

April 14, 2024



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### Important Dates to Remember

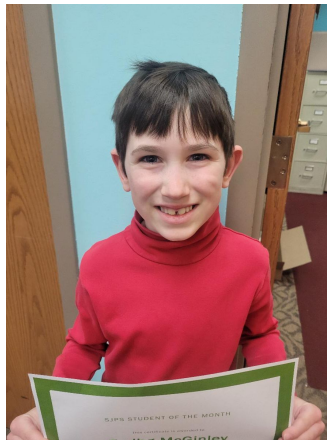
- April 16-19: Wisconsin Forward Testing Grades 3-8
- April 13 & 14: Raise Right sold after weekend Masses
- Wednesday, April 17: 1st-5th Grade First Stage Field Trip 10am, Art-to-Remember online orders due
- Saturday, April 20: Family Open Gym 9-11
- Monday, April 22: Earth Day, School-wide Park Clean Up Day, 1-2pm
- Wednesday, April 24: Craft Class after School
- Thursday, April 25: 1st Grade Hosts 2nd Grade First Communion Hospitality after Mass
- Tuesday, April 30: Middle School Mequon Nature Center field trip 9am
- Saturday, May 4: Auction 5pm

### CONGRATULATIONS!

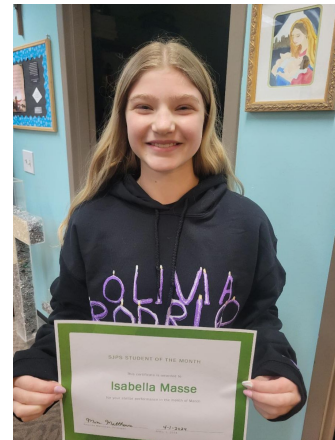
#### March Student of the Month Winners



Mable Gallun  
K3



Tadhg McGinley  
2nd Grade



Isabella Masse  
6th Grade



It's Time! The 2024 SJPS Auction is less than 1 month away and this year we are going for the GOLD! The auction committee has been hard at work preparing for this year's event. We are now asking for volunteers to help make this event a HUGE success! We have many

options for volunteering from making desserts, decorating Doherty Hall, and/or helping the night of the big event. We truly appreciate all your help. SJPS is going for the GOLD!

[Auction Volunteer Sign Up](#)

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to St. Joseph Parish School for being awarded an Office for Schools Security grant in the amount of \$5,000!

*It will be used to enhance school safety by upgrading the main school door security entrance and adding a security lock system to our Extended Care entrance.*

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On Earth Day, the students at SJPS will participate in a park clean-up. They will take an active role in helping their community by cleaning up the school grounds, the field across the street, and Centennial Park.

Students should wear any St. Joe's gear they have.

Parents are welcome to join us.

**April 22, 2024**

**1:00-2:00 PM**

Our rain date will be April 26th

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

# FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 10 - 13**  
**6:00PM - 7:30PM**



SCAN BY MAY 19 TO REGISTER



## **Weekly Classroom Highlights** **By Amanda Christian, K3 Teacher**

The students in our all-day K3 program have been actively engaged in learning and have grown so much. This week, they were particularly enthusiastic about learning about the eclipse. They took part in making moon and sun puppets to demonstrate how the moon moves in front of the sun, explored pictures of the earth, moon, and sun taken by astronauts and other important scientists, and practiced eye safety when looking at the sun.

While the eclipse unit has been a source of fun, our primary focus throughout the year has been on phonological awareness. This foundational skill is crucial for early reading development. Many of our activities are designed to be oral lessons, allowing the children to truly grasp the sounds that each letter makes. By strengthening their phonics base, we are setting these children up for future success as confident and proficient readers.

Additionally, we have had so much fun with various dress-up days, field trips, Catholic Schools Week, and so much more. Up next, the K3 students will learn what it means to be a superhero.





## ~IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS LANCER TIMES~

We are less than a month away from our **Going for the Gold Dinner Auction**, our largest school fundraiser of the year! This engaging event is an opportunity to network with friends, meet new people, bid on 100s of amazing items and enjoy a delicious meal catered by Grafton's own **The Stillery** restaurant.

This success of this event is imperative to our school, and we appreciate your support in many ways:

1. Purchase your tickets to **attend the live event by April 15**: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/zSi/>
2. Consider **donating an item** from our [silent auction wish list](#).
3. Sell and turn in your **\$2024 cash drawing tickets!** Each family had four tickets sent home – more are available in the school and parish offices.

Dinner and \$2024 cash drawing tickets will also be available for purchase after all masses April 6 and 7.

Thanks for supporting SJPS – we can't wait to see you at the event!

# JOIN US ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL AUCTION

Community welcome!



## SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> • 5pm – 10pm

This year's Auction includes:

-  Silent Auction  
(can bid remotely)
-  Live Auction
-  Fund A Need
-  Auction Raffle - with a chance to win \$2,024!
-  Chance to win a Live-Auction item for only \$25!

TICKETS:    RSVP by:  
**\$45**        **APRIL 15th**

Semi-Formal Red, White, Blue, or Gold Attire is encouraged.

The dinner and live auction evening will include delicious hors d'oeuvres and dinner from local restaurant, The Stillery.



Purchase your tickets, pre-register your credit card, and get a "sneak peek" of auction items as they are added. Begin bidding on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Visit: <https://sjps2024auction.givesmart.com> or scan the QR code.



Event location: Doherty Hall, 1619 Washington St, Grafton

[www.stjosephgrafton.org/school](http://www.stjosephgrafton.org/school)

(262) 375-6505 X0



## Fundraiser

A percentage of the proceeds go directly back to  
**St Joseph Parish School**

Order forms were sent home with art made by  
your child for a Mother's Day gift or keepsake

Click the QR Code on the form or go to  
<https://arttoremember.com/school/mkmaqse>

- \* Orders due **April 17**
- \* Items will arrive at school on **May 8**

April Counseling Corner

April Extended Care Sign Up

### **Bags in Backpacks Weekend Food Program**

Did you know, through a partnership with the Family Sharing of Ozaukee County, SJPS offers a grab-and-go bag of nonperishable snacks, breakfast items, and easy-to-prepare food for students to take home over the weekend?

To ensure no child in our school goes hungry, every other Thursday or Friday, any students who are signed up for the program will take home a free grab-and-go bag of food. The intent of the program is to ensure all children have food for the weekend ahead. It's easy to sign up. Just click the link below!

[Click Here to Sign Up for Bags in Backpacks](#)

[Donate to our Annual Fund](#)

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