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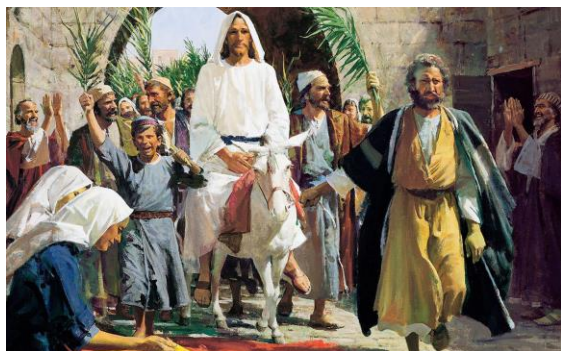
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## Celebrating the King

By Isabella Kerner



*Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem*

**Palm Sunday falls before Easter, marking the first day of Holy Week. Everyone is called to participate in the Palm Sunday mass to remember, follow, and open our hearts to the Lord.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS**—Palm Sunday is an early Christian ceremony commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The ceremony began toward the end of the 4th century in Jerusalem. In the early years, it comprised two churches: the first hosted the mass and closed the ceremony, and the second blessed the palms. Following the Middle Ages, the Roman Catholic Church began to simplify the ceremony to emphasize Christ's sacrifice.

Today, the Catholic Palm Sunday masses include the blessing of the palms and the readings of the Passion of Christ. After the mass, the congregation may take home the palms as a sacramental sign throughout the week. Other churches, such as Anglican and Protestant, recognize Palm Sunday but may commemorate the ceremony differently. When the Easter season is over, many of the palms may be burned into ashes for the following year's Ash Wednesday masses.

This year, Palm Sunday falls on Sunday, March 24, 2024. To learn more about Our Lady of the Gulf mass times, visit <https://olgchurch.net/mass-times>

## Diocese of Biloxi Youth Conference 2024

By Anna Kate Ivey

**The Diocese of Biloxi holds a youth conference each year at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, known as DBYC.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS**- The weekend of DBYC includes mass, adoration, reconciliation, and keynote speakers. A group of 10th-12th graders, known as the Diocesan Spirit Movers, help lead, plan, and create activities for this weekend. All parishes and youth groups are called to come and participate and join as a community to celebrate the faith!

The weekend of March 8-10 will be the 47th annual DBYC, with the theme "Belong"! The speaker for DBYC 2024 is Katie Prejean McGrady. The weekend of DBYC 2024 is a great way to deepen students' faith while making new friends!





## Senior Spotlight: Janna Babin

By Blakelee Geil

### Get to know Janna Babin and her experience at OLA

**Bay St Louis** - Janna Babin started her catholic education at a school in Picayune, Mississippi called St. Charles Borromeo. Then, in August of 2018, Janna began middle school at OLA. She is now a senior and will graduate this spring and attend the University of Mississippi, where she will be majoring in biochemistry.

While attending OLA, Janna has been a part of many activities. She has been on the Archery team since sophomore year. When asked how she has changed since her 7th-grade year, she said, "I am a lot more social, more worried about grades, more involved in school activities and events, and I have a lot more hair." Janna's favorite tradition at OLA is Mercy Day and Intramurals because "there is always something to look forward to," but she does dislike "all the restrictions on what we can wear, like limits on bracelets and earrings." Janna included that if she could relive her high school experience, "I would take in every day like it was my last day of high school. These past seven years have flown by so fast, and I feel like I did not enjoy every day and every event as much as I should have".

Many people have inspired Janna at OLA.

The two teachers that stood out the most to Janna were Mrs. Cranford and Ms. Ashley. "My favorite subjects are math and science, and they helped me become more interested in learning about them." Although Janna is excited to graduate, she will miss OLA dearly and "the great friendships and the connections that will last a lifetime."

## Senior Spotlight: Mallory Capo

By Ema Freeman

**BAY ST. LOUIS** - Mallory Capo joined the Our Lady Academy Crescent family in 2018 in 7th grade. Mallory came to OLA from Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School along with her older sisters, Hailey, class of 2023, and Addison, class of 2022. When asked what her time at OLA taught her, Mallory said, "OLA has taught me to remain true to myself. The faculty at OLA over the years have always taught me how to set and reach goals without personal compromise and trust my instincts, which has been the most meaningful advice I have ever received,".

Mallory Capo has had a successful middle school and high school career and has been a track and cross country team member all six years of both. This high school success has led her to be accepted into Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS. Mallory has yet to decide what she would like to major in because she is still determining what she would like her future career to be. Her advice for the upcoming seniors at OLA is "to take their time and try not to rush through their senior year, even though it's easy to do," Mallory aspires to vacation in Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland, and meet Jordan Carter.



*Mallory enjoying a cup of tea*

# Why is it so Bright?

By Isabella Kerner

**The spring equinox kicks off the official start of the spring season. It occurs once every year around March 20th.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS-** Other than the summer solstice, the spring equinox is the year's longest day. During the spring equinox, the sun shines upon the earth's equator, while the earth's axis is tilted neither toward nor away from the sun. This causes twelve hours of sunlight over most of the earth's terrain, visible to many people worldwide.

The spring equinox marks the beginning of spring and symbolizes the start of new beginnings for many cultures. Many people believe the equinox improves their health and overall mood. Others view it as a time of cleansing.

The spring equinox is just one of the four equinoxes celebrated yearly. This year, the spring equinox falls on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, around 10:06 PM central time. Further information about the spring equinox can be found on the internet and local news stations.



*Cartoon depiction of the spring equinox on each side of the globe*

# Saint Joseph with his son, Jesus

By Anna Kate Ivey

**Saint Joseph, the man we know as Jesus' earthly father, was an upright, gentle, quiet man whose feast day falls during the season of Lent on March 19.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS-** Saint Joseph, the man we know as Jesus' earthly father, was an upright, gentle man. Joseph was born and raised in Bethlehem, the city of David, and also descended from the royal line of King David. He later settled in Nazareth, where he met Mary, his future spouse. As it was a natural responsibility for a father to teach his son his trade, St. Joseph's father, Jacob, taught him how to be a carpenter. As a carpenter, he would lead a quiet, simple lifestyle.

Saint Joseph is the patron saint of families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, and craftsmen. These are very fitting since Joseph provided a safe home for the Holy Family (Mary, Jesus, and himself) to live in. The Roman emperor later called for a census requiring the family to return to Bethlehem. He cared for, provided for, and protected Mary on their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. St. Joseph raised Jesus throughout his childhood until his last moments. The death of St. Joseph is a mystery, but he most likely died before his son's public ministry began. Today, St. Joseph is looked up upon since God trusted him with his only son.



