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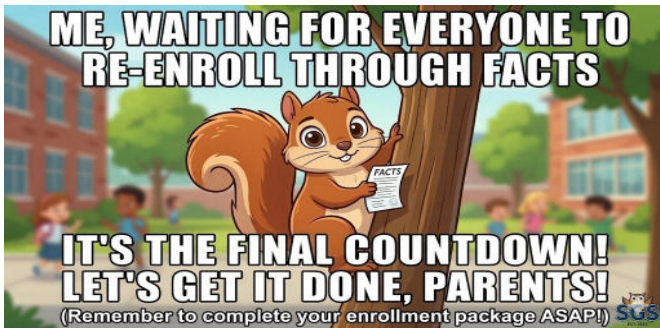
- 6- Sadie Gerloff (PK-4)
- 16- Albert Dahl (2)
- 17- Finn Koenigsfeld (3)
- 18- Hollis Higginbotham (7)
- 21- Bo Wolfe (1)
- 23- Graylen Deeken (1)
- 24- River Hoelscher (2)
- 25- Chandler Peters (3)
- 25- Eleanor Schmitz (6)
- 26- Mila Monroe (K)
- 30- Blaze Coots (6)

Time to Re-Enroll!

It is officially time to secure your spot for the upcoming school year! We are excited to welcome our families back, but we need your help to get the paperwork finalized.

- **Action Required:** Please complete your re-enrollment through the **FACTS** portal as soon as possible.
- **Check Your Inbox:** Emails containing detailed re-enrollment information and links have already been sent out. If you don't see one, please check your spam folder or contact the front office.
- **Billing Info:** Just like last year, invoices will be issued shortly after your completed enrollment package has been submitted.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this! Getting this done early helps us better prepare for the year ahead.



TO BE AN ACTIVE STEWARD MEANS TO:

PRAY: That is, attend Mass faithfully in the parish on weekends and Holy Days

PARTICIPATE: That is, use one's time and talents to strengthen the Parish community.

SACRIFICIALLY GIVE: That is, pledge and remain current on a tithe of financial first fruits to support the ministries of the Parish. The goal is 8% to the Parish and 2% to other worthy charities.

Saying "Yes" in the Everyday

This week, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**, marking the moment the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and the Word became flesh. At the heart of this feast is Mary's *Fiat*—her courageous, unconditional "Yes" to God's plan, despite the uncertainty of what lay ahead.

As Catholics, we are called to do more than just remember Mary's "Yes"; we are invited to mirror it. Saying "Yes" to God rarely happens in a single, grand gesture. Instead, it is lived out in the quiet, daily choices that define our discipleship:

- **In Our Routine:** Finding a moment for prayer amidst a busy schedule.
- **In Our Relationships:** Choosing patience and forgiveness when it's difficult.
- **In Our Service:** Offering our time and talents to those in need within our parish and community.

By following Mary's example, we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Christ into the world in our own time and place.

Double Your Impact: Thriftway Receipts & Box Tops!

Starting **January 1 through April 30**, we are collecting Thriftway receipts to earn points for school materials that aren't covered by our regular budget. Please send them in as you receive them, instead of keeping until the end, to make it easier on our parent volunteers. Additionally, did you know you can help us twice with the same receipt? Before you send your Thriftway receipts, please **scan them using the Box Tops for Education app!** By scanning and then donating the physical receipt, we can utilize both programs at the same time to provide even more resources for our students. Thank you for your amazing support!

April's Virtue is Charity

The Heart of the Gospel: Living the Virtue of Charity

In our modern world, we often think of "charity" as simply writing a check or dropping off old clothes at a donation bin. While those are wonderful acts of kindness, the Catholic tradition defines the **Theological Virtue of Charity** as something far more profound.

What is Charity?

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, Charity is the virtue by which we **love God above all things** for His own sake, and **our neighbor as ourselves** for the love of God. It is often called *Caritas* or "agape"—a selfless, sacrificial love that seeks the highest good of the other person without expecting anything in return.

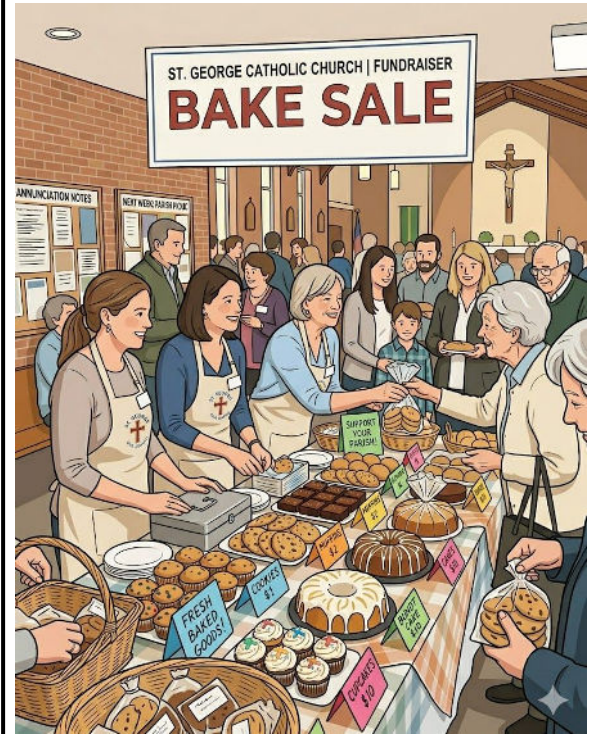
How to Live It Daily

Charity isn't reserved for grand gestures; it is woven into the fabric of our ordinary routines. Here are a few ways to "put on love" this week:

