

Mr. Van Deusen, thank you for leading our student choir and for providing the wonderful music during our weekly Masses.



We wish you the best in your retirement!
Go get a Hole-in-One!

Dates to Remember

Friday, December 22nd - No School / Christmas Break Begins
Monday, December 25th - Happy Birthday Jesus!
Tuesday, January 2nd - Welcome Back from Christmas Break

Reminder

Even though the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve, the obligation to attend Mass for both, the 4th Sunday of Advent AND for Christmas Day, still stands. Make plans to attend Mass for each.

The 4th Sunday of Advent Mass times are Saturday, December 23rd at 4:00pm or Sunday, December 24th at 9:30am.

Masses for Christmas Day are Sunday, December 24th at 4:00pm & 9:00pm or Monday, December 25th at 9:30am.

Attention Skiers and Snowboarders!

We had our first outing for the Ski Club on Friday, December 15th. Despite the warm weather, Alpine Valley was open, and we had a great time! We are hoping that we can get some real snow as we get into 2024, and finally get our season off the ground.



It's not too late to join our Ski & Snowboard Club. Our club provides a great opportunity to learn the winter sports. Remember that students with Ski Club Cards may use them during the break (except Saturdays). We encourage you to check Alpine Valley's website, www.alpinevalleyresort.com, for daily conditions.

Ski Club resumes on Friday, January 5, 2024. We are scheduled to have our outings on January 5, 12, 19 and 26th. Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Caporale and Mrs. Rondeau

Kindergarten Game Night

Our 3K-5K families are invited to a Kindergarten Game Night on Wednesday, January 24th. Be sure to put this date on your calendar. More information will follow after the break.

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

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all contestants who participated in our annual Spelling Bee.

The following students were classroom winners of their respective grade level and advanced to our school Spelling Bee yesterday.

5th Grade Participants - Jax B., Chloe K., Norel S.

6th Grade Participants - Trinity B., Drew M.

7th Grade Participants - Tavin S., Jack A., Josh S., Julia R.

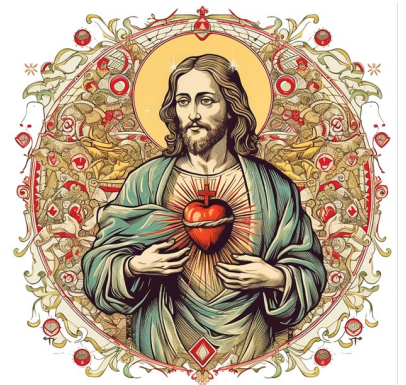
8th Grade Participants - Lilly V., Emery S., Max K., Camden R.

The following students placed in the top 3 of our school Spelling Bee, and Tavin S. will advance to the next round representing our school.

1st Place - Tavin S., 7th grade

2nd Place - Norel S., 5th grade

3rd Place - Chloe K., 5th grade



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

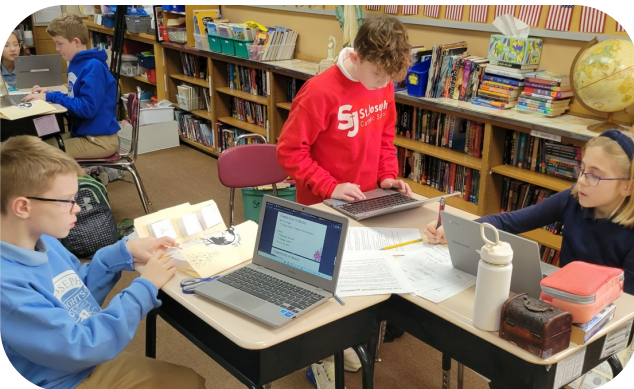
3K

Working on Pattern Snakes.



5th & 6th Grade

Working on citing resources while researching Christmas traditions at other countries.



5th - 8th Grade

The 5th-8th graders adopted a live calf that is growing up on a dairy farm here in Wisconsin. Her name is Roni and they will be receiving monthly updates about her growth, how she is cared for and how milk is produced on the farm. When they adopted her she was 60lbs and 29 inches tall. Roni is now 135lbs and 32 inches tall.



5th – 8th Grades

The 5th-8th graders put on a play called “Star & Stable - a Christmas Story” for the rest of the school and their parents. Everyone did a great job whether you were in the play, helped with the scenery.



Campus Ministry

Scarves - 16
Hats - 80

Socks & Slippers - 179 pairs
Gloves & Mittens - 69 pairs

Joshua S. and Sean R. (both 7th graders) helped Campus Ministry team member, Tavin S. (7th), count and sort the items into boxes.

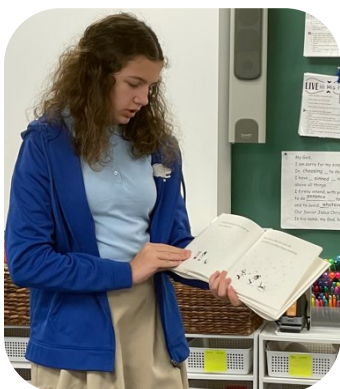
The items will be donated to Catholic Charities who will distribute to those in need this winter.

Campus Ministry is grateful for all the students and families who helped and donated items this year.



This month's trait is "Give".

Campus Ministry team members went around to each classroom to read a story and help them make a salt dough ornament.



Chess Club



Lego Club





Pack 262



Troop 11134



The Girl and Boy Scouts helped during Breakfast with St. Nick and was able to get their picture taken with St. Nick.



The Girl and Boy Scouts participated in Wreaths Across America on Saturday. They placed wreaths for fallen veterans for Christmas as a part of their commitment to service to their community.





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Chess Scholars

Winter 2024

St. Joseph School



Grades K-8

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity.

Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will learn under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach.

Schedule: 8 Mondays, January 29th - March 18th, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>

You will need to enter the course code **BIG1.29.24** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 1/22 for the early bird price of \$132.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or registration@learningmeansfun.com

All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impeding their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.



The staff wishes you a Blessed Christmas Season.

See you on January 2nd.