

OUR WEEKLY NEWS

"LIGHTING A PATH TO THE HIGHER PURPOSE."



February 16th through February 20th

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



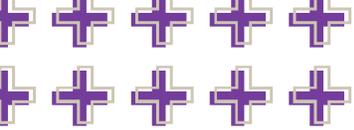
What are you waiting for?

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, Feb. 16th

- No School - Teacher PD

Wednesday, Feb. 18th

- All School Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:30am (led by middle school and song leaders are 1st 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS ACTIVITY EVENTS

Don't forget to turn in your sold raffle tickets for Night Out with St. Joe's! 💎 Every ticket helps make this special evening a huge success for our school community. We're counting down to an incredible evening filled with fun, community, and great memories. Be sure to visit our website to purchase your event tickets and secure your spot — you won't want to miss this! Get ready for a FUN night out supporting our school and celebrating together! 🎉🌟



OUR DAILY SCHEDULE

Doors open 7:45am

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

School day begins 8:05am

School day ends 3:15pm



- 5 yr old Praying Hands Canvas
- 4 yr old Hand Made Glass Vase
- Kindergarten Easter Bunny Quilt
- 1st Grade Our Future Quilt
- 2nd Grade Snowman Quilt
- 3rd and 4th grade Nativity Set and Manger
- Middle School Recipe and Cooking Collection
- Dinner with Father Chris
- Front Pew for Christmas Concert
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- Front Row for Missoula '27
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- Front Row for Preschool Graduation
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- High quality, full car detail, interior and exterior, performed by Jack Shawver
- Ruby Spa Day for Two at and donated by Volare Esthetics Med Spa
- 5-4 Family Pool Pass donated by Park and Rec
- Cross Necklace and Earring Basket donated by Rebel Diamond
- HandMade Mosaic picture by Becky Schoenfeld

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- Black, Gray, purple
Letters- Jj, Gg, Ww
Numbers- 8, 11, 12
Shapes- Pentagon, Rhombus

This week, we focused on blending and segmenting CVC words, helping students apply their growing knowledge of letter sounds to real words. TED Time continued to be a class favorite—we listened to Monster Magic, practiced retelling the story in order, and played a fun charades-style activity that built both comprehension and social skills.

In math, we worked on number recognition, counting, dice, and ten-frame skills. Students also enjoyed creating handprint hearts and Valentine's cards for their families, taking great pride in their work. We wrapped up the week with a fun and festive Valentine's Party—what an exciting week in 3-year-old preschool!

-Mrs. Schueth

KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS:

We were so excited for our first kindergarten Mass this week! Thank you so much for your help with making sure your child was prepared for their part. We enjoyed having your support during the Mass as well! In phonics this week we continued working with short and long vowels. We worked with sentences in handwriting as we practiced finding the nouns and verbs in the sentences we write. We learned how to add 's' to the end of many nouns to change them from singular to plural, and practiced writing singular and plural nouns by finding things in the classroom to write about. We continue to work with addition and subtraction in math as we practiced writing number sentences. We are working to remember that whatever is on one side of the equal sign also has to be on the other side of the equal sign. Therefore, the whole goes on one side, and the 2 numbers that make up the whole go on the other side when writing addition sentences. We enjoyed bagging and passing out the valentine orders that were placed at our kindergarten Xs and Os stand! We hope your Valentine's Day was filled with love! - Mrs. Flugum

4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

Letters- B, K, V, E
Numbers-7, 5, 3, 1
Shapes-oval, rhombus, star, sphere
Nursery rhyme- Polly

Put the Kettle On Welcome to the preschool bowling alley! The preschoolers have been having a blast in the preschool bowling alley, even getting numerous strikes! In the discovery center, we started a measurement challenge. Each day they will have an item to measure with a nonstandard unit of measure. We started out using bean bags to measure big things during our math time, and have moved on to links to measure blocks from the block center. We enjoyed two fun read aloud this week: This is the House that Jack Built by Simms Taback and The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins. The Simms Taback book is a rhyme featuring a growing pattern and the Pat Hutchins book is full of math concepts and repetitive language, making it great for the preschoolers to join in. The preschoolers have also had a blast exploring ramps and balls during station rotation and center time. - Mrs. Abbott

