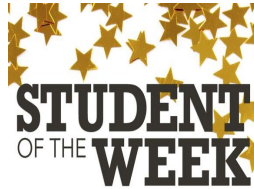




HAPPENINGS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

(For days of Feb. 27, 2023 through March 3, 2023)



Kourtney Attanasio, Gr. 1, was recognized for being a confident, independent student. She worked very hard to reach her AR goal and helped other stay on task to reach their goals. She is a great friend and loves to make us laugh! Wonderful job Kourtney—keep it up!

Sophia Lindsay, Gr. 4, was recognized for being a wonderful classroom helper and being kind to all. Hats off to you Sophia!

Ryan Lind, Gr. 7, was recognized for always being prepared for class and being a good role model to his classmates. Way to go Ryan!

WELL DONE !!

FEAST OF ST. LOUISE

Tomorrow, March 15th, is the feast of St. Louise de Marillac, our patron saint.

St. Louise de Marillac was a servant of the poor who did great works of Christian charity. She treated the poor with great gentleness, respect & courtesy, for the poor are the members of Jesus Christ. Spend some time in prayer by praying:

“Dear Lord, Instill in us the fire of her love, the tenacity of her belief, and the tenderness of her care for the most abandoned.

Draw us together into the light of your presence and help us to trust in the power of your Spirit, leading us to ever closer to you, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



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Special Dates of Interest:

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- ◆ Sat., March 25th— “Mother & Son” Dance - Hall—6:30 pm—RSVP & PAY by TOMORROW, 3-15-23
- ◆ Mon., March 27th—“Imagination Machine” Presentation
Hall—8:30 am (Grs. TK thru 4) & 9:30 am (Grs. 5 thru 8)
- ◆ Thurs., March 30th—23-24 “Service Hours” Sign-Up Day
Hall—5:30 to 7:00 pm

2023-2024 Gradelink Online Re-Registration Instructions

Online! REGISTRATION

https://www.ccsd1.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1201855&type=d&pREC



Online-registration ends on Friday, March 24th.

Re-Enrolling An Existing Student

Existing families will see the **Re-Enroll** tab on the left sidebar in their **Parent**

Portal when they log in. From there, they can begin the process of re-enrolling their student. Below is what will appear when you first enter the EnrollMe section:

Because information for each child in your family may be slightly different (i.e. health information), you will need to complete the process for each child before completing the online portion of your 2023-2024 re-registration.

Gradelink Use the form below to re-enroll your child [Have a new student to enroll?](#) Now viewing: Sosumi

Start Application/Registration...

Student
Guardian 1
Guardian 2
Schools
Family
Contacts
Medical
Worship
Information
Attachments
Tuition
Submit

Thank you for updating your student information.

Please fill out the fields on each page as completely as possible and press Continue to proceed to the final submission page. Your changes are saved automatically as you continue through the pages. You may go back to review and correct entries using the Back button or the page buttons above.

The system will alert you if a required field is missed. To save time, some of the fields will be pre-populated from our current records. Other fields will require a fresh entry, such as all phone numbers, to ensure that our records are up-to-date, accurate, and consistently formatted. You must complete each section before continuing to the next page.

Continue

Once you have completed and submitted the online portion, please go to your Blackbaud tuition account to pay your registration fee (\$425 per child). **PLEASE NOTE:** If paying for a new student (sibling) for next year, be sure to pay for all students at one time **AFTER** you have added the new student(s) into the Gradelink system. If adding a new student(s) (sibling), you will need to adjust the amount accordingly (i.e. if you are paying for two students, you would adjust the payment to \$850). If you have questions regarding your payment, contact Denise Wold directly at DeniseW@stlouisedm.org or call her at 626-915-7873, ext. 211. Once your fee has been paid, and confirmed by our business office, your registration packet will be sent home with your oldest child.

Are you enrolling a child in your family as a new student for next year? Check out page3 for the instructions on how to add other children not currently enrolled.

