

St.Joes is the Best

St.Joes is a supportive school that will make you want to be in heaven with jesus. St.Joes has amazing teachers like our special teachers Mrs.Muller, Ms.Kestel, and Mr.Hanson. It is our second home and remember be the light.



Dates to Remember

Saturday & Sunday, May 1st & 2nd - 1st Holy Communion Celebrated During Weekend Masses

Tuition Contracts

Just a reminder that tuition contracts for the 2021-2022 school year are due in the school office by this Friday, April 30th.

Reminder

Remember to send in your picture of dad and kids enjoying their donut and doing the activity. We will be putting them in the next Knightly News.

Muffins with Mom at Home is Friday May 14. A flyer is included in this edition of the Knightly News and was sent home with your oldest child today. The cost is \$1 per muffin and you can choose between chocolate-chocolate, blueberry or lemon poppyseed. Please return your order form by May 7th.

Teacher Appreciation Week is next week - May 3-7. Please check out the signup genius and sign up to participate. We need more volunteers to make this a big success!

TAW Signup Genius



Wishing our 2nd graders a blessed First Holy Communion this weekend. May you always remember this day with joy and happiness.



Parent Mass Schedule

May 18	Grade K5
May 25	Grade K4



March "Get Caught Reading" Winners

L to R: Chloe K., Emma P., Jax B., Alexander K., Haley K., Blake R. and Norel S.



100 Bag Challenge

The K5 students did the 100 Bags of Garbage challenge together and cleaned up the school playground. Thanks for making our playground look beautiful. Even the Knights of Columbus joined in on the challenge. Great Job Everyone!



The 2nd graders did an awesome job leading the schoolwide collection of household items for the Muskego Food Pantry.

Attention 6th-8th Graders

Did you get registered for Mission Mondays? If not, you have until this Saturday, May 1st to get registered. See the flyer in this newsletter for all the details.

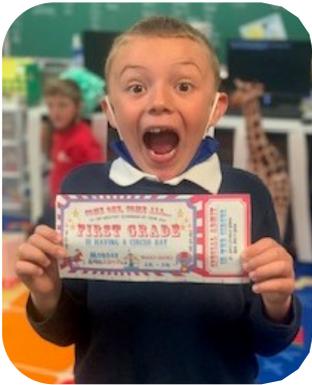


Having fun in the Gym while at ASK.



1st Grade

It was National Circus Day and the first graders had a great time celebrating. They loved how their lessons were centered around the circus topic!



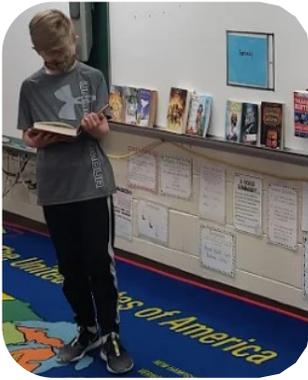
4th Grade

The Department of Natural Resources has a program for 4th graders to receive tree saplings to plant. This year, we were able to get enough white pine saplings for the 4th and 5th graders. Here is Sean planting his sapling in his yard:



4th Grade

The 4th Graders participated in a Book Tasting today!! They explored different genres of books by sampling different books. The students also had to rate each of the books they have read and whether or not they would recommend the books to others!



