

January 26, 2025



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

Important Dates to Remember

- **Catholic Schools Week: January 25th-January 31st - see flyer below for details about activities and out-of-uniform days this week**
- **Wednesday, January 29: Children's Choir begins, 8am**
- **Thursday, January 30: Mass at 8:30, Open House 5-7pm**
- **Friday, January 31: Early Release at 11:35, K3-K5 Report Cards go home**
- **Wednesday, February 12: K3-K5 Pastries with Parents Family Breakfast 7:30-8:15.**
- **Thursday, February 13: Mass at 8:30, 3rd Grade hosts hospitality after Mass**
- **Saturday, February 15: Open Gym 9:00-10:30**
- **Thursday, February 20: Mass at 8:30**
- **Friday, February 21: No School, Teacher Inservice**
- **Monday, February 24: No School**



January 2025

Dear Catholic School Parents,

As your new Archbishop, I extend a warm invitation to you to join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2025! This annual event, held from January 26 to February 1, is a special time to recognize the invaluable contributions of our dedicated educators, staff, and, most importantly, our students.

Catholic schools play a vital role in our community, providing a nurturing environment where faith and academics are seamlessly integrated. Our schools strive to instill in our children a strong moral compass, a love of learning, and a deep understanding of the Catholic faith.

During Catholic Schools Week, we will have the opportunity to:

- Showcase the outstanding work of our students and teachers.
- Express our gratitude to the many individuals who make our schools possible.
- Highlight the unique benefits of a Catholic education.
- Invite the broader community to learn more about our schools.

I encourage you to participate in the various activities and events planned for Catholic Schools Week. Whether it's attending an open house, volunteering your time, or simply spending time with your child and discussing the importance of their Catholic education, your involvement is deeply appreciated.

Let us join together to celebrate the blessings of Catholic education and to ensure that our schools continue to thrive for generations to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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February Extended Care Sign Up

Please click the link below to sign up for morning and afternoon extended care.

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Calendar of Cash Winners Congratulations!

1/21/25 ~ Gabrielle Belknap ~ \$100

1/22/25 ~ Michelle Spring ~ \$25

1/23/25 ~ Rhonda Bowman ~ \$50
1/24/25 ~ Elizabeth Wieland ~ \$50

A check will be mailed to the winners.



Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Andy Smith, Music Teacher

Things are hopping in the Music Department at St Joseph Parish School! After our successful Christmas Concert, and a nice long break for all, this month we are preparing for our Catholic Schools Week Variety Show, with many great acts getting ready for your entertainment. The Variety Show will take place on Tuesday, January 28th at 1:30pm in Doherty Hall. Join us if you can!

We have also held auditions for our Spring Musical. This year we are doing *Into The Woods Jr.*, with music by Stephen Sondheim, it follows the stories of some rather familiar fairy tale characters. I'm looking forward to tackling this challenging musical with our talented St Joseph Parish School students!



~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

2025-26 School Year Registration Is Now OPEN!

[Click Here to Register](#)

[Click Here to Pay Registration Fee By Credit/Debit Card](#)

In order to secure your spot, the \$200 registration fee must either be sent via cash or check to the school office or paid online using credit/debit through our online giving portal. After February 15th the registration fee increases to \$250.

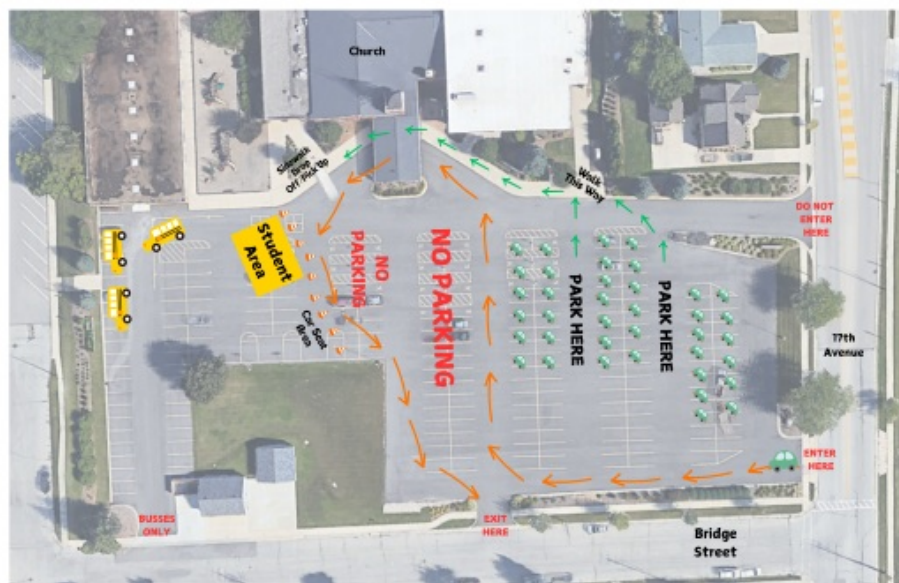
Spots in our K3, K4 and K5 programs will fill up quickly, so don't delay. Community Registration begins January 27th.