Enrolling a Brand New Student With An Existing Student In the School

Existing families that have children already in the school can add other children not currently enrolled. Because you are enrolling a new student, you will need to create a temporary registration account for registering the new student as the information for the new student is not yet in Gradelink. This is the same process that prospective families go through when enrolling their children.

Keep in mind that the login credentials used to log into your Parent Portal will not work here.

1. Parents will log-in to their **Parent Portal** using their Gradelink login username and password.
2. They will then click the **Re-Enroll** tab on the left sidebar.
3. They will click the **Have a new student to enroll?** link at the top right of the page.
4. They will then follow the steps outlined in [Enrolling a New Student](#).

Note: The new enrollment registration account is separate from Gradelink parent portal accounts for existing families. This is because not all prospective students enrolled to the school will be accepted into the school.



Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. - Yeats

1 School ID:
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Username:
Password:

Remember me [Forgot password](#)

Log In

Terms of Service • Privacy Policy • Contact • Gradelink Homepage

Gradelink Use the form below to re-enroll your child 3 Have a new student to enroll?

Now viewing: Marlese

Calendar Start
Grades Student
Assignments Parent 1
Transcript Parent 2
Alerts Guardian 1
Attendance Guardian 2
Discipline Family
2 Re-Enroll Contacts
Billing Medical
Get Mobile App Worship
Information
Attachments
Add'l Info
Tuition
Submit

Application/Registration...

Thank you for enrolling your student at East Contra Costa Academy for the 2019-2020 school year.

Please fill out the fields on each page as completely as possible and press Continue to proceed to the final submission page.

Your changes are saved automatically as you continue through the pages.

You may go back to review and correct entries using the Back button or the page buttons above.

The system will alert you if a required field is missed. To save time, some of the fields will be pre-populated from our current records. Other fields will require a fresh entry, such as all phone numbers, to ensure that our records are up-to-date, accurate, and consistently formatted. You must complete each section before continuing to the next page.

Continue

Once you have completed the new student's online registration, continue to your Blackbaud account to pay the registration fees for all students.

Important to Remember...



2023-2024 Financial Aid Applications

The Financial Aid applications for the 2023-2024 school year for the Catholic Education Foundation financial aid grants and St. Louise de Marillac financial aid is now up on the school website!

In order to be considered for St. Louise financial aid, you must apply for CEF financial aid. In addition to the completed CEF application, St. Louise requires a complete set of your taxes and a detailed letter stating why you are requesting aid. All of this documentation must be submitted **no later than Thursday, March 23, 2023.**

Completed applications & documentation must be turned in to the Finance Office at the Parish Center. The School Office will not be accepting applications.

Applications that are not completely filled out and/or are missing necessary documentation will not be accepted. Please note that necessary documentation is different for each application.



PRAYERS FOR DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

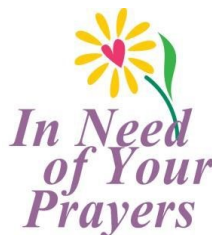
- Pil Sun Kim, grandmother of Mia Kim (Gr. 8) and Adam Kim (Gr. 4)
- Patricia Zeits, grandmother of Arwen & Luke Kelley (Gr. 7)

**Please pray for them and their families..
May God grant them eternal rest!**

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please continue to keep in your prayers the following who need our prayers:

- ◆ Aiden Pena, (Alumni Class of 2020) who is currently in the hospital.



Please keep him and his family in your prayers!

Mighty Mites

NEW DATE

MIGHTY MITES TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

LAST PRACTICE:

Friday, March 17th, 2:15 to 3:15 pm *

* PLEASE NOTE: No brothers & sisters will be allowed to remain on campus during practice time. If it is necessary for the child to wait, please make arrangements with Daycare. Please remember—NO dogs or pets are allowed on campus during the tournament.

