

## Wisconsin Parental Choice Program Information

1. Families who are currently enrolled in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) may start to register on Thursday, February 1st. Mr. Brown will send out more information to everyone in the coming weeks.
2. I have found this link helpful for families over the years if you have questions. This is last year's information, but the information will be the same except for income.  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/choice-programs/parent-faq#Program%20Eligibility,%20Required%20Documentation,%20and%20Application%20Periods>
3. If you are currently enrolled in the program, you **do not need** to fulfill the financial requirements to be a part of the program. Only **new families** need to meet the financial requirements. If you are in the program this year, you will be automatically in the program next year. **You will need to apply again, and provide residency requirements.**
4. Several families have asked for the financial requirements for new families next year. **All information can be found in the flyer provided at the end of this Knightly News.**
5. St. Joseph School is a part of all three Choice Programs. The Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) and the Racine Parental Choice Program (RPCP) are only for families who live in those respective communities. If you do not live in those communities, you are eligible for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.
6. **Current 3K, 4K and 5K families that are not a part of the WPCP** - If you are not a part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program this year, but meet the income requirements, please apply for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program starting February 1st. If your child is currently in 1st grade or higher, and you are currently not enrolled in the WPCP, then you can no longer apply for the program even if you meet the income requirements.
7. **Requirements for new students to St. Joseph School - From DPI Website**  
Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP): The student must reside in Wisconsin and outside the city of Milwaukee and Racine Unified School District. Continuing students and students on a WPCP prior year waiting list are not required to meet income limits.  
  
The **new** student must also: (current families do not need to meet these requirements as they are already in the program)
  - (1) be applying to grades K4, K5, 1 or 9, OR
  - (2) meet one of the following prior year attendance requirements:
    - (a) attended a public school in Wisconsin,
    - (b) attended school in another state,
    - (c) was not enrolled in school (includes homeschooled students for the entire prior school year),
    - (d) participated in the MPCP, RPCP or WPCP,
    - (e) been on a MPCP, RPCP or WPCP waiting list, OR
  - (3) applying to the WPCP and on any prior year WPCP waiting list in 2015-16 or later due to a school district enrollment cap.

## Dates to Remember

Wednesday, January 24th - Kindergarten Game Night 5:30-6:30pm

Sunday, January 28th - Campus Ministry Students Leading Mass at 8:30am to kick off Catholic Schools Week

Open House / Book Fair 9:30am-Noon

Wednesday, February 7th - Conferences by Request 4:00-8:00pm

Thursday, February 8th - No School / Teacher In-Service / Family Skate Night @ Skateland

Friday, February 9th - No School / Teacher In-Service

## Vote Daily - Catholic Financial Life Contest

We have two wonderful teachers nominated for the Catholic Financial Life Give Back Contest. Please vote for Mrs. Kurz and Mrs. Post. You are allowed one vote per 24 hours, per device. This means you must wait 24 hours from the last time you voted to be able to vote again. Voting runs through this Friday, January 19th at 11:59pm. Remember to add comments about why the teacher should be chosen. The contest awards prizes for the top three winners. If chosen, the school would receive \$4,000.

Click on the link below to vote!!!

<https://www.catholicfinanciallife.org/join/givebackcontest/givebackcontestvoting>

Winners will be announced during Catholic Schools Week, January 28 - February 3 via social media and Catholic Financial Life's website.

## Upcoming Communications

We will send out the following items to all families next Wednesday, January 24th:

1. Permission slips for the bowling field trip on January 31st
2. STAR reports for students in grades 1-8
3. Optional conference sign-up. Optional conferences are Wednesday, February 7th from 4:00-8:00pm.

## Changes Due to Snow Day Last Friday

**Group/Candid Photos** has been rescheduled to **Friday, January 26th**.

The **5th/6th Grade sponsored Food Drive** has been extended through this **Friday, January 19th**. They are collecting cereal, mac & cheese, hamburger helper, ramen noodles and chicken & beef broth. Please bring your donation to the barrel in the hallway leading to the lower grades before 9:00am on Friday, January 19th. The barrel is half full, let's fill it. Thank you for supporting this great cause.

