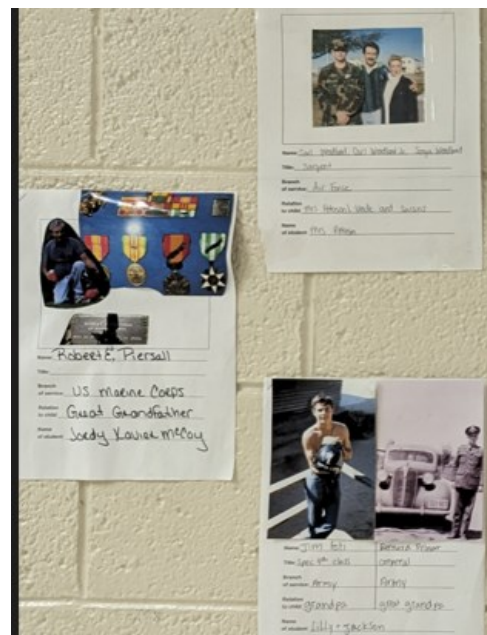
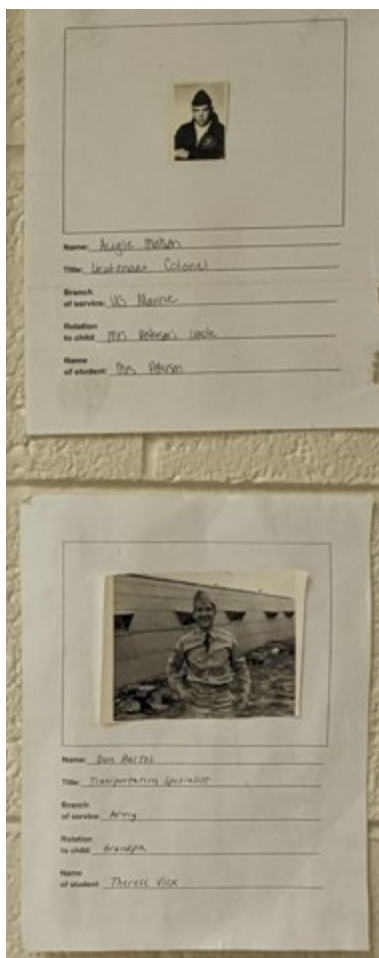
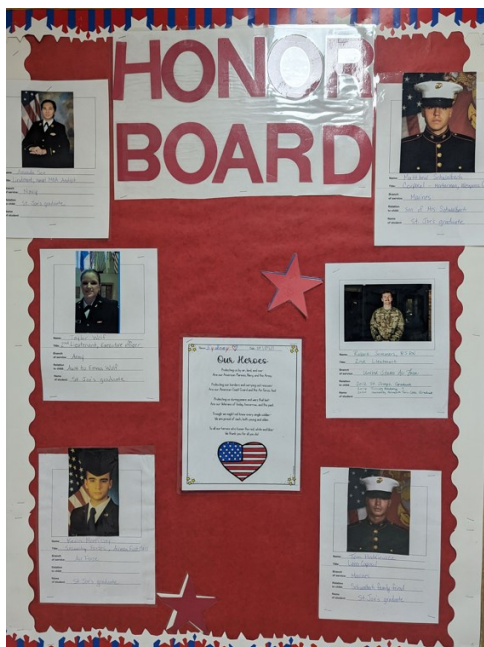


God Bless Our Veterans.

Thank You for Your Service.



Dates to Remember

Monday-Friday, November 13th-17th - 7th Grade sponsored Food Drive (collecting peanut butter & jelly)
Thursday, November 16th - Kringle Pick-Up 2:30-3:30pm & 4:30-5:00pm
Friday, November 17th - Early Release @ 11:00am / End of 1st Trimester
Saturday, November 18th - Kringle Pick-Up 5:00-5:15pm
Sunday, November 19th - Kringle Pick-Up 9:30-9:45am & 11:30-11:45am
Wednesday, November 22nd - Early Release @ 11:00am / Thanksgiving Break Begins
Wednesday, November 22nd - Thanksgiving Eve Mass @ 7:00pm with Social after in Parish Hall
Thursday, November 23rd - No School / Happy Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24th - No School / Thanksgiving Break
Monday, November 27th - No School / Teacher In-Service Day
Friday, December 1st - Secret Santa Shop
Tuesday, December 5th - Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm
Wednesday-Thursday, December 6th-7th - Reconciliation with Fr. Andy
Friday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception / Mass @ 8:00am
Friday, December 8th - Athletics' Fish Fry 4:00-7:00pm Dine In or Drive Up

Weekend Parent Masses

The 7th graders did a great job with their Parent Mass this past weekend. The next one will be hosted by the 5th & 6th graders at 5:00pm on Saturday, December 16th. The Children Choir will be leading us in song.

