

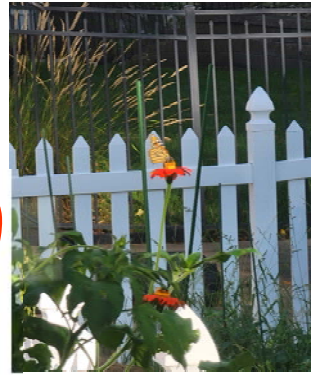
September 20, 2022

Dear Parents,

One of our parents sent me this picture last night of a flower he grew in his garden. The seed came from Vacation Bible School! Who knew how this tiny seed would mix so well with the soil to produce not only a tall, beautiful flower but one that attracts butterflies as well. I am reminded of Matthew's gospel and the parable of the mustard seed. It's the smallest of seeds yet when full grown (nurtured and cared for) becomes the largest of plants. So, it is with the kingdom of heaven. The smallest seed of faith can

be nurtured and produce an abundant crop of goodness in the kingdom of God. We plant seeds in the Parish School of Religion. It is our goal to nurture and tend to your children each week in the faith. We are all planting seeds. Who knows what may come – maybe a butterfly or a kingdom of believers working together to spread the glory of God.

Who Knew?



This weekend is our celebration of the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, the founder of the Vincentian order of priests here at SCL and around the world! Come celebrate Mass and a BBQ sponsored by the Knights of Columbus from 10am-7pm in the cafeteria. The Knights are hoping you may be able to help with bringing a dessert. You may drop off desserts in the cafeteria on Saturday from 11am-5pm or on Sunday from 7am-11am. Thank you!

Next Monday, the Parish School of Religion will be celebrating Mass during both our sessions. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be leading us in prayer and in celebration of St. Catherine Laboure, our patroness of the parish. Please join us. All are welcome.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting** - Our Confirmation parent meeting is Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in church. This is a mandatory meeting for all parents of Confirmation students. We look forward to a year of preparation together and guidance by the Holy Spirit.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Retreat** – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade preparation for Reconciliation will be Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in church. Our second graders will be engaged in the goodness and mercy of God through a visual and dynamic presentation by the MORE (Marianist Outreach Retreat Experiences) team. At least one parent should accompany their second grader. No siblings, please.

### **Down the Road**

Join us as we journey to Perryville Missouri to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. We will have a guided tour of this beautiful shrine, celebrate Mass, enjoy lunch, and the breathtaking grounds including a rosary walk and more. This trip is Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am-3:30pm.

### **Advent by Candlelight**

Save the Date for our **Advent by Candlelight** evening, Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Check the website and bulletin for details.

**SCL Basketball Registration** – Registration for the 2023 Basketball Season is now open. Please register before the deadline of October 5<sup>th</sup> at <https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/cycsouthcountymo/home>

**Pet Blessing** - Our Annual pet blessing will take place on Saturday morning, October 1st at 10am on the grassy area in front of the Parish Center. Bring your favorite pet to be blessed. No pets are too unusual. Come one, Come all!

### **PSR Calendar**

Monday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mass 4:30 and 6:15
Monday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PSR Class – Safety Drills
Monday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	PSR Class – Pro-Life Class for 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade/ Youth Ministry visits 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
Monday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	PSR Class- Pro-Life Class 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Monday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	PSR Class
Monday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	NO PSR – Happy Halloween

Just a reminder...If your child is coming from soccer practice directly to PSR, please have shoes for them to change into for class. We ask that they not wear soccer cleats in the building. Thank you for your cooperation.