

OUR WEEKLY NEWS

"LIGHTING A PATH TO THE HIGHER PURPOSE."



October 5th through October 11th

St. Joseph Community School's mission is that we are here to lead students to their fullest potential. We focus on four main categories: *academic excellence, faith, leadership, and service*. All of these categories are meant for them to thrive and also encounter Christ while on their journey.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCY

FAITH

LEADERSHIP

SERVICE

Proverbs 27:17

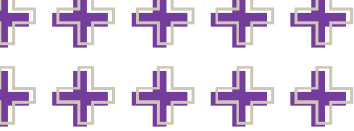


What are you waiting for?
START YOUR PATH HERE



"At St. Joe's, my faith was cultivated and intertwined with academics, volunteering, and athletics, and truly everything that we did. This was so valuable and formative during my growing up years, alongside what I was learning at home and at church about my faith."

Lydia Gessner // Class of '16



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 7th

- Touch a Truck (Fire Safety Week Event) at 9am to 11am

Friday, October 10th

- All School Mass at 8:30am

Visit our school [calendar](#) to see more upcoming events!

UPCOMING ACTIVITY EVENTS

Monday, October 6th

- 7th grade volleyball at Charles City starting at 4:15pm
- 8th grade volleyball vs Charles City starting at 4:15pm
- 7th grade football vs Osage starting at 4:15pm
- 8th grade football vs Osage starting at 5:15pm

Tuesday, October 7th

- 7th grade volleyball vs Turkey Valley starting at 4:15pm
- 8th grade volleyball vs Turkey Valley starting at 5:15pm

Thursday, October 9th

- 7th grade football at Waukon starting at 4:15pm
- 8th grade football at Waukon starting at 5:30pm

Visit the activities [calendar](#) to see any changes or more information!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picture Retake Information

Just a reminder that on October 15th picture retakes are happening, if you could fill out this form if your child is doing retake that would help out tremendously. We are going to set up a schedule for our photographers so we just need a rough estimate of how many students need pictures taken. Thank you! Here is that link: <https://forms.gle/V7qrrQLtYWxb9VZJ6>



OUR DAILY SCHEDULE

Doors open 7:45am

Breakfast is served
7:45am-8:00am

School day begins
8:05am

School day ends 3:15pm

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Mass Times

4pm at Holy Family

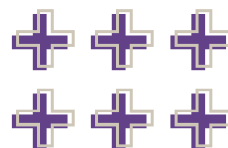
6pm at IC in North
Washington or St. Boniface

Sunday Mass Times

8am at Holy Family

9am at Holy Family





MEET THE TEAMS

Early Childhood Team

4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT

Letters- D, F, E, G
Numbers-3, 8, 1, 4
Shapes-triangle/pyramid,
rectangle/rectangular prism, oval,
circle/sphere
Nursery rhyme- Three Little Kittens

During Station Rotation this week, the preschoolers worked on number identification, counting, fine motor, and turn taking. We talked about friendship, what friends do together, and how to be a friend. One of the books we read this week was called Crazy Pizza Day by Bonnie Dobkin. It's a hilarious story about a pizza shop that does anything pizzas for one day and they get so many crazy orders. After reading it, the preschoolers created their own class book for our library about what kinds of crazy pizza we would order. For snack, we made our own crazy pizzas with graham crackers, marshmallow puff, and fruit! Spooky season is here and Halloween activities are popping up in our classroom. Check out the sensory table! It is time for the preschool's delicious Little Caesar pizza fundraiser. Information and order forms are in your child's folder. The money raised will be going to continuing improvements to the preschool playground.

- Mrs. Abbott

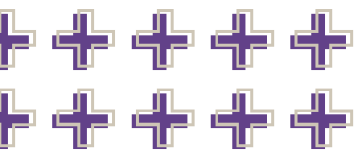


3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: A FUN WEEK OF LEARNING!

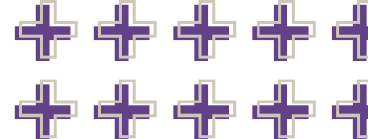
Colors- brown, gray, black, and white
Letters- Ww, Gg, Vv, and Yy
Numbers-2, 3, 5, 10 Shapes- rectangle and square

Those little bodies were hard at work learning throughout this past week. We read two different stories: Bear's Busy Family and The Family Book. We learned some new vocabulary and focused on identifying the five senses stated throughout the stories. Every time we heard one of the words that had to do with our 5 senses we would point to the part of our body that we use that sense with. During phonics we worked on hearing letter sounds and trying to figure out if they were the same or different. We also continued to work on rhyming words, segmenting words, and listening/repeating the words that have the same beginning sounds. We also did iSpy activities for the different letters of the day. For social skills we reviewed some of what we have already learned and then started talking about feelings. We discussed being able to tell others feelings by looking at their faces. The students worked on counting different sets of blocks and then using numbers to identify the groupings as well as practice counting to 20. We continued to do our S.M.A.R.T. activities including our near/far focus. For fine motor work, we started to learn how to use scissors and glued them into our fine motor journals. This is a skill that is definitely challenging, but with some practice, we will build those muscles and get the hang of it.-

Mrs. Schueth



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Early Childhood

KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS:

