

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have a wonderful time with your family. Our 4th graders lead the school with a prayer service and blessing of our Advent Wreaths. We lit the first candle and sang songs to show God that we are excited to celebrate His birthday.



Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts spent the morning laying wreaths on the veterans grave sites at Union Grove Veterans Cemetery.



Dates to Remember

Monday, December 23rd - Christmas Break Starts

Wednesday, December 25th - Happy Birthday Jesus!

Monday, January 6th - Return from Christmas Break



6th Grade Sponsored Food Drive

The 6th Grade sponsored food drive is going on this week. They are collecting baking supplies - flour, sugar, pie filling, muffin mix, cake/brownie mix, jell-o and pudding. If you are planning on making a donation, you have until 8:00am this Friday, December 20th to bring it in.

January Newsletters

Due to January 1st falling on a Wednesday this year, the newsletter will be printed on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays - January 8th & 22nd.

Fishing Rod Building Day

If you are close to twelve years old or older and like to fish, then this is a great opportunity for you!

The Mukwonago Optimist Club is again sponsoring a "Build a Fishing Rod Day" on January 25, 2020. You will be guided and helped to build a fishing rod which you can take home on the following Sunday. You MUST bring an adult helper with you. This event starts at 8:15am and goes to approximately 3:30pm. Go to their website - mukwonagooptimist.com and click on the calendar date January 25th. There is no fee for this event unless the adult would also like to build a fishing rod, then a \$30 donation towards material is required. A free, full lunch with milk and coffee (if you would like water or soda, please bring your own) will be provided. Please go to their website for contact info if you have any questions.

Parent Breakfast Mass Schedule

Jan. 28	Grade 4
Feb. 18	Grade 3
March 24	Grade 2
April 28	Grade 1
May 19	Grade K5
June 2	Grade K4



The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts helped at the Breakfast with St. Nick. The boys took a break to enjoy some time with St. Nick and get their picture taken.

Campus Ministry



St. John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist was born in the year 5 B.C. He was six months old when Jesus was born.

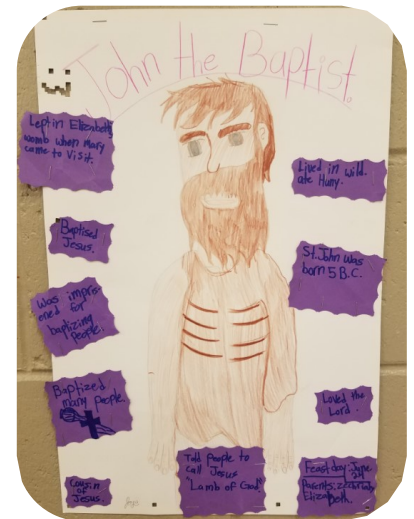
When John was older he moved into the wilderness. He started his public ministry around 30 A.D. John attracted large crowds for baptizing.

When Jesus came to be baptized, John saw him and said "It is I who needs baptism from you." Jesus told John to baptize him anyway. So he did. The Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove and a booming voice called out saying "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." The dove disappeared and the day became beautiful.

John died around 33 and 36 A.D. His feast day is on June 24.

St. John the Baptist showed faith, by trusting in God to watch over him during his time in the wild.

