

St. Therese Catholic School

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STS Newsletter

Go Crusaders!



Mission Statement: To provide Faith, Service and Learning opportunities for students, families and communities in a Christ-like environment.

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UNIFORMS

Here are some links for uniforms. While in the past we have used Dennis uniforms, we have not contracted with them in the past three years. You may buy the polos or sweatshirts from the school by clicking on this link:

<https://www.stthereseschoolabq.org/uniforms>

- **If you are needing the **plaid jumper**, you can order from Dennis here:**
Dennis uniform basics (Prek-4th grade) [girls jumper](#)
- **If you need a plaid skirt, we have some sizes for new skirts in the office. 5th-8th grade, if you need a particular size, we will order these in bulk and you can purchase from us.**
- **Dennis Uniform also has a **basic store**. This means you can buy their plain stock, such as navy blue slacks, white blouse/shirt, but nothing with a logo. [Dennis uniform basics girls](#) and [Dennis uniform basics boys](#)**
- **Remember boys wear navy slacks, girls may wear navy skorts or the plaid jumper/skirt. Girls need a navy crisscross tie and boys a regular navy tie for Mass.**
- **You can also check out the closet for gently used uniforms, which are all free of charge. If you have any questions on uniforms, just drop me an email m.giglio@stschool.org**

NOVEMBER LITURGY

1	ALL SAINTS DAY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
2	ALL SOULS DAY (NOT AN OBLIGATORY DAY)
3	ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
4	ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO
9	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
10	ST. LEO THE GREAT
11	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
13	ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
15	ST. ALBERT THE GREAT
16	ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND; ST. GERTRUDE
17	ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
18	DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF STS PETER AND PAUL; ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE; MASS OF OUR LADY
21	PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
22	ST. CECILIA
23	ST. CLEMENT I; ST. COLUMBAN, BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO
24	ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS
25	ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA; MASS OF OUR LADY
26	CHRIST THE KING
30	ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER



Wednesday	November 1	4th grade hosts
Sunday	November 5	7th grade hosts
Thursday	November 9	2nd grade host
Thursday	November 16	8th grade hosts
Thursday	November 23	No Mass Thanksgiving
Thursday	November 30	7th grade hosts

Adoration will follow most Masses on Thursday.

November Events

- November 1: All Saints day 4th grade presentation at Mass
- November 5: Sunday, school Mass w/7th grade hosting
- November 9: Picture retakes
- November 13: Home and school meeting 5:30 pm Library
- November 16: First Reconciliation in the Church following the school Mass
- November 17: Thanksgiving luncheon for the school
- November 20: Conferences (no classes)
- November 21: Conferences (no classes)
- November 22: Thanksgiving break – no school
- November 23: Thanksgiving day
- November 24: Thanksgiving break – no school
- November 27: WCEA accreditation visit
- November 28: WCEA accreditation visit
- November 29: WCEA accreditation visit

Financial Corner



Halloween Carnival was a success. The school made \$3451.60. Part of this is going to provide better lighting around the campus and strengthening an area of fencing to make the campus more secure. In general, the school is remaining strong fiscally.



The winners of the raffle are:

1st Place \$1000 winner: Larry Garcia whose ticket was sold by J. Kapinski in 4th grade.

2nd Place \$500 winner: Dennis Gonzales was sold by K. Jojola in 7th grade.

3rd Place winner: Mario Montoya was sold by A./B. Montoya in 3rd/1st grades.

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Faith Formation

The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in [Purgatory](#), whose feast is celebrated on November 2. With the exception of the last two days, the entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. November 26

will be the last Sunday in the liturgical year, which we celebrate [Christ the King](#). The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward. December 3 will mark the beginning of the liturgical year and begin the [Advent](#) season. (click on the blue names for more information)

NOVEMBER CATHOLIC CHALLENGE

Pray for one person by name each day. Offer up sacrifices for that person, pray a rosary, or maybe ask for a Mass to be celebrated in a deceased person's honor. It can be the same person if you've had a recent loss, or you can pick a stranger every day. Visit a cemetery for names if you need help and pray for each person on each rosary bead.

Thanksgiving

The national holiday (USA) of Thanksgiving also falls on the last Thursday of November. There are special Mass propers which may be used on this day. (Read more [here](#).)



The tradition of eating goose as part of the Martin's Day celebration was kept in Holland even after the Reformation. It was there that the Pilgrims who sailed to the New World in 1620 became familiar with this ancient harvest festival. When, after one year in America, they decided to celebrate a three days' thanksgiving in the autumn of 1621, they went in search of geese for their feast. We know that they also had deer (a present from the Indians), lobsters, oysters, and fish. But Edward Winslow, in his account of the feast, only mentions that "Governor Bradford sent four men on fowling that so we might after a more special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labours." They actually did find some wild geese, and a number of wild turkeys and ducks as well.