*St. Joseph and Jesus.*

# OLA's Queen Colleen

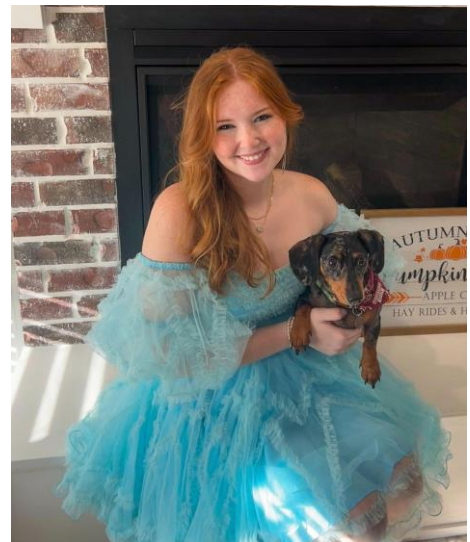
By Kirynn Necaise

**The history behind the parade and those participating.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS** - St. Patrick's Day parades have been a part of Irish tradition for many years but did not initially start in Ireland. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was recorded in 1601 in Florida. Another notable St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1762 by Irish soldiers serving in the British army. These men marched to Irish music to reconnect to their Irish heritage. Parades like these became more prevalent and became a potent political symbol.

These parades showed strength in numbers during times of persecution of Irish- Catholic immigrants. Parades did not make it to Ireland until the 20th century, when they were held in Ireland's capital, Dublin.

One of our OLA students, Ema Freeman, has been chosen as queen for the Pass Christian St. Patrick's Day parade. Chipper McDermott nominated her. Ema said, "I feel honored to be a part of this. My dad was the grand marshal, so this is an amazing opportunity and something I will always remember."



*Ema Freeman, the queen of the Pass Christian St. Patrick's Day parade.*

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**Question: What do you get when you combine a four-leaf-clover with poison ivy?**

**Answer: A rash of good luck!**

**Question: What do you call a fake Irish stone?**

**Answer: A sham-rock!**

**Question: Why do leprechauns enjoy recycling?**

**Answer: Because they like to go green!**



## Mass and Penance Schedule

	OLG	Holy Family Parish	St. Thomas	St. Claires	Most Holy Trinity
Mass Times	<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Monday / Wednesday</b>	<b>Monday - Thursday</b>	<b>Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri</b>	<b>Monday-Friday</b>
	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	8:30 AM / 6:30 PM	8:30 AM	8:00 AM
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	7 AM / 6 PM	8:30 AM	6:30 AM / 7 PM	6:00 PM	4 PM / 6 PM
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
	7:30 AM / 5 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	7:30 AM / 9 AM
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	11 AM / 7 PM
	8 AM / 10:30 AM	7 AM / 8:30 AM	7:30 AM / 9 AM	8:30 AM / 11 AM	
	12:30 PM / 5 PM	11 AM / 5 PM	11:30 AM / 5:30 PM	5:30 PM	
Penance Services	<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>March 27</b>	<b>March 18,19,20,21</b>	<b>March 25</b>
	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM	5 PM to 7 PM	6:00 PM

## Mass Penance and Opportunities for Students and Faculty

By Caroline Dufrene

### Opportunities to grow in Faith.

**BAY ST. LOUIS-** During the Liturgical season of Lent, we are called to go to a penance service in preparation for the Passion of Christ. Attending more than just our Sunday mass is also a good opportunity for you to give yourself to Christ and have time to reflect on your Lenten journey. At the bottom are mass times and penance opportunities throughout the diocese. Here is what the people in our religion department say about these opportunities. Mrs. Goris encourages students to add Mass Penance and more mass days into their week if they are already attending Sunday mass. She encourages students to go to more masses because it is an opportunity to grow closer to God.

Mrs. Patton says, "Penance services cleanse your soul of sins that maybe you forgot about and are a healing process for our soul. Mass during Lent is preparing yourself for the Passion of Christ. Listening closely to the readings helps us think about Easter Sunday and what Christ did for us."

Mrs. Mayer says all of this should be focused on growing our prayer lives during the season of Lent. Lent is a penitential time, meaning that it is a time to see where we fail to love Jesus and our neighbor. Jesus helps us overcome our sinfulness; this is when we are reminded of His great sacrifice.

"There is nowhere better to experience his sacrifice than in Mass."

## Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.



OLA choir at Mass



# Illuminate: Steubenville 2024

By Ema Freeman

**Join this religious trip as quickly as possible! Spots are filling rapidly.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS** - Every year, thousands of Catholic teens flock to one of the most exciting religious retreats in the nation. Life Teen and the Franciscan University of Steubenville are hosting a Steubenville conference in Orlando, Florida, this summer. These conferences encourage students to grow in their relationship with God through adoration, talks, reconciliation, music, and group quality time. Four meetings are held yearly at the Franciscan University, and fourteen are held regionally.

Steubenville summer from July Shingle Creek Hotel. conference include Fr. Louis Merosne, Stefanick. In many youth groups, and Holy Family to Disney. The Illuminate, “The the darkness has not



Orlando 2024 will be held this 12th through the 14th at the Rosen The special guests attending this Sarah Kroger Quaglia, Mari Pablo, David Calavitta, and Chris addition to exciting special guests, including Our Lady of the Gulf Parish, plan on taking participants theme for Steubenville this year is light shines in the darkness, and overcome it.” – John 1:5.

Spots for but the latest date to would be thrilled to help bring students to this unique religious experience. Evie Boudreaux, attending her fourth Steubenville Conference this year, says, “It is an amazing opportunity and life-changing experience.”

## Steubenville 2024

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# Upcoming Cheer Tryouts

By Blakelee Geil:

**Are you interested in trying out for the 2024- 2025 cheer season?**

**BAY ST. LOUIS-** Tryouts will be held March 25th–27th. If you're in grades 6–11, you can try out and become a part of the cheer team. They will be hosted in the Brother Peter Gym. You can prepare for tryouts by doing daily stretches, tumbling, and jumping. On the first day of the clinic, you will be taught a cheer, chant, and dance. Everyone trying out will spread out and learn everything you need for tryouts. On the second day of tryouts, you will go over everything and have the chance to ask last-minute questions; then, you will be put into your assigned groups for the next day. You will end day two of the clinic by watching mock tryouts by the seniors. For tryouts, you should wear a fitted shirt that is either red, black, or white, hair out of your face, and cheer shoes. Then, when you arrive on the day of tryouts, you will be given your number. You will be placed with the group of girls you were with the day before. The doors will be closed on both sides of the gym, so nobody can see you trying out. When it's your turn, you will do a run-out. Then, the judges will ask to see your jump and then your second jump. The judge will then ask one of the 3 or 4 in the group to call the cheer. It will be called, and then, as a whole, you all will perform this cheer. The same thing happens again. The judge will ask someone in the group to call the chant. You will perform the chant. Then, the judge will give you a minute and ask you to prepare. When you're ready, he will say, Your music is



on. You will dance. Then, you will walk to the hard mat. Everyone will do their running tumbling. Then you leave the room. Although you're done with tryouts, you may not leave until everyone has tried out and everyone has finished trying out. You are free to go. The team will be posted that night on Instagram to see who made it. Typically, your first day of practice will be either a week or two weeks after tryouts.

