

ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS



Strengthening Catholic Values While Providing Excellence In Education While Serving God And One Another

Spring 2021



Grace Glover (pictured left), daughter of Aaron and Barbara Glover, is St. Paul School's 2021 St. Thomas Aquinas Medal Award winner. Aquinas Medal recipients are chosen in recognition of their outstanding qualities of faithful discipleship, academic excellence, leadership and service to school, parish and community. They reflect the ideals of Catholic education epitomized by St. Thomas Aquinas, the Catholic Patron Saint of students. The Aquinas Medal is the highest award a student can receive from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. This award is presented to one student in each Diocesan school. Grace was recognized at our Catholic Schools Week kick-off Mass on Sunday, January 31, 2021 by Principal Mrs. Michele Martin.

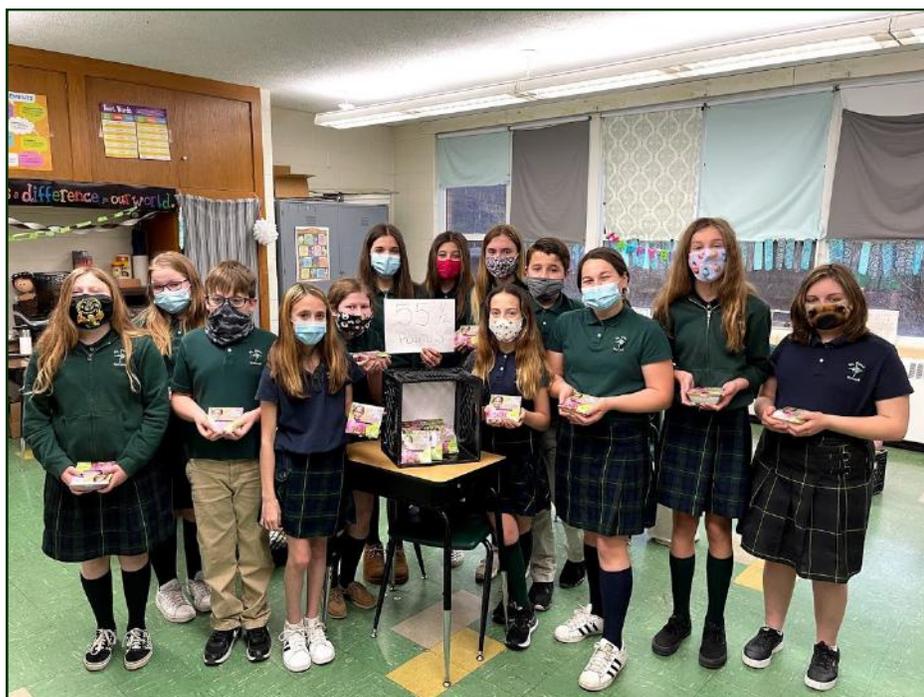
Grace has been a member of the St. Paul School family for her entire scholastic life, beginning in our 3-year-old Preschool program. Grace followed

in her older siblings footsteps, as they are alumni of St. Paul School. Grace plans on attending Madonna High School next fall.

The Bishop's Dinner, the annual award presentation hosted by the diocese, has been cancelled for this year. Grace will receive her award and recognition from Bishop Brennan virtually this Spring. We are so proud of you, Grace! Congratulations!



Principal Mrs. Michele Martin, Fr. Babu Joseph, Grace Glover & her family.



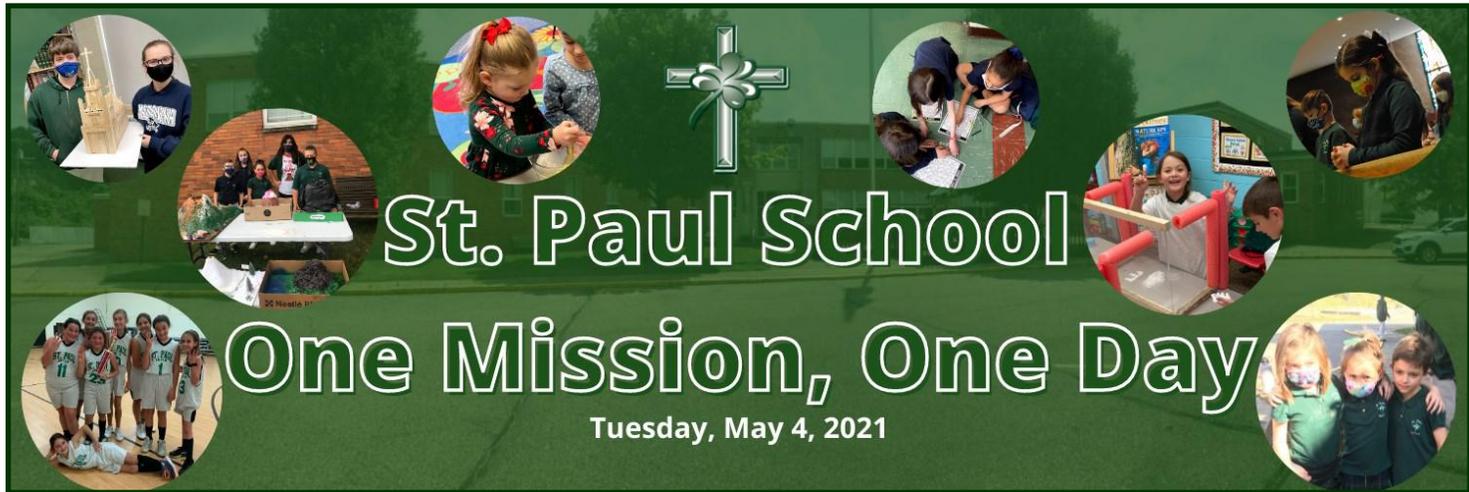
Our 6th grade class collected 55.5 pounds of change to help feed children around the world!

