



2008

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Louis Academy,

Within the last month, I have had the opportunity to teach two separate religion classes. The one lesson was about Lent and the other was about Easter. The students were so eager to learn about their faith and how to apply it to their daily lives. When discussing Lent, the tone was serious in nature. We talked about the need to have a change of heart, why sacrificing or giving up something is a good practice, and the importance of being aware of others and their needs. The question was asked as to why the day on which Jesus was crucified is called *Good Friday*. That question pointed out the importance of viewing the Triduum as one great event—the Death and Resurrection of Christ—and not as separate events.

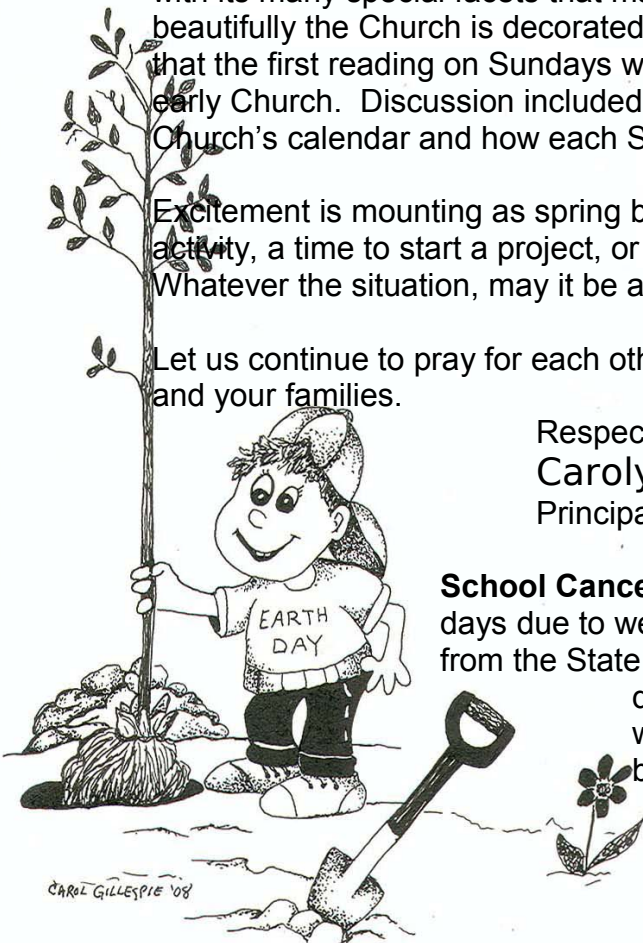
The class on Easter took on a totally different tone. We spoke about rejoicing and how we do so with words and actions. Several students described the Easter Vigil Liturgy with its many special facets that made for one long service. Others described how beautifully the Church is decorated, especially with the many flowers. It was pointed out that the first reading on Sundays will be from the Acts of the Apostles describing the early Church. Discussion included the fact that Easter is the greatest feast within the Church's calendar and how each Sunday is a "mini" Easter.

Excitement is mounting as spring break nears! The week may involve a trip, a special activity, a time to start a project, or just a change of pace from the ordinary routine. Whatever the situation, may it be a safe and enjoyable time for all.

Let us continue to pray for each other and for our school. May God bless each of you and your families.

Respectfully in Christ,
Carolyn Kirkendall
Principal

School Cancellations: School has been cancelled for seven (7) days due to weather conditions. I have applied for a special waiver from the State of Indiana. If granted, only five (5) of those days will need to be rescheduled. Barring no other weather related cancellations, the last student day will be Wednesday, May 28th.



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