

# APRIL NEWS

**THE ST. LOUIS BESANCON ACADEMY  
THE POWER OF T.E.A.M.**

**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!!!**

April Showers Bring May Flowers! If the saying is true, then May should be beautiful! I hope the farmers in our area have recovered from any flooding that happened and the current rains are only helpful for their crops.

We congratulate Sam Stein, son of Dan and Rosy Stein, for making the state finals for the National Geographic Bee. Sam went to Indianapolis on April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the contest. Since I write this ahead of time, you'll have to ask him this weekend how he did!

We look forward to celebrating Holy Week as we come back to school following Spring Break. We have Stations of the Cross for students on Wednesday and Good Friday Passion will be at 12:30 at St. Louis Besancon with Deacon Jake Runyon leading us in prayer. School will be dismissed following the Passion, which should be around 2 pm. There is no bus service on Good Friday.

Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8:30 pm here at St. Louis. I am very excited that Rick's journey through RCIA is nearly complete and we look forward to his beginning a life-long journey in full communion with the Catholic faith. This will be an extra special mass for our family as we also remember my sister-in-law, Tracy (my brother Gary's wife), who will also enter into full communion at their Easter Vigil in Illinois. We hope you will come and congratulate all the RCIA members who will be welcomed into full communion. Easter Sunday service will be at 10:15 am.

I will be attending the National Catholic Education Association convention the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be presentations by many speakers, including The Most Rev.

Gerald Kicanas, Bishop of Tucon; Immaculee Ilibagiza, the author of "Left to Tell"; Cardinal Daniel DiNardo as well as over 400 break-out sessions and 500 exhibitors. I'm sure there will be information regarding many exciting topics to share with you when I return. I'm a bit of an "education junkie" to put it mildly, so I feel like a sponge getting ready to be plunged into the water right about now.

Other items we look forward to in April is the culmination of study for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students preparing for their First Holy Communion on April 26<sup>th</sup>! Their retreat will be April 15<sup>th</sup> after school, and their practice will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Continue to pray for them as they make this next sacrament of initiation into the Catholic church.

HASA elections will take place on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. Thank you very much to all the members who work unselfishly to help support St. Louis Academy and take on leadership roles. We could not accomplish near as much without your time and support. Please support the rummage sale April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in their speech final on April 22, at 6 pm in the church. They have worked very hard on their presentations. I hope you come to watch and listen. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will tour the Indiana State House on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis and ISTEP begins (multiple choice sessions) on April 27<sup>th</sup> and lasts through May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, as we celebrate Easter, remember that He came, He died for us, and He lives!

*Alleluia*  
CAROL GILLESPIE '09

Christ's Love,  
Ms. Layton