**MOTHERS & SONS!
DEADLINE TO RSVP
TOMORROW, 3-15-23**



THANK YOU

We thank our 7th graders for their beautiful presentation of the Stations of the Cross last Thursday. We truly appreciate your work to give us such wonderful time with Our Lord!



Did You Know...

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

We have been informed by a local resident that twice in the last several weeks, she has almost been hit by a car speeding out of the Bonnie Cove driveway in the morning. We also have seen cars driving fast into the parking area where children are exiting their cars to walk over to the line-up area.



PLEASE REMEMBER to:

- Slow down as you approach the exit to Bonnie Cove and look both ways before exiting so as to avoid hitting any pedestrian walking on the sidewalk.
- Put your phone away - Don't be distracted!
- Watch for children around parked cars.
- Please follow all of the morning/afternoon drop off and pick up rules that were given out at the beginning of the school year.

A death/injury to someone **IS NOT** worth you getting your children here on time or leaving after dropping them off.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FREE DRESS!

This Friday, March 17th, students may wear an appropriate green shirt with their uniform bottoms. Green hair bows, headbands, and socks may also be worn.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our remaining Lenten Stations of the Cross are:

Friday, March 17th, at 1:15 pm— 5th Grade

Friday, March 24th, at 1:15 pm— 3rd Grade

Friday, March 31st, at 1:15 pm— 4th Grade

Holy Thursday, April 6th, at 9:00 am in the Church

8th Grade will present the "Living Stations"

Come pray with us during this time of reflection & renewal in preparation for the death & resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Parent Club" PIZZA LUNCH FUNDRAISER

This Friday, March 17th

Deadline to Order is

TODAY 3-14-23

(12 Midnight)!



<https://clipartix.com/pizza->

The Parent Club will be having a **COSTCO pizza lunch fundraiser on this Friday, March 17th**. Profits from this pizza lunch will go towards scholarships for the 8th grade graduates.

The cost is as follows now:

- Pizza Regular (CHEESE ONLY)—\$5.00—**ONE** slice of pizza, one bad of chips, one fruits snack & one juice
- Pizza Plus (CHEESE ONLY)—\$7.00—**TWO** slices of pizza, one bad of chips, one fruits snack & one juice

You will be ordering and paying for your pizza lunch **ONLY** through your Blackbaud Tuition account. Please follow the steps below to access the ordering process. If you have any questions regarding the ordering process, please contact Denise Wold in the finance department - denisew@stlouisedm.org or 626-915-7873, ext. 211. **The ABSOLUTE deadline to order is TODAY, March 14th, NO LATER THAN 12 MIDNIGHT.** Please note: there are no refunds or credits for pizza lunch. To place your order follow the "PURCHASE OPTIONAL ITEMS" (SHOPPING CART) instructions below:

- ◆ Log into your Blackbaud Tuition account (if you need help logging into your Blackbaud Tuition account, please contact Blackbaud at 888-868-8828)
- ◆ Select "purchase optional items" at the top of the screen
- ◆ "Select student(s)" in the middle of the screen
- ◆ Check the name of all students you wish to order for and select "go"
- ◆ Check all of the items you wish to order for each student
- ◆ Choose the quantity you wish to order for each student (please note your total amount below)
- ◆ Select "save"
- ◆ Consent to the agreement (this is a description of the shopping cart items you have purchased)
- ◆ Check "I have read the description of this item and agree to purchase" (you will have to do this for each item)
- ◆ Check "I understand that all purchases are final and non-refundable" (you will have to do this for each item)
- ◆ Select "agree"
- ◆ Select "continue"
- ◆ Click "pay now" (all shopping cart items are pay now items - they cannot be added to your Blackbaud invoice)
- ◆ Choose account to be used for payment – you may use an existing saved payment method or add a new one (remember, convenience fees are added to credit card or debit card transactions)
- ◆ Select "checkout" - You can choose to print a receipt. This is the only opportunity to print the receipt.

FYI...