Upcoming dates

- **February 16-** No school for PD
- **February 21-** Night Out with St. Joes!
- **March 16-** No school for PD
- **March 20-**Donuts with Dads
- **March 30 and 31-** Conferences





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FIRST GRADE INSIDE SCOOP:

Happy Sunday! This past week we had a full week of learning. In religion we learned about how we can pray anytime and anyplace. Jesus prayed in the desert, the temple, on boats, etc. In math we continued to work on adding with tens and ones and we tested over Topic 10. We also started Topic 11 which is covering subtracting with ten and ones. In writing we are working on scientific writing which focuses on using steps or putting things in order. This might include things like the life cycle for example. In social studies we are continuing our unit on location. We also had a great week celebrating our superheroes including our classmate Robby for Epilepsy awareness. Thank you to Mr. Will and Robby for sharing with us especially and all of our speakers. We hope you have a fantastic week! See you on Tuesday! Please remember to return your Friday Folder and bring a water bottle! - **Mrs. Heying**

Elementary Team

SECOND GRADE NEWSFLASH: A WEEK OF LEARNING AND FUN!

This week the second grade class reflected about listening to God in religion class. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, and your whole being, and your whole strength." We talked about being good listeners and listening carefully to God around us. What is God calling us to hear? The class continued competing in the second grade Olympic competitions. The class has enjoyed learning about the Olympics and having an event of their own. - **Mrs. Rochford**

THIRD GRADE:

What a wonderful week learning about the Superheroes in our school and community. God shows us time and time again how He makes us for so much more! These friends didn't choose to be Superheroes, but look at the example they set for all of us! Thank you to the Student Senate for all their hard work setting this up. In math we worked on fact families- using familiar multiplication facts to create division facts. Hopefully this will help everyone increase their fluency. Sacraments of healing were our religion focus- learning that we have a loving and forgiving Father who heals us in so many ways. Our read alouds this week were nonfiction stories. It was fun to learn interesting facts about the desert, as well as animals that have shells, beaks, and tusks. We ended our busy week celebrating Valentine's Day- sharing treats, laughs, and lots of smiles. - **Mrs. Herold**

FOURTH GRADE:

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic and busy week in our classroom! Here are some of the highlights:

In math, we have been working on long division. Students are learning how to carefully divide larger numbers step by step. We are focusing on showing our work clearly, checking our answers, and building confidence with this important skill. I am so proud of their effort and perseverance!

During reading time, we practiced the words tudk, beak, and shell. We discussed similarity and characteristic traits between two different animals. Our reading skills continue to grow each day!

In social studies, we have been learning more about the Winter Olympics. Students explored different winter sports and the athletes who compete in them. This week, we even got to watch some curling! It was exciting to see the teamwork, communication, and strategy involved in the sport.

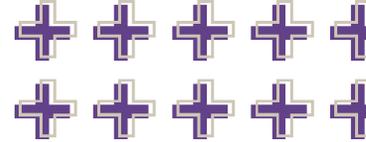
We also celebrated Super Hero Week! Each day, we welcomed guest speakers who shared their amazing stories and talked about how they make a difference in our community. Students were great listeners and asked thoughtful questions. It was inspiring to learn about real-life heroes!

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another wonderful week of learning!

Warm regards, **Mr. Larsen**



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Middle School Team MIDDLE SCHOOL:

This week marked our second week of small-group reading rotations in middle school. We organize students into four groups that rotate through teacher-led instructional centers focused on comprehension and literacy skills, fluency development, word study, and vocabulary. These rotations are intentionally aligned with the four primary strands of reading identified by the Science of Reading. Through this teacher-led small-group structure, we are able to provide explicit, targeted instruction and timely feedback, ensuring our instruction responds to individual student needs and supports continued growth in reading proficiency.

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



Specials 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!

