

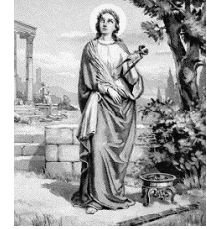
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St. Agatha

"Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong." (1 Cor. 16:13)



Dear Students and Parents,

Praise be Jesus Christ! Today is the feast of St. Agatha. She was born in Sicily, of rich and noble parents - a child of benediction from the first, for she was promised to her parents before her birth, and consecrated from her earliest infancy to God. In the midst of dangers and temptations she served Christ in purity of body and soul, and she died for the love of chastity. Quintanus, who governed Sicily under the Emperor Decius, had heard the rumor of her beauty and wealth, and he made the laws against the Christians a pretext for summoning her from Palermo to Catania, where he was at the time. "O Jesus Christ!" she cried, as she set out on this dreaded journey, "all that I am is Thine; preserve me against the tyrant." And Our Lord did indeed preserve one who had given herself so utterly to Him. He kept her pure and undefiled while she was imprisoned for a whole month under charge of an evil woman. He gave her strength to reply to the offer of her life and safety, if she would but consent to sin, "Christ alone is my life and my salvation."

DON'T FORGET to join us this weekend as we hold our **MARDI GRAS** event in the Catholic Central High School Gym. It promises to be a delightful event with great food, entertainment and fun. Thanks to all the volunteers who have given so many hours of time, talent and treasure to make this event successful.

Second semester is in full swing as we close out our Catholic Schools Week. Sustaining the viability of our Catholic school requires sacrifices and hard work from all of us. This was the core of the presentation we heard from Mr. Beranek and the heartfelt letter that Mrs. Eberly-Pasos shared during this week's parent meetings. The reason we do it is simple: It is an investment that pays great dividends to our students, to the church and to the world-at-large. The dividends unlike those attached to stocks, bonds or insurance policies go farther than academic excellence. It is true, however, that the dividends of high quality scholastic achievement are evident. Yet, further dividends are realized in the lives of our students as they manifest the Gospel values and help to build a world of compassion, justice, peace and love. The celebration does not end with Catholic Schools Week for students at STAA. Our students, faculty and staff continue to pursue these great dividends of faith, knowledge, discipline, and morals providing an education that "inspires in students a life long thirst for knowledge, wisdom, and truth, a desire to reach the full potential which God intended for them; and a recognition of the discipline of mind and heart required for effective service to others in the love of God." May the Peace of Christ be with you and your family. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

I remain yours,
Joyful in the service of Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer A. Elfering
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