- **The Gift of Presence:** In a world of distractions, giving someone your undivided attention is a profound act of charity. Listen deeply to a spouse, a child, or a lonely neighbor.
- **The "Hidden" Sacrifice:** Offer up small frustrations—like sitting in traffic or doing a chore you dislike—with a spirit of joy rather than complaint.
- **The Corporal Works of Mercy:** Look for Christ in the marginalized. Whether it's preparing a meal for a grieving friend or volunteering at a local food pantry, we encounter Jesus through service.
- **Practicing Patience:** St. Thérèse of Lisieux taught that charity consists in "bearing with the faults of others" and "not being surprised at their weaknesses."

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them." — **St. Mother Teresa**

St. Ann's Sodality will hold the annual Easter Bake Sale on Friday, April 3rd in front of Legends Bank on Main Street. We will accept baked items in front of the bank beginning at 6:45 am. We will sell until all items are sold. Please help us by baking rolls, cakes, cookies, pies, and breads, Items such as jams, jellies, and hot mustard also sell well.



Welcoming a New/Familiar Face to 4th Grade!

We are thrilled to announce that Darice Voss has officially joined our St. George team! Darice will be stepping into the role of our new 4th grade teacher, bringing a passion for student growth and a fresh energy to the classroom. We are so excited to have her on board and can't wait to see the wonderful impact she will have on our students next year. Please join us in giving Darice a warm St. George School welcome!

Shape the Future of Our School: SAC Elections

It's time to cast your vote for the **School Advisory Council (SAC)**! This is a unique opportunity to elect dedicated leaders who serve as a vital consultative body for our school community.

What is the School Advisory Council?

The SAC operates under Canon Law as a **collaborative, advisory group**. While individual members do not hold independent authority, the council as a whole provides essential insight and counsel to our Pastor and School Administrator. This "advisory" structure allows members to speak freely and offer diverse perspectives, ensuring our policies are thoughtful and well-rounded.

How Your Vote Makes a Difference

Though the council is not a legislative body, its influence is profound. By voting, you are choosing the voices that will:

- **Set Long-Term Vision:** Participate in strategic goal-setting and long-range planning for enrollment and finance.
- **Shape Policy:** Formulate school policies that reflect our values and diocesan standards.
- **Oversee Resources:** Review and recommend the annual school budget and plan special projects.
- **Build Community:** Lead public relations and recruitment efforts to keep our school thriving.
- **Support Leadership:** Participate in search procedures for school administrators and principals.

All council decisions and formulated policies are subject to the final approval of the Pastor and implemented by the School Administrator, ensuring a unified mission for our students.

Cast your vote by April 10th at 3:30 pm! Your participation ensures that our leadership remains vibrant, insightful, and focused on the continued excellence of our school.

Vote at the following link: <https://forms.gle/ex1B2qxor3oCBMNN6>



Please ensure your 2025-26 account balance is current.
Registration for the 2026-27 school year is not complete until all prior fees are paid.

Failure to clear outstanding balances will result in:

1. **Withheld records** for graduating 8th graders.
2. **Ineligibility** for 2026-27 fall sports participation.

Landscaping Block for Sale

St. George School/Parish has two pallets of Oldcastle landscaping blocks left from a project, available for sale. The pallets include: Tandem Wall Ashlar Pewter blocks and Tandem Module blocks. The total cost for both pallets is \$1,700. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing, please contact either the school office 573-897-3645 or parish office 573-897-2293



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee participants!

After winning their classroom contests, these students earned the honor of representing our school at the diocesan Spelling Bee held at St. Martin's. They did a fantastic job and made us proud with their effort and sportsmanship. A special congratulations to Sam for earning 5th place. Way to go Warriors!



 **April 2026 Calendar of Events**

Date	Day	Event / Observation	Note
April 2	Thursday	No School	Holy Thursday
April 3	Friday	No School	Good Friday
April 6	Monday	No School	Easter Monday
April 7	Tuesday	Classes Resume	Welcome Back!
April 10	Friday	4 D Day	Sponsored by Band
April 12	Sunday	First Communion	1:00 PM
April 17	Friday	Progress Reports	Sent home with students
April 24	Friday	4 D Day	Sponsored by K & 1st Grade
April 28	Tuesday	Sketch Day	At Frankenstein

Linn Lady Wildcats youth

Volleyball Summer Camp



Date **MAY**
18-20

Time **4-5 (GRADES 4-6)**
5-6 (GRADES 7-8)

Venue **LINN HIGH**
SCHOOL GYM

Admission **\$50**
CASH, CHECK, OR
VENMO AVAILABLE



To Register

Click QR code or go to

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