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Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner



Dear St. Jude families -

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the members of the Annual Auction Committee and the dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to make last week's disco-themed Annual Auction an overwhelming success. Your hard work, creativity, and commitment truly shone through in every detail of the evening, which became a remarkable celebration of food, fun, and the spirit of community togetherness.

A special thank you to the following volunteers for your invaluable contributions:
Abby Bourgeois, Abby Legendre, Anna Richard, Ashton Bevinetto, Beau Champion, Brooke Roy, Butler Bourgeois, Cameron Dean, Chelsea Vegas, Claudia Frantz, Claudia Richards, Emily Davis, Hilary Trahan, Jane Breland, Jennifer Arrighi, Jess Schmeackle, Kaitlyn Espey, Kaleigh Abboud, Kate Cook, Kaysie Truax, Ladd Legendre, Mandy Cushing, Martin Roy, Megan Hix, Melissa Overholt, Natalie Fontestad, Rebecca Moses, Serena Aymond, Shelby Apple, Stephanie Horvath

Thanks to your efforts, we raised a significant amount of money, which will go directly towards the much-needed renovation of our music and art rooms. These improvements will greatly enhance the learning environment for our students and allow them to continue exploring and expressing their creativity in better spaces.

Once again, thank you to everyone involved. Your passion and support are greatly appreciated, and together, we've made a lasting impact on the future of our school.

One in Christ,
Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.
Principal



Upcoming Important Dates

February 21: 1st Grade Famous Americans Day

February 24: 3rd Grade Level Mass

February 26: Track and Field Team Pictures, 6th Grade Volleyball Pictures and Middle School Club Pictures

February 28: Mardi Gras shirts/accessories with Uniform Bottoms and Kindergarten Mardi Gras Parade

March 3-7: Mardi Gras Break—No School

March 10: Return to School and All-School Mass—mass uniform required

March 13: Pre-K STEM Fair

March 14: 3rd Nine Weeks Ends

March 17: 1st Grade Level Mass

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Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club

Congratulations to the following students who have made the Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club for this year!

- 3rd Grade:** Jack Harris
- 4th Grade:** Margot Gray
- 5th Grade:** Jesse Champion and Ava Nguyen
- 6th Grade:** Jacelyn Broussard



Home and School Association



Congratulations to **Lindsey Gueho** on being selected as St. Jude School's 2025 Mother Seton Award winner!

Lindsey has two daughters at St. Jude School (one in 5th and one in 8th) and has always been willing to lend a helping hand. She has served the school in many roles, including Scout Leader, Room Parent, Spirit Wear Sales Coordinator, Vice President and Co-President of the Home and School Association, Vacation Bible School teacher and Parish Fair volunteer. Lindsey has a wealth of great ideas and organizational knowledge that has made her an incredible asset to our school community and Home and School Association.

Lindsey will be honored at the Diocesan Mother Seton Award dinner in April.

Diocesan Student of the Year



St. Jude School is excited to announce that **Belle Camp** has been named the Diocese of Baton Rouge's 8th Grade Student of the Year! Belle will move on in the Louisiana Catholic Student of the Year contest for students in the 8th grade later this spring. We are so proud of you!

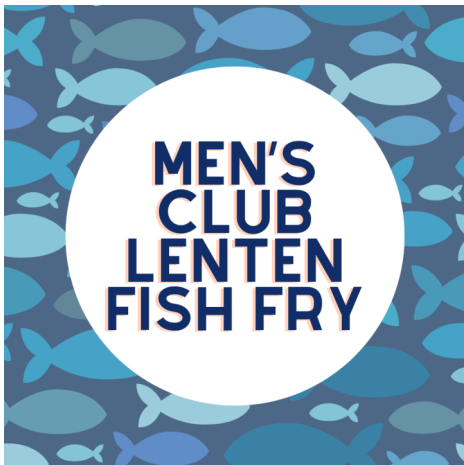
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Save the Dates!



Save the Date! The St. Jude Church and School Parish Fair is **April 4th through April 6th!** More information to come when we return from Mardi Gras Break about our bands for the weekend, how to volunteer, and purchasing tickets!



The 2025 St. Jude Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry is coming soon! Every Friday from March 7 to April 11 (excluding April 4 due to the St. Jude Parish Fair) shortly after 5 p.m., the Men's Club will have the option of fried catfish or fried shrimp with fries, salad and a roll. Meals cost \$10, and you may eat in or drive thru. Hope to see you all there!



Vacation Bible School registration is now open! It will take place June 2nd through the 6th from 8:30-11:45 a.m., and it is open to students who have completed PK-4 through 4th Grade. Register your student [here!](#)

Vacation Bible School is also looking for **adult and youth volunteers** to help run this event. Middle school and high school students can earn service hours for volunteering! Register [here](#).

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Matt Conine at mattc@stjudecatholic.org

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Winter Sports Senior Night



Come out Monday, February 24th, at 7:00 pm to celebrate our **Winter Sports 8th Grade Students!** Senior Day activities will take place right before the 8th grade boys basketball game.

Our 8th grade boys basketball team is playing in Catholic high Elite 8 basketball tournament. Their next game will be Saturday at 3:00 vs SJV @ CHS Please come out to support!

If anyone is interested in participating in Football for the 2025-2026 school year, please complete our [Football Interest Form](#).

Volleyball season is off to a great start! Our first games begin on Monday, March 10—come out a support our Cougars!



Our 2025 St. Jude Golf Classic date has been set! If anyone is interested in joining the Golf Classic Planning Committee, please email Jason at sjcougarbc@gmail.com.