## Strengthen Your Faith

By Alexis Barrois

**Lent is the season to get closer to God and strengthen your faith, and adoration is a great way to do that!**

**BAY ST. LOUIS-** During this Lenten season, Mrs. Goris has invited all students from second lunch to join her in the adoration chapel for some moments of silence and prayer. Adoration will occur every day throughout Lent and will be held during the last 20 minutes of lunch. Adoration is essential during this time of Lent because it helps Christians learn how to prioritize God and pray in the presence of Jesus Christ. If any students can not make it during the second lunch and would like to attend adoration during their own time, the adoration chapel is always open. The chapel requires a code to enter, "2012\*" for any student who would like to attend. Going to Adoration is not just for the season of Lent. Students are always welcomed to the chapel before or after school, even after Lent has ended.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Goris at [sarah.sandoz@ourladyacademy.com](mailto:sarah.sandoz@ourladyacademy.com)

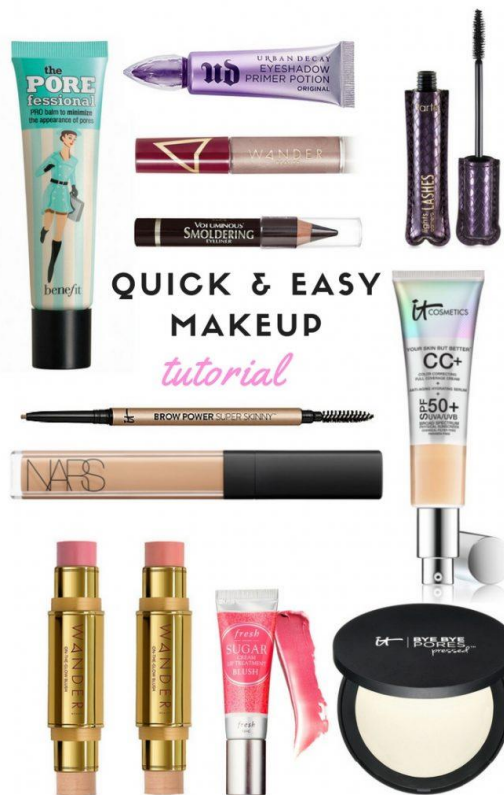
# Cosmetics Corner

By Anne Pierson Kane

**Makeup is a part of many women’s daily routines and can take some skill. Try using these tips for better results!**

**BAY ST LOUIS-** It takes some knowledge about makeup to get good results. Makeup routines can either be two steps or twenty. Here are some tips to have your makeup looking the best it ever has!

1. Before you begin, you should wash your face. It is crucial to begin the process with a clean face. Following this, you should apply a moisturizer to your face so your skin is not dry in some areas. If you want your makeup to last for a long time, primer is a good option. This product gives your skin a smooth look and allows the makeup to stick. A popular primer is the Elf Power Grip Primer.
2. Here, you can begin using foundation. Good foundation options are from the brands Nars and Tarte. Make sure your foundation is the same color as your skin tone. When blended, use a concealer of a lighter shade to brighten under the eyes and to cover blemishes. Kosas and Hourglass concealers are great options. The goal for this step is that you want to apply all of your cream products at once. If you use any other cream products, apply these now.
3. Once you have applied all of your cream products, you can set your makeup. In other words, you will use a setting powder that gets rid of that cakey, oily look. The powder will also help your makeup stay for a long period of time. Most brands of setting powder are great and will give the same results.
4. Now, we will begin applying powder products. These include blush, bronzer, highlighter, etc. Use a large brush to apply blush and bronzer. Blush will give the cheeks a rosy look, and bronzer gives the skin depth and a tanner look. The Milani blush and Too Faced bronzer is popular among many.
5. Next, we will move to the eyes. Begin by using an eyeshadow palette to create a look. The Urban Decay palette is great because it has all the neutrals you would ever need. Eyelash curlers are great to use because they give the eyelashes volume and curl. Apply mascara to the lashes- L’Oreal Telescopic is a great choice. You can also use eyeliner during this step if you want.
6. There are so many options you can use on your lips: lip glosses, lipsticks, lip liners, etc. To use a lip liner, outline your lips and fill them in. Lip liners give your lips a fuller look.
7. The last step is to use a setting spray, which allows your makeup to stay and not come off.



# Top Five Movies Every Teen Girl Should See

By Evie Boudreaux



**If you enjoy watching movies, here are five films you should see!**

1. **The Devil Wears Prada**, Starring Anne Hathaway, Meryl Streep, and Emily Blunt. This movie follows the story of young college graduate Andy. She is worried she will not be able to live up to the expectations of her new job working for the notorious editor of the Runway magazine, Miranda Presley.
2. **Mean Girls** (2004) Starring Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams, and Amanda Seyfried. Mean Girls is about a teenager, Cady Heron, who has just moved to the suburbs. Cady Heron experiences public school Popularity, cruelty, and cliques. Cady befriends the cool and popular girls named “The Plastics” and quickly finds out who her “friends” really are.
3. **Clueless** Starring Alicia Silverstone, Paul Rudd, and Brittany Murphy. Clueless follows a wealthy and socially successful Beverly High School student, Cher. Cher decides to give the hopeless new student Tai a makeover, but she realizes her ex-stepbrother is right when things do not go as planned.
4. **Princess Diaries**



Give these tips a try, and you will see the results! Stay tuned for more beauty tips.



- APPLY
- BALM
- COLOR
- CUTE
- GLIDE
- GLOSS
- LANOLIN
- LINER
- MOIST
- NOURISH
- PINK
- POLISH
- RED
- SHADE
- SHEER
- STYLISH
- VIBRANT
- WAX

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## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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Starring Anne Hathaway, Julie Andrews and Mandy Moore. Princess Diaries is about a shy teenager named Mia Thermopolis. When Mia learns the astonishing information that she is a real-life princess, she must travel to a small European country known as Genovia. There, her grandmother, Queen Clarisse Renaldi, gives her “princess lessons” to prepare her to receive the crown.

5. Little Women (1994) Starring Winona Ryder, Kristen Dunst, Christian Bale, Trini Alvarado, and Claire Danes. Little Women is based on a novel by Louisa May Alcott, written in 1868. The story follows four sisters navigating life, tragedy, romantic rivalries, and financial struggles in the mid-19th century.

# Our Lady Academy Crescents Tennis

By Laney Fletcher

## The Varsity girls' tennis team takes on their 2024 season.

**BAY SAINT LOUIS** - Tennis has been a part of OLA for many years and continues today. The coach for this year is Bob Speight, who is new. The team roster includes Natalia Mossy, Ambrie Alderman, Katie Favre, Alyssa Kirkland, Valentina Mossy, Madeline Piazza, and Julia Lacy. To kick off their fantastic season, they begin practicing in January to prepare for their games in February. The 2024 season ends sometime in April, depending on playoffs.