SLS Weekly Sports News

We will be continuing with Spring sports this week. We would like to finalize the teams this week. If your child is going to play please have them attend practice this week.

Track – This sport will be offered to 3rd – 8th grade girls and boys. Coach Sergio will get you the date of the track meet once he finds out.

Boys Volleyball – This sport will be offered to 7th and 8th graders. Boys games will be played during week. Once Coach Sergio gets the schedule, he will pass it along.

Boys Soccer – We have found a coach. We will offer this sport to Boys in 6th– 8th grades. Boys games will be played during the weekends. Games will start on the weekend of March 25th.

Girls Soccer – This sport will be offered to Girls in the 6th - 8th grades. Girls' games will be played during the weekends. Games start the weekend of March 18th.

We are looking forward to
having great seasons!

Week sports schedule for March 13th - March 19th

Monday, March 13th

No Practices

Boys / Girls A level Basketball Banquets at 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 14th

Boys / Girls B level Basketball Banquets at 6:00pm

Boys Volleyball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

Wednesday, March 15th

Boys Volleyball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

Girls Soccer – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

Thursday, March 16th

Boys Volleyball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

Boys Soccer – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

Track – Practice 2:45 – 3:45

Friday, March 17th

No Practices

Saturday, March 18th

Girls Soccer – Game day vs St John the Baptist at St Louise 10:00am

Sunday, March 19th

Girls Soccer – Game day vs Holy Name of Mary at Damien High School 12:00pm.

GO VIKINGS!



SERVICE HOUR REMINDER

Please remember to work your commitment of hours during the school year as scheduled. Do not wait until the last minute to try and complete your hours.

Please don't wait until the last minute!

Words of the Week:

**"March, when days are getting long,
Let thy growing hours be strong
to set right some wintry wrong"**

**- Caroline May
FILLINGTHEJARS.COM**

FYI...



The Jukebox will be Rockin
April 22, 2023

Father Daughter
PARTY
SOCKHOP DANCE

50's Theme Attire
Encouraged!

Lets Shake Rattle-N-Roll

The poster features a retro 1950s theme with a checkered floor, vinyl records, a jukebox, and a pink sign with the event details. The text is in various fonts, including a script font for 'Father Daughter' and a bold, blocky font for 'PARTY SOCKHOP DANCE'.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

LOOKING AHEAD...

The following is a list of upcoming important dates to remember.

- ◆ **Fri., March 17th -**
Parent Club's "Pizza Lunch" Fundraiser
- ◆ **Fri., March 24th -**
2023-2024 Online Re-Registration Ends
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(Grs. TK thru 4) and 9:30 am (Grs. 5 thru 8)
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- Hall—5:30 to 7:00 pm

CRS RICE BOWL



FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.

Lenten Collection for Those In Need...

During this Lenten season, the classes are again collecting to help the needy. Just a reminder that students are asked to save their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and even dollars to place in their CRS Lenten Rice Bowl boxes. Whatever cash that might be saved when not having dessert, a cold drink, or going to the movies, etc. could be donated to this most worthy cause.

Students will return their filled boxes on Tuesday, April 4th, during Holy Week.

The monies turned in will be given to Catholic Relief Services to be sent across the world to help those most in need.

*If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord - and he will repay you! Prov. 19:17
Your support is greatly appreciated
by our brothers and sisters in need!*

*St. Louise De Marillac Frontier Days 60th
Anniversary*1963-2023**



**Get excited! The Carnival is coming!
Consider volunteering for our 60th Frontier Days Carnival!
June 2nd, 3rd, 4th 2023**

Frontier Days Carnival is one of our School and Parish's largest and most profitable fundraisers. Funds earned help keep our Tuition affordable and go towards maintenance and upkeep of our St. Louise DM buildings and grounds.

Frontier Days is anticipated and enjoyed by all that attend. When volunteering for Carnival you will not only have fun and meet new people from our St. Louise community, you will earn your 40 mandatory school service hours.

