

OUR WEEKLY NEWS

"LIGHTING A PATH TO THE HIGHER PURPOSE."



March 23rd through March 27th

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.

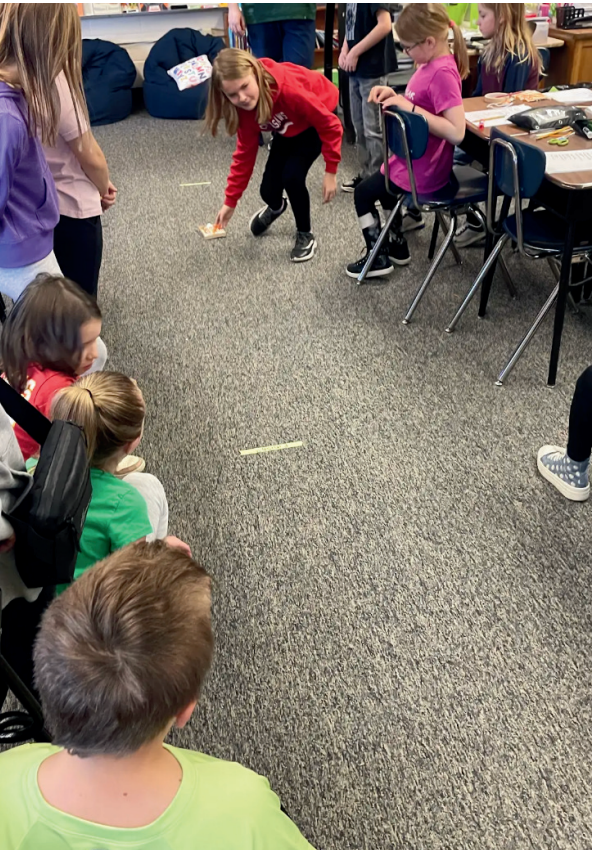
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCY

FAITH

LEADERSHIP

SERVICE

Proverbs 27:17



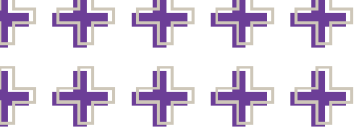
What are you waiting for?

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

Monday, March 23rd

Lenten Prayer Service at 10am

Friday, March 27th

All School Mass at 8:30am

(Led by first grade, song leaders are 3rd and 4th grade)

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITY EVENTS

- None

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

IT'S TIME TO PICK A WORD...

This week, our students heard a powerful message centered on the idea of being “holy coaches” in one another’s lives. Father Chris used the example of baseball. They learned that just like athletes need coaches to grow and improve, we all need guidance as we grow in faith, virtue, and character.

It was a reminder that growth doesn’t happen all at once. Just as players move from little league to higher levels with the help of coaches, our children are learning and developing step by step. Along the way, they need encouragement, correction, and support from trusted people in their lives.

As parents, you are the most important “holy coaches” your children have. The way you guide them, encourage them, and gently correct them helps shape not only their behavior, but their hearts. While correction isn’t always easy, and isn’t always received well, it is an important part of helping children grow into who God is calling them to be.

This week is an invitation to reflect:

- Who are the “holy coaches” in your child’s life?
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- How do you model faith, patience, and virtue in your home?
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- How can you lovingly guide your child, even in challenging moments?

It’s also a good reminder for all of us that we, too, need “holy coaches”, people who help us grow closer to God and become better each day.

Thank you for partnering with us in forming not just strong students, but strong, faith-filled individuals.



OUR DAILY SCHEDULE

Doors open 7:50 am

Breakfast is served 7:50am-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

10 am at Holy Family



MEET THE TEAMS

Early Childhood Team

3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

Colors- All colors
Numbers-14, 16, 17, 18, and 19
Shape- trapezoid, octagon, and hexagon
Count 1-30

The tricky leprechaun came to our room on Tuesday and left a set of foot prints behind. He also was kind and left us some chocolate coins to have with our snack. We listened to a story about a leprechaun, sang a song about 5 Little Leprechauns, and did a Leprechaun Simon Says game. We worked our rhyming words, CVC blending/segmenting, beginning and ending sounds during our phonics time this week. TED also read us two stories this week. After we read and discussed our stories, we did a post reading activity at the end of the week. We had to take pictures that we have never seen before and put the pictures in order to go with the story that we read. The beginning of the week was so cold we didn't get to enjoy the great outdoors, but are so lucky that it didn't last long and were able to enjoy being back outside at the end of the week.

-Mrs. Schueth

KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS:

We had such an exciting week in kindergarten! We celebrated two special saints, Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph. We enjoyed a St. Joseph Table prayer walk and learned more about St. Joseph as we explored our own mini statues.

Farmer Carl brought eggs for our incubator, and we will be learning about the development of chicks over the next 21 days. We have also been caring for our own special "eggs" at our desks—reading to them and making sure they are safe and protected. We are so excited to see what might "hatch"! In reading and writing, we are learning about adjectives and practicing how to describe nouns by telling their colors. In math, we are working with measurement concepts related to length and height. We can put objects in order from shortest to longest and longest to shortest. The warm weather at the end of the week was such a welcome break from the cold! - **Mrs. Flugum**

4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

Letters-review, long I, long O
Numbers-22, 23, 24
Shapes-pentagon, oval, star
Nursery rhyme- Hickory Dickory Dock

