

January 11th, 2026



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

Administration email: principal@stjosephgrafton.org

Important Dates to Remember

- Fish Fry Meeting (Mrs. Gratz's classroom), 6:30pm - Mon. 1/12
- GHS Freshman Experience, 6:30pm - Tues. 1/13
- GHS Counselor Talk w/ 8th graders - Tues. 1/13
- iReady Testing - Tues. 1/13/26 - Thurs. 1/15
- No School, teacher inservice for Sustaining the Mission - Mon. 1/19
- 8th grade vs Parent-Teacher Volleyball game, 1:30pm - Fri. 1/23
- Catholic Schools Week Kick-off - Sat. 1/24/26 at 4pm Mass
- Book Fair Open - Sun. 1/25 - Thurs. 1/29
- Open House, 5:00pm - Thurs. 1/29
- Early release, 11:35am - Fri. 1/30
- Culvers Share Night for SJPS, 5-8pm - Wed. 2/4

~ A Message from the Leadership Team ~



Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast helps to remind us that through our own Baptism we become children of God and members of the Church. This feast also marks the end of the Christmas season. We hope that each of our St. Joseph Parish School families will continue to experience the joy, peace and love being a child of God brings to our lives.

Blessings,

St. Joseph Parish School Leadership Team

If you are in need of additional name placards for family cars, please reach out to us at principal@stjosephgrafton.org

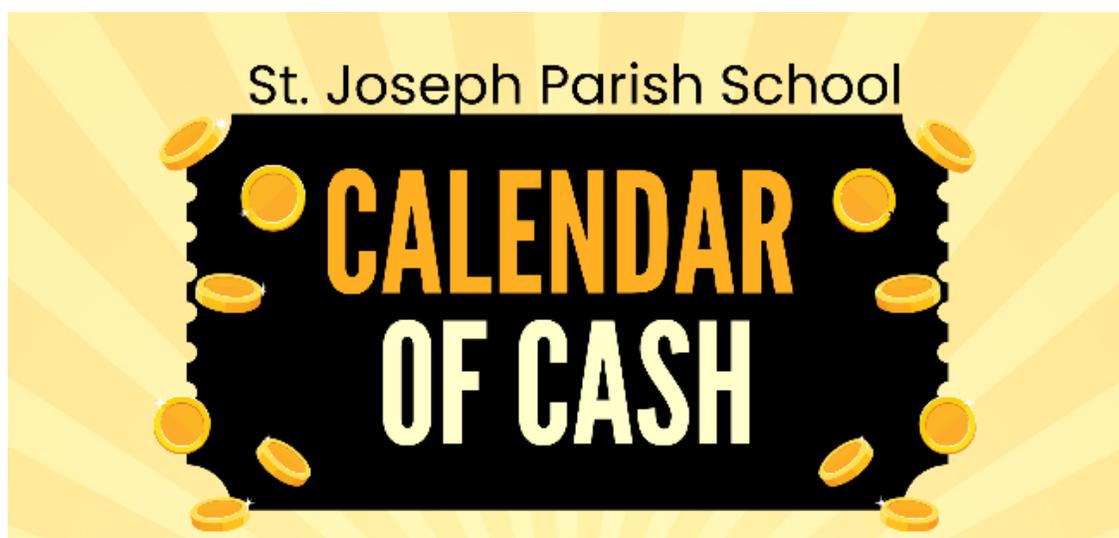
Inclement Weather School Closures

In the event of inclement weather, our school will follow the guidance and closure decisions of the Grafton School District. Any delays or closures will be communicated to families as soon as possible. Notifications will be sent via email and text message and will also be shared with local news stations. Please be sure your contact information is up to date so you receive timely alerts. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we prioritize the safety of our students and staff.

Reminder

Just a gentle reminder that this time of year can also bring an increase in illnesses among students. To help keep our school community healthy, we kindly ask that you keep your child home if they are experiencing any symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, vomiting, or other signs of illness.

