

October 5th, 2025



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

Administration email: principal@stjosephgraffton.org

Important Dates to Remember

- School Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00pm - Mon. 10/6
- K3 - K5 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip - Mon. 10/6
- Auction Committee Meeting, 6:00pm - Tues. 10/7
- Spirit Wear Day - Fri. 10/10
- Dominican HS visit for 5th-8th - Fri. 10/10
- Caramel Apple Order pick up, 3:00 - 3:30pm - Fri. 10/10
- No School, teacher in-service - Mon. 10/13
- Catholic Schools Walk, 9:30am - Thurs. 10/16
- Internet Safety Presentation, 4th-8th - Wed. 10/22



~ An Invitation from the Leadership Team ~

Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

Over the next couple of months, we have a bunch of exciting events to look forward to and wanted to take a moment to extend a personal invitation to all of our families!

One of our biggest fundraisers of the year, our Annual Family Fun Night - Monster Mash is shaping up to be a "spooktacular" time! All families, parishioners and community members are invited to join us on Friday, October 24th for a night of raffles, kids games, dining, dancing and a Haunted Hallway sponsored by the 8th grade class! Food will be provided by local restaurant, The Stillery - use the link in the flyer below to register for a delicious chicken and pasta dinner!

This is a wonderful, community-building event to support our school. Come dressed in your Halloween costume if you wish and spend the evening enjoying the company of our school families and staff!

We hope to see everyone there!

Blessings,

St. Joseph Parish School Leadership Team



17th Annual Family Fun Night Monster Mash - Friday, October 24

Join us for an evening of dinner, games, and Halloween fun! Highlights include carnival games, kids' raffle, a haunted hallway, dancing, bake sale, and more.

Dinner: Spaghetti and mac & cheese catered by The Stillery, Grafton. If you are interested in dinner, tickets must be purchased in advance by Monday, October 13 using the order form. ([LINK TO ATTACHED FORM](#))

Tickets for games, haunted hallway, and kids' raffle will be sold via cash at the event. Admission is otherwise free.

Donations Needed: Kids' raffle prizes (always a hit!) plus a few drinks and snacks. Please [sign up here](#) and return donations marked FFN to the school office by Monday, October 13.

Thank you for your support—we can't wait to see you there!

Message from the Business Office:

Invoices for tuition have been sent to email addresses on file. Please make sure to check your Spam folder to ensure you are receiving these. For those families who are past due with their payments, copies August and September invoices are being sent home. October invoices will be sent out no later than Monday, October 6th.

JOIN US

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK

Join us as we walk to celebrate Catholic schools, build community, and raise funds that stay at our school.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16TH

9:30AM - AFTER MASS

To Donate: <https://pushpay.com/g/stjosephgrifton>

1619 Washington Street, Grafton



ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK & ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$10,000!

IF WE RAISE THESE AMOUNTS,
STUDENTS RECEIVE THESE REWARDS:

\$5,000

AFTERNOON ALL-SCHOOL
MOVIE & POPCORN!

\$7,500

ALL-SCHOOL ICE CREAM
SUNDAE PARTY!

\$10,000

ALL-SCHOOL PICNIC AT CENTENNIAL
PARK WITH OUTDOOR GAMES



WALL OF HONOR

**OUR 1ST AND K5 STUDENTS ARE CREATING A SPECIAL PROJECT
FOR VETERAN'S DAY, WHICH THEY WILL PRESENT AT MASS ON
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025**

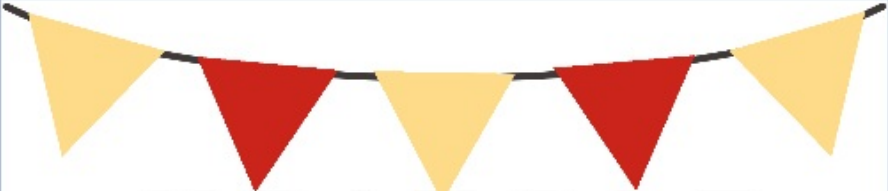
**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HONOR A VETERAN IN YOUR LIFE ON
OUR WALL OF HONOR, PLEASE BRING A 4X6 PHOTO AND GIVE
TO MISS JOHNSON OR MRS. TEMPLE. PHOTOS MAY BE OF
VETERANS WHO ARE LIVING OR HAVE PASSED AWAY.**

ON THE BACK OF THE PHOTO, INCLUDE:

- **VETERANS NAME**
- **BRANCH OF SERVICE**
- **YEARS SERVICED**

*****PLEASE NOTE: PHOTOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED. *****

SJPS First Grade & Kindergarten Students



KRINGLE SALE

MON. 10/6 - THURS. 10/30

A wonderful holiday treat!