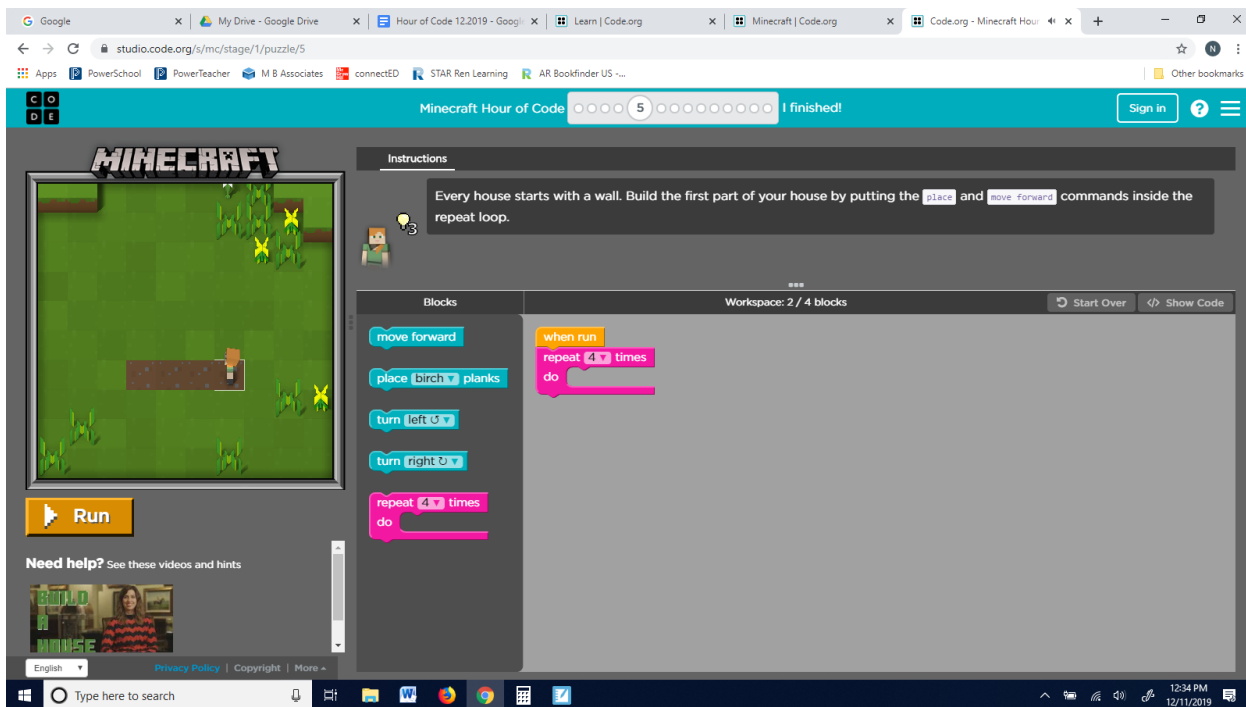
By: Joyline L., 7th Grade



Thanks to all of Santa's elves for their time and effort to make Secret Santa Shopping a huge success. An especially big thank you to the head elf, aka Mrs. Abraham, for all of her time and dedication in organizing this event.



Hour of Code



St. Joseph Middle School students participated in the Hour of Code this week. It is a free worldwide event that teaches students how to write computer programs.

Students in grades 5-8 learned how to do some simple computer coding using the Minecraft characters. Most of the students had never tried it before, but Mrs. Schwemmer has used it with her classes since it began in 2013.

In all, there were 14 Minecraft challenges or puzzles. Surprisingly, some students were able to finish all of the puzzles in just 30 minutes. It was part of the more than 100 Hour of Code activities available. We will do more coding after Christmas in our Digital Citizenship class.

Try it yourself: <https://hourofcode.com/us/learn>



Congratulations to Skylar R., Jordan S and Max K. on placing in the Mukwonago Midnight Magic Gingerbread House Contest 2019.

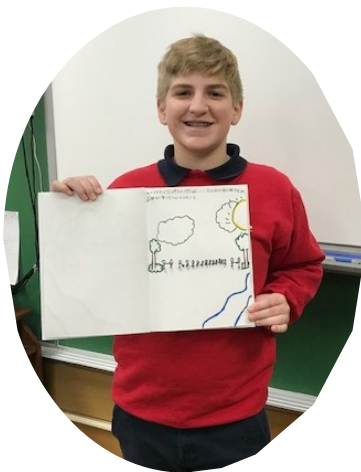
Max received 2nd place for the 10 years old and under category.