There is something for everyone:

- Food Booths available**
- Game Booths available**
- Setup/Teardown**
- Bingo**
- Security**

**Come be a part of this year's Carnival!
It's a fun time, anytime!
Please contact us for more information at:
frontierdays@stlouisedm.org**

Mark your Calendar!!!

On March 15th, be sure to be here early in the morning as the Chick-Fil-A cow mascot makes an appearance on campus at 7:15am to help promote our Carnival Kick Off Fundraiser! Dine anytime at the Lone Hill, Glendora location on March 15th and St. Louise will receive 15% of sales!

Spirit Day Fundraiser

TOMORROW, MARCH 15TH

ALL DAY



Join us for food and fun. Bring your friends and family! Come support St. Louise De Marillac School and 15% of the sales will be donated accordingly. Don't forget to mention the school at checkout!



Glendora Commons In-Line DT
1247 S Lone Hill Ave, Glendora, CA 91740
www.chick-fil-a.com/cfaglendoracommonsinline
www.facebook.com/chickfilaglendora

**Please help the 60th Annual Frontier Days Carnival Committee reach their goal...
\$50,000 in sponsorships**

**Do you own a business? Do you work for a large corporation?
Please take a look at the amazing incentives!**

**For every sponsorship turned in, your family name will be entered in a drawing
to receive 3 all day carnival ride wristbands!!**

**You can pick up a copy of the letter from the Parish or School office.
For more information contact: frontierdays@stlouisedm.org**



St. Louise de Marillac Frontier Days Carnival

1720 E. Covina Boulevard • Covina, California 91724
Phone: 626.915.7873 • Email: frontierdays@stlouisedm.org

Dear Community Supporter:

St. Louise de Marillac Church and School will host our annual Frontier Days Carnival on June 2-4 2023. The Frontier Days Carnival has been a traditional family event that has attracted families from throughout the San Gabriel Valley for more than 50 years.

The Carnival Committee kindly invites your business / organization to become an event sponsor and help ensure the success of this year's event. As a sponsor, we offer a variety of event benefits:

• YOUR BUSINESS IS HIGHLY VISIBLE

Frontier Days Carnival is advertised throughout the Covina area in publications, banners, store front windows, flyers, community functions, as well as our weekly church bulletin, which serves more than 4,900 local families.

• YOU CAN TARGET AN AUDIENCE OF THOUSANDS

More than 20,000 people attend Frontier Days Carnival each year and the carnival is a great way to increase your business' visibility in the community! Sponsorship packages are economical and TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

• YOUR INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

St. Louise serves more than 4,900 parish families and also provides education from Transitional - Kindergarten to 8th grade. The parish additionally supports an active Youth Group and many outreach programs to assist those in need. Your support is essential to keep these services available to the community.

Along with this letter, you will find the Carnival Sponsorship Envelope that allows you to select a sponsor level that fits your budget. We would greatly appreciate your tax-deductible sponsorship, donation of goods, services and/or gift certificates.

Frontier Days raises money to fund a variety of school and church activities each year. On behalf of the St. Louise Parish community, we thank you for your consideration and generosity.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (818) 422-5232 or email us at: frontierdays@stlouisedm.org

Sincerely,

Larry Benavidez & Celeste Benavidez, Committee Co-Chairs



SPONSOR FORM

“Frontier Days” Premier Sponsor \$6,000+

- 8' x 6' banner displayed in premium location during Carnival weekend.
- 4' x 6' banner displayed for 6 months on St. Louise property.
- Company name/logo on grand raffle tickets. Year-round acknowledgement and link to company website on Frontier Days Carnival home page.
- Listed in the church bulletin as a “Frontier Days” Premier Sponsor.
- Announced periodically throughout Carnival weekend.
- Name or logo receives priority position on commemorative T-shirt.
- Link to sponsor home page on St. Louise School website.
- Exhibitor booth at carnival event.
- 2 VIP parking spots for entire carnival weekend

“Center Stage” Entertainment Sponsor \$550+

- 8.5” x 11” acknowledgement displayed in the entertainment area during Carnival weekend.
- Listed in the church bulletin as a “Center Stage” Entertainment Sponsor.
- Announced periodically throughout Carnival weekend.
- Name or logo will appear on commemorative T-shirt.

