



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Kristy M. Monsour, Principal

December 11, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 12 -**
No School Mass
- **December 16 -**
6th-8th Grade
Exams / 12:00 p.m.
Dismissal for 6th-
8th Grade Only
- **December 17-
18 -** 5th-8th
Grade Exams /
12:00 p.m.
Dismissal for 5th-
8th Grade Only
- **December 19 -**
School Mass / 1:00
p.m. Dismissal -
No Aftercare
- **December 22-
January 2 -**
Christmas Break -
No School
- **January 2 -**
School Office
Open 8:00 a.m.-
1:00 p.m.
- **January 5 -**
Students Return /
New Student
Registration
Begins

Christmas Holidays - On December 19th, we will have EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:00 p.m. and there will be NO aftercare on this day! There will be NO SCHOOL on December 22nd - January 2nd. We will return to school on January 5th.

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year

Re-enrollment for currently enrolled students and new siblings is open now. **Please note:** Enrollment will be completed online and the registration fee will be paid upon submission of the packet for each student. We encourage parents to re-enroll students now to secure their spot for the 2026-2027 school year. Re-enrollment is available through the "Family Portal" on RenWeb or by clicking on this link: <https://sa-la.client.renweb.com/pw/>. Once on the Family Portal, select "Apply/Enroll" and then click "Enrollment/Reenrollment".

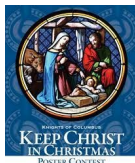
Only new students will require an application. Please contact Bethany Richard at brichard@stalphonsusbr.org to enroll a sibling.

- [Registration Timeline](#)
- [2026-2027 Tuition & Fee Schedule](#)

Church Contribution Update

Please remember that in order to receive the "In-Parish" tuition rate for the 2026-2027 school year, your contribution of at least \$500 (formerly \$300) needs to be included by the **December 28th** Sunday Mass collection. If you are hand delivering it to the church, it needs to be in the church office on **Monday, December 29th**. Contact Krystal Armand at the church office at 225.261.4650 if you would like to set-up automatic contributions.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Entries are due to the school office by **Monday, December 15th**. Please encourage your child to participate in this wonderful Christmas tradition.



Middle School Exam Schedule

Please see the middle school exam schedule below. Child care will not be provided for middle school students after exams. Reminder that all middle school students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Tuesday, December 16th: 6th - History and English 7th - Math and Reading 8th - Science	Wednesday, December 17th: 6th - Science 7th - History and English 8th - Math and Reading	Thursday, December 18th: 6th - Math and Reading 7th - Science 8th - History and English
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5th grade will take exams on **December 17th-18th** and will dismiss at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17th: 5th - ELA	Thursday, December 18th: 5th - Math
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St. Alphonsus Catholic School
The G.R.A.C.E. Program

Giving Religious Access for Children with Exceptionalities

Now Enrolling Students in Kindergarten – 2nd Grade for the 2026-2027 School Year
The G.R.A.C.E. Program is a faith-centered, inclusive special education program designed to meet the needs of exceptional learners in a nurturing, Catholic environment. Our goal is to help every child grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

Exceptionalities Served:

- Autism
- Intellectual Disability (Mild-Moderate)
- Multiple Disabilities
- Down Syndrome
- Other Health Impairments
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Traumatic Brain Injury (ambulatory students)

Program Benefits:

- Individualized placement and small-group instruction
- Opportunities for mainstreaming when appropriate
- Access to related services as available
- Engage with age-level peers and Big Buddies to assist in social skills development
- Supportive, Christ-centered learning environment

Interested in Learning More?
We would love to meet with you to discuss admissions and determine whether the GRACE Program is the right fit for your child.

Contact:
 Kristy Monsour, Principal
kmonsour@stalphonsusbr.org

We're Hiring! Join Our Team

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of students with special needs? We're looking for dedicated professionals to join our team:

- [Special Education Teacher](#)
- [Special Education Assistant](#)

Boys Basketball

Click [HERE](#) for the basketball schedule.
Come out and support our boys this weekend in the
Family Center.

FULL COURT RIZZ

BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

12

DEC

6:00 PM - 3rd Grade Blue

8:15 PM - 3rd Grade Blue

13

DEC

8:00 AM - 4th Grade Gold

8:45 AM - 4th Grade Blue

9:30 AM - 4th Grade Gold

10:15 AM - 4th Grade Blue

11:45 AM - 5th Grade

12:30 PM - 4th Grade White

2:00 PM - 4th Grade White

2:45 PM - 5th Grade

14

DEC

TOURNAMENT BRACKET GAMES

FROM 1:30 PM - 7:15 PM



Huge congratulations to our
7th Grade Varsity team and
their coaches on an
undefeated tournament
weekend! What an
incredible way to kick off the
season!

***The Mission of
St. Alphonsus
Liguori
Catholic School is
to form
students in the
Catholic Faith
spiritually,
academically,
physically, and
culturally in an
environment of
academic
excellence.***

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER

Dear Holy Spirit,
Thank You for living in my heart.
Help me grow Your beautiful fruits:

Love - so I care for others

Joy - so I smile even when life is hard

Peace - so I stay calm and trust in You

Patience - so I don't get upset

Kindness - so I treat everyone like a friend

Goodness - so I choose to do what's right

Faithfulness - so I always follow You

Gentleness - so I use soft words

Self-control - so I make good choices

Help me be more like Jesus every
day. Mary, Mother of God, pray for
me. All you holy angels and saints,
pray for me too. Amen.