Before each match begins, the team hits the short court with a partner, then moves to hit regularly back and forth; this warms the players up and puts them in the right mindset for their big game. Katie Favre gives us tips on how to manage focus during a match. She said, "During a match, I maintain focus by keeping track of each point and making sure I have good placement on the court." This team is motivated and strives to bring home yet another State title this season. For more information on this year's Varsity tennis team, talk to the players or even check out MaxPreps.



OLA SSC Tennis 2023

## Student gets attacked by an alligator?

By Faith Ponte

**Mrs. Tolar shares a hilarious story from her first year teaching at OLA.**

**BAY SAINT LOUIS** - Mrs. Tolar came here in the fall of 2020 and has taught science classes ever since. During her first year here, one of her students got injured, and when she returned to school, she had a plan. She convinced Mrs. Tolar that she got injured by being attacked by an alligator. Thinking it was a traumatic story, Mrs. Tolar never brought it back up or questioned the student. They never talked about it after she told her during class. The student had Mrs. Tolar fully convinced that an alligator had attacked her. After four years of Mrs. Tolar believing it, the student told the truth. The student decided to speak the truth funnily, though she waited until she was senior of the day on WOLA. When asked what her favorite memory was at OLA, the student replied that she had convinced Mrs. Tolar that she had been bit by an alligator four years prior. Mrs. Tolar had no idea the student had been lying for the last four years and found it funny how the student decided to tell the truth.



*The alleged animal that “attacked” an OLA student.*

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## Happy Good Friday!

By Ava Schmitt

**Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS** - Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday, which is March 29 this year. It is the day Christians observe the commemoration of Jesus’ crucifixion. Good Friday is a day of sorrow, penance, and fasting. Some people question why Good Friday is called “Good Friday” since Jesus died that day. It is called Good Friday, because it is through the death of Jesus that mankind can receive salvation and eternal life. Catholics refrain from eating meat on Good Friday and it is a serious day of fasting.

There is mass held on Good Friday, but the host that is received was consecrated the day before. The church remains dark and the bells remain silent. It is a solemn day of remembrance and reflection, and Christians worldwide celebrate it by fasting, praying, and reflecting on the meaning of Christ’s sacrifice. Some people will attend special church services and prayer vigils on Good Friday. The candles are often extinguished and statues, paintings and crosses may be draped in black, purple or gray cloth. Good Friday is a day of mourning and silent prayer for Christians all over the world.



*Image of Jesus at the Crucifixion on Good Friday.*

# Senior Spotlight: Alexandra Bujan

By Laney Fletcher

Meet Alex Bujan, an upcoming graduate, Class of 2024 at Our Lady Academy! Alex discusses her plans for the future, her favorite things to do, and some fun facts about herself.

## BAY ST. LOUIS-



Our Lady Academy Senior, Alexandra Bujan, has been a member of OLA since 8th grade. Her favorite memory at OLA is when Faith Ponte would walk up and down the halls with animals from zoology class. In her free time, Alex loves spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoys going out on the boat and being on the water, and sometimes, she makes/designs clothes for upcoming fashion shows in New Orleans, Louisiana. A fun fact about Alex

is that she is a fashion designer well-known in the fashion industry in New

Orleans and a little in Alabama. She started when she was just 11, which aided in building her name and growing her audience that buys the clothes she makes.

After high school, Alex plans to attend the Air Force Academy and major in Aerospace, aeronautical engineering, and or Cyber/electronic operations and warfare. With this degree and the use of her Russian language, she plans to work in the military, either in Cyber security for the Air Force or engineering for SpaceX. She is very excited about Graduation; she knows that once she receives her diploma, it will be time for her to make a change.

If Alex were to give advice to a seventh grader, she would say, "Never give up. Thomas Edison said, "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." You may fail countless times, but in the end game, all those failures will be what leads you to your success. And it will be hard. There will be days when you just lay in bed and don't do anything. Take a break, take two, but never give up."



## 2024 Covecrest Summer Retreat Applications Open Now!

By Marley Kinniburgh

**BAY SAINT LOUIS** - As of early February, sign-ups for Covecrest are available at churches along the Coast. Certain church youth groups in South Mississippi, such as Our Lady of the Gulf in Bay St. Louis and Saint Thomas the Apostle in Long Beach, send teens to attend this seven-day summer retreat in Tiger, Georgia. The event itself is action packed and allows for retreatants to participate in white water rafting, daily mass, small group, messy games, rock wall climbing, and so much more! The retreat is a perfect opportunity to grow your relationship with God and helps to further one's knowledge of the Catholic faith in an interactive way. Covecrest is especially known for its team building activities and leaves young parish communities better bonded as friends. "Camp Covecrest is an exhilarating experience that all highschoolers should attend at least once," said Kaitlynn Claret, St. Thomas the Apostle Church's youth minister. To gather more information on this retreat and more summer events, visit Shelby Martin or Kaitlynn Claret at their parish offices!



# Gold Coins, Green Roses, and Where to Find Them!

By Claire Wojtowicz



**All there is to know about the upcoming Saint Patrick's Day Parades and events.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS-** March is right around the corner, so here are all the dates for the Saint Patrick's Day parades and events on the coast from Ocean Springs to Waveland! If you need fun St. Pat's Day swag, look online at Party City, Walmart, Michaels, or any dollar store. Come to the Pass Christian St. Pat's Parade on March 16 to support OLA senior Ema Freeman as Queen Coleen!

## Saturday, March 16

- **BILOXI:** St. Patrick's Day 5K and 1 Mile Walk, 8 a.m.
- **BILOXI:** Grillin' on the Green, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Biloxi Town Green
- **BILOXI:** Hibernia Irish Society Irish Malarkey, 11 a.m., Biloxi City Hall
- **BILOXI:** Hibernia Irish Society St. Patrick's Parade, 2 p.m., downtown Biloxi
- **GULFPORT:** St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl, 1-8 p.m.
- **GULFPORT:** Mississippi Aquarium St. Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **OCEAN SPRINGS:** St. Paddy's Day Celebration & Pub Crawl, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., downtown Ocean Springs
- **PASS CHRISTIAN:** St. Patrick Day Parade, 1 p.m., lineup at 200 Block of Davis Avenue, Blessing and Proclamation at Pavilion at 11:30 a.m.
- **WAVELAND:** Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1 p.m.

