

**“Rejoice Always. Pray Continually. Give Thanks in All Circumstances”**

**1 Thessalonians, 5:16-18**

September 19, 2018

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Friday, 9/21**

8:00 a.m. Mass led by 5th grade; arrive by 7:50 a.m. to line up with class

1:45 p.m. School Family Activity (for students only) -Please make every effort to have your child here. We will be taking School Family pictures as part of the activity.

6:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner Celebrating Fr. Gerard's 40th Anniversary of Ordination - see details below

**Friday, 9/28**

Noon Dismissal - Aftercare Available

Noon - 8:00 p.m. - Panera Fundraiser - use this [link](#) \*\*\*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*\*\*

**Saturday, 9/29**

5th ANNUAL BOCCE TOURNAMENT & GARDEN PARTY - See details below

**Sunday, 9/30**

We are St. James-St. Leo Celebration after all masses

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Thursday, 10/4 - Feast of St. Francis Assisi**

8:00 a.m. Parent Council Meeting

2:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

**Saturday, 10/6**

St. James Taco Bar and Movie Night

**Saturday, 10/20**

Spooky Knights Family Halloween Party in the Parish Hall - see [Spooky Knights flyer](#) for more details



**BE AN ANGEL [Donate to the St. James Academy Annual Fund](#)**

This month we are rolling out our St. James Academy Annual Fund (previously named the Guardian Angel Program, GAP). Thank you those of you who contributed at Back to School Night. This year, every family is asked to make a minimum, tax deductible \$100 donation to the Annual Fund, in lieu of the the \$100 family participation fee that will not be charged this year. Last year, we raised over \$50,000. This year our goal is \$90,000- an amount that will bridge the tuition shortfall for 50 students! More information and payment form can be found [here](#).

**Friday Night Community Dinner Celebrating Fr. Gerard's 40th Anniversary of Ordination**

Please join us THIS FRIDAY (9/21) at 6:30 p.m in the Parish Hall for the first *Friday Night Community Dinner*. We will be honoring our Pastor, Fr. Gerard Lecomte, on his 40th Anniversary of Ordination.

- BBQ Teriyaki Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Cesar salad, Roasted Broccoli with Parmesan cheese and Anniversary cake.
- Hot Dogs and Macaroni and cheese for the kids

No host bar, \$10 per adult and children complimentary.

You can make your reservations and pay online: <http://www.kofc12749.org/friday-dinner>

**Ki's Servers Needed**

Melissa Kuhn, our Ki's hot lunch parent coordinator, is looking for 2 additional volunteers to help serve hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.. This is a fun and easy way to earn DOUBLE service hours. Please see [flyer](#) for details or contact Melissa to volunteer: ([kuhnmel@yahoo.com](mailto:kuhnmel@yahoo.com)).



### **Don't Miss Out- Bocce is Coming and Space is Limited!**

Join us for our 5th Annual Bocce Tournament & Garden Party on Saturday, 9/29 at a warm, sprawling, private residence in Rancho Santa Fe. This casual, party-atmosphere event is a celebration of our community and raises funds to benefit our students and programs. It is open to St. James families, parishioners, alumni, friends and neighbors. Purchase your tickets now:

[SJA 5th Annual Bocce Tournament.](#)

Contact our Tournament Chairs for more information: Mary McGuinness at (760) 889-0761 or [marypmcguinness@gmail.com](mailto:marypmcguinness@gmail.com) and Charlie Tanner at (858) 888-5124 or [charleswtanner@gmail.com](mailto:charleswtanner@gmail.com).

**Register Today - Don't forget to sponsor an SJA teacher or staff member!**

### **Sell Bocce Raffle Tickets!!**

We need and appreciate your help to reach our goal of 100% participation! We are asking every SJA family to sell a minimum of 20 raffle tickets.

- Raffle Tickets are \$10 each
- Raffle Prize is \$1,000 cash. The winning ticket will be pulled at the Bocce tournament. Winner need not be present.
- Sign up to sell before and after mass at: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0F49ABA72E5-bocce](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0F49ABA72E5-bocce)
- Prizes for Most raffle tickets sold, 100% Class Participation, Weekly Participation Drawings and More!
- Questions? Contact Lisa Ronco at [Lronco531@gmail.com](mailto:Lronco531@gmail.com) or 858.245.4402

### **SJA Thursday Night Football Pool - The time to play is NOW!**

Please join us for the 2018 St. James Thursday Night Football pool! The first game is next week (9/20) and lasts for 12 games (see schedule). For \$25 per square (\$13 of which goes to the Gala), you get 4 chances per week (3 quarters and the Final score) to win \$25 or more. Payments can be made by FACTS, cash, or check, See [Flyer](#) for details or email Mark Daquipa at [hld9310@gmail.com](mailto:hld9310@gmail.com).