*Help support the 8th grade class in
raising funds for the End-of-Year Trip!*



12 Flavors \$12.50/ea. 22oz. Oval

Pick up 3-3:30 on Fri. 11/14

You are invited!

CALLED BY NAME

A FUN night with religious sisters & friars.

(For ages K3 to 8th grade and their parents)

Wed. Oct. 22nd, 2025 - 6-7:30pm

NEW THIS YEAR: Talk and Q&A for Parents
by Sr. Miriam James Heidland & Fr. John Burns

"The Call: What it sounds like and how to uphold it"



Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, is a popular Catholic speaker, author of bestselling books such as *Loved as I Am*, and a cohost of the [Abiding Together](#) podcast.



Father John Burns (Fr. Patrick's Brother) is a founder of Friends of the Bridegroom, an apostolate dedicated to the renewal of the Church through the renewal of women's religious life.

See the link below for more information
& to register

<https://tinyurl.com/4c5feawh>



Happening
alongside

Magnify

An event for HS girls



ST. FRANCIS BORGIA
CATHOLIC PARISH



FRIENDS of the
BRIDEGROOM



MAGNIFY NIGHT

short reflection, prayer, discussion & ice cream

Oct. 22, 6:30-8:30pm
St. Francis Borgia, Cedarburg

Mar. 05, 6:30-8:30pm
St. Sebastian, Racine

MAGNIFY BRUNCH

short reflection, prayer, discussion & a meal

Dec. 13, 10:00am-12:00pm
St. Dominic, Brookfield

Apr. 18, 10:00am-12:00pm
St. Teresa of Calcutta, North Lake

MAGNIFY RETREAT

Feb. 7-8, 2026
Camp Whitcomb Mason



Learn more and
register online.

renewreligious.org/learn-more



FRIENDS of the
BRIDEGROOM

GRAFTON HOOPS SKILLS LEAGUE

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

GRADES 1-5 BOYS & GIRLS

THE GRAFTON HOOPS SKILLS LEAGUE IS DESIGNED FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN 1ST-5TH GRADE AND FOCUSES ON BUILDING BASKETBALL FUNDAMENTALS THROUGH SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND LIVE GAME PLAY. SESSIONS ARE HELD ON SATURDAY MORNINGS THIS WINTER, AND EACH PLAYER WILL RECEIVE BOTH GEAR AND INSTRUCTION TO MAKE THE SEASON FUN AND REWARDING. THIS YEAR WE WILL BE CAPPING THE MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS AT 90 SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO REGISTER EARLY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT.

JAN 10 - FEB 21
SATURDAYS

8:30-9:15AM OR 9:20-10:35AM
(TIME BASED ON REGISTRATION NUMBERS)
JOHN LONG MIDDLE SCHOOL
(2/14 AT GHS AUX. GYM)

\$100/PLAYER

REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://GO.TEAMSNAP.COM/FORMS/499894](https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/499894)

ADDITIONAL INFO :

EACH PLAYER RECEIVES A BASKETBALL AND PRACTICE JERSEY
SESSIONS FEATURE SKILLS TRAINING + 5V5 SCRIMMAGES
PLAYERS BRING A LABELED BASKETBALL FOR WEEK 1
NO RESCHEDULES IF A SNOW DAY OCCUR