## Tuesday, February 27

- **BILOXI:** Turning Green, 6 p.m., Biloxi City Hall

## Saturday, March 2

- **BILOXI:** Comeallyee Ball, 6 p.m.-12 a.m., Frank G. Gruich Community Center (591 Howard Avenue)

## Friday, March 15

- **GULFPORT:** Mississippi Aquarium St. Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Sunday, March 17

- **GULFPORT:** Mississippi Aquarium St. Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



# A Great Way to Get Service Hours: Buddy Ball

By Anne Pierson Kane

**This organization allows volunteers to partner with a special needs person to play a good baseball game.**

**BAY ST LOUIS-** Baseball games are held every Wednesday night during spring at the Sportsplex in Gulfport. Children and adults play these games with mental and physical disabilities. Players run the bases, hit the ball, and play outfield with their buddies, who are volunteers. Buddy Ball was established in 2010 by Mike Crawford. Mike's daughter, who has special needs, was not able to play in most recreational sports leagues. Wanting a change, Mike founded Mississippi Gulf Coast Buddy Sports, which is a 501(C)(3) public charity. Special needs children. OLA junior Ellie Powell, a frequent volunteer, says, "I like Buddy Ball because it's a good

environment, it's fun, and it's my way of making service hours. If you like helping others, you would definitely like this service project. The people who work it are super nice and welcoming, and the kids are so fun to be around. I am always super excited when Buddy Ball comes around; it gives me something to look forward to every Wednesday. I think everyone should volunteer because it doesn't only help you, but it also helps the kids, the parents, and the staff. It's such a relief for the parents to know that their child is in good hands so they can have a short break. Overall, it is enjoyable and a good way to make service hours. Go sign up at Mrs. Mayer's door!!!"

If you want to be a buddy, visit the MS Buddy Sports Website ([msgulcoastbuddysports.org](http://msgulcoastbuddysports.org)) or sign up at Mrs. Mayer's door!



*A Buddy Ball game in action!*



*Buddy Ball players with their OLA buddies*

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## Popular Majors for OLA 2024 Graduates

By Faith Ponte

**The class of 2024 shares their majors for college.**

**BAY SAINT LOUIS** - The class of 2024 will soon be heading off to college and deciding what they want to study there. Some people already know what they want to major in; in this article, we will discuss the most popular majors among the class of 2024. A Google form was sent out to all of the seniors to see the most popular major; the most popular major was "unknown." Five people responded to the survey with "unknown," meaning they did not decide what they wanted to study. This is not a problem, considering you can change your major while in college. The second most popular major was psychology, with four people studying it. The class of 2024 had four people going into different types of engineering. The various engineering degrees are mechanical engineering, environmental engineering, aerospace engineering, and biochemical engineering. The third most popular major was accounting, with three people. Nursing, biology, pre-vet, and biochemistry are all tied together, with two people entering each major. The other majors were very interesting and included radiology, mathematical physics, law, fine art, neuroscience, fashion merchandising, commerce international, criminal justice, dentistry, public relations, cosmetology, public health and health sciences, communications, economics, and marketing. All of these majors will leave a significant impact on the world and society. Good luck to all of the class of 2024 with their impressive degrees.

# History of Holy Thursday

By Lily Fontenette

**Holy Thursday commemorates the Washing of the Feet and the Last Supper.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS-** Holy Thursday is a sacred day commemorating Christ's Last Supper and Washing of the Feet. It is not one of the six Holy Days of Obligation. Holy Thursday is sometimes called Maundy Thursday and is occasionally confused with the Solemnity of the Ascension. It falls between March 19 and April 22, and for Eastern Orthodox that follow the Julian calendar, it falls between April 1 and May 5.

During Holy Thursday, Jesus washes the feet of his followers before the Last Supper, announces Judas will betray him, celebrates the first Mass, and initiates the priesthood. To this day, many continue to celebrate the mass, wash the feet of the faithful, and strip the altars for the mass. To find more information, check with a local priest or deacon.



*Jesus washing the feet of the Apostles.*

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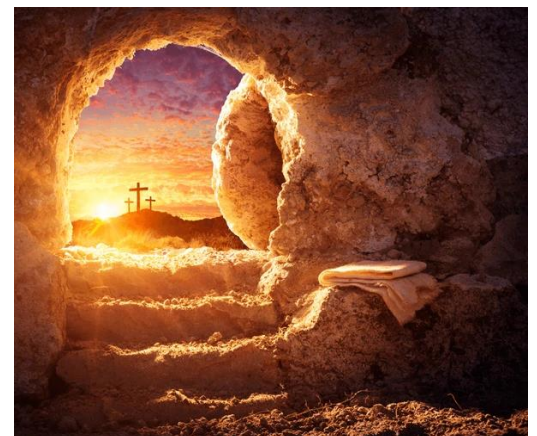
# Easter Sunday

By Lily Fontenette

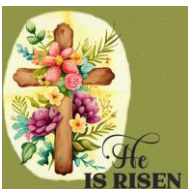
**According to records, Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the third day after the Crucifixion.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS** - Easter was first introduced in the 2nd century. Although these are the earliest records found, Jesus' Resurrection most likely occurred earlier. Easter follows Lent and is immediately preceded by Holy Week. This year, Easter occurs on March 31, 2024. Usually, Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon. Easter always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

Easter comes from Eostre or Eostrae, the goddess of spring and fertility. Non-religious traditions include egg rolling and egg decorating. Many believe that the eggs represent fertility and birth. Many also participate in Easter egg hunts, where eggs are hidden for children and adults to find. In some places, candy and goodies are delivered by an Easter Bunny on Sunday morning. Many believe the Easter Bunny tradition came from German immigrants, but the origin is unknown.



*Tomb, where Jesus was laid to rest.*





*OLA student, O'Brien Lee, saying a decade of the Rosary before mass.*

# The Diocese of Biloxi's 46th Annual Rosary Rally is a hit with the locals!

**By Marley Kinniburgh**

**Bishop Kihneman hosts local Catholics and performs a mass at the cathedral with a walk for life**

**following. BAY ST LOUIS** - The Diocese of Biloxi's forty-sixth annual Rosary Rally was held on January 13, 2024. This Rally is specifically held to celebrate the creation of life and to march for the right to life for all born and unborn children. The local march occurs every year in correspondence with the Washington D.C. March for Life and allows for Catholics and Pro-life believers to band together in support of the end of abortions and euthanasia, as well as protecting any other cherished life.