“Lone Star” Sponsor \$3,000+

- 4' x 6' banner displayed in premium location during Carnival weekend.
- Listed in the church bulletin as a “Lone Star” Sponsor.
- Announced periodically throughout Carnival weekend.
- Name or logo will appear on commemorative T-shirt.
- Link to sponsor home page on St. Louise School website.
- 2 VIP parking spots for entire carnival weekend

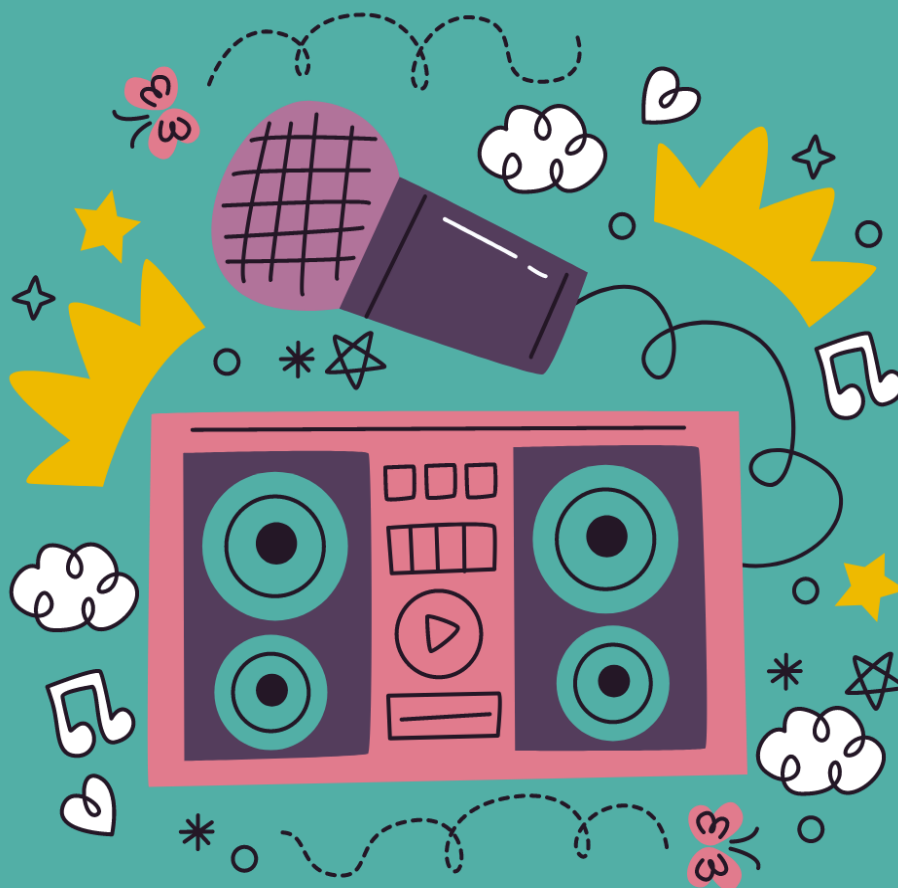
“Rodeo” Sponsor \$1,500+

- 3' x 5' banner displayed in premium location during Carnival weekend.
- Listed in the church bulletin as a “Rodeo” Sponsor.
- Announced periodically throughout Carnival weekend.
- Name or logo will appear on the commemorative T-shirt.

“Cantina” Sponsor \$250+

- 8.5” x 11” acknowledgement in the food area during Carnival weekend.
- Listed in the church bulletin as a “Cantina” Sponsor.
- Announced periodically throughout Carnival weekend.

AUDITION FOR THE SPRING CONCERT!



**MONDAY
MARCH 27
3:15PM**

**AUDITIONS WILL BE IN THE
MUSIC ROOM!**

Please bring a karaoke track via device, or email Ms. M a copy of your track. All tracks must be school appropriate.

**SELECTED ACTS WILL HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM IN THE
SPRING CONCERT!**

Email music@stlouisedm.org with any questions!



Audition for the Spring Concert!

Our theme for the Spring Concert is "Decades!" I would like to invite all 3rd-8th grade students to audition for the opportunity to sing a solo/duet/group song at the concert!

Who can audition: 3rd-8th

When is auditions: Monday, March 27th at 3:15pm in the music room

How to sign up: Please sign up for a time on the sheet in the music room

What to bring: Karaoke track via device, or email Ms. M a copy of the karaoke track

What to sing: Any **school appropriate** song from any decade!

Email music@stlouisedm.org with any more questions!

ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



Dinner Includes: Spaghetti Dinner (zucchini noodles available), Dinner roll, Salad, Drink (Water bottle, Ice tea or coffee)

March 18, 2023

4 pm-8:30 pm

St. Joseph Table & Spaghetti Dinner

Silent Auction Closes @ 8pm

St. Louise de Marillac Hall
1720 E. Covina Blvd., Covina, CA 91724
626-332-5822

PICK UP YOUR TICKETS NOW

GENERAL TICKETS @ \$8.00 EACH, SENIOR
CITIZENS (55+) @ \$6.00 EACH

www.stlouisedm.org



St. Louise Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Shoe Drive

March 25th to April 1st
Outside Faith Formation Office

Gently worn, new, & used shoes
NO HOLES OR TEARS
Sole must be in good condition

- Athletic shoes (tie pairs together)**
- Dress shoes (rubber band together)**
- Boots**
- Sneakers**

**Tell your friends
& family!**

**For more information contact Ivonne Melendrez
at 626-332-5822 or Ivonnem@stlouisedm.org**

PASTOR'S CORNER



Third Sunday of Lent

We have arrived at the third Sunday of Lent. Hopefully, we have been reflecting on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. At the end of this week, we'll be at the halfway mark!

Of the five Liturgical Seasons, Lent is the most somber. That is on purpose. Reconciliation is a significant part of this season. This is a good time to reflect on our lives. How are we relating to God? Our families. Our friends? Our co-workers? Most of us need a bit of a "tune-up" in our relationships. Have you been taking for granted your spouse? Are you paying attention to your children? Do you make time for friends (as best you can in this very busy world!). As you reflect on those three relationships, now think about God. Is God a very important part of your life? Do you make time to get to know God better?

The first reading today is from Genesis. Moses has brought the Israelites into the desert to escape the slavery of the Egyptians. At this moment, they are not very happy with Moses or God. They are grumbling. They blame Moses for sending them into the desert where there is very little water. They are afraid. Moses (who has a very lively relationship with God) cries out, "What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!" God takes pity on Moses and the Israelites and tells Moses to take the staff he used to part the Red Sea and strike a particular rock. God promises he will be with him and where he strikes, water will pour out of the rock for the people.

God comes through. He has saved the Israelites from the Egyptians and they are not grateful. Moses has made personal sacrifices to lead them. But God is compassionate. God shows mercy. This is what we should be thinking about when we pray during Lent. Feel free to bring your complaints. Feel free to ask for help. Feel free to be grateful. A combination of all three would probably apply to most of us.

In the Gospel, Jesus breaks with tradition by asking a Samaritan woman for some water. Samaritans are not people devout Jews would spend time with. But Jesus is interested in the woman. In talking to her, she confesses that she has had five husbands and the one she is with now is not her husband. He does not berate her. He describes what the living water and living bread will mean for all those who worship the Father. Jesus' disciples had been out getting provisions and were surprised to see him talking with a woman.