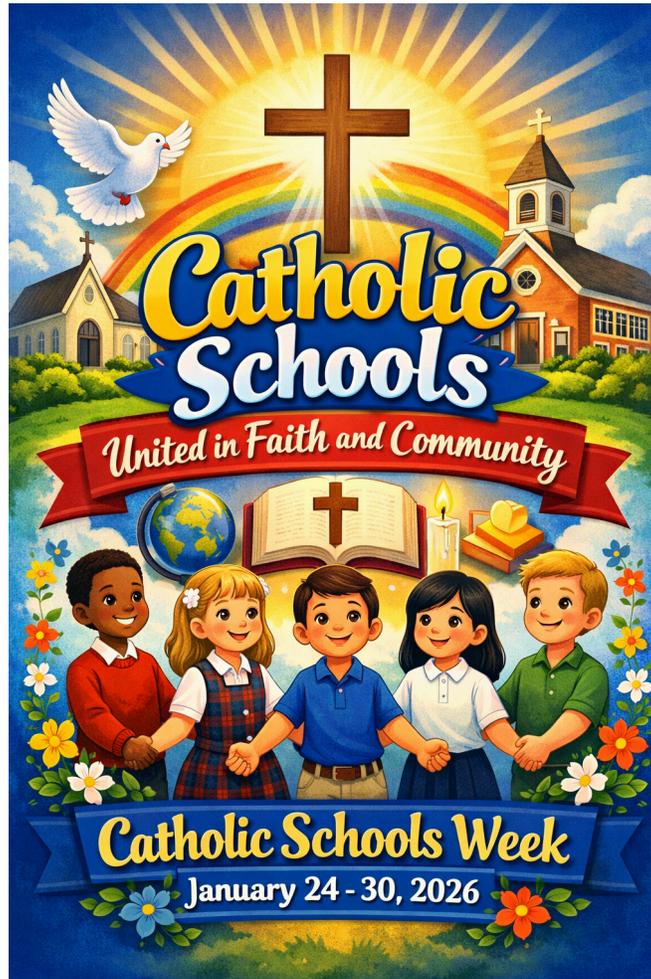
Allowing children time to rest and recover at home helps prevent the spread of illness and supports a safe learning environment for everyone. Please remember that our school policy for returning after an absence states: The student may return to school when he/she has no fever, is no longer vomiting, or is diarrhea free for 24 hours. Those 24 hours should be without the support of over the counter medications.



Calendar of Cash Winners:

1/5/2026 Julie Vanderlopp \$100
1/6/2026 Shirley Nowak \$50
1/7/2026 The Krombach Family \$25
1/8/2026 Alma Alvarez \$50
1/9/2026 Rose Baker \$100

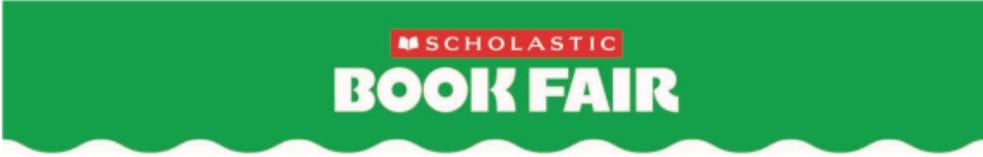
Checks will be mailed to each winner. Congratulations!



As we prepare for Catholic Schools Week, we are looking for students and/or families to participate in our weekend Kick-off Masses. Volunteer opportunities are available for reading petitions, bringing the gifts to the altar, greeters, and hospitality.

Please see the Signup Genius to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A4A723ABFCE9-61540299-kickoff>



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR

Dear SJPS Families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to build your child's home library with new books they'll dive into again and again.

The easiest way to let your child shop the Fair independently is by creating an eWallet. It's easy to set up and easy for others to add funds. Just visit our Book Fair Homepage listed below.

Here's everything else you need to know about the Book Fair which will be held in the SJPS Library!

Book Fair at SJPS will be open, Jan 25 – Jan 29, 2026

- Sunday, 1/25: Before/After Mass (9a-12p)
- Monday through Wednesday, 1/26 - 1/28: Lunch Hours (11a-1p) and After School (3p-4:30p)
- Thursday, 1/29: Lunch Hours (11a-1p), After School (3p-4p), During Open House (5p-7p)

In addition to the main event, we have a few other opportunities for you to help make this successful:

- **Book Fair Set-up:** Monday, 1/19 (8a-12p)
- **Teacher Preview Day:** Wednesday, 1/21 (12p-1p) and Thursday, 1/22 (11a-2p)
- **Early Childhood Preview:** Thursday, 1/22 (11a-1p) and Friday, 1/23 (10a-1p)
- **Book Fair Tear-Down:** Friday, 1/30 (8a-11:30a)

More than ever, we need to get students reading. Studies prove* that children with more books at home have higher-level reading skills, and attain more years of education overall.

Lastly, this is a great opportunity to be a Book Fair volunteer! See the **Sign-Up Genius in the 1/11 Lancer Times**. When you give your time, it helps make our Fair an unforgettable reading experience where *every purchase* benefits our school directly. Email me if you want to volunteer and Happy reading!

Huong Le, Home & School Coordinator: homeandschool@stjosephgrifton.org

Book Fair homepage: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stjosephparishschool>

*Scholastic Research & Validation. (2023). Scholastic Home Libraries Topic Paper. New York: Scholastic

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Signup Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF629A7F9C52-61474192-sjps>

NEIGHBORS

Supporting Neighbors



WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 4 • 5-8PM

Join us in supporting St. Joseph Parish School as 15% of all sales will be donated. Can't make it for dinner? You can also support by getting a gift card throughout the entire day as 15% of all gift card sales will also be donated.

There's no limit to how much heart you can put into the community - and we're always looking for opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors. Join us and consider giving what you can to our local cause today.

