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## FALL 2020

# NEWSLETTER

### St. Joan of Arc Parish School

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Holly Cerveny, Principal

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St. Joan of Arc Parish School is a 3k-8 Catholic school located in beautiful Lake Country of southeast Wisconsin. We are a fully accredited school affiliated with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and welcome students of all backgrounds.

At St. Joan of Arc, we educate the whole child utilizing a unique combination of the following tools:

- Multiage Classrooms
- Excellent Class Sizes
- K-8 School Building
- Project and Inquiry Based Education
- Strong Community
- Catholic Identity

Our foundation is rooted in **faith**, **fellowship**, and **family**. We believe that through these roots, we are able to nurture each student to develop the compassion and confidence needed to navigate our complex world. Our passion and priority is to provide a balanced moral and academic education which develops our students into future leaders. With this foundation, we strive to mirror the life and legacy of Jesus.

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**F**all is definitely in the air. Crisp mornings mean kids come to school in jackets and by the afternoon when its time to go home, coats are left hanging on their hooks because it has transformed into a wonderful sunny and warm early fall day.

We are so blessed to be in lake country, while beautiful during all seasons, our campus is a little bit of heaven come earth-side during autumn, with rolling hills, multicolor

changing leaves, tall grasses blowing in the breeze, all with the sound of water from the fountains on our retention ponds.

Our outdoor spaces have become even more important as school is back in session and our classes are spending more time outside than ever before in the fresh air. Check out a few pictures of our teachers in their 'outdoor classrooms' in What's the Big Deal? on page 3. Thank God for Fall in Wisconsin!

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Greetings, Friends!

We have opened our doors for school in a most unusual year. Across the globe we are

looking at schooling in new and unique ways to continue to support our students academically, but also spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

We are blessed to have been able to open our doors for 5 full days of face-to-face instruction to all students in 3K-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Though there are adjustments that were made and additional policies and procedure that had to be incorporated into our days, we all see the gift and blessing of being able to be together in our school building.

As we look to the year ahead, we are hopeful to maintain in-person learning for as much of the time as possible. We have also taken the time to make sure we are ready to pivot and move to virtual instruction should the need arise.

We have a number of events coming up that we are looking for new and creative ways to share them in this time of "social distancing." Coming up shortly is the Soles Walk for Catholic Education, which allows us to raise funds for tuition assistance and this year those funds are being matched, thanks to corporate donors secured through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. To learn more about the events we have coming up (in person or virtually) please follow the St. Joan of Arc School page on Facebook ([facebook.com/sjoaschool](https://www.facebook.com/sjoaschool)).

Wishing all of you a blessed autumn season!

*Holly N. Cerveny*

# A Blast From the Past



Students in Jack Young's first grade class at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School worked in their "grocery store" Friday. The project has taught the youngsters how to make an inventory of their goods, to classify the groceries and to make change and use their math skills in purchasing. Students shown are (left to right) Mark Kysely, Dennis Oberhofer, Paul Pleest, Tony Stelter and Sarah Muehleck.

— Enterprise photo

## Defining Characteristics of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

### Evangelizing with the Church

As Catholic school leaders, teachers, and staff members in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, we will be mindful of our essential role in furthering **the teaching mission of the Church** and our inter-relatedness with one another in that work.

We will make specific efforts this year to support our parishes in various aspects of the **Catholic Comeback initiative** and to

ensure that our schools are faithful partners in advancing the Church's mission of evangelization.

### Distinguished by Excellence

As Catholic school educators, we will be tireless in striving for the **ideal in every aspect of our ministry**. "Good enough—for us—will never be 'good enough.'"



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Whether **"learning from school"** or **"learning from home,"** our students will continue to experience the highest quality instruction, attention, encouragement, and opportunities for growth.

### Educating the Whole Child

Remembering our privileged responsibility to care for the growth of the whole human person—spiritual, intellectual, social, moral, and aesthetic—we will value and seek resources to

develop **all aspects of the curriculum** in our schools.

The **social-emotional health** of students, teachers, and staff will be a primary focus for all school leaders, while we remain disciplined in commitment to our own self-care.

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## FROM OUR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

As Business Administrator I sit on our cluster fundraising committee. I'm also involved in creating the budget and making sure our projected fundraising efforts come to fruition.



Fundraising for non-profits is challenging these days. Many in our communities are out of work or underemployed, which also means weekly giving is lower than previous years. We are also limited in the types of fundraising events we are able to hold, most notably no large in person fundraising events such as our annual dinner auction.