The Pilgrim Fathers, therefore, in serving wild turkeys with the geese, inaugurated one of the most cherished American traditions: the turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day. They also drank, according to the ancient European tradition, the first wine of their wild-grape harvest. Pumpkin pie and cranberries were not part of the first Thanksgiving dinner in America, but were introduced many years afterward.

The second Thanksgiving Day in the New World was held by the Pilgrims two years later, on July 30, 1623. It was formally proclaimed by the governor as a day of prayer to thank God for their deliverance from drought and starvation, and for the safe arrival from Holland of the ship Anne.

In 1665 Connecticut proclaimed a solemn day of thanksgiving to be kept annually on the last Wednesday in October. Other New England colonies held occasional and local Thanksgivings at various times. In 1789 the federal Congress authorized and requested President George Washington to proclaim a day of thanksgiving for the whole nation. Washington did this in a message setting aside November 26, 1789 as National Thanksgiving Day.

After 1789 the celebration reverted to local and regional observance for almost a hundred years. There grew, however, a strong desire among the majority of the people for a national Thanksgiving Day that would unite all Americans in a festival of gratitude and public acknowledgment for all the blessings God had conferred upon the nation. It was not until October 3, 1863, that this was accomplished, when President Abraham Lincoln issued, in the midst of the Civil War, a Thanksgiving Proclamation. In it the last Thursday of November was set apart for that purpose and made a national holiday.

Since then, every president has followed Lincoln's example, and annually proclaims as a "Day of Thanksgiving" the fourth Thursday in November. Only President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the date, in 1939, from the fourth to the third Thursday of November (to extend the time of Christmas sales). This caused so much consternation and protest that in 1941 the traditional date was restored."
—Excerpted from the *Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs*, Francis X. Weiser

Service Hours

We are in the second quarter of the school year and many have given of their time or donated items to the school. Please make sure to log your hours in your FACTS SIS account. To do this:

1. Log into your FACTS SIS account

2. Click on Family on the left side of your screen
3. Find service hours
4. Click Add +
5. Add hours
6. Add description (volunteer or food / goods)
7. In the note, just BRIEFLY state what you did i.e. Halloween carnival, donated food for party, etc.
8. We will verify the hours throughout the year



School Dress Code

Just a reminder that students (male and female) should not have highlights or colored hair, artificial ns, non-prescription contacts or wear make-up. Boy's hair should be cut above the collar and not have any shapes or razor art in their cuts. For both boys and girls, hair/bangs should not cover their eyes. We ask that girls keep hair items to a simple hair tie or STS uniform headband or scrunchie. No big bows or jewelry/beads in their hair. Shoes and other items for your student: please make sure that shoes should be regular sneakers that are white, black or blue; no high tops, no Vans with checks or designs, no light-ups and no wheels on the shoes. Please no boots; heels on student shoes no more than an inch. Please keep socks conservative: white, black, or blue. A small swish is fine, but no graffiti or images on the socks. Please do not have students wear the no show socks. They must be ankle or knee socks for both boys and girls. Thank you for helping in honoring the dress code for the school! This is referenced in the handbook.



Virtus

Virtus is an Archdiocesan training for all volunteers that helps adults learn to recognize the warning signs of abuse, and it shows them the appropriate way to respond to suspicious behavior. If you are planning on attending or volunteering in any capacity at the school, even if only driving or being with your own child, please take the time to take "Protecting God's Children" online. The certificate is turned into the front office and is good for five (5) years. This will also cover any volunteering in any of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe communities. Visit www.virtusonline.org and take your class today.

Annual Notifications

Legal Notice

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and St. Therese Catholic School comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) by providing access for the review of the Management Plan at this school. The Management Plan is kept in the principal's office and will be updated as various situations develop and inspections are completed. Arrangements may be made with the principal of the school or to the executive director of general services at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Civil Rights

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov

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<https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/i/community/smiths-inspiring-donations>



APIAL is our sport program. Registration is currently active for the following sports: co-ed flag football (elementary) deadline for registration is 10/13/23 and boys basketball deadline for registration is 10/31/23. Please click the link: <https://sites.google.com/view/apialathleticsregister/sts> to register today. No registrations will be accepted after the deadlines. Registration includes the student information and payment which is all available on the APIAL link above.