Dinosaurs have made an appearance in our classroom, some in the block center and some in the magnetiles. During math, we have been working on putting numbers in order, taking numbers out of the number line, and figuring out where they go again. The leprechaun left us a delicious snack on Tuesday! We have started reading another version of The Three Little Pigs called The Three Little Javelinas. The preschoolers have been learning how to compare the stories, talking about how they are similar and different. Upcoming dates March 20- Donuts with dads March 30 and 31- conferences April 1-6 no school April 24- Muffins with Moms

-Mrs. Abbott





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Early Childhood Team

FIRST GRADE INSIDE SCOOP:

Happy Sunday! We had a great week in first grade. We learned about St. Patrick as well as St. Joseph and we had our prayer service to help us follow on our lenten journey. In math we finished up our unit on Time to the nearest hour and 1/2 hour. Please help your child practice with this. They should be able to identify the hour and the minute hand as well. In writing students finished up their travel poster. They picked a state they wanted to visit, found interesting facts about it, places they wanted to visit and fun facts. I see a family vacation in the works! In Science we finished our unit on Night Patterns which discussed the moon, being able to find our way, etc. They made moon books as well which showed the different phases of the moon. Just a friendly reminder to sign up for conferences if you haven't done so and to send their Friday folder and water bottle back tomorrow. Have a great week and see you soon for conferences! - **Mrs. Heying**

Elementary Team

SECOND GRADE NEWSFLASH: A WEEK OF LEARNING AND FUN!

This week the second grade class learned about place value in math. The class learned the difference between expanded form and standard form. They also learned how to write a number in words. First and second grade students continued to work with words that follow the VCE pattern. This week the students worked with two-syllable words. Students used these words to tell stories and write sentences that follow the pattern. The class also started writing a Photo Essay, using words and pictures to tell a story. - **Mrs. Rochford**

THIRD GRADE:

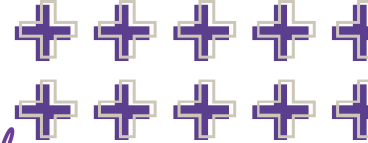
In preparation for reconciliation, we reviewed the Ten Commandments and talked about why we seek God's grace and mercy. The students took quiet time with Jesus to examine their consciences. The smiles told the story of true happiness! The Iditarod came to a close this week. It was so much fun seeing the excitement every day when they saw if their musher finished or what checkpoint they were at and how many dogs were in tow. Our final activity was to create a musher's sled using simple materials. Then each group had to see if they could run "the Iditarod" without tipping their sled. Such creative ideas! We also celebrated two really great saints this week- St. Patrick and St. Joseph- our school's patron saint. We enjoyed learning new facts about him and visiting the St. Joseph table. It was another great week of blessings! - **Mrs. Herold**

FOURTH GRADE:

Y'all ready for this?! We are excited to be kicking off our annual ****March Madness Book Battle****! Students have been busy reading and writing book reports, and now their books will "battle it out" tournament-style to see which one will reign supreme as this year's champion. The excitement is already building! In ****Reading****, we explored ***Bintou's Braids***. Students focused on identifying the setting and had thoughtful discussions about why Bintou wanted braids and what they symbolized for her. We connected this to understanding characters' motivations and cultural perspectives. In ****Social Studies****, we wrapped up our Iditarod unit. Students worked collaboratively in groups to design and build miniature sleds. They then tested their creations by pulling them across the classroom while trying to keep their supplies secure—lots of creativity and problem-solving on display! In ****Math****, we have been working hard on adding and subtracting fractions. Students are continuing to build confidence with these skills and apply them in different ways. It has been a fun, hands-on, and engaging week of learning! - **Mr. Larsen**



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Middle School Team MIDDLE SCHOOL:

During this season of Lent, our students have been learning about and using sacrifice beads. These beads are a simple but meaningful way to keep track of the small sacrifices, prayers, and good deeds we offer each day. Each time a student makes a sacrifice—whether it's helping someone, giving something up, or choosing kindness, they move a bead as a reminder of their offering to God. As a class, we made our own sacrifice beads and have been using them regularly. Our students also had the opportunity to show leadership and service by helping the 3rd and 4th graders create their own beads as well!

We also celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. Students learned more about St. Joseph as a model of faith, humility, and quiet strength. As part of our celebration, we will visit the St. Joseph table, a special tradition that honors him through prayer, food, and acts of charity. It has been a meaningful time of reflection, service, and faith in our classroom!
- Mrs. Stumme, Mrs. Shatek, Mrs. Denner, and Mrs. McDonald

Specials MUSIC NOTES:

Our trip around the world continues with learning new dances and music from other countries and cultures. We're learning about the differences between traditional and modern dance, and we're exploring how instruments and traditional music influence the rhythms and style of dance expression. We will be ending our unit by learning about Native American dance culture and how the history of dance has developed our modern musical movement over time (some students will be learning the Charleston and Jitterbug to demonstrate.) As the weather warms, we look forward to moving music class outside to practice our newly learned dances and we wish everyone Happy Spring!

- Mr. Speltz and Mrs. Schueth

Specials PE:

This week in PE, all grade levels participated in station rotations to build a variety of skills. Students practiced tossing using frisbees and worked on accuracy by aiming hula hoops onto cones. We also began introducing basic badminton skills, focusing on control and coordination. The students had fun staying active while developing their movement skills and confidence across different activities.

- Mr. Henry and Mrs. Larsen

OUR ART GALLERY:

We are so blessed to have Mrs. Boge as our art teacher! With her college training in art, she brings fun and engaging lessons every week while teaching the fundamentals of art. Check out your students' incredible masterpieces, they're truly inspiring!