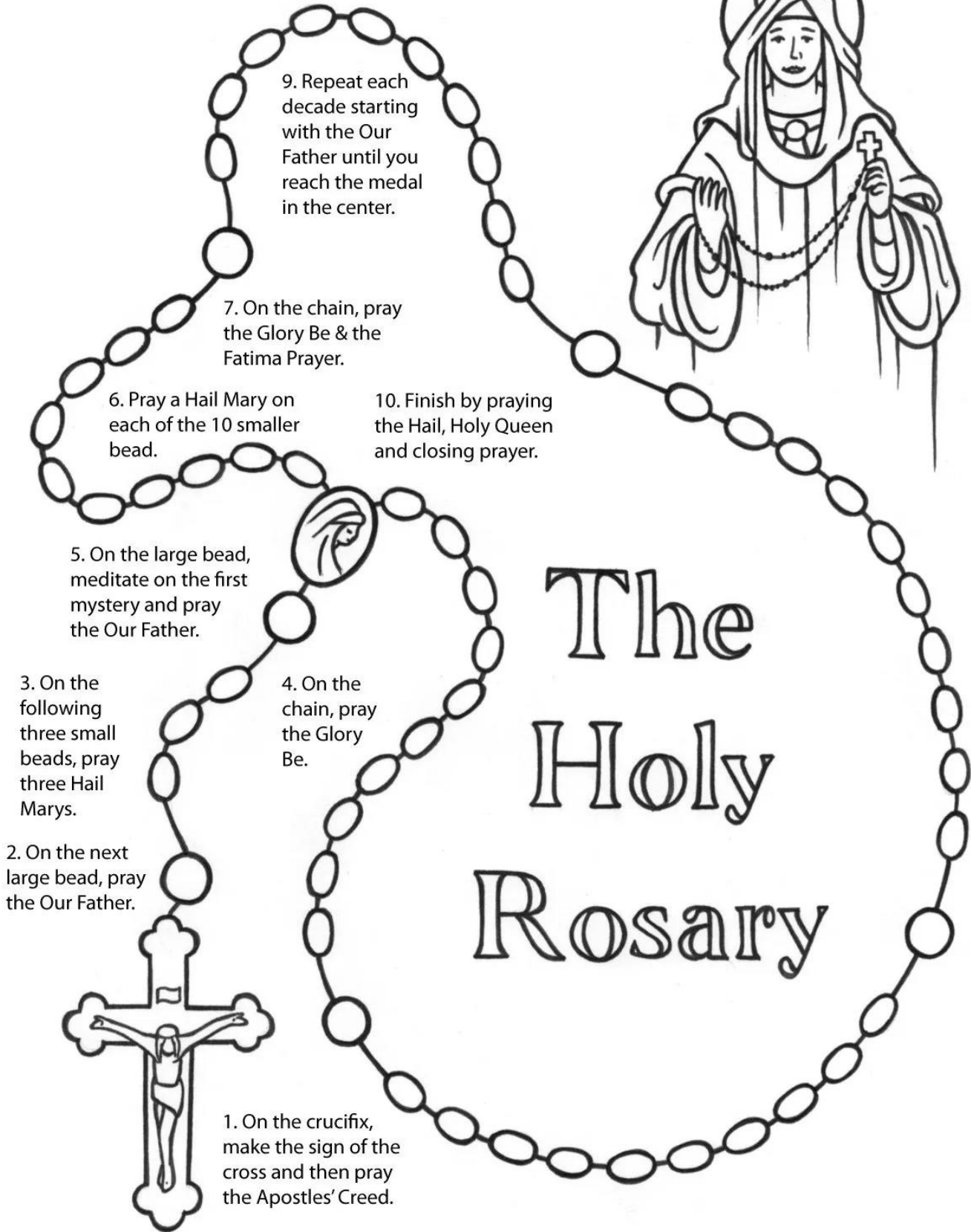
On Saturday morning at nine, the rally was kicked off with local Catholic school students praying decades of the rosary before a mass performed by Bishop Kihneman. Our Lady Academy took part in the rosary by having student volunteers recite different mysteries. O'Brien Lee, a student at Our Lady Academy, stated, "The whole experience was beautiful, but my favorite part about the march was the adoration at the end. Being a part of a large group was powerful, and it reminded me that there are so many people who still value life. It was also one of the few times that I had adored the Eucharist outside and in public, which was exciting and different. Overall, it was a really fun event and I was so happy to be a part of it!" Following the rosary and mass, the gathering relocated outside the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and began preparing for the trek to the Biloxi Beach Pavillion in Lighthouse Park.

Upon arrival at the pavilion, attendees were met with interesting and informational booths advertising alternatives to abortion and encouraging the protection of life. Speakers shared testimonies when the crowds settled into their seats, and Eucharistic Adoration was held shortly afterward. The adoration was a wonderful experience for many; it featured music and quiet time.

Overall, the annual Diocesan Rosary Rally and March for Life is a great experience for Catholics all over the Mississippi Gulf Coast to grow in fellowship and bond for a common cause. This simple participation in a local event that spreads support for the pro-life movement helps save lives every single day.



# The Holy Rosary



9. Repeat each decade starting with the Our Father until you reach the medal in the center.

7. On the chain, pray the Glory Be & the Fatima Prayer.

6. Pray a Hail Mary on each of the 10 smaller beads.

10. Finish by praying the Hail, Holy Queen and closing prayer.

5. On the large bead, meditate on the first mystery and pray the Our Father.

3. On the following three small beads, pray three Hail Marys.

4. On the chain, pray the Glory Be.

2. On the next large bead, pray the Our Father.

1. On the crucifix, make the sign of the cross and then pray the Apostles' Creed.



# Local Fish Fries to Know About

By Evie Boudreaux

These are all the local fish fries to know about for volunteering, service hours, or to eat at.



- Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church has a Lenten fish fry every Friday during Lent from February 16 to March 22. It starts at 5:00 pm. It ends at 7:00 pm. The platters are \$12.50 and include fried catfish, french fries, hushpuppies, green beans, coleslaw, desserts\*, and drinks (available for purchase). Online ordering is available at [www.olgchurch.net](http://www.olgchurch.net). All online orders can go towards HTCS, OLA, SSC, or OLG youth groups. To volunteer, contact Youth Minister Shelby Martin at [martinshelby@gmail.com](mailto:martinshelby@gmail.com)
- St. Claire has a drive-through-only lenten fish fry every Friday from 5–7 pm. The plates are \$12 for an entree, two sides, hushpuppies, and a dessert. They also sell hot or frozen stuffed potatoes and crawfish pies.
- Word of Faith Christian Fellowship, located at 103 Old Spanish Trail, Waveland, MS, has a fish fry every Friday from 6–8 pm.
- Most Holy Trinity has a lenten fish fry every Friday. It starts at 5:00 pm and is in the parish center and kitchen.
- Annunciation Catholic Church has a fish fry every Friday until March 22 from 5-7 pm in the parish hall.
- St. Ann's has a fish fry every Friday from Lent until March 22 from 4-7 pm in the parish hall. It is \$14 per adult and \$7 per child. All the proceeds go to the Altar Society Ministry.

## Get to know Mrs. Corr!

By Caroline Dufrene

**BAY ST. LOUIS-** Mrs. Corr attended OLA 7th-12th grade. She graduated in 2008 and was the class vice president. She began teaching art at OLA in the 2014/2015 school year. In her second year of teaching, she taught 8th-grade religion and art. She also coached archery for two years and designed and maintained the OLA website. During her 5th year of teaching, Mrs. Corr's husband and she moved an hour and a half away to Louisiana. After finishing that year, she did not teach at OLA for the next three years but continued to do the website. She moved back to Mississippi and began teaching at OLA again last year - but this time only religion. Midway through the year, she switched to Advancement Director, which is what she does now. She also sponsors the ambassadors and yearbook club.



Mrs. Corr's day usually begins with morning Mass. After Mass, she makes a cup of coffee and eats breakfast while checking her email. One of the things she loves about her job is that each day is different. Some days, she spends a lot of time on the computer; some days, she has a lot of meetings and tours; and other days, she is taking photos or setting up an event. And some days, it's a little of everything.