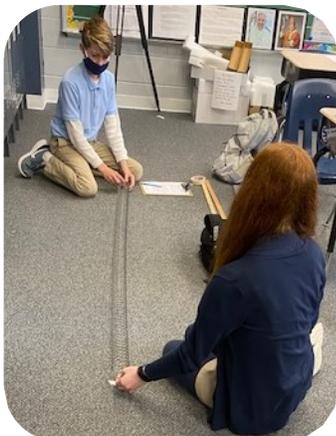
6th Grade

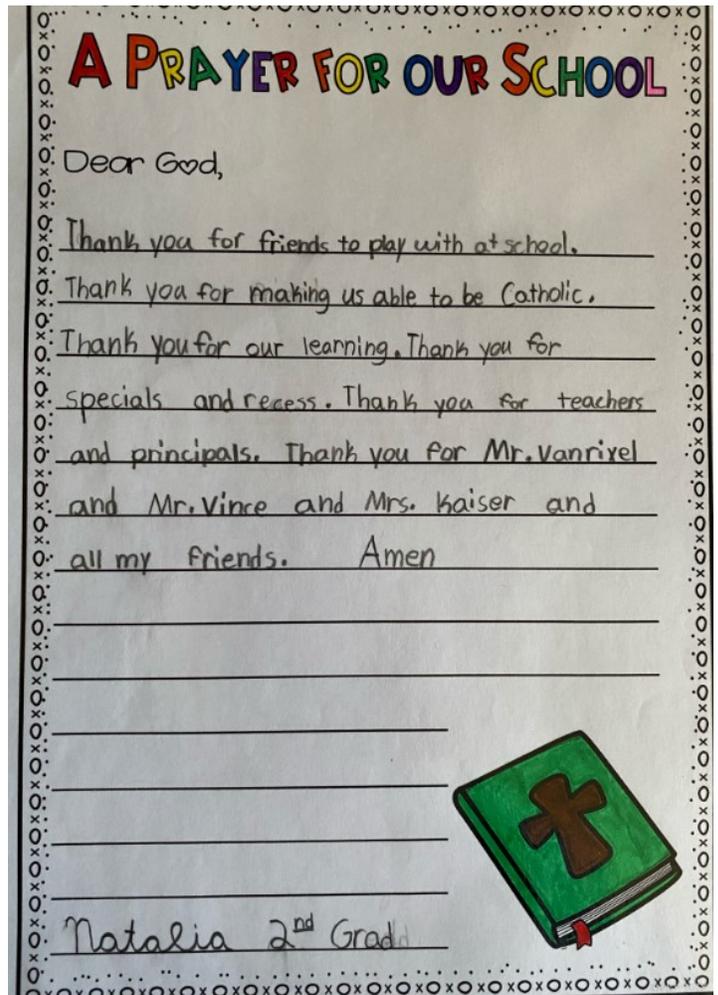
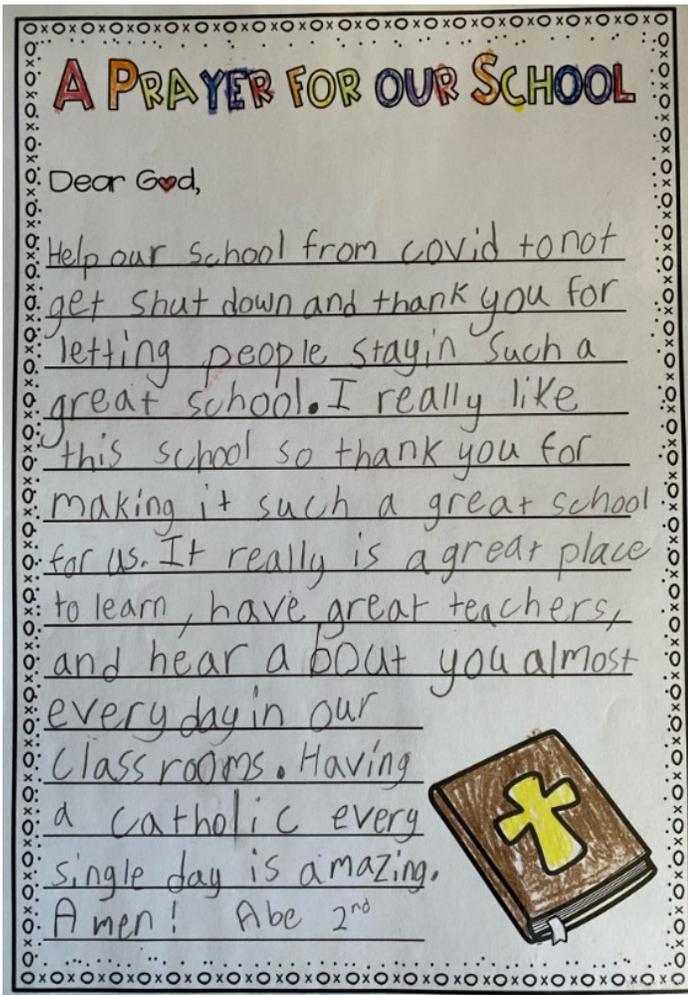
The 6th graders made barometers to explore air pressure .