TIPS FOR HELPING KIDS DO THEIR BEST ON THE TEST

Spend Time Studying

Help your child develop strategies for studying that will help them feel confident and prepared for their test. Ideas include:

- Studying a little bit at a time, not just last minute.
- Taking breaks while you're studying.
- Making up songs or rhymes to help you remember the information.
- Asking another person to quiz you on the information.
- Setting specific goals for what you want to learn or remember.
- Not being afraid to ask questions if you don't understand something.

Get Prepared

Feeling prepared for a test is more than just knowing the information. Here are some other things to consider:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast. Feeling rested, and not hungry, can make it easier for your child to focus and think clearly.
- Make sure you have all of your materials. Not having what you need might mean you have to scramble before the test or stop in the middle of the test to get them.
- Go to the bathroom. Taking care of this before the test can limit disruptions.

Use Test-Taking Strategies

Knowing the information is the best test-taking strategy, but there are other tools your child can use to help like:

- Read the directions carefully.
- Look through all of the questions before you start.
- Underline or circle important information.
- Write down any important information on the side of your test.
- Cross off answers you know aren't right.
- If you get stuck, move on and come back to that question.
- Try to answer all of the questions.

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Stay Calm

It is completely normal to feel nervous about taking a test. Thankfully, there are some strategies your child can use to help them feel more calm as they work.

- **Deep Breathing:** Breathe in for 4 seconds, hold the breath for 7 seconds, and exhale for 8 seconds.
- **Positive Self-Talk:** Come up with an encouraging sentence to tell yourself.
- **Tensing & Relaxing:** Focus on one part of your body. Make it as tense as possible, then relax.
- **Focusing On What You Can Control**



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[Parent School Counseling Request Form](#)
[Elementary Student Check-In Form](#)
[Middle School Student Check-In Form](#)




Remembering Our Children
Candlelight Service



Join us on Sunday,
December 14, 2025
Beginning at 6 PM
St. Alphonsus Liguori
Catholic Church

Spread
The Joy
Give
A Toy




- Help Ross Tire & Journey Church fill Central's Toy Box this year to help a child have a special Christmas.

The Classroom that collects the most toys will win a
Raising Cane's Party

- Toys needed by December 11th
- new, unwrapped toys for newborn - age 16
- Call Ross Tire and Service for more details
262 8473

Ross
TIRE & SERVICE



Printing services provided by:
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SAVE THE DATE

daddy + laughter
Sneaker Ball

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th
6:30 - 8:30 PM
St. Alphonsus Gym

Tickets go on sale January 5, 2026!





Holiday Camps at SJA

Merry Makers
grades 3 - 5

Baking
grades 4 - 8

Sewing
grades 4 - 8

**Little Stickers
Cheer Clinic**
ages 6 - 14

Paddles for a Cause

St. Michael High School PICKLEBALL Tournament

Presented by Performance
Contractors

Divisions

Womens/Mens/Mixed
Senior Women/Men/Mixed
Family/Youth/Juniors
Youth (6th-8th grade)
Juniors (9th-12th grade)

Benefits

FMOL Health | Our Lady of the Lake
Children's Hospital

Register Now!

**JANUARY 10-11, 2026
@ Stacks Pickleball**

PADDLES FOR A CAUSE PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

10-11 JANUARY, 2026 <<<<
AT STACKS PICKLEBALL

PRESENTED BY:

BENEFITS:

&
Our Lady of the Lake
Children's Hospital

REGISTER HERE >>>> WWW.SMHSBR.ORG

Middle school (6th-8th grade) -
Half-price team rate!

The regular cost per team is \$80, but with this discount, teams can register for just \$40. Each team includes two players, making it only \$20 per student. The first twelve people who email Jackie Moseley at jmoseley@smhsbr.org to claim this offer will receive the discount rate.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST in the Grade division checked below. I realize that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

☐ GRADE K ☐ GRADE 1-2 ☐ GRADE 3-4 ☐ GRADE 5-6 ☐ GRADE 7-8

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

Name of Entrant _____ Grade _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) _____ Email _____ Signature of Entrant _____

This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. **Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council which retains exclusive rights to use said entries in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist.**

Parent/Guardian

Date signed

This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Competition Level	Slogan – 30 points	Artistic Merit – 30 points	Overall Impact – 40 points
Council Total: _____			
District/Regional Total: _____			
Jurisdictional Total: _____			
International Level Total: _____			



Keep Christ in Christmas

Poster Judging Fact Sheet

RULES

Poster must reflect the theme of *Keep Christ in Christmas*.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form.

The name and grade of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. **Posters will not be returned.**

JUDGING

Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplin, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, young people should be included in all phases of the judging process.

A **100 point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

30 Points: Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented?

30 Points: Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message?

40 Points: Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

Council's Contact Information