She likes the traditions that make OLA so unique. "I really do love all of the traditions, each one is so unique and special. We didn't have Mercy Day like it is now when I was in school, but I wish we did. I love the tea and picnics. I also really love intramurals because it's so creative and is full of art."

Some interesting facts about her are: "My degree is in art, and I love painting! I try to make art almost every day. I love mornings, so I wake up early (even on the weekends). She also spends most of her vacation time camping in her RV with her husband, dog, and cat.

For more information, see Mrs. Corr in the office!

# I Love My Job !!!

By Kirynn Necaize

**Ms. Hinson shares her journey to OLA and her daily routine.**

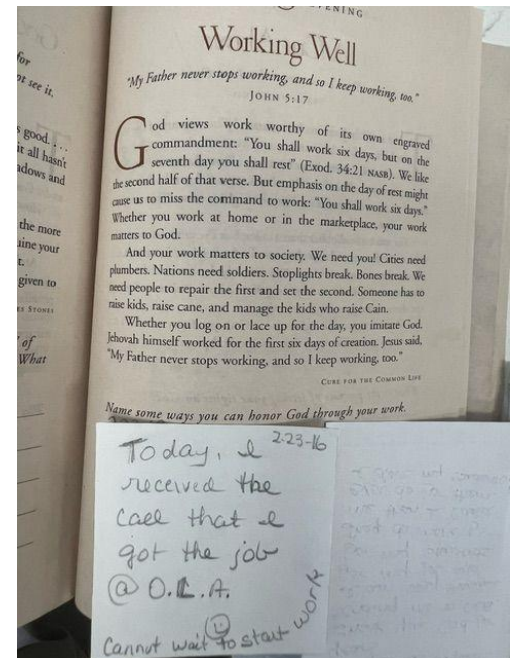
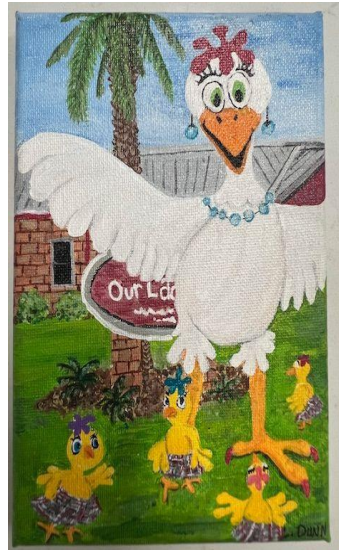
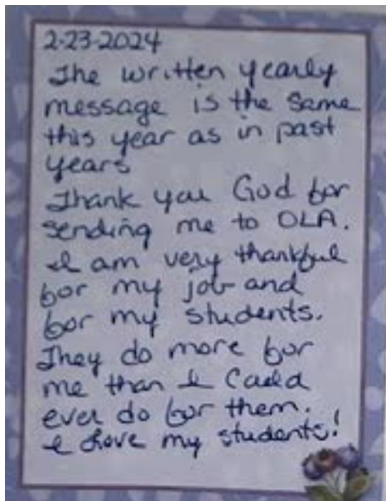
**BAY ST. LOUIS** - Ms. Hinson shares how she came to OLA, her day, and her hobbies.

Ms. Hinson's OLA days began before she even worked at OLA. She said, "The first year Ola opened, there was 7-9 grade. Ms. Cranford and I were students together".

Initially, she worked at bay-waveland. She loved her job but did not enjoy the fact that she interacted with the students infrequently. During one of her shifts, she saw an ad for the secretary at OLA on one of her co-workers' phones. This intrigued Ms. Hinson, and she decided to pray on the decision to come to OLA. She woke from a dream during the night and felt God was calling her to be a part of the OLA family. Ms. Hinson applied for the position and got the job!

Ms. Hinson is a fantastic part of our OLA family; where would we all be without her? She begins her morning by reading her devotional book. Then, she comes to school between 5:30 and 6:00. After arriving at school, Ms. Hinson begins her morning by unlocking the building, checking her email, and starting the announcements and absentees.

Her favorite memories from OLA are from Mercy Day. During Ms. Hinson's free time, she enjoys being on the boat, being with her grandkids and mowing grass. Ms. Hinson's devotion to Our Lady Academy goes above and beyond. Each year, she goes through her bible and writes notes throughout. Each year, she reads the passage in her devotion book that says, "And your work matters to society: We need you"! This passage inspires her to give thanks in her heart to God for placing her at OLA. Ms. Hinson wrote, "The written yearly message is the same this year as in the past years; thank you, God, for sending me to OLA. I am very thankful for my job and my students. They do more for me than I could ever do for them. I love my students!!"



1. Ms. Hinson's notes in her devotion book
2. A painting made by an OLA student for Ms. Hinson
3. A note in Ms. Hinson's devotion book and a note from the day she became a part of OLA



## Rosa Parks Spotlight

By Madelyn Johnston

**In honor of Women's History Month, a famous woman of history was chosen for a spotlight.**

**BAY SAINT LOUIS** - Rosa Parks is an amazing figure of women's history month. She helped initiate a civil rights movement by not giving up her seat on the Montgomery, Alabama bus for a white man. By doing this, Rosa became a huge part in inspiring the black community to start the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The Boycott lasted for more than a year and ended when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional.

Rosa Parks is an African-American woman who was born in Tuskegee, Alabama, on February 4, 1913. She moved to Pine Level with her mom, Leona McCauley, and her dad, James McCauley, when she was 2. After her brother was born, in 1915, her parents split shortly after. Her mother, being a teacher, valued family education. Upon moving to Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa attended a high school, which was a laboratory at Alabama State Teachers' College. After graduating, Rosa cared for her sick grandmother and chronically ill mother. When Rosa was 19, She married Raymond Parks, who worked as a barber and was a long-time member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Rosa and Raymond became respectable members of Montgomery's large African-American community. Raymond had strongly discouraged her out of fear of her safety, Rosa joined the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP and became secretary. On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested. She was arrested because she was told by the bus driver to give her seat up to a white man and said no. After being arrested, Rosa called her husband and E.D. Nixon were there when she was released on bail.

After seeing how courageous Rosa was, the black community started the Montgomery Bus Boycott. This formed the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) to manage the boycott. They elected Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to be the President of the MIA. This boycott led to the black community being able to do the things we are able to do, today.



## Women of the World

By Madelyn Johnston

**Women's History Month is a month celebrating all of the beautiful women that made an impact on our world.**

**BAY SAINT LOUIS** - The month of March is known as Women's History Month. Women's History Month is a month that lets us honor all of the beautiful women of the world. It also shows us all of their accomplishments in history. From Abigail Adams, one of the two women to be a wife and mother of a US president, to Carla Barton, Nurse and founder of the American Red Cross, to Amelia Earhart, a Pilot, to Rosa Parks, helped initiate the civil rights movement, are just a few of the amazing women that made women able to have what we have today.

