

# St. Therese Catholic School

## July 2023

### 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

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

**<https://www.stthereseschoolabq.org/uniforms> link for polos/sweatshirts**

**If you are needing the **plaid jumper**, you can order from Dennis here:**

**Dennis uniform basics (Prek-4<sup>th</sup> grade) [girls jumper](#)**

**If you need a plaid skirt, we have some sizes for new skirts in the office. 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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](mailto:m.giglio@stschool.org)**

## JULY LITURGY

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<b>1</b>	<b>ST. JUNIPER SERRA; MASS OF OUR LADY</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE/MARTYR</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>T. ANTHONY ZACCARIA; ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>ST. MARIA GORETTI</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>MASS OF OUR LADY</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>ST. HENRY</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>ST. BONAVENTURE</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>ST. CAMILIUS DE LELIS</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>ST. APPOLLINARIS</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>ST. MARY MAGDALENE</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>ST. JAMES, APOSTLE</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>ST. JOACHIM AND ANNE</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>STS. MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA</b>

## SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE – JULY

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**No School Masses in July**

**Adoration will follow most Masses on Thursday.**

**Prayers...** 

*When school is in session, we pray each morning, and we pray for each other. Please keep in your prayers Mr. Stephen Baker, Mid School Social Studies/Grammar teacher. He underwent open heart surgery and is now recovering. Also pray for any intentions of our STS family.*

## July Events

- Summer Office hours: Monday -Friday, 8am-12pm or by appointment.
- July 17 – 21: Camp Invention 9-3:30pm
- July 24: Home and School Meeting Time and Location coming soon! Home and School is where the school and parents come together to plan events throughout the year. All are welcome!!

### Security



Some of the STS dads got together to work on the west wall (by the convent) to reinforce the wall. That has been completed! Thanks so much to Jeremy Bouvet and Matt Portillos for leading this part of the project.

We will be looking to put up decorative rod-iron on the wall and rod-iron fencing. Materials are ordered and work is being coordinated. Thanks to the following dad's for leading this project:

*Daniel Barboa*

*Jeremy Bouvet*

*Carlos Bustamante*

*Anthony Martínez*

*John Martínez*

*Matt Portillos*

*Beto Sanchez*



## Teachers of the Year

Each year, the Catholic Foundation, asks for nominations for teachers who did an outstanding job. I am so proud to say that St. Therese Catholic School was blessed with **TWO** teachers of the year. These teachers were nominated by parents and colleagues. They will be honored in September at a special luncheon for the Catholic Foundation!

**Congratulations to Ms. Katie-Jane Widner PreK teacher and to Mrs. Carolyn Love Kindergarten teacher!**



**Ms. Widner**



**Mrs. Love**

## Financial Corner



**Our fiscal year end is June 30, 2023. We will be finalizing all financials for the 2022-2023 school/fiscal year. We are in excellent financial health. The school is thriving.**



# Formation for Families

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

## The Old Testament

Cain and Abel are making an offering. Abel's sacrifice is pleasing to God, Cain's is not. This gives rise to the sin of hatred, and fratricide is its resolution. The thirsting earth soaks up Abel's blood as it shouts to heaven for vengeance. This shouting prefigured the scene on Calvary, where Christ's Blood cried to heaven for the redemption of mankind.

Millenia pass, and now we see Israel oppressed by Egypt. God commands the people to kill a lamb and to sprinkle the doorposts with its blood; houses thus besprinkled are spared by the messenger of death. But where the doors are not reddened with the blood of the lamb, all male firstborn from king to slave die. This blood on the doorposts was a type of the Blood of Christ. Can the blood of a lamb save a man? No, but as a figure of the Redeemer's Blood it certainly does. For when the Destroyer sees the thresholds of a human heart marked with Christ's sacred Blood, he must pass by. And another soul is saved.

In a vision the prophet Isaias saw a man treading out grapes (in the Orient, trampling upon grapes in the wine-press was the usual means of extracting the juice). The prophet asked the man: "Why are your garments so red?" "The wine-press I have trodden alone," he answers, "because from the nations there is no one with me." The trodder of the wine-press is Christ, His garments crimsoned by the Blood of redemption. Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

## The New Testament

The Church reminds us of the first drops of blood that flowed for our redemption on the day when Jesus was circumcised.

It is night on Mount Olivet, and the moon is shining. We see the holy face crimsoned with blood during the agony in the garden.

Unhappy, despairing Judas casts the blood-money down in the temple. "I have betrayed innocent blood!"

In the scourging chamber we see the Lord in deepest humiliation; under raw strokes the divine Blood spurts out over the floor. Christ is led before Pilate. Pilate shows the blood-covered Body to the crowds: *Ecce homo!* We go through Jerusalem's streets following the bloody footsteps to Golgotha. Down the beams of the Cross blood trickles. A soldier opens the sacred side. Water and Blood.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace* , Pius Parsch

### **Symbols of the Precious Blood**

Adam is sleeping an ecstatic sleep. God opens his side, removes a rib and forms Eve, the mother of all the living. But our view transcends this action and in spirit we behold the second, the divine Adam, Christ. He is sleeping the sleep of death. From His opened side blood and water flow, symbols of baptism and the Eucharist, symbols of the second Eve, the Church, the Mother of all the living. Through blood and water Christ willed to redeem God's many children and to lead them to an eternal home.

At Jerusalem a service in Yahweh's honor is taking place on the Day of Atonement. The high priest is making his annual entrance into the holy of holies to sprinkle the blood of bucks and bulls upon the covenant in expiation for the sins of the people. The Church shows us the higher meaning of this rite. Our divine High Priest Christ on the first Good Friday entered that Holy of Holies which is not made with hands nor sprinkled with the blood of bucks and bulls; there He effects, once and for all, with His own Blood man's eternal redemption.

A finale. Holy Church transports us to the end. The heavenly liturgy is in progress. Upon the altar is the Lamb, slain yet alive, crimsoned by His own Blood. Round about stand the countless army of the redeemed in garments washed white in the Blood of the Lamb. Hosts of the blessed are singing the new canticle of redemption: "You have redeemed us out of every tribe and tongue and nation by Your Blood."

Now from vision to present reality. How fortunate we are to have divine Blood so near to us, to offer it to the heavenly Father for the sins of the whole world!

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace* ,

Pius Parsch

## Devotion to the Precious Blood

Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first- veneration, it is secondly- invocation, and it is thirdly- imitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era – to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

*Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen*

Excerpted from [\*The Precious Blood of Christ\*](#), Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.



## School Dress Code

Just a reminder that students (male and female) should not have highlights or colored hair, artificial nails, 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](http://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**

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**  
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