Christmas Concert

The students have been practicing hard for their Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30pm. The doors to the Church will open at 6:00pm. We ask that you enter quietly as Mrs. Haddon's piano students will be playing the piano starting at 6:00pm for your enjoyment while waiting for the concert to begin. Students should report to their classroom at 6:15pm when the Kindergarten Hallway doors open. The band concert begins at 6:30pm, with the musical concert following at 7:00pm. 3K, 4K and 5K will join their parents in the pews after they sing their songs.

There will be a social after the concert in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a cookie or two.

Middle School

The Middle Schoolers are busy practicing for their performance of a Nativity play for the younger grades on Friday, December 15th.

The 5th-8th graders will be holding a spelling bee on Tuesday, December 19th with the top two finalists advancing to the next round.

Weekend Parent Mass Schedule

December 16th	4:00pm	5th/6th	March 16th	4:00pm	3rd
January 28th	8:30am	Campus Ministry Team	April 14th	8:30am	1st/2nd
February 18th	10:30am	4th	May 5th	10:30am	5K

Secret Santa Shop

It might not seem like it, but the Holidays are right around the corner and that means Secret Santa shopping will be here soon! This year setup will be Thursday, November 30th from 12:30-2:30pm. The Secret Santa Shop will be Friday, December 1st.



If you are out shopping and see great item(s) that you'd like to donate (\$10 or less), we would be grateful. We could use items in most categories, but the greatest need is for men (please refrain from items with beer or alcohol images) as well as tween-boy items. We always need lots of tissue paper, medium gift bags, large gift bags and tape. Please send items to the School Office with a note "Secret Santa."

Please complete the Google Form for permission for your child/ren to participate in this event by **Tuesday, November 28th**: <https://forms.gle/erZFtdCZbQeFZavN6>

Payments will be due to the School Office on Tuesday, December 6th.

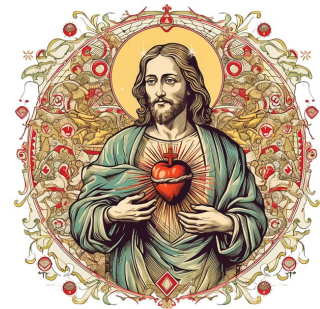
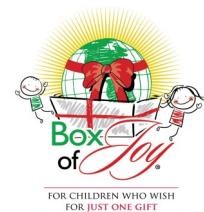
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See the flyer towards the end of this newsletter and if you have any questions about our Secret Santa shop, please email Michele at michele.reilly10@gmail.com or Marlaena at marlaenabarber@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!!!!

Box of Joy Update!

Together with the Youth Discipleship Ministry, St. Joe's packed and shipped 156 boxes to children in South and Central America! Thank you to everyone who helped with this beautiful ministry! We are still trying to raise additional funds to help pay the cost of \$9 per box to send Jesus' love around the world - so if you didn't get a chance yet to contribute, there's still time! The best and easiest way to do it is online at [Box of Joy Donate](#) - scroll down to Option 2 and choose the number of boxes or the amount you wish to contribute. You can also give a check to the School Office made payable to Cross Catholic Outreach (Box of Joy in memo line). Please get those donations in by this Friday, November 17th!



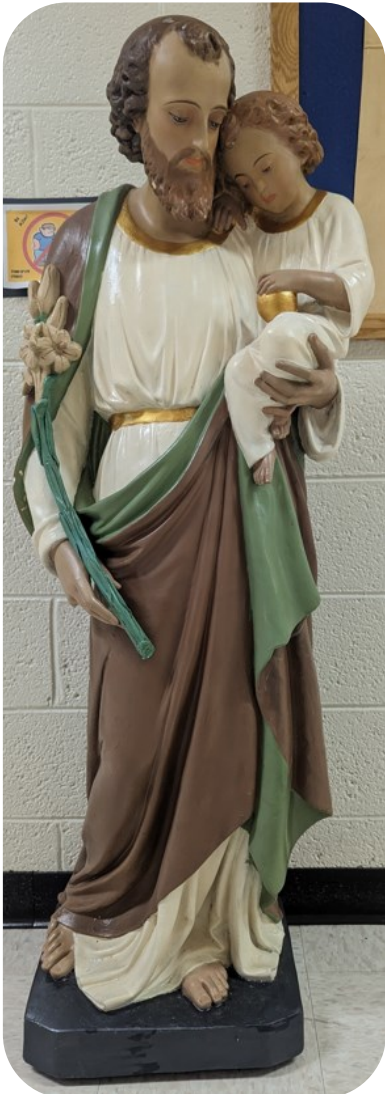
"We love because He first loved us."
1 John 4:19



3K students practiced building their 2D shapes out of popsicle sticks!



3K students were able to use the big kid's chrome books during an indoor recess.



Oreos won in a landslide victory during the 3K cookie election.



5K students playing during an indoor recess.



The parish received this beautiful statue of St. Joseph holding the Christ Child. The 4th graders stopped by to have a closer look and have their picture taken with it.



1st & 2nd Graders made poppy flower pictures to display on a banner in honor of Veterans Day.



The 4th-8th graders went on a field trip to Old World Wisconsin.



During the warm weather, student were going outside for gym class. Here they are playing disc golf.



Girl Scouts. Troop 11134

Daisies and Brownies of Troop 11134 met on October 18th and earned their Daisy Trail Adventure and Brownie Outdoor Adventure badges learning how to roll a sleeping bag, build an edible campfire and doing an outdoor activity (parachute games!) We sang camp songs from Alice Chester so loudly that Father Andy stopped by to see what was going on (and how we were having so much fun!)



Campus Ministry

St. Clare of Assisi

July 16, 1194 - August 11, 1253

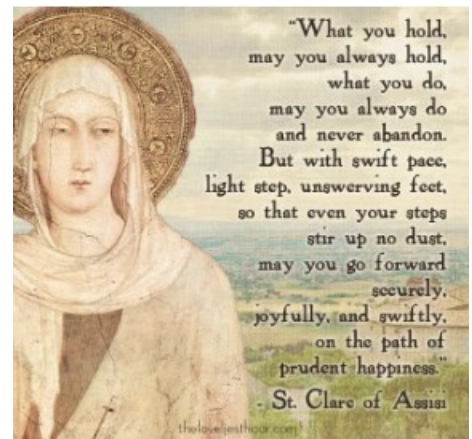
Saint Clare of Assisi was a great example of sharing in Jesus' heart because she would always tend to the needs of others and put others needs before hers. I think Saint Clare of Assisi was a great model of how we should act with each other. She would always share with others, just like we can.

Please remember to Share in Jesus' Heart!

We love because he first loved us

-1 John 4:19

By: Julia R., 7th Grade



This month's theme for Campus Ministry is Sharing In His Heart. The members of the Campus Ministry team visited classrooms and read the story, Should I Share My Ice Cream? to the students. The leaders then talked about how this book related to the month's theme.



We are very fortunate to have a Campus Ministry program that extends beyond individual classrooms to carry religious themes throughout our entire school community.

The Campus Ministry Team - Matt & Sara, Julia & Tavin, Syd & Liam - are excited to sponsor a Winter Giving collection for people here in Waukesha County. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter with all the details! The last week before Christmas you can bring in any additional winter items, including coats & blankets.

This will take the place of our monthly food drive.



Athletic News



Thanks to all who volunteered or attended last week's Fish Fry.

Fish Fry Volunteer Opportunity

Home and School Volunteer Event Schedule Fish Fry dates, if you can't make your grade level suggested date, feel free to sign up for any date that works for you.

Dec 8 - Grade 7

Jan 12 - Grade 6

Feb 9 - Grade 5

Feb 16 - Grade 4

Feb 23 - Grade 3

Mar 1 - Grade 2

Mar 8 - Grade 1

Mar 15 - 5K

Mar 22 - 3K & 4K

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094DABAF23ABFB6-44843333-fish>

Volunteer Descriptions Link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rN2NalvcxSGfNZCSWbogc9Hg9H41odrbFxRZ9outDvo/edit?usp=sharing>

Athletics is pleased to announce new volunteer coordinators for Junior Knights this year.

2024 Junior Knights

St. Joseph Junior Knights Basketball program is going into our 6th season. This program is geared to students in 1st through 4th grade. The season occurs on Saturday mornings for 6 weeks from mid January to the end of February. The Junior Knights program is designed to give our younger children a taste of the game of basketball. The children will learn the rules, basic drills, positions and have a chance to play the game. Our adjustable hoops enable the 1st and 2nd graders the opportunity to make baskets without being discouraged. During practice things are kept fun while also teaching the kids how to play the game.

2024 Dates: January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17 and (Feb 24 Snow date if needed) with scheduled times to be decided between 8am to 12pm based on grade level and number of teams. We are also looking for parent volunteers to head coach or assist, indicate on form if interested.

A registration link can be found on the website under Parish then Athletics, then basketball tab or click the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-X_ZA2NLgdHQ-oQY51-su0kqIKRdSYz6nrkjou0G9KkEOpA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Registration is due by December 18, 2023 to allow proper time for season planning.

Fee: \$50 per player for Registration and T-shirt (Make checks payable to St. Joseph Athletics.) Please send to School Office in an envelope marked St Joseph Junior Knights. Please include family name in the envelope with the check so credit is applied to your registrant(s)

Chess Club

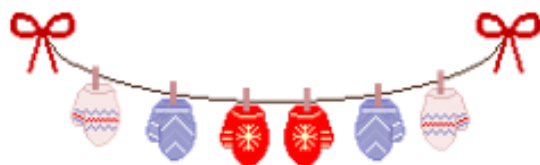


Lego Club



Reverse Advent Calendar for Winter Giving

Sponsored by Campus Ministry Team



This year during the Advent Season, instead of opening a door and receiving chocolate, we are going to open a door and provide warmth to people in need in Waukesha County. We will have a specific item to donate each of the first 3 weeks of Advent. These items will be donated through Catholic Charities through their Winter Giving program. New items only please.

<i>Week 1</i>	<i>11/28-12/1</i>	<i>Winter Hats</i>
<i>Week 2</i>	<i>12/4-12/8</i>	<i>Mittens/Gloves</i>
<i>Week 3</i>	<i>12/11-12/15</i>	<i>Socks</i>

Catholic Charities assists clients in all age groups, so items for boys, girls, men and women of all ages are appreciated.

We will have a Christmas tree located near the main office by the gym coat rack to hang up items each week.

Students are invited to make Christmas cards to deliver to the clients at home or at school.



All items will be delivered to Catholic Charities the week of December 18.

Contact Stacy Abraham mrsabraham1@wi.rr.com or Carrie Schanen carrie@schanen.net with any questions.

Secret Santa Gift Shop



Friday, December 1st

The Secret Santa Shop at St. Joseph's is back again this year! We are excited to continue to offer this fun shopping experience to our students.

Over the last couple years, we changed our process and have had much success, so the process will remain.

- ♦ Held in the gym with help from volunteers
- ♦ No money or paper forms to bring to school – all done online through a google form and invoiced via the School Office
- ♦ Each child will be encouraged to make their purchases within their classes allotted time (set by staff)
- ♦ We will help students with gift wrapping (*some of the older students may wrap gifts in their classrooms)

A reminder that students are not to shop for themselves but for others – thanks for your support in this. ☺

Please send your child(ren) to school with a large bag or tote to carry their wrapped items home. Reusable store bags work great - they serve as shopping bags while they are looking and keep their gifts safe for the ride home!

If you have any questions about our Secret Santa shop, please email Michele at michele.reilly10@gmail.com or Marlaena at marlaenabarber@gmail.com.

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THANK YOU!!!!

COOKIE WALK

COOKIES NEEDED

We need your help to make this a success!

WE ARE REQUESTING EACH SCHOOL FAMILY TO DONATE:



DOZEN COOKIES

- Please send to school on Friday, December 1st
- Cookies can be labeled if gluten free or has nuts
- No store bought cookies and no chocolate chip cookies
- Homemade caramels, chocolates, fudge, or decorated Christmas cookies are ok

If you are interested in volunteering the day of the cookie walk or donating any items, please use this link:



Questions? Email homeandschool@stjoesbb.com

1ST ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS

COOKIE:

WALK

DEC 3rd 9 - 1

COME FILL UP YOUR COOKIE JAR!

Grab our container, walk from table to table gathering delicious Christmas cookies and then pay \$10 per pound for your selection.

FREE COFFEE,
HOT CHOCOLATE
& MILK

ACTIVITIES
FOR KIDS!

Want to donate
cookies?
Drop them off
at school
by 12/1

ST. JOE'S GATHERING SPACE & PARISH HALL

All money benefits students at St. Joseph School

Mukwonago Optimist Club Oratorical Contest

Topic: How to change the world with Optimism

Length: 4-5 minutes

Contestants: Anyone under the age of 19

When: Speeches will be presented on Jan. 25th

Where: Mukwonago Public Library

Prizes: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50. Top 2 winners will also be entered into the Zone Competition for a chance at a \$2500 scholarship!

Contestants must complete an entry form and submit no later than January 19th to jsearing80@yahoo.com
Scan the QR code to access entry form and rules.