## 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			

## New Parish Marketing and Communications Director

We would like to welcome Corrie Christiaansen to our school community. She will be our part-time Parish Marketing and Communications Director.

## Open House Sign-Up

Please go to the Signup Genius below and sign up to help us make our Open House/Book Fair a success.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094DABAF23ABFB6-47013010-catholic#/>



Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place on Friday, January 26th and Sunday, January 28th.

Our Book Fair offers **eWallet**, a safe and secure alternative to cash. Simply create a free account to add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute so your child can select their own books. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online or to fund a future eWallet. Cash, checks, and credit cards will also be accepted at the Book Fair.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair from January 19th - February 1st**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjosephschool70>

The countdown is on! Catch you at the Fair!

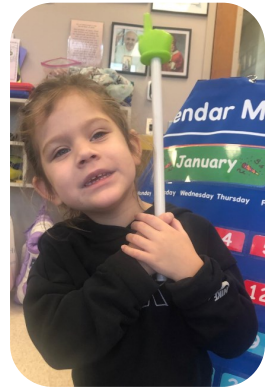
Happy reading,

Michael Brown  
Principal  
St. Joseph School



### 3K

The 3K students have been busy. They had a Birthday Dance Party for Baby Jesus and they welcomed a new student - Ana. They have fun while learning with Arctic Animal Iceberg Rescue, Magic Inflating Balloon Science Experiment, helping the animals on the ark and the cutting practice sensory bin, which is a favorite.



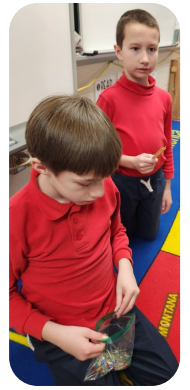
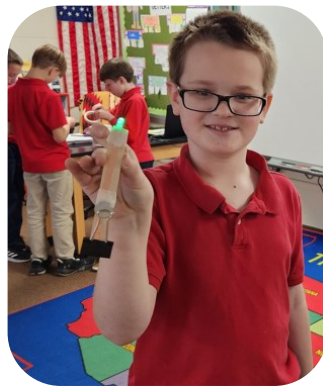


## 5K - Making paper mache snowmen.

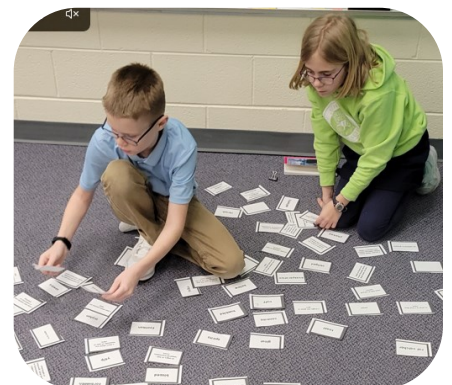
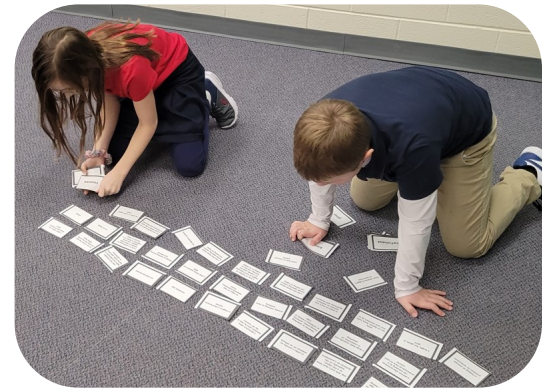


## 4th Grade

The 4th graders completed a science experiment and created a circuit. They used copper tape, batteries and led lights to create a circuit.

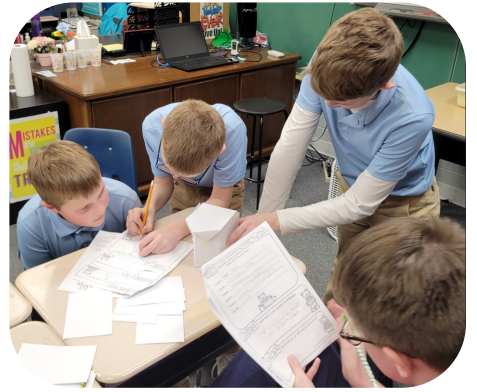


## 5th Grade - Vocabulary





## 5th & 6th Grades - Science



## 7th & 8th Grade - Art





Fun in the Snow





## **Catholic Schools Week 2024**

### **Sunday, January 28th: Mass and Open House**

- Our Open House is from 9:30-12:00. Come and tour the school and participate in "The Amazing Grace" classroom scavenger hunt.
- Wear your school uniform or spirit wear top with uniform bottoms to Mass. Families are encouraged to attend Mass at 8:30am or 10:30 am. Everyone is encouraged to wear spirit wear with the kids!
- **Book Fair** during the Open House
- Fellowship/Refreshments sponsored by Home and School.

### **Monday, January 29th: Pajama Day**

- **Saint of the Day: Saint Thomas Aquinas**
- Dress for the day: Pajamas, Campus Ministry shirt or uniform (no slippers)
- We will make tie dye t-shirts as a school.
- Parents - please send a WHITE t-shirt for the students to tie dye to school by Thursday, January 25th. Please write your child's name on the inside back collar.

### **Tuesday, January 30th: Color Day**

#### **Saint of the Day: Saint Martina of Rome**

- Dress for the day: Color Day/ Out of Uniform Day
  - 3K red
  - 4K pink
  - 5K orange
  - 1st grade yellow
  - 2nd grade green
  - 3rd grade blue
  - 4th grade purple
  - 5th grade white
  - 6th grade brown
  - 7th grade gray
  - 8th grade black



### **Wednesday, January 31st: Spirit Day**

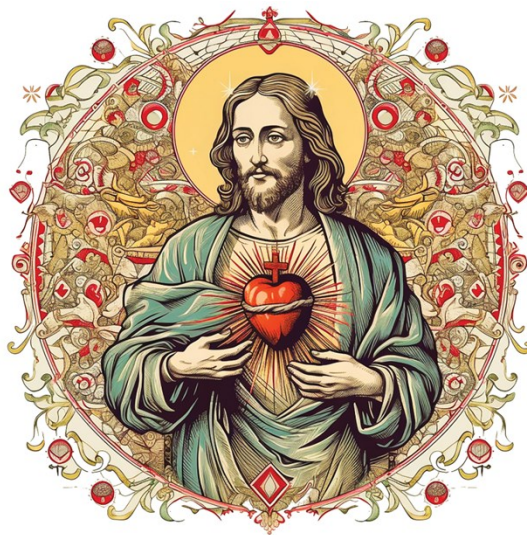
- **Saint of the Day: Saint John Bosco**
- Dress for the day: Spirit Wear
- Bowling field trip as a whole school at Alpine Lanes in Muskego (8:45-11:45)

### **Thursday, February 1st: Crazy Day**

- **Saint of the Day: St. Brigid of Ireland**
- Dress for the day: Students may wear crazy hats and crazy socks
- Board games in the classroom

### **Friday, February 2nd: Mass and Movie Day**

- **Saint of the Day: Candlemas**
- Dress for the day: Tie Dye shirts
- All school Mass at 8:00am (parents are always welcome)
- Grade level Adoration led by Campus Ministry
- All School Movie in the afternoon
- Special treat from Saint Joseph Athletics
- Father Andy will do a blessing of the throats for St. Blaise (feast day is Saturday, February 3rd)



**“We love because He first loved us.”  
1 John 4:19**

# Athletic News



## 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. **NEW** - we will try offering beer/seltzer sales at fish fry along with soda and water. This only can be accomplished with a responsible adult signing up for beer handler/cafeteria supervisor as children who normally hand out soda cannot hand out alcoholic beverages.

- 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>

## 2023-24 Middle School Basketball Season News

We will periodically post highlights and photos of the season here. Parents please forward game pictures and notable highlights throughout the season to be featured here in the Knightly News to [athletics@stjoesbb.com](mailto:athletics@stjoesbb.com).

We had an opportunity to host home basketball games this past Sunday. We hosted our 5th grade boys, 5th grade girls and 8th grade boys teams. The last time games were hosted in our gym at St. Joes was the 2019-2020 season. Thanks to everyone who helped prep and manage the gym, especially Joe Searing, Darren Reilly, Carrie Searing and Marlaena Barber.





## Upcoming Basketball Schedule: Home Games

### 5th Grade Girls

Saturday, January 20th 9:00 at Burlington Catholic - 449 Conkey Street Burlington

Sunday, January 21 1:00 at St. Charles Hartland

**Saturday, January 27th 9:00 at St. Leonard**

### 5th Grade Boys

Sunday, January 21st 1:00 at Holy Apostles

**Sunday, January 28th 12:00 at St. Leonard**

### 6th Grade Boys

Saturday, January 20th 11:00 at Divine Mercy

**Saturday, January 27th 10:00 at St. Leonard**

### 7th Grade Boys

Saturday, January 20th 10:00 at St. Matthias

**Sunday, January 21st 1:00 at St. Leonard**

**Sunday, January 28th 1:00 at St. Leonard**



### 8th Grade Boys

Sunday, January 21st 12:00 at Holy Apostles

Any grade school student can attend for FREE, and if they pre register, they will also receive a FREE bag of popcorn.

# Youth Night

Attention Grade School Students

## YOU'RE INVITED



January 30th	February 1st
CC Boys vs.	CC Girls vs.
LCL	Messmer
JV @ 5pm	
Varsity @ 6pm	Varsity @ 6pm

FREE ADMISSION • FREE POPCORN • CHANCE AT A FREE T-SHIRT

CatholicCentralHS.org



**2024-25 Income Limits for New Students  
Milwaukee (MPCP), Racine (RPCP) and Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)**

For the 2024-25 school year, the family income of a student new to a choice program must be at or below the amount listed in the table below for the program the student is applying. All students must apply each year at [dpi.wi.gov/choice](https://dpi.wi.gov/choice). If a student is continuing in any of the choice programs or was on the choice waiting list for the same Choice program in the prior year, he or she does not need to meet the income limits. Family income includes the income of the student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) that reside in the same household as the student applicant. If the student's parents/legal guardians that reside in the same household are married, their income is reduced by \$7,000 when determining income eligibility for the program (i.e. *married family income minus \$7,000*). For example, if a family of four with parents that are married has an income of \$60,000, subtract \$7,000 from their income and compare that amount (\$53,000) to the income limit for a family of four in the appropriate table below. Family size includes parents/legal guardians and their children by birth, marriage or adoption that reside in the same household as the student applicant.

**Table 1 – MPCP and RPCP Income Limits**  
**300% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2024-25**

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Maximum Yearly Income*</u>
1	\$43,740
2	\$59,160
3	\$74,580
4	\$90,000
5	\$105,420
6	\$120,840

For each additional member add \$15,420

**Table 2 – WPCP Only Income Limits**  
**220% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2024-25**

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Maximum Yearly Income*</u>
1	\$32,076
2	\$43,384
3	\$54,692
4	\$66,000
5	\$77,308
6	\$88,616

For each additional member add \$11,308

A private school may, in addition to the state aid payment it receives, charge a choice student tuition in an amount determined by the school if both of the following apply: (a) the student is in grades 9 through 12; and (b) the family income of the student exceeds 220% of the federal poverty level as listed below. The private school makes the determination whether the school can charge a choice student tuition in grades 9 through 12. The private school must establish a process for accepting appeals to the school's governing body related to the school's determination to charge a choice student tuition based on the student's family income.

**Table 3 – Continuing 9-12 Grade Students Tuition Income Requirements**  
**220% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2024-25**

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Yearly Income Must Exceed*</u>
1	\$32,076
2	\$43,384
3	\$54,692
4	\$66,000
5	\$77,308
6	\$88,616

For each additional member add \$11,308

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact [PrivateSchoolChoice@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:PrivateSchoolChoice@dpi.wi.gov) or dial, toll free: 1-888-245-2732, ext. 3.

\* As determined by the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on the federal income tax return for the prior calendar year (2023 for the 2024-25 school year).



3K-5K

Jan. 24  
5:30-6:30

# FAMILY Game Night



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**JOIN US FOR A  
NIGHT OF FUN  
& LEARNING!**

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GAMES WILL BE  
PLAYED IN THE  
PARISH HALL

**\*Siblings of 3K-5K families are  
welcome to come and play too!\***