SJPS at Weekend Masses

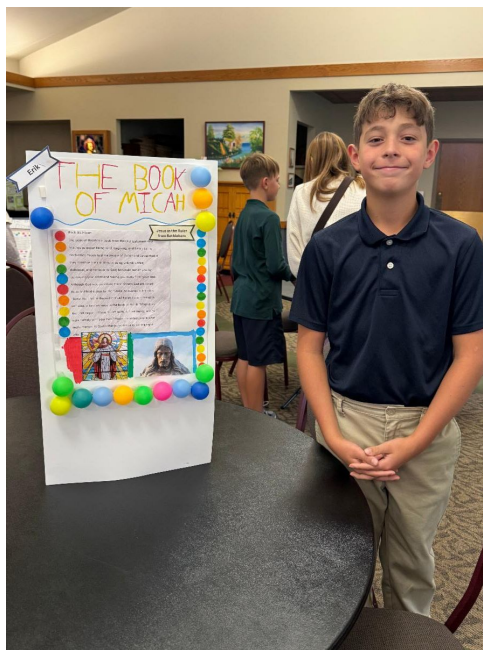
This year, as a school, we will be collectively focusing on continuing to enhance our School-Parish connection. To that regard, each month, a homeroom/grade will be featured at a weekend Mass!

What this all includes is: students are invited to attend Mass with their families (preferably in uniform), a piece of work they have done or an activity will be set up in the Gathering Space for parishioners to see how awesome we are as a school and to invite them to interact with school families, Fr. Tim will say a little "blurb" during Mass to showcase that grade and a light hospitality will be provided.

A schedule of each homeroom's weekend Masses are:

- **October 19th @ 8:00am - 3rd & 4th**
- **November 9th @ 10:30am - K5 & 1st**
- **January 24th - 25th @ all Masses - All classes(Catholic Schools Week)**
- **February 14th @ 4:00pm - K4**
- **March 15th @ 8:00am - 2nd & 3rd**
- **April 19th @ 10:30am - 5th - 8th**

This past weekend, the Middle School students presented their research project on "Who is Jesus in the Old Testament." Each student summarized their assigned Old Testament book, identified a theme as to "Who Jesus is" based on the text and chose two verses and images that symbolized Jesus's character/personality as he was revealed to humanity. They did a GREAT job!





Calling All Basketball Players!

St Francis Borgia would love to have you join their team! Students who are interested in playing this year, should complete the form attached below by 10/10/25.



[Basketball Sign Up](#)



2025-26 School T-Shirts, Lancer T-Shirts, & Sweatshirts

If you had purchased Lancer Spirit wear, your order and your order was delayed - they have arrived! Please contact Daphne Lingsweiler in the School Office if you have not received your order!

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Mrs. Jackie Stengel, Art Teacher

A Creative Start to the School Year in the Art Room

The art room has been buzzing with creativity and curiosity from our youngest learners to our middle school artists. Each grade level has explored projects that not only develop their artistic skills but also deepen their understanding of themselves, their communities, and the world around them.

Our early childhood artists embraced the joy of creativity by focusing on friendship and self-expression. Through engaging read-alouds like *Artish* by

Peter H. Reynolds and *The Crayon Box That Talked* by Shane DeRolf, illustrated by Michael Letzig, students learned that everyone is an artist and that our unique differences make our creative community stronger.

The K5 students extended these ideas by exploring the concept of place and belonging. After watching a read-aloud of *My Map Book* by Sara Fanelli, students created their own abstract maps of their communities — focusing on their homes and families. We also discussed the difference between an author and an illustrator and learned how to identify each role when reading a book.

In elementary school, we kicked off the year by exploring the themes of identity and memory. Students learned how artists use their work to tell personal stories — studying David Hockney’s photo collages and experimenting with their own Polaroid memory pieces. We also looked at Jake Patterson’s work and discovered how something as simple as an emoji can communicate feelings and experiences.

In middle school, we dove right into building a strong foundation for the year ahead. Students reviewed the seven elements of art — line, shape, color, value, form, texture, and space — and then applied their knowledge to a comprehensive project that combined all of them into one piece. We’ve now shifted our focus to the principles of design, starting with balance. To explore this concept, students are designing stained glass-inspired windows that incorporate holy symbols, transforming simple picture frames into meaningful works of art.

No matter the age or project, the art room continues to be a space where students learn to think creatively, express themselves boldly, and see the world through an artist’s lens.





