

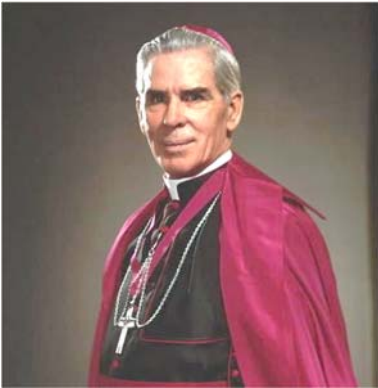


The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



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Repent and Believe the Gospel!



God's delays are mysterious; sorrow is sometimes prolonged for the same reason for which it is sent. God may abstain for the moment from healing, not because Love does not love, but because Love never stops loving, and a greater good is to come from the woe. Heaven's clock is different from ours." — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

Bishop Who? For those of you as old as me, Bishop Sheen was a household name throughout America as he was known for his preaching and especially his work on television and radio. For 20 years, Sheen hosted the night-time radio program *The Catholic Hour* (1930–1950) before moving to television and presenting *Life Is Worth Living* (1951–1957). Sheen's final presenting role was on the syndicated *The Fulton Sheen Program* (1961–1968) with a format very similar to that of the earlier *Life is Worth Living* show. For this work, Sheen twice won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality, and was featured on the cover of *Time* Magazine. Many preachers today could take lessons from watching Bishop Sheen. His preaching was direct, simple, meaningful and fit the time frame he was allotted. And Heaven's clock is indeed different from ours! I pray for the grace to remember that!

Mon, Apr 3 (Regular; Leadership Week Begins; A B C D)

- **This Day in History:** On this day in 1860, the first Pony Express mail, traveling by horse and rider relay teams, simultaneously leaves St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. Ten days later, on April 13, the westbound rider and mail packet completed the approximately 1,800-mile journey and arrived in Sacramento, beating the eastbound packet's arrival in St. Joseph by two days and setting a new standard for speedy mail delivery.
- **Life Skills for Seniors:** A team of professionals will present "life skills" to our seniors, ranging from financial issues (such as identity theft, debt management and cash management) to time management in college to legal responsibilities, to living your faith beyond high school. Also, a panel of recent SPS grads currently in college will speak to the Class of 2017. And, of course, the seniors will be fed! Thanks to SPS Renaissance Board, the Development and Alumni Teams and to guest speakers Eric Dunavant of Dunavant Wealth Strategies, Chief Tim Lentz, Pam Prescott, an educational therapist from SLU, & Mr. Brad Schroeder of Metairie Bank. Alum Adam Martin will lead the discussion on Faith after High School.
- **Challenge Night:** We wish the SPS and SSA Student Councils great success in tonight's annual event.

Tue, Apr 4 (President's Assembly; E F G A)

- **This Day in History:** In 1968, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony outside his room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis.
- **TDIH: In 1949,** twelve nations signed the treaty creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defense against the threat of expansion by Russia.
- **International Landmine Awareness Day:** We pray today for all those across the globe who have been injured or killed by landmines, especially innocent children. And we pray for an end to war everywhere.



Iris are blooming all over campus.

- **Track:** JV Parish Meet at Northshore
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity v. Northshore

Wed, Apr 5 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1792, George Washington casts the first presidential veto.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, Approximately 100,000 antiwar demonstrators march in New York City to demand that the United States withdraw from Vietnam. The weekend of antiwar protests ended with demonstrations and parades in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and other cities.
- **National Deep Dish Pizza Day:** Enjoy this iconic Chicago contribution to American cuisine.
- **Sophomore Service Day.** Our sophomores will spend today making our community a better place – a hallmark of Lasallian education.
- **Track:** Jr Hi in Strawberry Relays at SLU
- **Soccer Awards Banquet in the BAC**
- **Baseball:** 8th in double header v. Northshore

Thu, Apr 6 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1917, the US formally enters WW I by a Declaration of War by the Congress.
- **TDIH:** In 1896, after a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.
- **National Day of Hope:** During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, this day asks all Americans to keep victims of abuse and neglect in thought and prayer, to seek to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect and to give victimized children hope for the future
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity at Hammond
- **Student Council Speeches and Elections for Next Year**

Fri, Apr 7 (All School Mass at 9:30; C D E F)

- **DRESS UNIFORM DAY!**
- **TDIH:** Today, in 1719, John Baptist de La Salle died, undoubtedly wondering if his work would last. The Institute was fragile and misunderstood. He had given away his fortune to establish his dream to educate ALL children. As we honor our Founder today (and every day) the best tribute we can pay to him, in addition to prayer and thanksgiving, would be to renew our commitment to our students, especially the ones that who aggravate us the most, who seem farthest from our influence, who try our patience and seem resistant to our message. This was La Salle's desire. To celebrate, we will have an all school mass.
- **Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide:** Today in 1994, the horrible genocide in Rwanda began. Several years ago, noted Catholic speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza, herself a survivor of the genocide, spoke movingly to the SPS student body. If you are not familiar with Immaculee's story, visit her website at <http://immaculee.com>. Her incredible faith in God should inspire us all. We pray for an end to all genocidal acts.
- **National No Housework Day:** Kick back and relax today but on your time, not SPS time!
- **International Beaver Day:** Celebrate the beaver today. Even though humans and beavers often clash, these are important critters in the overall scheme of the ecosystem (or so I'm told!)
- **Student Council Year in Review Assembly.** President Will Murphy will review the year – always a highlight!
- **Track:** Jr Hi and Var in Chubby Marks Relays at Tad Gormley



Alex, Shane, Alex & Chris did the speaking at last week's Honor Roll Breakfasts. They were wonderful!

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Sat, Apr 8

- **TDIH:** In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hits his 715th career home run and breaks Babe Ruth's record.
- **Hanamatsuri**, literally "the flower festival", is celebrated today in Japan & commemorates the birth of Siddhartha Gautama who became enlightened as the Buddha, marking the release from suffering and sorrow.
- **Draw a Bird Day:** From the DABD website: *In 1943, Dorie Cooper was a 7 year old English girl. Her mom took her to a hospital in to visit her uncle who was seriously wounded in the war. She asked him "Draw a bird for me." Her looked out his window and drew a picture of a robin. After seeing the picture, Dorie laughed and proclaimed that he was not a very good artist, but she would hang the picture in her room. Her uncle's spirits were lifted by his niece's honesty and acceptance. Several other wounded soldiers also had their day brightened by the event and every time Dorie came to visit, they held drawing contests to see who could produce the best bird pictures. In several months, the entire ward's walls were decorated by bird drawings. 3 years later, Dorie was killed by a car. Her coffin was filled with bird images that had been made by soldiers, nurses and doctors from where her uncle had been. Ever since, those men and women remembered the little girl that brought hope by drawing birds on her birthday, April 8th. Draw a Bird Day grew through those soldiers and medical personnel. It is celebrated world wide as a way to express joy in the very simplest of things in life and as a way to help soldiers forget war and suffering even if only for a short time.*
- **ACT on Campus this morning**
- **Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Quiz Bowl Tournament on campus today.**
- **Lacrosse:** JV A & B & WOLF in LAX in the Park Tourney at Muss Bertolino; Var in East District Playoff
- **Baseball:** 9th v. Hammond & Mandeville at Mandeville; JV & Varsity v. Covington
- **Lacrosse:** Playoff game v. Mandeville (7)
- **Father-Son Supper (5)** We hope to have a great turnout for this wonderful event. Thanks, Dads' Club!



Mr. Tim McCarthy of Hornbeck Offshore Services gives the juniors career advice.

Sun, Apr 9

- **TDIH: In 1682**, Robert La Salle claims lower Mississippi River and all lands that touch it for France
- **TDIH:** In 1865, at Appomattox, VA, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders 28,000 troops to Union General Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the Civil War.
- **National Cherish an Antique Day:** Visit an antique store or spend time with the antiques that you own. Educate students about the value of "old things." Do not let the students call you "antique"—although I definitely qualify.
- **Winston Churchill Day:** *On April 9th, 1963, Winston Churchill became the second person to become an Honorary Citizen of the United States, although this was the first time Congress had resolved that it was to be bestowed by the President of the United States, on a foreign national. This honour was bestowed upon him by President John F Kennedy. Although Churchill was not present at the ceremony, it had been hoped he would not only witness the event on television – which he did with his wife – but would be able to respond. Problems with a relay station in Cornwall prevented this from happening.* Learn something about ole Winston today. Listen to a speech of this great orator.

Annual Fund: Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. No gift is too small. I need to show a better level of participation than we currently have. Many thanks – I want to keep my job!