7th & 8th Grade

The 7th and 8th graders explored wave interactions using a spring toy.





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Pack 262

The Arrow of Light Award is the highest rank in Cub Scouts. Earning this rank prepares a Webelos Scout to become a Boy Scout. Webelos Scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light Award have also completed all requirements for the Boy Scout badge.

Recently our Webelos Scouts received their Arrow of Light Award. To help perform the ceremony and crossover from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts was Troop 26 out of Big Bend.

Receiving their Arrow of Light Award were Jack L., Parker M., Matthew B. and Emery S. Congratulations boys!





**Thanks for
your
continued
support of
Catholic
Education!**



Campus Ministry



St. Joseph is the patron of the universal church, his life is recorded in the Gospels, particularly Matthew and Luke. He was born in Bethlehem and died in Nazareth.

10 FACTS ABOUT ST. JOSEPH

1. In 1955, an additional feast day was declared by Pope Pius IX and is celebrated on May 1 as the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This date is also International Workers' Day and believed to reflect Joseph as the patron saint of workers. The statue in front of Barbelin Hall of St. Joseph the Worker was donated by students of The Evening School who studied in the evenings after work.
2. Symbols associated with Joseph include the carpenter's square and lily. The carpenter's square not only symbolizes Joseph's trade but also the concept of truth. The lily, which can also be seen in the Saint Joseph's University logo over the letter J, represents purity and Joseph's celibate marriage to the Virgin Mary.
3. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others. In the grotto behind the Chapel of Saint Joseph stands a statue of St. Joseph the Dreamer. Serving as a space for personal retreat, prayer and reflection, the grotto features a light that is always on.
4. Joseph is also considered to be the patron saint of the New World, China, Canada, Korea, Mexico, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Peru, Vietnam and several cities and dioceses. Inside the Chapel of Saint Joseph is an image of a sleeping St. Joseph, a weary traveler fleeing with his family to Egypt – and a replica of one Pope Francis keeps in his room. The pope places notes of special intercession on pieces of paper under the statue. Visitors to the chapel can do the same, placing their intentions under the statue, asking the fatherly saint to intercede to God for a special need.
5. On the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph beginning Dec. 8, 2020 through Dec. 8, 2021. In an opinion column for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Daniel Joyce, S.J. '88, executive director of mission programs, described the pope's official opening of a yearlong celebration as "a global call for solidarity and a renewed way of being family in the post-pandemic world."
6. Although we know Joseph as a working carpenter, he is descended from royal lineage, the line of David.
7. Joseph is portrayed in works of art with grey hair and a beard, an older figure next to Mary and Jesus, and often in the background. In the pope's Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde*, he wrote, "In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father. He watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: 'In the wilderness ... you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you traveled' (Deuteronomy 1:31). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life."
8. The scriptures mention nothing of Joseph's age and previous life. However, one early tradition believes he was an older man and a widower with children from a previous marriage.
9. The first apostolic mission entrusted by the Pope to the Society of Jesus was given on the Feast of St. Joseph, Mar. 19, 1539. On this auspicious feast day, the mission of the Jesuits began – and continues to this day around the world.
10. The Jesuits began their mission in Philadelphia in 1707, saying regular Masses under the patronage of St. Joseph in Quaker-owned boarding houses and shops, and the homes of Catholic families. This led to the establishment in 1733 of Old Saint Joseph's Church, the first permanent Jesuit ministry in the city.



Home and School News:



April 13th, 2021 - Virtual

Members Present: Wendy V., Betsy B., Shannon E., Jeff V-R., Stacy B., Kari S., Shelly W., Stacy A.

FUNDRAISERS:

- Thank you for a great Kringle Sale! It was extremely successful!
- **Popcorn Fridays** will continue throughout the rest of the school year on designated dates. Thank you for your continued support of this fun treat for our students. \$1.00 for student bags and \$5.00 for family bags!
- **Spirit Wear** Sale has begun and will continue through April 25th. Please check out the website..New styles and colors! Uniform approved sweatshirts too! Great gifts for kids, parents and grandparents too! Celebrate our school in style!

Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom

- April 23rd-Donuts with Dad (April)
 -  \$1.00 a donut! Enjoy the donut, prayer and conversation started with your dad, uncle, grandfather!
- May 14th-Muffins with Mom (May)
 - Orders due May 7th (handout coming home soon)
 - \$1.00 a muffin

Family Engagement

- Please help advertise our 4K program through Facebook, word of mouth, etc. Share the good news of our great school!
- Look for details about our Parish Picnic that will take place this spring/summer.
- Look for get together activities for this summer!

Other Important Information:

- Thank You for a great **AUCTION!!!** 😊 We appreciate everyone's generosity!
- **LEGO** Club has started! Watch for posts on the Facebook Families page for monthly challenges!
- Mini Fest is June 9th-We are looking for a new chair to help do it with Stacy Abraham..Please contact us if interested!
- If you are interested in the Treasurer position for Home and School please contact Betsy Baron (President of H&S). We would love to have you join our team!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd-7th

- Let's show our teachers some **LOVE & APPRECIATION** the week of May 3rd - 7th!
 - Each day of the week there will be a certain "theme." You are welcome to participate in all or some of the days!
- Please watch for a flyer soon about this very fun week for our teachers!

Principal Report

- Continue to invite family and friends to see our school! We would love new families to join our growing school!
- Accelerated Reader has been a great addition to our school 😊

Our next SAC Meeting is May 18 from 6:30 - 8pm in the Parish Hall. All are invited to join for the first portion of the meeting. Please email our SAC Chairperson, Carrie Schanen, at carrie@schanen.net if you would like to be added to the agenda.

SAC Updates:

We love our St. Joe's teachers! Our own Mrs. Post has recently been nominated for the Live with Kelly and Ryan Teacher Award, and Ms. Victor was nominated for the Brewer's Grand Slam Teacher of the Month Award. We love to have our teachers recognized so keep sharing these great opportunities!

A fun Parish Picnic is being planned for later this summer. Input is needed from all areas of the School and Parish. Some of the ideas include fun activities for kids, music, food and beverage, and Mass under the big tent. If you are interested in being involved in the planning, contact Carrie at the email above or watch for more info coming soon.

Please keep our First Communicants, Confirmation candidates and 8th graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion, Confirmation and 8th Grade Graduation in the coming months. First Holy Communion is this weekend at all masses, so plan to arrive early, and be patient with our Hospitality Ministers as they work hard to seat everyone. We are blessed as 31 children will be receiving their First Holy Communion! Confirmation is later in May and Graduation will occur in early June.

Other News:

- The Marketing Committee has been hard at work creating a new video that showcases our Great School and Parish. They hope to have the finished production done before summer to share with you!
- Look for a fun little auction coming up of class projects made by all the grades and their teachers. Information will be coming out in May.
- Continue to tell people about our school and K4 program. In person tours are being offered by Mr. Van Rixel.
- SAC has applied for a grant from the US Department of Education and we are hoping to use the funding to add Accelerated Math and other important curriculum goals.
- SAC is reviewing previous End-of-Year Surveys and developing a survey for this year. Look for more details soon.
- Thanks for supporting the Online Auction. If you didn't win any items but would still like to donate, please send a check to school marked "Home and School Association." Each year our H&S develops a budget which includes a \$30,000 payment to our Parish. This payment helps to offset the gap between the tuition for each child and the actual cost to educate that child. Additionally, the H&S budget supports activities like teacher recognition, supplies for the beginning of the year, Catholic Schools Week, Technology and more. Your donation helps our school meet these needs and we appreciate it.

“You ROCK!”



Don't forget! You, too, can recognize teachers and staff anytime by submitting the quick & easy [You ROCK! Recognition form](#)! It doesn't have to be for a specific time of greatness - it can be for all around awesomeness!

Ms. Wartman is so easy to talk to and always willing to help or just give a smile to lighten up the mood! We love her!

Mrs. Skarr and Mrs. Patty are very organized and caring in the way they relate to the children after a busy school day. They do this necessary ministry very well!