collected 34.5 pounds. In third place, our 3rd grade students collected 31 pounds! *For more information on Catholic Relief Services, visit support.crs.org*

St. Paul School students collected loose change during Lent to benefit the Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services (CRS). For more than 75 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries. Together as a school we raised \$1,346.63 to help feed hungry children throughout the world. St. Paul School & Parish participate in this Lenten collection annually.

Classrooms challenged each other to a weigh in to see which classroom could collect the most. As a school our change collection weighed 204.5 POUNDS!

In first place, (pictured left) our sixth grade students collected 55.5 pounds of change. In second place, our 2nd grade students



St. Paul School will be participating in the 2nd annual “*One Mission, One Day*” online giving campaign on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. On this day of giving, parochial schools throughout the Diocese are coming together to raise money for our schools. We have a generous matching gift pledged at this point, giving your gift **DOUBLE** the impact! Proceeds from *One Mission, One Day* will directly benefit our students through tuition assistance and classroom upgrades.

Here are some ways YOU can help St. Paul School for this campaign:

- Make a donation! While we call it a ONE day giving challenge, and encourage donations to be made on May 4th, the donation site will open beginning April 27th and will close on May 5th. Visit OneMissionOneDay.org to make an online donation. If you wish to donate by check or cash, you can! Please make checks payable to St. Paul School with “One Mission One Day” in the memo. You may drop your gift in the basket at church or drop it off at the school office at any time.
- Provide a matching corporate gift or become a sponsor. If your business would like to participate in our OMOD campaign, visit our website or contact kedmiston@weirtonstpauls.org
- Become a Peer Fundraiser! You can create your own link to help St. Paul School. The highest Peer Fundraiser wins a catered dinner by *The Zesty Italian*. Contact our Advancement Office for more information.



The St. Paul School “*The Sky is the Limit*” Gala will be held on **Saturday June 12, 2021**, at the **Serbian Picnic Grounds** at 5pm. Social distancing protocols will be followed.

If you previously purchased tickets or a sponsorship, your name will be transferred to the new guest list and program. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact our Advancement office or email kedmiston@weirtonstpauls.org.

For the most up-to-date information regarding this event, visit our website or Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued support.



By Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world



St. Paul School 7th & 8th grade students collaborated to perform *The Living Stations* for our students & parishioners on Wednesday, March 31. Directed by Religion Teacher, Mr. Jason Miller, our students beautifully depicted the last moments of Jesus' life. Eighth grade student, Tommy Boyd, did an incredible job portraying Jesus Christ. Seventh grade students, Megan Brinkley and Rylee Birkhimer, provided the narration of the Stations. Other students in the performance included: Juliana Tomshack & Trey Simonson as the guards, Liam Neeley as Pontius Pilate, Jacob Cline as Simon, Melesse Wiersbicki as Veronica, Grace Glover as Mary, and Alenna Alatis & Victoria Moore as the Women of Jerusalem. It was a special way to close out our Lenten celebration as a school prior to Easter break.

Welcome to SPS!



Welcome to our newest St. Paul School students & families!

Welcome Marshall Family-Ellena, Pre-4, Flynn Family-Teagan, Kindergarten,
Vigil Family-Michael, 1st grade, Cox Family-Grady, Pre-4.



CONGRATULATIONS, REAGAN WIERSBICKI!

Students in grades 1-6 participate in our Accelerated Reader (AR) program. The AR Program is a computer-based program that we use to monitor reading practice and progress. Each student is given an individual reading goal every grading period. As the points add up, students are rewarded with prizes, parties, and fun! Third grade student, Reagan, is our current leader on the AR score board-and we are so proud! Keep it up, Reagan!



(Left) Our elementary students tried their best to catch that pesky leprechaun again this year. He somehow managed to get away again. Pictured are some of our 1st grade students with their trap.