Skylar and Jordan received 3rd place in the youth ages 10-17 years old category.



Ancient Mesopotamia and Early Empires!

The 5th & 6th Graders studied the Ancient Mesopotamia and Early Empires which covers the timeframe of 2000BC-500BC. Ancient Mesopotamia is present day Iran, Iraq, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. Students were able to choose what type of project they wanted to make.



Some of the older scouts from St. Joe's volunteered to load and deliver two van loads of gifts donated to the recent toy drive the parish held in support of Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County who help families in need. Thanks Jack L., Skylar R., Joyline L., Sam A., Eli A., Nina A. and Owen A. (St. Joe's Alum) for your help in this worthwhile project. The items collected for the seniors were delivered to ERAs earlier.



Home & School Community News

A Huge Thank You to everyone who made Secret Santa such a great success this year! From our shoppers throughout the year to the set up help from 7th/8th grade and parents on Thursday, to all the shopping, wrapping and cashiering elves during the sale – thank you from the bottom of our hearts! If you love after Christmas bargains, we need to replenish our supplies. You can make a donation or turn in your receipt for reimbursement. Items can be dropped off in the school office marked Secret Santa and a list or copy of receipt showing prices is much appreciated! Thank you!

Parent Gift Wrapping Social is this Thursday 6:30-9:30 in the Parish Hall.

Bring your gifts and supplies and come hang out with other parents. Feel free to bring your own beverage or a snack to share! Just show up – no signup required.



St. Joe's Custom School Spirit shop is open! You can shop anytime – Now you can order St. Joe's gear throughout the year and have it delivered right to your home!

These items can be worn on Spirit Wear Days, to sporting events or just to show off your school anywhere!

<https://www.spiritshop.com/school/wisconsin/big-bend/saint-joseph-school>

Please see the flyer for information on the uniform approved items. Only the two specific items are allowed for uniform wear.

Are your children in grades 4th-8th interested in skiing? We are looking to bring back the St. Joseph Ski Club at Alpine Valley Resort for St. Joseph School and CFM students. Go to the short survey at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDEXBHDgbydPptqhPWfuvHvRRmd7kc_EYBucol1wjQPnQycQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please answer these questions to help us gauge interest in the Ski Club.



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Uniform Approved Items:

⇒ **Crewneck sweatshirt item PC90 and PC90Y** - go to sweatshirts, crewneck and choose either the youth or the adult one; click on size and select left chest and select the St. Joseph Catholic School design in white letters, then change product color to red or navy only.



⇒ **Youth polo shirt is G880B** - go to kids, t-shirt and polos, select youth jersey polo; select the St. Joseph Catholic School design in white letters, then change product color to red or navy only.



Use promo code P7T6BMH7 for \$10 off your order.

If you are trying to get items in time for Christmas gifts, order soon for shipping. Remember you can order anytime throughout the year and there's plenty of time to get it before Catholic Schools Week!

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*Sport
Duffel*



*Laptop
Backpack*

SWEATSHIRTS



*Pullover
Hoodie*



*Crewneck
Sweatshirt*



*Ladies Pullover
Hoodie*

Do you know a family who could use an extra \$3,000 this time of year?

That is how much they could save by enrolling their preschooler in St. Joe's full-day 4K program versus other daycare providers! Let's all make someone's Christmas extra merry & bright by spreading the word! Besides being affordable, St. Joe's 4K program offers:

- ♦ Character growth following Jesus' example,
- ♦ A fully accredited, educational environment,
- ♦ Family atmosphere & buddy program,
- ♦ Full-day or half-day options,
- ♦ Free busing to full-day students,
- ♦ Convenient wrap-around care,
- ♦ Tax credit, and
- ♦ 529 savings plan eligibility!



Mark your calendars for the School Open House!!

Join us in **recognizing the effort of students and teachers** at St. Joe's Open House on Sunday, January 26th from 9:30-12:30! Skip cooking and enjoy a free pancake breakfast from 9-11 in the Parish Hall, then **view your child's work** throughout the school!

[Remember to invite your family and that prospective family you know, too!](#)

Stay tuned for MORE fun, easy ways to spread the word about
our great school coming soon!!

Parent's Night Out & Wrapping Party!

When: December 19, 6:30PM

Where: Parish Hall

Bring your own gifts to wrap, wrapping
paper & favorite beverage to enjoy!



Already finished wrapping? Just mingle with us!

Adults only ~ Please contact Shelly Wohler with questions

"Thank you to Mrs. Moerke for being such a positive "face" of our school. Her smile and upbeat greeting is the first thing families encounter. She has so many additional duties beyond answering phone calls that often go unnoticed. Thank you for taking care of our children."

"Mrs. Post has done an amazing job communicating with parents through her Class Dojo app., newsletters, and emails home. It has been very apparent that she truly cares about our kids, their education, and their overall well-being...always going the extra mile to make learning fun and make sure the students are happy."



*"Mr. Van Rixel really cares about our school and families! He communicates with parents frequently and interacts with students on a daily basis.
You ROCK!"*

"Miss Victor ROCKS because she relates very well to her students in 6th grade. She is kind and patient as well as understanding of their current stage of development. She's a wonderful addition to our school."



Don't forget! You can recognize teachers and staff anytime by submitting the quick & easy [You ROCK! Recognition form!](#)

Athletic News



St. Joseph School Basketball Teams Master Schedule

TEAM

Date	7-8th Grade Boys	5-6th Grade Boys	7-8th Grade Girls	5-6th Grade Girls
7-Dec	11:00 am - St. Joes	9:00 am - St. Joes	10:00 am - St. Gregory the Great	10:00 am - St. Joes
8-Dec			5:30 pm - St. Charles Burlington	
14-Dec	10:00 am - Blessed Sacrement	9:00 am - Nativity Jesuit Middle		
15-Dec	2:00 pm - Indian Community School			
21-Dec	11:00 am - St. Joes		9:00 am - St. Joes	10:00 am - St. Joes
22-Dec	12:00 pm - Augustine Preparatory Academy	1:00 pm - St. Joes	12:00 pm - St. Joes	2:00 pm - St. Joes
4-Jan				9:00 am - St. Charles Burlington
5-Jan		1:00 pm - Holy Apostles	2:00 pm - St. John the Evangelist	
11-Jan	9:00 am - St. Joes	11:00 am - St. Joes		10:00 am - St. Joes
12-Jan		3:30 pm - St. Charles Burlington		4:30 pm - St. Alphonsus
18-Jan				
19-Jan	3:30 pm - St. Matthias		1:00 pm - St. John the Evangelist	5:30 pm - Holy Apostles
25-Jan			10:00 am - St. Leonards	3:00 pm - St. Anthony on the Lake
26-Jan				
1-Feb		12:00 pm - St. Jerome		
2-Feb	12:00 pm - St. Joes	1:00 pm - St. Joes	1:00 pm - Holy Apostles	2:00 pm - St. Joes
8-Feb		10:00 am - St. Thomas Aquinas Academy	12:30 pm - St. Mary Hales Corners	
9-Feb	12:00 pm - St. Charles Borromeo		1:00 pm - St. Matthias	
15-Feb	11:00 am - St. Alphonsus			
16-Feb	1:00 pm - St. Joes	12:00 pm - St. Joes	2:00 pm - St. Joes	12:00 pm - St. Charles Borromeo
22-Feb		11:00 am - Augustine Preparatory Academy	11:00 am - St. Matthias	10:00 am - St. Charles Hartland
23-Feb	2:00 pm - St. Joes	1:00 pm - St. Joes		12:00 pm - St. Joes

Home Games



Wishing you and yours a Merry
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See you on Monday, January 6, 2020.