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Welcome to the April: Some facts about April:

- **Two possible word origins:** as the second month of the Roman calendar, it was dedicated to the goddess Venus and perhaps based on Apru, an Etruscan borrowing of Aphrodite, goddess of love and fertility. Also, as the fourth month of the Gregorian calendar, its name may derive from the Latin aperire ("to open"), a possible reference to plant buds opening at this time of year in Rome. Choose the theory you like better.
- **April is National Humor Month.** Let's all laugh a little more this month (maybe even laugh at ourselves when the situation warrants.) Tell a joke! Make someone laugh.
- **April is National Mathematics Awareness Month.** I know I'm excited!
- **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.** We are reminded of the sacredness of human life and the responsibility we have, especially as Catholic school educators, to protect those placed in our care. Review our faculty in-service from August and your Praesidium training with respect to our obligations to protect children. Review with students, where appropriate, how to protect themselves from abuse and neglect.
- **April is Internet Safety month.** In view of all we have been learning lately, let's stress this!
- **April is Jazz Appreciation Month** and the SPS Jazz Band is busy preparing for the end of year concert!
- **April is National Poetry Month!** I invite all to "read a poem a day" during April and encourage our students to do so, too. Don't have time to find a poem? Here are three good sites with Poems of the Day, which can even be emailed to you. I'm partial to The Writer's Almanac with Garrison Keillor. Here are the sites:
 - www.poets.org
 - www.writersalmanac.publicradio.org
 - <http://www.poetryfoundation.org>
 - To get you started, here's a fun little poem that I print every year titled "Sick" by Shel Silverstein:

*"I cannot go to school today," Said little Peggy Ann McKay.
"I have the measles and the mumps, A gash, a rash and purple bumps.
My mouth is wet, my throat is dry, I'm going blind in my right eye.
My tonsils are as big as rocks, I've counted sixteen chicken pox
And there's one more--that's seventeen, And don't you think my face looks green?
My leg is cut--my eyes are blue--It might be instamatic flu.
I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke, I'm sure that my left leg is broke--
My hip hurts when I move my chin, My belly button's caving in,
My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained, My 'pendix pains each time it rains.
My nose is cold, my toes are numb. I have a
sliver in my thumb.
My neck is stiff, my voice is weak, I hardly
whisper when I speak.
My tongue is filling up my mouth, I think my
hair is falling out.
My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight, My
temperature is one-o-eight.
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear, There is a
hole inside my ear.
I have a hangnail, and my heart is--what?
What's that? What's that you say?
You say today is. . .Saturday? G'bye, I'm
going out to play!"*



Scheduling Assemblies for next year were held last week. Students who are not registered are not allowed to schedule classes.

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Flu and Other Illnesses: We have had a number of students out due to illness. Please remember that students with fever should be 24 hours fever free before returning to school. All students absent from school should return with a note from their parent upon their return. If their child sees a physician due to an illness, a medical note should be brought in to the office so we can apply it to their son's attendance.

Mother-Son Dinner is Wednesday, April 26th with check in at 5:30 and the prayer service beginning at 6:30. This is a wonderful event. Make your reservation if you have not yet done so. A reservation form is on our website.

Father-Son Dinner is this Saturday, April 8th at 5 pm. \$15 a person. Send check to Ms. Claire in school office. This is a wonderful event. Make your reservation if you have not yet done so – deadline is Wed, Apr 5.

Mary Queen of Peace Youth Ministry is looking for experienced drummers and bass players to be part of our monthly youth Mass, which will start May 7 at 6 p.m. Practice times have not been determined. If you are interested, please contact Music Director Lindsey Piattoly at lpattoly@maryqueenofpeace.org

Musing on Last Week:

- **Crawfish Cookoff:** A good time was passed by all and the day seemed to be very successful.
- **Golden Jubilarian Assembly:** In spite of tech failure at the assembly, the Class of 1967 enjoyed their time back on campus. I hope your son told you about this special assembly as I told them about life in 1967. I regret that a number of seniors were at other school events and missed being “inducted” into the alumni association. We will get their pins to them this week.
- **Golf:** Again, the coach said the team played very well, coming in first in the competition. Geaux Golf Wolves!
- **Tennis:** Wolves beat Hannan.
- **Baseball:** District wins against Ponchy and Slidell.
- **Track:** Parish Champs – again! That makes five consecutive years! Wow! A dynasty?
- **Fiddler:** An incredible run of this wonderful play. Sold out performances every night! Tradition!
- **Mu Alpha Theta:** Math was the order of the day for three days last week for our Fighting Math Wolves, who acquitted themselves in an exemplary fashion.
- **Foreign Language Festival:** Ditto for the lobos!
- **LSU Spring Testing:** I hope our guys did well but I have no results at this time.
- **Habitat Club:** Thanks, Habitat Wolves, for this very Lasallian service!
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** As is my custom, four seniors gave the HR Breakfast vocabulary talks last week. They were wonderful. Alex Paille has been studying the Icelandic Language since September. Who knew? So he presented two Icelandic words: **Hugleiða** (hug-lay-thah) which is a verb meaning to contemplate; to consider; to ponder deeply and **Framtíð** (fram-tee-th) which is a noun meaning the future; what has not yet happened. He encouraged the students to contemplate their futures. Senior Alex Seese used the English word **Taradiddle**, which is a noun meaning a fib or pretentious nonsense and encouraged all to be truthful and avoid pretentious nonsense. Senior **Shane Strander** offered the Latin word **Exitus**, an adjective meaning "outgoing." He spoke about his regret that during his early years at SPS he wasn't very outgoing but that he finally started joining groups – and may be a bit overextended right now. But he encouraged all to become involved. Finally, Christopher Weintritt offered

geographical determinism -- the idea or thought that how one is raised and where he or she comes from helps determine who they will be. He talked about how his hometown of Bogalusa has influenced him but, more importantly, how SPS has prepared him for college and for life. All four were wonderful. I am very grateful to them. My work with them is done.

- **Sr. Jeanne D'Arc Kernion O.S.B.** spoke to Joanna Case's English III Honors class. Sister Jeanne D'Arc is a legend on the northshore, as she was principal of SSA for many years. She's also an authority on Covington's literary claim to fame: novelist Walker Percy. Sister spoke to the class about Percy's famous work *The Moviegoer* and Catholic literature in general.
- **Wolftracks:** Congrats to Danielle Lavie for another great issue!
- **State Literary Rally:** No results yet but we hope for the best.
- **Pack Time:** I hope your son spoke with you about our Pack Time, which focused on persons with disabilities. It was powerful. Ask him about it.
- **Lasallian Science Teachers:** Julie Beck and Marie Childs represented SPS at the Lasallian Science Teachers workshop on the Russian River in CA. They returned with best practices and a sense of Lasallian solidarity.
- **Hornbeck Offshore Services Speaker Series:** Mr. Tim McCarthy, VP of HOS, gave the juniors some practical career advice on job interviews, resume building, and other employment tips. He was great! I continue to be most grateful to HOS for its support of SPS. Thanks, too, to Brian Logarbo for organizing this series.
- **Pre-freshman Retreat:** Inclement weather couldn't dampen the spirit on our newest wolves retreat introduction.
- **Scheduling Assemblies:** Thanks to the counseling department for all of their hard work.



Pre-freshman prepare to start their retreat last week – in spite of the rain.

- **Lacrosse:** LAX Wolves beat Mandeville, giving them the LHSL East District Championship and the #1 seed for the district playoffs.

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Greater Lasallian World Dept: A comprehensive statistical report for the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN) detailing the 2016–2017 academic year is now available. The report includes an executive summary featuring major findings along with sections that provide in-depth analysis of each level of educational institutions and ministries,

enrollment, tuition, staffing, number of Brothers and more.

Since 2011, Christian Brothers Conference has partnered with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University to complete these yearly statistical reports. If you wish to peruse the report, click here:

[https://www.lasallian.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/FINAL-RELAN 2016 2017 Statistical Report 01 Feb 2017.pdf](https://www.lasallian.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/FINAL-RELAN%202016%202017%20Statistical%20Report%2001%20Feb%202017.pdf)

Education Myths: National Public Radio did a feature last week on learning myths. It's worth the read. Here's the link: http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/03/22/520843457/you-probably-believe-some-learning-myths-take-our-quiz-to-find-out?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20170326&utm_campaign=bestofnpr&utm_term=prnews

H of the W:

- *Q: How do you make a fire with two sticks? A: Make sure one is a match!*
- *Q: Why did the banana go to the hospital? A: Because he wasn't peeling well!*
- *Q: What's the slipperiest country? A: Greece!*
- *Q: Why can't you say a joke while standing on ice? A: Because it might crack up!*
- *Q: Why did the orange stop in the middle of the hill? A: It ran out of juice!*
- *Q: What do postal workers do when they're mad? A: They stamp their feet.*
- *Q: Why are the floors of basketball courts always so damp? A: The players dribble a lot.*
- *Q: What starts with E, ends with E and only has one letter? A: An envelope.*
- *Q: What is at the end of everything? A: The letter G.*
- *Q: What nails do carpenters hate to hit? A: Fingernails.*