### **Academic Chess starts 10/4/18 - Sign up now**

Academic Chess begins on 10/4/18 in the SJA library immediately after school. Please see the [chess flyer](#) for more information and registration instructions.

### **Cross Country Meet ~ Sat. Oct. 20th @ Cathedral Catholic H.S.**

Come join us for the 6th running of the Cross Country Championships for Parochial Grade schools in San Diego County! There will be races of varying distances for all grade levels split into 5 divisions each for boys and girls:

#### **Schedule of Events:**

8:30am – Kindergarten Girls - 1/2 mile  
 8:40am – Kindergarten Boys - 1/2 mile  
 8:50am – 1-2 Girls - 1 mile  
 9:05am – 1-2 Boys - 1 mile  
 9:20am – 3-4 Girls - 1.3 miles  
 9:45am – 3-4 Boys - 1.3 miles  
 10:00am – 5-6 Boys/Girls - 1.65 miles  
 10:30am – 7-8 Boys/Girls - 2 miles

Cost = \$5 per participant \$15 for SJA track shirt

**Sign-ups DUE ONLINE by Thursday Oct. 20th**

**Cross Country Practice Time** ~ Mon-Thurs 7:45-7:55am students may practice for the Cross Country meet, by running laps around the field. Exact distances for each grade level are listed on the poster located on the athletics equipment room door.

**Sign-up online ONLY:** <https://goo.gl/forms/8pKuPcgebailGnJe2>

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Calling all Families!**

**Our Parish Faith Nights is not just for adults and teens. We have a program for children of all ages! Your children will be taught about the Mass at their level, so they can more fully appreciate attending Mass on Sunday.**

Starting October 2nd, our parish will be hosting an 8-week study of the Mass on Tuesday evenings. We are expanding our Adult Study to include teens and youth. We are calling it Parish Faith Nights and it is for everyone here in our St. James-St. Leo community.

In addition to the Adult Study, our Youth Study is for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up, our Children's Study is for Kindergarten through 5th, and childcare will be provided. Our Confirmation prep class will also kick off their year studying the Mass with us. We welcome our older post-confirmation teens to either study with the adults, or work with the children. And because Jesus loved sharing a meal with his friends, each session will begin with supper, a home-cooked nutritious meal for just \$5 per person.

The last evening of the study will be a teaching Mass with our pastor Fr. Gerard and Dcn. Peter, with supper afterwards. This is an opportunity for us as a parish to open our hearts and better understand and appreciate what we celebrate at Mass.

### **How to Sign Up**

You can sign up by sending an **email to [psmith@stjames-stleo.org](mailto:psmith@stjames-stleo.org)** with the following information: **Names and grades of all participants, and a phone number.**

You can drop off or send in a check to St. James, 625 S. Nardo Dr., Solana Beach, CA 92075, or you can pay the first night. Scholarships and payment plans are available, and we do appreciate donations for scholarships. Fees are as follows:

1. Adults, one time \$25\*
2. High school (if using "Altartation"), one-time \$20\*
3. Middle School, one-time \$20\*
4. PreK-5th, one-time \$10
5. Dinner can be paid each night, or all evenings included in pre-registration

\*includes workbook and online access to videos

### **SJA Annual Mothers' Luncheon - Thursday, October 4th**

All SJA volunteers, alums, and mothers (past and present) are welcome and encouraged to attend this annual luncheon at Tony's Jacal in Solana Beach. Lunch and fellowship start at 11:30 a.m. Cost of lunch is \$13.

This wonderful group has been meeting for at least the past 35 years and would love to see some new faces. For more information or to RSVP, please call Jackie Eginton at 858-755-3206 or email Jan (Nasif) Thompson at [jthompson1777@roadrunner.com](mailto:jthompson1777@roadrunner.com).

### **Volunteers Needs for Food Packaging Event - Sunday, October 14, 2018 and CHIPOTLE DINE OUT**

Help us in partnering with Friends and Family Community Connection to package 60,000 meals to help in the fight against hunger. Two-thirds of the meals will be shipped to Haiti and one third will remain locally to help those in need here at home. We are also partnering with Mission Circle's PB&J Sandwich Program. Watch for a list of needed items to be emailed to those who register a week or so before the event. Online registration using Eventbrite [HERE!](#) For more information: Contact Ashley O'Hara: [ashleyrohara66@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyrohara66@gmail.com). Work up an appetite helping others and eat at Chipotle. 50% proceeds will be donated to SJA!

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With Gratitude,  
Christine