God comes through. In this case, he promises water and bread that will satisfy you forever. All he asks in return is that we worship God with "spirit and truth." This story is just as relevant today as it was two thousand years ago. God asks so little from us and promises so much. It is hard to worship God if we don't try to get to know him. To know someone takes effort. That is just as true with all of your relationships as it is with God.

When you are scratching your head and trying to figure out what to say to God that will be meaningful, I would suggest gratitude. Don't be like the Israelites who don't give God the credit God deserves. Just talk. Of course, there are all of the prayers you have been saying since you were a child. The Rosary is always a good prayer. Attend Stations of the Cross, at least once! Make sure you are attending weekly Mass. Be sure to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All the priests in the area work together to make sure there are plenty of options of times to receive it that fit your schedule.

God is waiting to hear from you .

Pastor

Lenten Penance Service

St. Dorothy, Glendora
Monday, March 20th - 7 PM

St. Christopher, West Covina
Wednesday, March 22nd - 7 PM

Sacred Heart, Covina
Tuesday, April 4th - 7 PM

St. Louise de Marillac
Wednesday, April 5th - 7 PM

Individual Confessions
Wednesdays 4 PM - 5:15 PM
Saturdays 3:15 PM - 4:15

No individual confessions on
April 5th & April 8th

PARISH NEWS...

St. Louise de Marillac Parish

SOUP & SCRIPTURE STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH

5:30 PM DOORS OPEN
6:00 PM SOUP SERVED

IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM

SOUP:
LEGION OF MARY



PRESENTER:
FR. EMMANUEL FRANCIS

7:00 PM

IN THE CHURCH

STATIONS:
RCIA



BENEDICTION:
FR. EMMANUEL FRANCIS

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE

"Love is Never Love Until You Give it Away" In Solidarity with our Poor in the World: Eucharistic Healing Service

Come join us to hear Deacon Omar share his mission trip to the country of Zambia and how Catholic Relief Services, an extension of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, is making an impact overseas. Deacon Omar will be sharing photos and videos of his experience on how our donations are being used to bring dignity to a people who have so little. In a country filled with so much poverty, how is it possible for the poor to have that much joy in their lives? It was orphan children who summed up the gospel for Dn Omar in two lines, "Love is never love until you give it away. God gave us Jesus to show us what love it all about."



Dcn. Omar will end the other half of our night with a Eucharistic Healing Service. It is the encounter with Jesus that gives us joy filled lives. It is too difficult to share or live out the Gospel without Encountering Jesus. Will you allow the Lord's Power to change you? Make this evening part of your Lenten Prayer Journey. Invite your family and friends. It is on **Monday, March 27th, at 7pm** in our Church



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FEATURING LIVE
MUSIC FROM THE
CITRUS COLLEGE
JAZZ QUINTET

ST PATRICK'S DINNER

A BENEFIT DINNER TO FUND
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING
8TH GRADERS FROM ST. DOROTHY'S
AND ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC
PARISH SCHOOLS

TICKETS : \$25 PRE-SALE,
\$30 AT THE DOOR
\$180 TABLE OF 8
DISCOUNT

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
MARCH 11TH, 2023
ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC
1720 E COVINA BLVD,
COVINA, CA 91724

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
TICKETS CALL GENE QUINN
(909)-675-7100

DID YOU KNOW?

Archdiocese of Los Angeles fingerprinting procedures

The Archdiocese provides fingerprinting services free of charge and works with the California Department of Justice to have these fingerprints submitted and scanned by the appropriate agencies. Anyone in the archdiocese who has regular contact with minors or vulnerable adults, whether in a paid or volunteer position, must be fingerprinted before they can begin work. For more information about fingerprinting protocols, visit: <https://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-3>.

For more information on other ways to keep kids safe, contact Linda Filkins, the Parish Safeguard Committee Chairperson at the Parish Office at (626) 915-7873 or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office at (213) 637-7227. For particular help, call the Victims Assistance Office at (213) 637-7650.