Like many business who have seen revenues decrease over the past six months, we're working on creative ways to maintain the financial support on which our budget depends.

We're optimizing our SCRIP gift card program by running a contest for which class can sell the most in KwikTrip gift cards as KwikTrip is currently offering us a 9% rebate. We're also introducing a weekly or monthly recurring SCRIP purchase program for our families so we can receive the rebates from businesses while not putting additional financial pressure on our families. We're also working on how we can transition our dinner auction fundraiser into an online event.

It's time to get creative!

In gratitude,

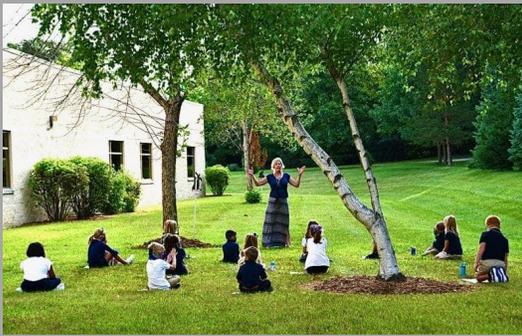
*Leisha Smith*

# WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Our teachers! Teaching in a pandemic and mask mandate is anything but easy. Our teachers have continued to pivot and change

how they teach to meet the ever changing and unique situations we face.

Here Mrs. McEvoy and Mr. O work with their classes out on our beautiful grounds. These pictures show what talent our instructors have, to be able to manage a class and present a lesson with very few materials beyond their own natural skills. Bravo!



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## Accessible to All Students

Every school in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be **available**, (**accessible**, and **welcoming** to all who wish to attend.

In spite of challenges and uncertainties, all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese will be places of **safety and security**—physically, socially, and emotionally—that all students and families can call “home.”

## Steeped in a Catholic Worldview

Grounded in Gospel values and Church teachings, we will prepare our students, at every level, to become skilled, engaged, and ethical citizens in a **global community**.

Especially during the upcoming election season, students, teachers, and staff will be challenged to engage in **respectful dialogue** about local, national, and global issues in ways that recognize and reflect Catholic Social Teachings.

## Sustained by Gospel Witness

As Catholic school leaders, teachers, and staff members, we will teach by our **lives even more than by our words**. Our decisions,

habits, and responses will be manifestations of what we believe.

We will continue to “sustain our mission” by **daily personal prayer and reflection**, mindful that we can only give to others what we first hold and value ourselves.

## Shaped by Communion and Community

Each school in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be known as a community of **faith**, a community of **learning**, and a community of **care**.

Whether virtual or in person, our every interaction with students, teachers, staff, and families could cause others to ask, in the words of St. Pope John XXIII, “**If this the servant, how must the Master be?**”

## Centered in Jesus Christ

During 2020 – 2021, all Catholic school educators, students, and community members will make specific efforts daily to **grow in their relationship to Jesus Christ**.

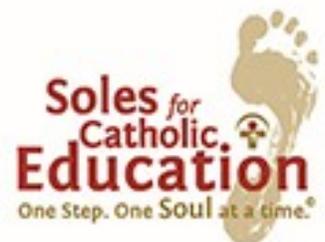
Every Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will exemplify the fact that the **Gospel is the primary lesson** taught and lived in its midst.

# YOUR DONATION WILL BE MATCHED!

**Catholic school students, parents, teachers, alumni and friends from across the archdiocese will gather in many different locations on October 17 for the 2020 Virtual Soles for Catholic Education Walk.**

The impact of your donation will do even more to help our school. Generous Soles Walk sponsors have stepped up to match a proportion of donations St. Joan of Arc receives. Donate today by texting **Soles61** to 71777, or visit [catholicschoolswalk.org](http://catholicschoolswalk.org).

Contact the school office at [school-office@scsjcluster.org](mailto:school-office@scsjcluster.org) or 262-646-5821 to donate with cash or check.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2020

## OCTOBER 2020

October 17 Soles Walk for Catholic Education

## NOVEMBER 2020

TBD School Auction Fundraiser

## DECEMBER 2020

December 24 TBD Christmas Masses

December 25 TBD Christmas Masses

## JANUARY 2021

January 31—February 6 Catholic Schools Week

## FEBRUARY 2021

January 31—February 6 Catholic Schools Week

## MARCH 2021

## APRIL 2021

April 1 Holy Thursday

April 2 Good Friday

April 3 Holy Saturday

April 4 Easter Sunday

## MAY 2021

## JUNE 2021

June 10 Last Day of School

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