

No School Tomorrow Friday, March 8

This is by way of a reminder; we do not have school tomorrow, Friday, March 8. We hope you enjoy the longer weekend.



Thank You for Attending Conferences

Thank you so much for taking time to attend our parent and teacher conferences, held on Tuesday and Thursday evening of this week. We are grateful to have the opportunity to visit with you, one-to-one, regarding your child's growth and progress at Saint Andrew Catholic School.

Preschool / PreKindergarten & Kindergarten Open House



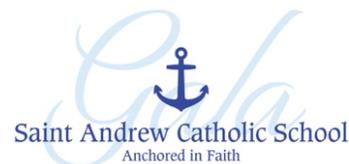
Please help us spread the news about our Open House scheduled for Preschool / PreKindergarten and Kindergarten this month.

Preschool & PreKindergarten Open House
Thursday, March 21
4:30 – 7:00 PM
Little Saints Preschool Room

Kindergarten Open House
Sunday, March 24
11:30 – 1:00 PM
Kindergarten Room

If you know of a prospective family who may be considering Saint Andrew Catholic School, please pass this information along to them.

Spring Gala News Tickets Now Available



Tickets for the Spring Gala are now on sale. We are offering an "Early Bird" special with Gala tickets being offered with a **\$10.00** discount. The Early Bird Gala tickets cost \$65.00 per person. This special ends on Friday, March 15. After this date, the Gala tickets will cost \$75.00 per person.

We have provided a form for you in this Week's Thursday Parent Envelope to be able to purchase Gala tickets. You can return the form via the Thursday Envelope or drop it off in the school office. You won't want to miss this fun event.

Please take some time to check out our NEW Gala website <https://saccs.ejoinme.org/gala2019>. You can reserve your spot at a table, make a donation, and learn how to use our new mobile bidding app that will be used during the night of the Gala.

Next Week's Focus Food Item for CAER

We are also collecting food for CAER and each week we will be focusing on specific items. Of course, we welcome all nonperishable items that you may want to donate. Students may bring their items directly to their homeroom any day of the week.

Week I
March 11 - 15

**Kid-Friendly Cereal &
Pancake Mix /Syrup**



Safe Haven Sunday: A Book for Your Family

This past Sunday, the parishes of the Saint Cloud Diocese observed **Safe Haven Sunday**, which is designed to directly address the negative impacts of pornography on individuals, marriages, families, and society.

Safe Haven Sunday is inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' formal statement *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*, where they explain, "The use of pornography by anyone in the home deprives the home of its role as a safe haven and has negative effects throughout a family's life and across generations.

As part of our effort to support the families of Saint Andrew Catholic Church and School, we are providing each family with the book, *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*.

The book, *Equipped*, also includes a unique seven-day text-to-opt-in program: *The Equipped 7-Day Challenge*. This Challenge provides practical tips that parents and other adults can use to create safer digital environments for themselves and their children.

Looking Ahead

No School:	Friday, March 8
Lenten Prayer Service:	Monday, March 11 at 8:30
Stations of the Cross:	Friday, March 15 at 1:45
Stations of the Cross:	Friday, March 22 at 1:45
Lenten Prayer Service:	Monday, March 25 at 8:30
No School:	Friday, March 29
Spring Break:	March 29 – April 5

Gala Raffle: An Old Fashion Lemonade Stand



We are raffling off this cute lemonade stand (see picture) as part of our Gala.

You can purchase raffle tickets after all weekend Masses or in the school office.

The tickets are \$10.00 each and we are only selling a limited number of tickets (150). The winner will be announced at the Saint Andrew Catholic School Gala on Friday, April 26.

Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowl"

More than 40 years ago, Catholics in the United States wanted to respond to famine in Africa. The answer and help came in the form of a small cardboard box, marking the beginning of "Operation Rice Bowl" in 1975 in parishes in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Today, CRS Rice Bowl is a tradition for millions of Catholics in the United States, who use the Lenten pillars of praying, fasting and almsgiving to change the lives of others and enrich their own.



In 1976, Operation Rice Bowl was adopted by the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops as a national program. In 1977, they voted to make Operation Rice Bowl the official program of Catholic Relief Services.

We have provided a CRS Rice Bowl for you to use in the Thursday Parent Envelope.