Mrs Post is an amazing 1st grade teacher. She truly cares about each and every student. She adjusts her approach to ensure each student is learning and growing. No student is left behind. She's mastered when to push her students to figure something out on their own vs. altering her teaching style to help them understand a topic. She gives 110% to her students. My child has grown leaps and bounds under Mrs Post direction. She also consistently interacts with students outside of 1st grade. She makes time to talk to them and build relationships. Students of all ages look up to Mrs Post. I love how Mrs Post keeps parents informed on how their child is doing. She asks for parent feedback on a variety of topics to ensure alignment. She's also interested in what's going on at home. The result is an amazing partnership delivering a consistent message.

She is truly one of the best teachers! Our school is blessed to have her.

Ms. Victor is so kind and encouraging to talk to. Plus the teachers appreciate that she makes the "Father Andy visit schedules" and helps keep them organized!

Thank you to Mary and Jan and all the volunteer kitchen staff! We appreciate all they do each day to prepare and serve nourishing and delicious meals to our students. This may seem an ordinary task, but in doing this, they are serving Jesus in each child - that makes it extraordinary!

Mr. Vince is very kind and takes pride in what he does for others. He and other volunteers do an amazing job keeping our school and grounds clean and well maintained. Especially this year with all the COVID protocols and extra work and long hours! He and other volunteers work late into the evening and weekends to keep our Parish running and we appreciate it!

Thank You to all who have served our country.

USMC Veteran ★



Name: Kyran Fitzgerald
Title: Cpl. (Vietnam '67-'69)
Branch of service: United States Marine Corps
Relation to child: Grandpa to Penelope Gottfried
Name of student: Penelope Gottfried

USMC ★ USA ★



Name: Riley Fitzgerald
Title: Lance Cpl. (Active Duty '18-Present)
Branch of service: United States Marine Corps
Relation to child: Uncle to Penelope Gottfried
Name of student: Penelope Gottfried



USMC ★



Name: Ryan Fitzgerald
Title: Sgt. (Operation Iraqi Freedom '03-'07)
Branch of service: United States Marine Corps
Relation to child: Uncle to Penelope Gottfried
Name of student: Penelope Gottfried





Muffins for Mom



At Home

We will be sending home muffins and activities for you to enjoy at home with your family.

Items will be sent home with your child on Friday, May 14th

Please complete the form below and send it with your payment (cash or check payable to St. Joes Home and School) no later than: Friday, May 7th

Family Name: _____

Muffin Choices: (please put quantity of each kind)

_____ Chocolate, chocolate

_____ Blueberry

_____ Lemon poppyseed

Total # of muffins _____ X \$1.00 each

Total Due \$ _____

2021 Mission Trip

Mission Monday's

St. Joe's Parish is proud to partner with the Milwaukee Rescue Mission this year for four Monday's this summer.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students who will be entering 6th – 12th grade next school year

June 21st

June 28th

July 12th

July 19th

We will gather at St. Joes for morning formation at 9:00 am*.

We will then be transported to the Mission by bus to serve there for several hours.

We will return back to St. Joes and be ready for pick up/to depart at 7:00 pm.

The MRM has a mission to "share God's love by caring for those who are poor in body, mind and spirit, to see lives transformed through Christ to hope, joy and lasting productivity."

85% of all donations go directly to restoring the lives of our hurting neighbors; men, women *and* children!

Fundraisers:

Brat and Hot Dog Sale

4/17 from 4:00 – 6:00

4/18 from 11:00 – 12:00

Community Job Board

Posted May 22nd & 23rd

Percent of Sales nights TBD

Participation cost for 2021:

\$100.00 for registered parishioners

\$150.00 for non-parishioners

*Due to previous fundraising

*Participants will be asked to donate one item to assist in their work at the MRM

Participation in at least one fundraiser is required

Fees include transportation, dinner meal, programing and a donation for supplies needed to complete our Mission

*Registration must be completed via Google form by 5/1/21, participation fees due by 5/15/21 (cash, check or paid on our parish website)

*Participants must commit to at least three Monday's *though we strongly prefer you attend all four*

*There will be a waiver form to be completed for the Archdiocese/our parish as well as the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. That form will be handed out at our planning meeting.

*Planning meeting for all participants will be Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall