

OUR WEEKLY NEWS

"LIGHTING A PATH TO THE HIGHER PURPOSE."



February 23rd through February 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 excellency, 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

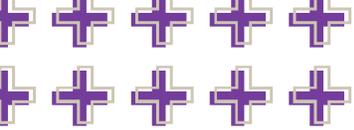


What are you waiting for?
START YOUR PATH HERE



"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. 23rd

First Lenten Prayer Service at 10am

Tuesday, Feb. 24th

Wednesday, Feb. 25th

Thursday, Feb. 26th

Friday, Feb. 27th

All School Mass at 8:30am (led by our 3rd and 4th grade students and our song leaders are middle school)

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 focus words were **remove, restrain, rebuild, and pray.**

Father Chris began his homily by asking the students: *What are some sins we need to remove from our lives?* He encouraged us to reflect honestly on the things that separate us from God and from one another.

He then spoke about the importance of restraining our worldly desires. It is okay to recognize that we have desires, but we must learn to guide and discipline them rather than let them control us. Our desires need to be formed and trained.

Next, he challenged us to rebuild. We are called to rebuild our lives by strengthening our virtues and forming good habits. This means growing in gratitude for those around us, and increasing in patience and kindness each day. We cannot do this alone, we need God's help and must rely on Him.

This message connects directly to the Gospel from Gospel of Matthew (6:1-6, 16-18), where Jesus says:

- **When you fast... not if**
- **When you give alms... not if**
- **When you pray... not if**

These are not optional practices, they are expectations for how we live our faith.

If we commit to removing sin, restraining our desires, rebuilding our virtues, and deepening our prayer, it truly would be a meaningful and transformative Lent.



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- black, white, and gray
 Letters- Vv, Qq, and Uu
 Numbers- 13, 14, and 15
 Shapes- Hexagon, pentagon, and crescent

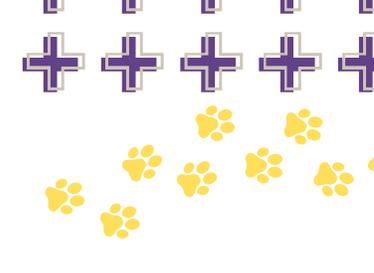
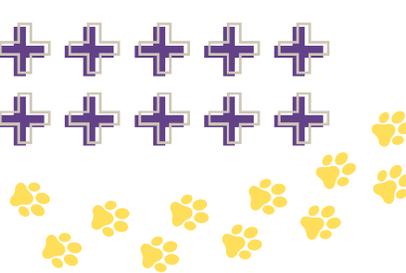
Another week of 3 year old preschool is in the books. It was a fun one for sure. These littles are learning so much and growing so much every week. We talked about all things mail. We looked at mail carriers, envelopes, packages, letters, and more. We talked about addresses and how every place in the world has a special one. We continued to work on the letters in our names and how to form the letters in our own names. We sang our sound songs and did a "fishing" for letters and sound game to see what letters and sounds we all know already. We worked on our rhyming words, blending/segmenting CVC words, and identifying initial sounds of two words that start with the same letter. We continued to work on a rhyme we learned last week. For math, we worked on counting, number identification, and tens frames identification. As always we continue to work on our social skills of taking turns, using our words to tell someone how we feel, and using a timer to wait patiently for our turn with an item. These littles never cease to amaze me and I am grateful to have spent another week of learning with them.

-Mrs. Schueth

KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS:

We have been learning about the season of Lent this week as we celebrated Ash Wednesday and discussed ways we can grow closer to Jesus over the next 40 days. In phonics, we have been working on building and reading nonsense words. We know that many of these nonsense words are parts of real words. For example, if we can read the nonsense words "cac" and "tus," we can also read the real word "cactus." We also learned about verb tenses as we wrote about things we do now and things we WILL do later. In math, we took our test on addition and subtraction. Our next math skill will be composing teen numbers. In social studies this week, we focused on the idea of wants and needs. We know that needs are things we cannot live without, and we should spend our money on our needs before buying things we want. I hope you had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed some special time together as a family!- **Mrs. Flugum**





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Early Childhood Team

FIRST GRADE INSIDE SCOOP:

Happy Sunday! This past week in first grade we were able to sing at Ash Wednesday Mass which is always an honor. We have started our Lenten journey and will be learning more about that over the next month. In math we finished up Unit 11 which focused on subtracting double digits by 10's. We will be starting Unit 12 tomorrow which focuses on measurement. In writing we focused on our descriptive writing and using adjectives to describe our writing more. This was a little more challenging for some, but it was great to see what they came up with. In social studies our focus is on how our environment can change us or how we change because of the environment. In phonics we are focusing on two syllable words and whale talking. Lastly, we had the privilege of sending off our wrestling boys as they left for State! We hope you have an amazing week. Please remember to send water bottles and Friday Folders back tomorrow. - **Mrs. Heying**

Elementary Team

SECOND GRADE NEWSFLASH: A WEEK OF LEARNING AND FUN!

This week the second grade class learned that Jesus sacrificed his life for us and we must lift up our hearts to praise and thank him. The class learned that Jesus gave his life to save us from our sin. We celebrate Ash Wednesday this week and remember all that Jesus has done for us. Sacrifice is a sign of love. The class discussed sacrifices people in their life have made for them. We reflected on sacrifices we could make in the morning, during the school day, after school, and in the evening. "Miss no opportunity of making some small sacrifice, always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love. - **Mrs. Rochford**

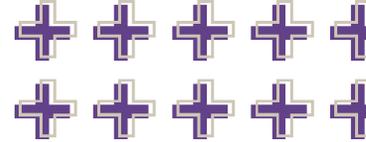
THIRD GRADE:

Our IRA was another nonfiction book and included features of an index and glossary. The students did good work on learning how to use these tools. We began the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. The students decorated an Alleluia sign and then we "buried" them until we come back from Easter break. Then we will have a celebration and display the beautiful Alleluias! As we prepared for Lent, time was spent thinking about what they would like to do to get their hearts ready for the resurrection of Jesus. Storm spotters are what the third and fourth graders are becoming. Our work this week was learning about four main types of clouds and the meaning of them. If you are wanting to do an outdoor picnic, ask one of them to look to the sky to help you decide. - **Mrs. Herold**





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Middle School Team MIDDLE SCHOOL:

This week, we marked Ash Wednesday, which begins the Lenten season in the Liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. Our class focus this Lent is on four areas: remove, restrain, rebuild, and prayer. Students are reflecting on these themes to choose a personal focus as they grow closer to God. During this season, we will spend time learning more about Lent and deepening our prayer life together. On Friday, students made Sacrifice Beads, which helps them count acts of love and sacrifices they offer to God throughout the day. These beads also serve as a reminder of their Lenten commitment and can be used as a Rosary decade. Congratulations to Kaden, Lynae, and Danny, who represented our school at the Regional Religion Bee on Friday in Marquette! We are proud of their effort and dedication.

- 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!