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- *Q: How do locomotives hear? A: Through the engineers.*
- *Q: Why is tennis such a loud game? A: Because each player raises a racquet.*
- *Q: Who earns a living by driving his customers away? A: A taxi driver.*
- *Q: What did one eye say to the other? A: Between you and me, something smells.*
- *Q: Why was Cinderella thrown off the basketball team? A: She ran away from the ball.*
- *Q: What did Cinderella say to the photographer? A: Some day my prints will come.*
- *Q: What do you call a boomerang that won't come back? A: A stick*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



Robby and his dad celebrate at the HR breakfast!

Stuff the Bus: The West St. Tammany Catholic Schools

(Saint Paul's, SSA, Archbishop Hannan, St. Peter, Our Lady of the Lake and Mary Queen of Peace) will again conduct a food drive to "stuff" a school bus full of items for the Northshore Food Bank (formerly Covington Food Bank.) Please plan on helping if you can.

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A Look Ahead

April

- 3 – ABCD – Leadership Week
- 4 – EFGA – President's Assembly
- 5 – BCDE – Leadership Breakfast
- 6 – FGAB- Guest Speaker
- 7 – CDEF – Feast of St. La Salle – All School Mass – Dress Uniform!

- 10 – GABC
- 11 – DEFG – Pack Time – Teacher Appreciation
- 12 – ABCD – Passion Play in BAC
- 13 – EFGA – Mandatum Assembly in Gym
- 24 – BCDE
- 25 – FGAB – President’s Assembly
- 26 – CDEF
- 27 – GABC
- 28-- DEFG

May

- 1 – ABCD
- 2 – EFGA – Pack Time (last)
- 3 – BCDE – Senior Exams
- 4 – FGAB – Senior Exams
- 5 – CDEF - Senior Exams
- 8 – GABC
- 9 – DEFG – Pres Assembly – Band Awards
- 10 – ABCD
- 11 – EFGA – Athletic Awards in AM
- 12 – BCDE – Academic Awards in AM
- 13 – Senior Graduation in BAC 4:00 PM
- 15 – FGAB – Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 16 – CDEF – Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 17 – GABC – Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 18 – 9-11th Final Exams begin
- 19 – 9-11th Final Exams – Pre Freshmen Promotion in BAC at 6:30PM (yes, this is the correct date)
- 22 – Final Exams
- 23 – Final Exams
- 24 – Records Day



Michael has returned to SPS. We are making accommodations for his needs and welcome him back enthusiastically. May all our Christian Brother saints intercede with Almighty God on Michael’s behalf!

And even though it’s April of 2017, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to now as I write and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's School! I wish you a blessed week and a blessed Lent!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

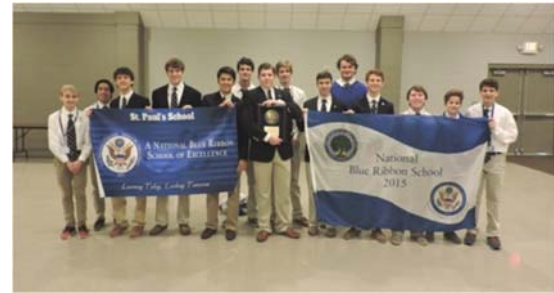
Can't Believe It's April of 2017 and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President/CEO of Saint Paul's School

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Quality education, inclusive community, respect for all, concern for poor & social justice, faith in God's presence – our mantras this week, throughout 2017, and always!



**...by doing ordinary things
extraordinarily well, making
courageous choices, doing
God's will, and remaining
faithful!**



Prayer for Lent

Eternal Father, we are sinners, yet you love us deeply. You see into the secret places inside us and you know us in our weakness and in our goodness. Give us the courage to look at our faults. Give us humility to ask for your help to repent and to make better choices. Guide us into new pathways that will draw our hearts home to you. In this time of Lent, may we turn away from our sinfulness and return ourselves to you, always aware of your presence and always obedient to your will. We ask this of you who lives and reigns with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

O that shame -- now ended in his glory! O that pain -- now lost in joy unknown!

Tell it out with praise, the whole glad story, human nature at the Father's throne!

Did I mention that we have a Dress Uniform Day this Friday, April 7?