~ GIFT CARDS OF GRATITUDE ~

A **HUGE** thank you to all the SJPS families who graciously donated gif cards from various local establishments and varying amounts to be used this year as a way to show appreciation for our SJPS Staff!

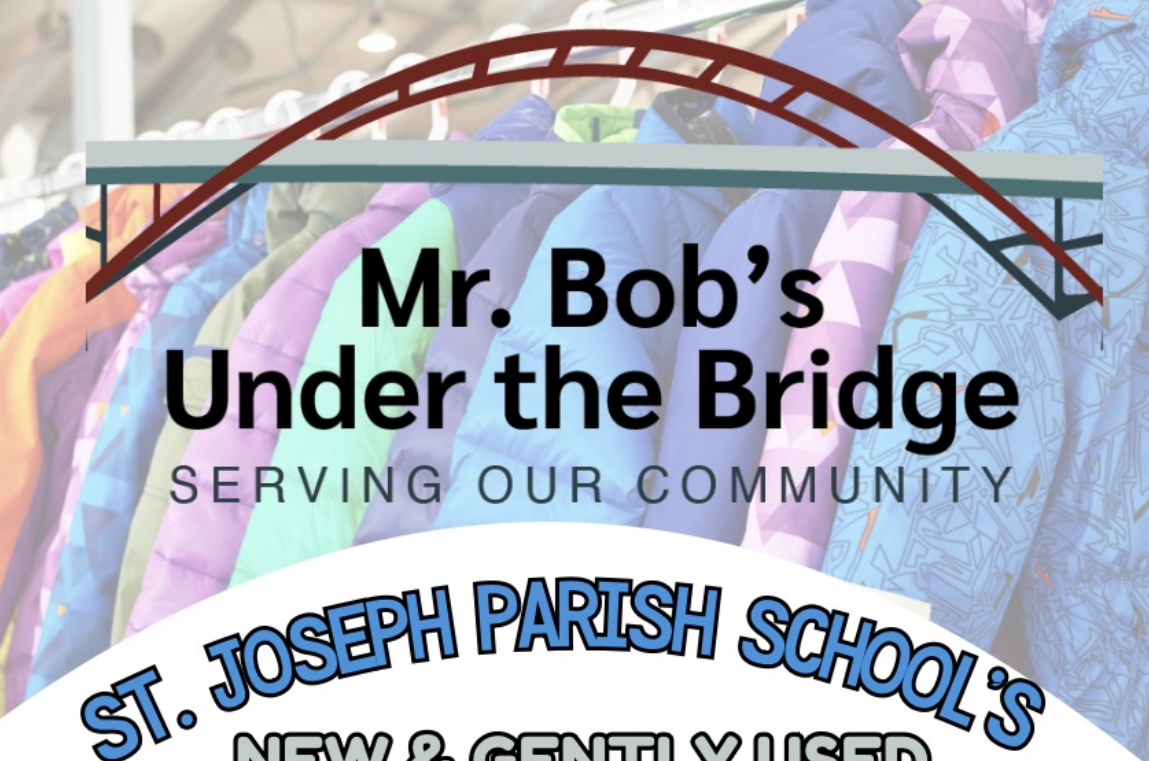


Each full, 5-day week, during announcements, a student randomly draws a staff member's name and they are awarded a "gift card of gratitude." This is an unbelievably generous and exciting gift we are able to share with our staff.

Winners so far this year:

- Mr. Smith - \$25 Target
- Ms. Myers - \$10 Amazon
- Mrs. O'Dell - \$5 Culvers

~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~



Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL'S
NEW & GENTLY USED

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Help Keep Our Community Warm!

Our 1st and 4th grade students at St. Joseph Parish School are collecting new and gently used WINTER COATS (all sizes) for their October service project.

All donations will be given to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge to help those in need this winter. Donations can be brought to the SJPS school office during school hours 8:15am - 3:15pm, Monday - Friday.

OCTOBER 1ST - OCTOBER 31ST

Parent/Volunteer Survey

Please take a moment to complete the three question survey below to help us track our in-school parent volunteers to ensure the safety of our students and security of the school and that any one volunteering is SafeGuarded.