It's that time of year, for everyone's safety and sanity, to remind all families of our drop off and pick up procedures:

- Children in car seats can ONLY be dropped off or picked up using the car line option if you PULL UP to the far side of the car line alongside the cones near the basketball hoops. This way you are not blocking all of the cars behind you from getting out as you remove your child from their car seat.
- DO NOT walk through or in front of the car line to drop off or pick up your child.
- Anyone using sidewalk drop off/pick up MUST park on the FAR EAST SIDE of the parking lot and walk along the sidewalk in front of the church to drop off or pick up their child. This protects all of our children and families.

Use the route in the picture below for entering and exiting the line.

St. Joseph Parish School Drop Off/Pick Up Map



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 27 - 31



MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Up: Teacher and Student Swap Day (teachers dress as students, students dress as teachers) • Activity: Minute to Win It games, 1:45 in the gym
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Up: Character Day (cartoon, movie, book, theater, etc.) • Activity: Variety Show, 1:30 in Doherty Hall
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Up: PJ/Comfy Day • Activity: Movie at Rivoli Theatre, 8:45
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Up: Monochromatic Day (wear one color from head to toe; your choice of color) AND Anything But a Water Bottle Day • Activity: Whole school board games and tape Mrs. Matthews to the wall, 2:00 in Doherty hall • Open House, 5:00-7:00
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Up: Spirit Wear- Lancer Pride Day • Activity: 8th grade students vs. parents/teachers volleyball game, 10:00 in the gym • Early release, 11:35
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Valentines outreach project • Guessing jars

January Counseling Corner By Mrs. Burkhalter, School Counselor

Come Sing With Us!
St Joseph Parish School Children's Choir!
New Start Date is Wednesday, January 29th

St Joseph Parish School Children's Choir is offered to students from 2nd grade and up this year. This choir will rehearse on Wednesday mornings, from 8:00am-8:20am in the school music room. This choir will sing at Thursday morning liturgies on a regular basis, learning special songs for preludes, offertory songs, or after communion.

School Children's Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, January 29th at 8am, in the Music Room.

Blessings to you, and see you at Mass!

Andy Smith, Director of Liturgical Music asmith@stjosephgrafton.org 262-375-6505



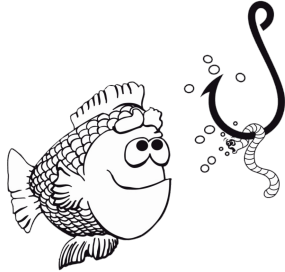
Click below for volunteer and donation opportunities for Catholic Schools Week weekend Masses and Open House. Opportunities are for students and adults. This sign up includes singing at the 4pm Mass on January 25th. Thank you for your help!

CSW Volunteers

Link for our Book Fair Homepage:
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stjosephparishschool>

Sign Up for adult Book Fair Volunteers:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAFA629A7F9C52-50809705-sjps>

Fish Fries are coming!



Volunteers Needed!

March 7th, 14th, 21st
April 4th, 11th

Dessert Coordinator:

Would you like to be part of a fantastic Lenten tradition at St. Joes? We are looking for a Fish Fry Dessert Room Coordinator. This includes contacting our parish bakers and school families to coordinate donated desserts, leading dessert set up and pre-packing on Fish Fry Fridays, and helping as needed during the events to ensure our tasty desserts are enjoyed by all. Detailed instructions and guidance are provided.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Would you like to be part of a fantastic Lenten tradition at St. Joes? We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator for Fish Fries. Your role includes creating and managing the SignUp Genius, and helping to arrange volunteers for each week's Fish Fries. Detailed instructions and guidance are provided.

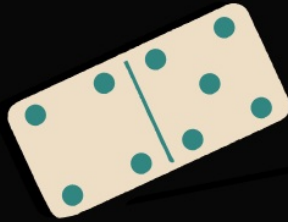
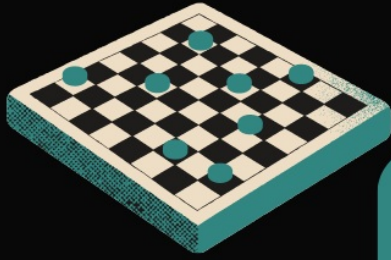
Beverage Coordinator:

Would you like to be part of a fantastic Lenten tradition at St. Joes? We are looking for a Beverage Coordinator. As lead, you would work with our local supplier to stock our Fish Fry bar each week, as well as recruit bartenders for each Fish Fry. Detailed instructions and guidance are provided.

Call or email the school office or contact Fish Fry Chair, Andrea Hayes, at arakoczy13@gmail.com if you are interested in one of these leads.

SAVE THE DATE!

*St. Joseph Parish School
presents*



A Night of

GAMES

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ANNUAL AUCTION

SATURDAY

MAY 3 2025 5pm

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1619 WASHINGTON ST.
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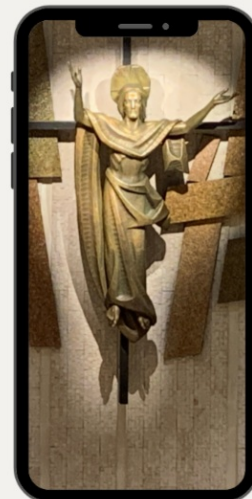
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2024-2025 Parent/Student Handbook

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