# Beware the Ides of March

By Ava Schmitt

**The Ides of March marks the day that Julius Caesar was assassinated.**

**BAY ST. LOUIS** - The Ides of March marks the 74th day in the Roman calendar, which is March 15. It is the date of Caesar's assassination. Caesar was stabbed 23 times at a meeting of the Senate by at least 60 conspirators. The assassination was led by Brutus and Cassius. Brutus was one of Caesar's close friends that betrayed him. Brutus was more devoted to Rome than to his friendship with Caesar. He feared that Caesar was too ambitious and was going to take over Rome so he conspired the assassination.

Caesar was warned about his death by a soothsayer. The soothsayer tells Caesar to "Beware the Ides of March". Caesar ignores the soothsayer and calls him a dreamer. Caesar's wife Calpurnia also had a vision of her husband's death. Calpurnia dreamed of Caesar's statue covered in blood with many Romans around it bathing their hands in the blood. Caesar also dismissed her concerns.

The news of Caesar's death sent a shock through Rome. The people were angry, and the conspirators believed they had saved the Republic. The conspirators' actions had the opposite effect and the Roman people turned against them. A civil war broke out between Caesar's supporters, led by his adopted son Octavian, and the conspirators. Julius Caesar's death was a tragic event that not only ended his life but also set in motion a series of events that shaped the future of Rome.



*Image of Caesar before getting murdered.*



# Dedication to Saint Joseph

By Caelyn Taylor-Henson

**The month of March is dedicated to Mary's spouse, St. Joseph.**

**BAY SAINT LOUIS** - St. Joseph's feast day falls on March 19th in the Church's liturgical year, he is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people. God chose St. Joseph to be the foster father of Our Lord on earth because God knew Jesus would need a father to raise and teach Him. In the Bible, it states that St. Joseph was a 'just man,' meaning he was a good man, fair, honest, and God-loving. When he discovered Mary, the woman he was *betrothed* to (To promise "by one's truth." Formally and legally promised to each other when engaged but not yet married.) was with child, Joseph did not know what to do. One night, an angel appeared in Joseph's dream and told him not to worry, that the child was the Messiah, and was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Joseph was to protect the child as He grew and became Mary's husband. Luckily, Joseph decided to put his trust in the angel and God married Mary and took her into his home. St. Joseph named and circumcised his son, Jesus, he presented him to the Temple and as Jesus was growing up he would bring Him there on as many Holy days as possible. As the father of Jesus, Joseph protected Him from dangers growing up, from Herod, and from King Judea who wanted to kill the child. Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Egypt and then Nazareth, providing a place of safety for the two. We can pray to St. Joseph for a charitable mind, pureness, to be humble, and divine Will, asking him to help guide us and defend us from evil as he did Jesus. As we move to the month of April, we will celebrate the dedication to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit.



## Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;

in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and  
courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.



# Mrs. Carter's Easy To Make Pound Cake!

By Alexis Barrois

Mrs. Carter recognizes that this is a family favorite recipe and hopes the students will enjoy it as well!



## Ingredients:

- 1 box golden yellow cake mix
- 1 small box instant chocolate pudding
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup Crisco
- ½ cup water
- 8 ounces sour cream
- ¾ cup semi sweet chocolate chips

## Directions For Pound Cake:

- Grease a Bundt pan. Mix the cake mix with the next five ingredients.
- Stir in the chocolate chips.
- Spoon the batter evenly into the Bundt pan.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes.
- Remove from the oven and the pan.
- Place the cake on a wire rack to cool.

- Once cooled, place the cake on a serving plate and drizzle with the glaze.

## Glaze:

- 1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 ½ cups powdered sugar

## Directions For Glaze:

- Whisk the first three ingredients in a saucepan on low heat constantly for five minutes or until the butter and chocolate chips begin to melt.
- Remove the pan from heat and whisk in the powdered sugar until it is smooth.
- Drizzle on top of the cake.

# Mrs. Haas' Taco Soup Recipe!

By Alexis Barrois,

Mrs. Haas acquired this delectable recipe from her sister Pam. It is simple and easy.

## Ingredients:

- 1 can of refried beans
- 2lbs of sirloin or chuck roast
- 1 pack of taco seasoning
- 2 cans small diced tomato
- 18oz can of tomato sauce
- 1 can kidney beans
- 1 can pinto beans
- 2 cans of shoepeg white corn
- 3-4 cups water
- One pack ranch dressing

## Garnishments:

- Sour cream, shredded cheese, Fritos

## Directions:

- Cook meat
- Add all other ingredients including water into a pot
- Bring to a boil and let cook for 30 minutes to an hour



## Artist Spotlight: Artemisia Gentileschi

By Claire Wojtowicz

### Celebrate Women's History Month by learning about a female artist!

**BAY ST. LOUIS-** Born in Rome in 1593 to painter Orazio Gentileschi, Artemisia quickly established herself as an artist at age seventeen with her first signed painting in 1610, entitled *Susanne and the Elders*. She studied and practiced under her father and his friend Agostino Tassi and painted with the inspiration of Caravaggio whom her father followed in his revolutionary baroque art movement. In 1611, Tassi raped Artemisia, and her father did not bring him to trial until 1612 when Tassi refused to marry her. The trial lasted around five months, and although Tassi was found guilty and banished from Rome, his punishment was never enforced. Artemisia quickly picked herself back up and married a lesser-known artist from Florence. Florentine artist Pierantonio di Vincenzo Stiattesi and Artemisia settled in Florence and had five children together.



In 1616, Artemisia entered into Florence's Academy of Design, one of the first women to do so. Her work while attending Florence's Academy was unlike many other women due to her focus on history instead of still lifes and portraits. Some of her works during this time include a self-portrait of herself as Saint



Alexandria (Fig. 1) and a self-portrait of herself in the biblical story of slaying Holofernes (Fig. 2). Artemisia and Pierantonio traveled to Rome in 1620 and lived there for six years before traveling to Venice to achieve commissions. In 1629, Artemisia moved to Naples and ran a studio. Although only a speculation, Artemisia returned to Naples after visiting her



father in London and died due to the plague that spread throughout Naples and killed many inhabitants. Artemisia's works include a self-portrait of herself as Saint Catherine of Alexandria, a self-portrait of herself in the biblical story of slaying Holofernes, and a painting of Judith Slaying Holofernes. Artemisia lived in Rome in 1620 and ran a studio in Naples in 1629. Artemisia visited her

and killed many inhabitants.

Artemisia's works are revered throughout art history for showing her bravery and representation of female power instead of submission.

Fig.1: Self-Portrait as Saint Catherine of Alexandria

Fig.2: Judith Slaying Holofernes

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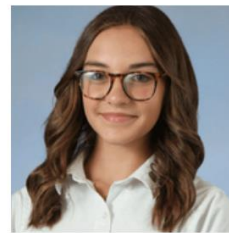
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