(Right) Our 6th grade students completed their Mystery Disease unit with a "town hall" meeting to present their plan on how to stop an E.coli outbreak. They portrayed Health Department employees.



(Right) Students in grades K-8 participated in classroom Spelling Bees with 2 winners from grades 4-8 advancing to a secondary round. Finishing as the Spelling Bee champion was 5th grade student Gigi Mastrantoni. Finishing in 2nd place was 8th grade student Trey Simonson, and 3rd place 6th grade student Lane Blankenship. Other student participants include: Ella Martin, Grace Glover, Brooks Kraina, Breaa Birkhimer, Alenna Alatis, Hailey Brightwell, and Rylee Birkhimer.



(Right) Happy 60th Birthday, Fr. Babu Joseph! Students celebrated Fr. Babu for his special day. 2nd Grade student, Ava Baker, shares the same day with him!



(Left) Happy 100 Days of School! Pictured is our 4-Year-Old Preschool students celebrating with their 100 day crowns. We are 100 days smarter!

St. Paul School...



(Left) Students enjoyed a Bunny Brunch to celebrate Easter, including a special visit from the Easter Bunny!



(Right) St. Paul School celebrated March MATHness, this year-encouraging Math fun & learning. 4th grade students pictured are celebrating Pi Day with some delicious pie!



(Left) 3rd grade students are picture using our STEM equipment in our Computer/STEM lab. Much of this equipment was purchased through the generosity of the Serra Foundation. Our students LOVE hands-on learning.



(Right) 8th grade students, Tommy Boyd & Grace Glover proudly display their Religion project. They built an incredible cathedral out of popsicle sticks!



St. Paul School celebrated Read Across America Week with lots of Dr. Seuss books, crazy socks & of course green eggs & ham. Pictured left is our 3-Year-Old Preschool with teacher, Mrs. Neeley preparing green eggs & ham. Pictured right is 6th grade student Mira Jasko showing off her crazy socks!



...Stronger Together



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St. Paul School Community,

St. Paul School is growing and thriving! Keeping with our legacy of academic excellence, students continue to maintain an 80% honor roll rate! Our NWEA Map Growth Scores which shows individual student growth continues to increase with each assessment. Our middle school students continue to perform more than 350 service hours annually, well beyond their required amount. Our enrollment saw a drastic influx as parents learned first-hand the importance of in-person learning. Thankfully, with your help, we were able to provide much tuition assistance to our families, totaling \$75,000.00 this school year!

Our theme this year is “St. Paul School, Stronger Together.” We have learned now, more than ever, that we are our best when we work as a cohesive team! We strive to offer our students our absolute best. As a family, we work to put our students’ needs as our top priority. Our teachers can often be seen working one-on-one with their students before and after school hours. Our Principal, Mrs. Michele Martin, can be found visiting our classrooms daily.

We continue to stay stringent on our COVID protocols to ensure our student’s health and safety. We are thrilled about the installation of a brand new *Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization System* that will be installed over the summer. It will work through our current heating and cooling systems to inactivate viruses, mold, and bacteria. This is brand new technology is another step we are taking to ensure the safety of our students.

In order to move forward with our plans for growth and expansion, we ask that you consider sharing in the joy of supporting our school’s Annual Fund if you have not already done so. If you are uncertain, an Annual Fund Campaign is an effort to secure gifts on a yearly basis to support and complete projects that would not otherwise be possible during the fiscal year. Gifts to an Annual Fund are only a 1-year commitment. There are no gifts that are too small (*or too big*) to be an important part of an Annual Fund. These can be one-time gifts made with cash, check or credit card, or pledges can be made and paid with monthly payments over the course of the year.

This fund supports much of the difference between tuition and the actual cost to educate our students. As we move forward during these uncertain times, we rely on the success of our annual fund to support any unforeseen expenses and fill in for our postponed fundraisers. Please visit our website or contact our Advancement Office for more information on how to give. Thank you in advance for your consideration. We are blessed to belong to such a generous and helpful community. Thank you for supporting our school as we continue to strengthen Catholic values by providing excellence in education while serving God and one another.

God Bless,

Kim Edmiston
Advancement Director



Thank you does not seem to be enough to express our heartfelt gratitude to our generous supporters, volunteers, and community. St. Paul School has a vibrant 96-year history of serving the Weirton area. We look forward to a bright future because of supporters like you!

Please celebrate Mass with us on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 9:30 am as a small token of our appreciation. Mass will be live-streamed on our Facebook page, as well.



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Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year is OPEN!



**3 & 4 Year Old Preschool
Full Day Kindergarten
Grades 1-8**

**Academic Excellence
80% Honor Roll Rate
Faith-Based Learning
10:1 student to teacher ratio
Intervention for Speech,
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