In religion this week, we celebrated the feast day of the Holy Guardian Angels as we learned that God gives each of us our own special angel to guide us through life. We read "Big Al and Shrimpy" and "Lost" and discussed that some stories have a problem and end with a solution. We worked with the sounds for c, k, w, qu, and h and practiced writing the capital form of each of those letters. We are working on complete thoughts in writing this week. We can speak in complete sentences and are working on adding complete thoughts when we draw our ideas. We took our test over topic 4 and began our next topic in which we will learn to read, write, and count with the numbers 6 through 10. We are learning about machines in science as we think about the work that used to be done by hand, but can now be done with a machine. Machines sure can save us a lot of time and extra work! - **Mrs. Flugum**



FIRST GRADE INSIDE SCOOP:

Happy Sunday! This week in first grade we have been working hard. In religion we focused on giving God praise and how he saved the Hebrews by parting the water. In reading we are focusing on how to establish our writing notebook. They are writing about themselves and their families for example. This has also carried over into our writing this week. Both are focusing on starting sentences with a capital letter, having a complete thought, and ending with a punctuation mark. In science we are working on our character traits of animals. They are using clues or similarities of the baby and the adult to see if they can find which baby bird belongs to the mother bird for example. In math we finished up our Topic 2 test and started on Topic 3. You will find their test in their Friday folder which should be signed and returned. Also, there is a Topic 3 letter to introduce the new unit and ways that you can support your child at home. Have a great week!

- **Mrs. Heying**

Elementary Team

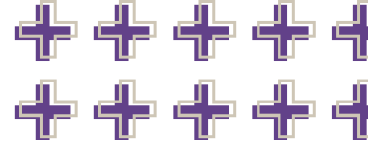
SECOND GRADE NEWSFLASH: A WEEK OF LEARNING AND FUN!

This week the second grade class learned how it is not always easy to see God in others. We are reminded that it may be difficult to get along with someone who is not kind to us. God asks us to be kind to all people. The class discussed ways to be kind to everyone and let God's love shine through us. We enjoyed reading Mango, Abuela, and Me together. The class learned that words and kind actions can help us build relationships with one another. The character in the story helped her grandma learn a new language and they grew closer. - **Mrs. Rochford**





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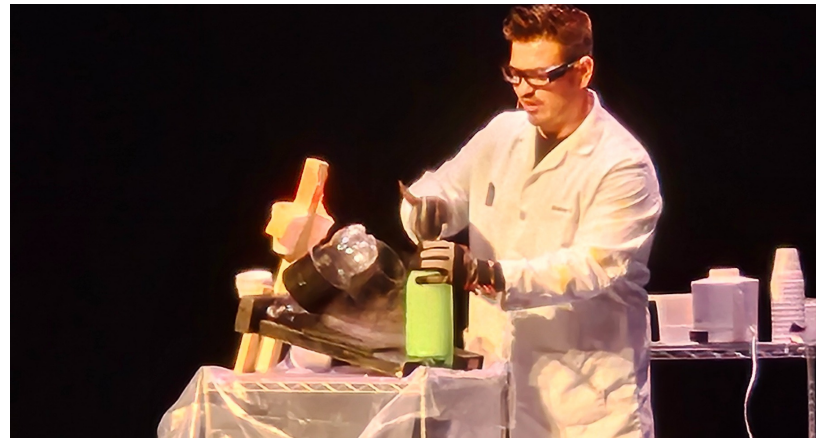
THIRD GRADE:

The paleontologists-in-training used their new skills to figure out the bones they were shown came from a meat eater who walked on two legs and had claws. They also completed their second masterpiece about their favorite activity. The skills they incorporated were using at least three of the four different kinds of sentences and including details with the proper punctuation and capitalization. In math, the students learned how to use mental math to do addition and subtraction sentences. This week had some really great saints to remember. We learned about St. Therese-the Little Flower, St. Francis of Assisi, and our Guardian Angels, focusing a bit on St. Michael, St. Raphael, and St. Gabriel. All of this was going on as well as they prepared for their mass on Friday. They were so impressive! It was a great week!

- Mrs. Herold

FOURTH GRADE:

Happy October!! We stayed quite busy in 4th grade this week. In religion this week the students learned about the importance of Mass, the Eucharist, and St. Pius. We took our second math test and the students did amazing. We are preparing for our next unit on Multiplication. We started a big research paper in writing and I am happy to announce the students are loving it. Each group was allowed to pick their own topic to research. They are working on how to gather their research information, site their sources, in text citations, how to write a great hook as well as following the 5 paragraph format. In Social Studies the 3rd/4th graders are learning about the globe and how to read a map. - Mr. Larsen



Middle School Team

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

This week students got the opportunity to travel to Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center to see Mr. C Live! Mister C knows that Learning Science is Fun! In fact, he loves it so much that he has created a YouTube Channel with over 650+ videos and 113,000 subscribers, partners with PBS Stations across the country to produce regional Emmy award winning children's programming, is a 1 time Gold, 4 time Silver and 10 time Bronze Telly Award Winner, and a 3 time regional Emmy nominated host.

Mister C makes the ordinary extraordinary as he takes his show on the road with Mister C Live. He presents at theaters, schools and speaks as a Keynote for organizations across the country. He works to create powerful learning experiences in and out of the classroom! Through exciting experiments and demonstrations, they discovered how forces, speed, and motion affect the world around them. Laughter, curiosity, and a few flying objects made science come alive in the best way!

- Mrs. Stumme, Mrs. Shatek, Mrs. Denner, and Mrs. McDonald

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