Thank you!

[Volunteer Survey](#)



RAINBOWS.

Guiding our youth through the storms of life

Monday from 6:00 to 7:00pm
12 week session, starting October 20th

Rainbows is a **free**, 12-week program offered by Ozaukee Family Services for children and adolescents (grades K-12) who are experiencing major family changes such as divorce or the death of a loved one. The program provides a safe and supportive environment where children can express their feelings, build self-esteem, and develop healthy coping strategies.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Small, age-based groups where children connect with peers facing similar challenges.
- Engaging activities and meaningful discussions in a fun and supportive setting.
- Compassionate and trained facilitators who create a trusting and confidential space.
- A concurrent support group for parents to help navigate family changes together.

WHY RAINBOWS?

This program helps children and teens understand their emotions, feel less alone, and develop resilience as they adjust to life's transitions.

Rainbows provides a "rainbow after the storm," guiding children toward healing and hope.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Duration: 12 weeks | October 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 24 December 1, 8, 15 January 5, 12, 19 (final session)
(If Rainbows needs to be canceled due to inclement weather, we will have our final session on January 26th.)

Location: Ozaukee Family Services
Registration: Required (space is limited)
Cost: **FREE**
FREE Childcare available with sign up!

Questions:
Laura Smith
262-376-7774 ext 151



SAFETY REMINDER

A gentle, yet firm reminder to all families who utilize Extended Care in the mornings or afternoons as we have received complaints from the community:

- 16th Avenue, the road that the doors of Extended Care open out to, is a ONE-WAY street. You **MUST** enter right off of Highway 60 on the north side of the school and park in the angled parking spots.
- You may **NOT** drive the **WRONG** direction and enter from the south roadway. You will be ticketed by GPD if caught doing so.



Drop-Off & Pick-Up

We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school. Here is a reminder of our drop-off and pick-up procedure.

1. **Bus** - Students taking the bus will be dropped off between 8:00 & 8:15. After school, they will be supervised in the bus line located by the elementary wing doors.
2. **Car Line** - Parents may use the car pick-up line to stay in their car and drop off and pick up their child along the cones. Please do not park under the canopy. *This is the preferred method in the morning, as it makes it much easier on the little ones who sometimes have a hard time letting go. **Parents of children requiring a carseat must pull their car all the way up to the cones closest to the basketball hoops if they need get out of the car to buckle or unbuckle their child.**
3. **Sidewalk** - Parents may park in the parking spaces on the east side of the parking lot and walk along the sidewalk by the church to drop off or gather their child by the playground. **For the safety of everyone, do not walk in front of or between the cars in the pick-up line.**
4. **Middle School Only Option** - Middle School Students may walk to the far end of the sidewalk past the church and meet their parent/guardian at their parked car in one of the designated parking spots on the far east side of the parking lot. This applies only to Middle School Students who do not have a younger sibling.

Please remember, students are not allowed to play on the playground after school unless they are supervised by their parent/guardian.

Map

Join
US!

