St. James students give pennies to help rehab seminary

By Jim Merkel
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Students at St. James the Greater Elementary School in Dogtown are receiving a hands-on Bible lesson about a woman who gave little, but was credited with giving much.

The students at the school at 6401 Wade Ave. in South St. Louis have given up soda and ice cream money and donated what they have saved to "Pennies for Priests."

That's their effort to raise money for the \$50 million drive for Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Shrewsbury, which opened in 1931.

The drive for the seminary that trains priests for the Archdiocese of St. Louis seeks \$26 million for renovations, \$20 million for an endowment and \$4 million for campaign expenses.

The school includes a college seminary and a graduate school of theology.

"We need more priests so they can go out and preach and spread their religion to more people," said eighth-grader Olivia Grondalski, 13. She's given loose

change from her wallet and purse.

To find the money to give, fourth-grader Meredith Laird, 9, has given up gum.

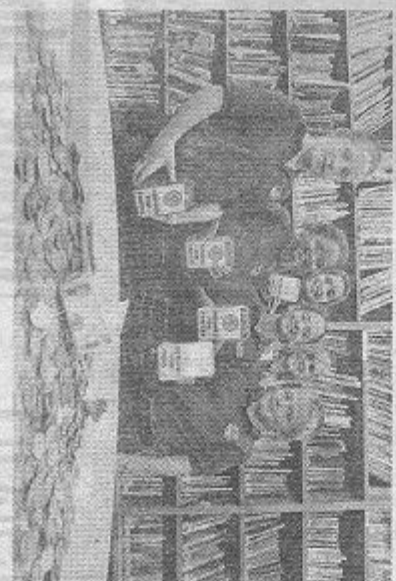
As of last week, Principal Karen Battaglia said St. James' 159 students had raised about \$275. Besides personal giving, Father John Johnson, pastor of St. James Parish, has designated all loose change collected at Sunday Masses for Pennies for Priests.

Battaglia predicts the drive could bring in \$3,000. That's not much, compared to \$50 million.

But Father John Johnson, pastor of St. James Parish, told the school children the story in Mark 12:41-44 about a woman who put coins worth less than a penny into a collection plate.

Even though she gave less than others who were rich, Jesus said she really gave

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From left, Tom Marshall, Amanda Isom, Gabby Trebus, Meredith Laird, Olivia Grondalski and Matthew Thomas, students at St. James the Greater Catholic School in Dogtown, are collecting pennies for priests at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

more because she put in all she had to live on.

"It's the little people who make the difference in the church," Johnson said.

Gifts like those being offered by children at St. James are big to Monsignor Ted

Wojcicki, Kenrick-Glennon's president-rector.

"It's very humbling," he said. "To see children who are inspired to give according to their capacity is a beautiful thing."

Most contributions, big or small, won't go for the seminary buildings themselves, Wojcicki said. They're in good shape.

More will go to replace outdated electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling systems and for information technology systems. There will be money for faculty offices and a better library.

One unexpected need the renovations would take care of is for more dorm rooms for seminarians.

Where enrollment was down to about 60 about 15 years ago, it's now 115, an increase of 19 from the 2000-2007 school year, Wojcicki said.

"They're seeing that going into the priesthood is a way to address the problems of our society," he said.

One of those seminarians is Deacon Timothy Noelker, 25. The Franklin County resident is in his seventh year in the seminary and eight months from completion.

Noelker said water seeps through large cracks in the library. Bottom book shelves don't have books on them to prevent them from being soaked during rains.

Sewage backs into sinks during rains, Noelker said. "The wiring system is not quite up to date, to put it mildly," he said.

Back at St. James, students continue to gather pennies, sometimes from odd places. For instance, fifth-grader Amanda Isom said she looks for loose change between couch cushions.



GO! St. Louis Read, Right & Run Marathon®

2010 REGISTRATION FORM

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

GENDER (please circle): M F

AGE AS OF 4/10/10 _____ DATE OF BIRTH ____ / ____ / ____

SCHOOL/GROUP NAME (if individual, write "individual") _____

HOME MAILING ADDRESS:

STREET ADDRESS: _____ APT. # _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN E-MAIL: _____

Have you participated in the Read, Right & Run Marathon before? YES NO

If yes, please list the years: _____

CIRCLE YOUR T-SHIRT SIZE:

YOUTH SMALL (6-8)

YOUTH MEDIUM (10-12)

YOUTH LRG. (14-16)
(equiv. to Adult Small)

ADULT MEDIUM

ADULT LARGE

REGISTRATION FEES:

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE: by 12/18/09 is \$15

LATE REGISTRATION FEE: by 1/15/10 is \$17

FINAL TURN-IN DEADLINE FOR

REGISTRATION FORMS & FEES: 1/15/10

Please make checks payable to *GO! St. Louis*.

REMINDER:

We advise registering early. Make checks payable to:
GO! St. Louis. Please remember that Journals will **NOT**
be distributed until forms and fees have been received.

MAIL TO:

Mona Langenberg
GO! St. Louis
7727 Clayton Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63117

Liability waiver and race agreement: Waiver and signature (on behalf of the named entrant) **MUST BE SIGNED.**
Read this form carefully before signing on behalf of the registered student.

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I will not allow the above entrant to enter or participate unless he/she is medically able to do so. I assume all risks associated with my child's participation in this event, including but not limited to, the effects of weather, traffic, course conditions, and course surfaces, falls, and contact with any other runners spectators or volunteers. I release GO! St. Louis and its hired contractors, City of St. Louis and agencies, student's school and school district, and sponsors from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, expenses, including attorney fees and disbursements, arising from or relating to student's participation in or preparation for the events even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons names in this waiver. I agree to accept the rules of this race and related events. I consent to the use of essays, photographs, video, film, and sound recordings of all marathon events for all legitimate purposes without compensation.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE