

November 21, 2021



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### WEEKLY CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

By:

Karen Longoria, K4 Teacher

**K4 has been getting ready for their Thanksgiving Pie Party! In class, we have been learning about the first Thanksgiving and we made the cutest turkey headbands! We have also been talking about all God's blessings in our lives and created special "Thank You God" pictures. On Friday all of our K4 families joined us for our Pie Party to listen to a few Thanksgiving songs and poems that we have been practicing for the last couple of weeks. After our performance, we enjoyed some delicious pie! Happy Thanksgiving from the K4 Class!**





## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Lord, we thank you  
for the goodness of our people  
and for the spirit of justice  
that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the  
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,  
for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:

Accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

There will be no Lancer Times next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Lancer Times will resume Sunday, December 5th. SJPS Staff wish our school family a blessed Thanksgiving!

### December Extended Care Sign Up

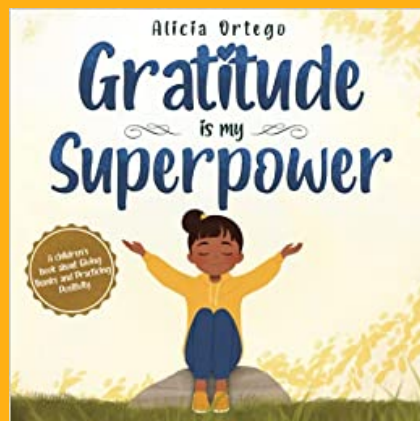
[SIGN UP HERE](#)

### Mary Bartelt's Reading Corner Recommendations for Thanksgiving

Do you desire to teach your children to be happy and thankful for the people and things they already have? I recommend this powerful book titled...

#### *Gratitude is My Superpower* by Alicia Ortego

In this book, Little Betsy learns that it is the simple things in life that bring her happiness. With the help of a magical stone, Betsy begins to feel gratitude for her family, her friends, and even for her toys. All of a sudden, she realizes that she is feeling thankful without using her magic

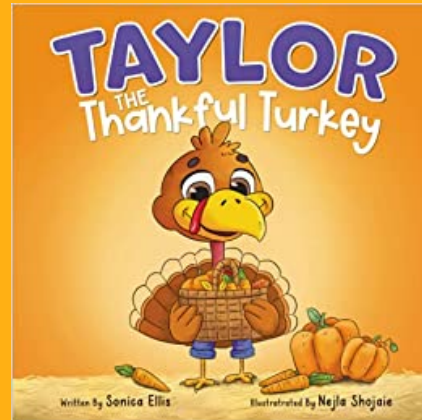




stone. Little Betsy learns that gratitude is hidden in her heart. A Gratitude Journal is included to encourage appreciation of simple things, big and small. This story is filled with lovely rhymes and beautiful illustrations.

**Taylor, The Thankful Turkey**  
by Sonica Ellis, Nejla Shojaie  
Shojaie (Illustrator)

This book is suitable for very young children. This book teaches children that being grateful and thankful is *more* than just being happy for the things you have. It is about showing appreciation for others in your life. This is a positive book that teaches children that having gratitude is the best attitude and that there is *always* something to be thankful for.



**Everyday Thanksgiving: Living a Life Full of Gratitude**  
by Jana Kennedy-Spicer  
(Author), Jodie Barrett  
(Contributor)

Here is a book recommendation for adults. If you are looking for a bible study that includes scripture readings, coloring and journaling pages, and a bonus Every Day Thanksgiving Challenge Journal, then this book is for you. Thanksgiving needs to be a daily ritual of gratitude instead of just one day in November. *"Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*  
*Ephesians 5:20*



***All the books cited above can be found on Amazon. Wishing Everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving with Hearts filled with Gratitude!***

***-Mrs. Mary Bartelt - SJPS Reading Specialist***

**SAVE THE DATE**

**\$5 CHRISTMAS**

**Movie Night!!**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser**

**Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**



St Joseph Parish School Theatre Department is excited to announce this year's Spring Musical will be **Frozen Jr!**

Audition material will be distributed to 4th-8th grade students the week before Christmas Break. Auditions will be held at the end of January. More information to follow in the coming weeks!

If you're interested in assisting in any way, contact Andy Smith at [Music@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:Music@stjosephgrafton.org).

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**BACK  
TO  
THE  
80'S**  
SPRING AUCTION



**SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2022  
ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL**

**Join Us for Mass!  
St. Joseph Parish Holiday Worship Schedule**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**Thanksgiving Day  
9:00 a.m. Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**"Living the Gift of Sunday"  
7:00 p.m. Advent Program**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**The Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Noon Mass  
6:00 p.m. Mass**

**(Christmas Tree Decorating & Blessing to follow.)**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**Christmas Vigil  
3:30 p.m. Carol Service  
4:00 p.m. Mass**

**Mass During the Night  
10:15 p.m. Carol Service  
10:30 p.m. Mass**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**Christmas Day  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
**Solemnity of Mary**  
**Mass of Anticipation Only**  
**4:00 pm. Mass**

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JANUARY 1/2**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**4:00 p.m. Mass of Anticipation**  
**8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**

**Holiday Greetings, St Joseph Parish School Families!**

I hope this note finds you and your entire family healthy and happy! I, Mr. Smith, and the students are all VERY excited to be bringing you an IN-PERSON Christmas concert in a few short weeks, on Wednesday, December 15th, at 6:30 pm in our beautiful worship space. In order for us to be comfortable putting on our BEST show for you, we have a few things that will be different from concerts of the past. We appreciate, in advance, your willingness to work together with us, the students, and staff of St Joseph Parish School, so we can all do our best to be safe, comfortable, and joyful during this Advent and Christmas Season.

- We are requesting that each family please limit attendance at the evening performance to two grown-ups. This will allow us to attempt at least a little bit of social distancing in our large worship space.
- To accommodate large families, especially grandparents who wish to see their grandkids perform, we are inviting guests to the FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL which will be Wednesday afternoon, December 15th, beginning at 1 pm in the Church.
- Masks are encouraged for audience members and while students are sitting close to each other in the pews. Student Performers may choose whether they wish to wear a mask while performing.
- Our students from 3K and 4K will be performing first, as they usually do. After their performance, we usually encourage families to stay for the rest of the concert. This year, after your student is done with their portion of the concert, we are open to your deciding to depart for home. Obviously, if you have other children in older grade levels, you are welcome to stay! 3K and 4K children will be seated with you after they finish performing.
- The evening performance will be both live-streamed to the Parish Youtube Channel, as well as recorded.
- No hospitality will be served after the concert this year.

These steps were chosen in hopes that ALL of our St Joseph families can have a safe, healthy holiday season. As our concert falls close to the time folks will be getting together to celebrate Jesus' birth, we want us all to get to join in that celebration. Thank you for taking these steps to show how we can LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Sincerely,

Mr. Andy Smith

## Relevant Radio

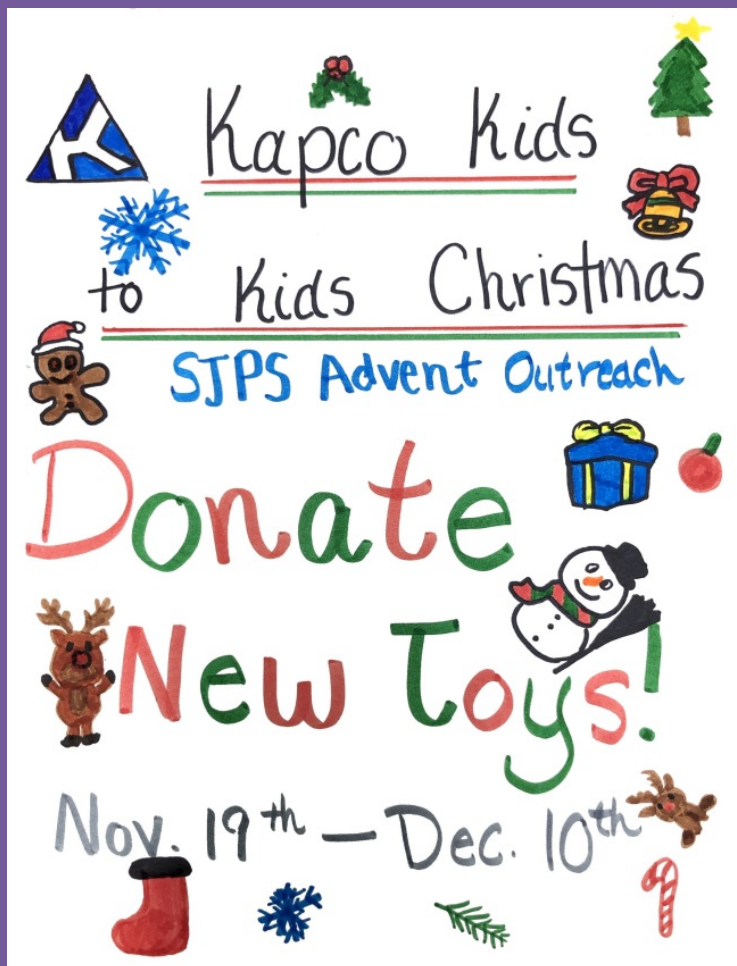
Starting Sunday, Nov. 28 through Friday, Dec. 24, Relevant Radio is offering daily inspirations from Father Rocky for the Advent Season.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

## ADVENT OUTREACH

### Sponsored by K4 & 8th Grade

Bring your new, unwrapped toys to school between now and December 10th.



### Important Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, November 23: End of Trimester 1, 1st-Grade

## Friendsgiving

- November 24-26: No School, Thanksgiving Break
- Thursday, December 2: Hospitality after 9:30 Mass, hosted by 5th grade
- Friday, December 3: Middle School Retreat
- Monday, December 6: School Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 8: Mass 12:00, report cards go home
- Thursday, December 9: Rosary led by 4th-grade 9:30
- Tuesday, December 14: No after school Extended Care
- Wednesday, December 15: Christmas Concert 6:30 pm
- Thursday, December 16: Prayer Service
- Friday, December 17: Movie Night 3:15-5:00 pm, hosted by 8th-Grade
- Tuesday, December 21: All School Bowling
- December 23rd-January 2nd: No School, Christmas Break
- January 3: School Resumes

## ~IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS LANCER TIMES~



Riteway would like to remind everyone that if your child is riding the bus they are required to wear a mask as mandated by Federal Law. The bus company does not provide masks for your children. If riding the bus, please keep an extra mask in your child's backpack.

## HELP!

The Auction Team is looking for people to help plan an in-person Trivia Night as a kick-off to Catholic Schools Week in late January. If you are interested in helping please email [auction@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:auction@stjosephgrafton.org). This is a great opportunity to meet new people and give back to our school.

# We are still missing 47 volunteer commitment forms from our school family.

Volunteers are vital to the success of St. Joseph Parish School! We ask that every family donates a minimum of 10 hours of service to the school to help us reach our mission of "Teaching, Learning, Leading and Serving as the Hands of Christ."



Please carefully read through the volunteer opportunities form below and choose the areas you wish to be part of this school year.

If you have any questions about any of our volunteer opportunities, please contact the school office.

Volunteer Form

## COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccine Locations

For children  
5-11 years old

To find all the options and availability nearest you go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)

● [Concordia University Wisconsin Mequon Campus](#)

12800 North Lake Shore Drive, Mequon WI 53097

● [Children's Hospital of Wisconsin](#)

Various locations available

● [Advocate Aurora](#)

Various locations available

● [Mequon City Hall Clinic](#)

11333 N. Cedarburg Rd, Mequon WI 53092

\*\*First Shots only available November 15-19 for this clinic

Check out [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to see more options available near you!



### Free Scoop Chairs

If you would like a free Scoop Chair for your child please notify the school office. They are light, cute, and sturdy rocker chairs for kids below 50 pounds. We have a large donation of chairs in red and blue. First come first serve.



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## Employment Opportunity

**St. Joseph Parish is looking to hire a part-time custodian, approximately 15 hours a week, to clean the school after hours. Job duties include; cleaning bathrooms, sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, and taking out the trash. Please contact Jay Frymark, Director of Administration, at [jfrymark@stjosephgrifton.org](mailto:jfrymark@stjosephgrifton.org) if you are interested in this position.**



**The 4th grade Girl Scout troop is hosting a winter hat and glove drive. Hats and gloves can be new or clean/gently used. Please send your donation in by November 30th. All hats and gloves will be donated to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. Thank you!**



## SCRIP

**Scrip gift cards make excellent Christmas gifts! Next week a Holiday Scrip order form will go home with your child. Buying Scrip is easy and benefits both the seller and the school. 50% of the profits go back to the seller as a tuition discount for the next school year. Scrip can be purchased**



through the school office at any time.

## Meal Train for Fischer Family

One of our St. Joseph Parish School family members, Amy Fischer, mother of Alexa in our middle school, was diagnosed with cancer in October. Please click the link below to read the update and learn how you can help. Please keep Amy and her family in your prayers.

MEAL TRAIN



*Please support the*

LOVE ONE ANOTHER Catholic Campaign  
for ST JOSEPH PARISH

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Please see the links below for the COVID-19 Illness Flowchart, Health Screening Checklist, When to Stay Home Guidelines, & Health Department Quarantine Guidelines.

We appreciate your support in:

- Promptly notifying the school when your child is sick.
- Promptly notifying the school when your child or a family member is diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Promptly notifying the school when your child is deemed a close contact outside the school setting.
- Continuing to keep your child home from school when they are sick.

Health Screening  
Checklist

Illness Flowchart

When to Stay Home  
Guidelines

Health Department Quarantine Guidelines

Donate to our Annual  
Fund

SCRIP ORDER FORM

St. Joseph Parish School  
1619 Washington St. Grafton, WI  
262-375-6505



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[2021-2022 Parent/Student Handbook](#)

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