**SEPTEMBER 9th–
NOVEMBER 25th**



**SAINT
JOSEPH**
PARISH
SCHOOL

Crokinole Club

**\$20 Fee to Help
Purchase Boards**

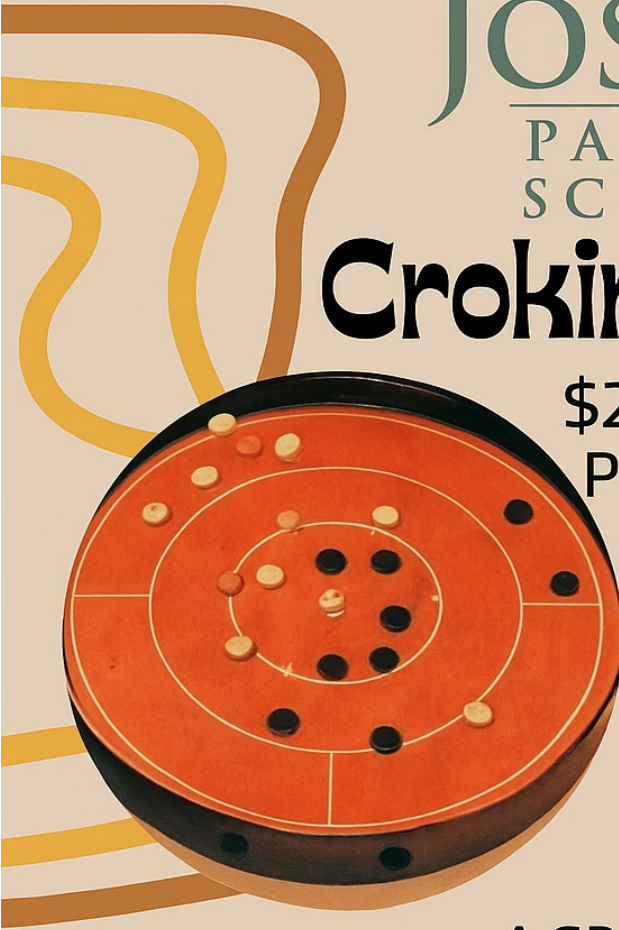
Hosted by:

ANDY SMITH

**CLUB WILL MEET THE
2nd AND 4th TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

**A GREAT CHANCE TO
HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

FINAL TOURNAMENT WITH PRIZES!



HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE

is looking for more volunteers!

We are a mighty force backed by a few committed individuals! Home & School supports many wonderful events to raise money for the school, recognize teachers, and engage your kids. These are just a few of the events they've supported.

- Back to School Picnic
- Teacher Appreciation
- Raise Right
- Room Parent Activities
- Family Fun Night
- Christmas Concert Hospitality
- Open House
- Catholics Schools Week/Walk
- Scholastics Book Fair
- Grandparent's Day

If you are interested or have suggestions for improvement, please contact **Huong Le** at Homeandschool@stjosephgraffton.org or text 262-573-9733

Special Thanks to our Home & School Committee Leaders who carried out all the events your child was able to enjoy this year

- Amy De Ruyter
- Becky Meyer
- Brittney Hess
- Hannah Belknap-Webber
- Mary Baylor
- Melissa Iserloth
- Shannon Morgan



SJPS Extended Care: If you are in need of childcare for your SJPS student, we are pleased to offer both morning (6:30 - 8:00am) and evening (3:15 - 6:00pm) childcare through our Extended Care Program. Please use the link provided to sign up your student(s).

*We know things happen, but if you need to sign-up for a day after the Monday of that week, please

reach out to Amanda Christian via email @ achristian@stjosephgraffton.org or through the Extended Care Class Dojo to confirm your child's placement

2025-2026 School Advisory Committee

The SAC Committee works closely with SJPS Leadership to further enhance the culture, marketing and student-family life at St Joe's.

There is still one spot still available for this committee. Please reach out to the school office if you are interested.

September SAC Meeting Minutes



RAISERIGHT TUITION CREDIT OPPORTUNITY

Buy RaiseRight Gift Cards Today!

For those of you new to the school, RaiseRight is a gift-card fundraiser for our school. You can order gift cards from almost anywhere you shop through the office at any time! This year, we will continue to offer a 50/50 profit split with families who order gift cards. 50% of all profits will be applied to the following year's tuition. You must indicate the family you would like the tuition credit applied to on your order form.

As of 9/5/25, we are placing a "Hold" on ordering any new RaiseRight giftcards. In lieu of physical gift cards, the Raise Right program is available online that has a broad selection that is delivered electronically for a nominal fee of \$0.29 with no cost for shipping!

[Click Here to See our Current Gift Card Inventory](#)



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

If you would like to volunteer in the school in any capacity during the school day, you **MUST** first complete Safe Environment Training. This includes going on field trips.

You must first register through the Arch website (link at bottom of the page).

[Register for Safe Environment Training HERE](#)

Donate to our Annual
Fund

RAISERIGHT ORDER FORM

Visit our Website

Parish Bulletin Look-up

2025-2026 Parent/Student Handbook

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

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~St Joseph Parish School: Teaching, Learning, Leading and Serving as the Hands of Christ~

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