Thank you for your support!

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SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

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THANK YOU!

OUR SJPS TEACHERS AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR HOLIDAYS JOYFUL BY COVERING RECESS, THE LUNCHROOM OR DONATING TO OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!

~ WE ARE TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE SO MUCH SUPPORT FROM OUR FAMILIES ~

Mr. Kempf

Mrs. Christian

K. Longoria

Mrs. Vaculile

Mrs. Gratz

Ms. Myers

Miss Jackson

Mrs. Lemke

Mrs. Lingweiler

Miss Johnson

M.R.O.

Susan Temple

Cheryl Wgtasiak

Peggy Beaver

Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Kim





Our Lenten **St. Joseph Fish Fries** are rapidly approaching! If you would like to get involved in the planning process, please join us at our meeting on Monday December 15th at 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph School Library.

Role	Description
- Marketing and Signage Captain	- Arrange with local media to share promotional material for fish fry events
- Dessert Captain	- Coordinate dessert emails for school families and parish bakers; assist with day of set up and portioning
- Sponsor Captain	- Reach out to local businesses for sponsors to offset costs
- Scheduling/Volunteer Captain	- Manage Sign up genius for volunteers and assign volunteer roles for each fish fry
- Fryer Captain	- Manage main fryers during fish fries to cook during each event
- Beverage Captain	- Recruit bartenders for the events, pick up alcohol and NA beverages for each event

Contact Andrea Hayes (Arakoczy13@gmail.com, cell: 262-617-8128) if you are interested or with questions. More communications will be sent out after Christmas for the event-time volunteering.

We look forward to seeing you at the St. Joseph Fish Fries!

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Mrs. Vaculik K4 Teacher

School Scene - By: Nicole Vaculik, K4 Teacher

The main theme in K4 last month was Thanksgiving. The students learned about the traditional festive foods, enjoyed songs, books, games, and projects about turkeys, hosted a Pie Party with parents, and spent time reflecting on the blessings in our lives for which we are thankful. While participating in one of these heartfelt discussions, one child commented, "I LOVE Church!" To which I replied, "That makes my heart so happy to hear you say that, and I bet it makes Jesus' heart happy, too!" (We talk A LOT in K4 about how our actions affect Jesus' heart.) Upon listening to my reaction and seeking my affirmation, every other child responded that they, too, love attending our school Masses—which was just a little surprising since their antsy church behavior often says otherwise!

In discussing what the K4 class enjoys most about attending school Mass, we compiled this list. Top 5 reasons K4 students enjoy attending school Mass at SJPS:

- 5...Sitting with our big buddies
- 4... Singing the "Alleluia" song
- 3...Sharing a "sign of peace" with our friends
- 2...Walking up for a blessing during Communion
- 1...Jumping up to high-five Fr. Tim after Mass...Everyone's favorite!



~ 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:

- Miss Jackson - \$5 Culvers
- Miss Johnson - \$10 Culvers
- Miss Cathy - \$100 Amazon
- Ms. Longoria - \$25 Amazon
- Mrs. Temple - \$25 Culvers
- Mrs. Vaculik - \$10 Culvers
- Miss Cheryl - \$5 Culvers
- Mrs. Gratz - \$5 Starbucks
- Mr. Smith - \$25 Target
- Ms. Myers - \$10 Amazon
- Mrs. O'Dell - \$5 Culvers

~ Community Announcements~

The GHS Experience

When

Monday, January 12, 2026
6:30-8:30 pm

Where

Grafton High School Auditorium



Class of 2030

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



We are excited to honor our school, Parish, and SJPS community as we celebrate Catholic education with special activities January 24th - 30th.



Early Childhood
K3, K4, K5



Elementary
1st -4th Grade



Middle School
5th -8th Grade

OPEN HOUSE

January 29, 2026
5 - 7pm

1619 Washington Street
Grafton, WI 53024



www.stjosephgraffton.org/school

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:

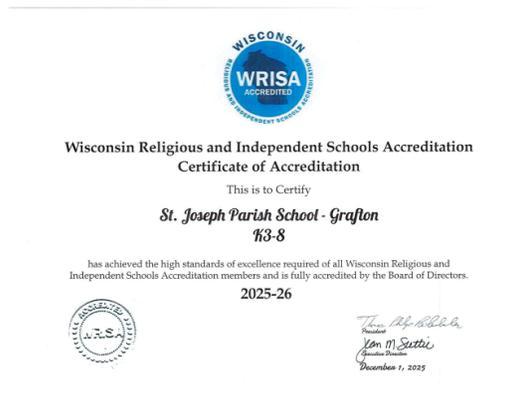
- January 24th - 25th @ all Masses - All classes (Catholic Schools Week)
- February 14th @ 4:00pm - K4
- March 15th @ 8:00am - 2nd & 3rd
- April 19th @ 10:30am - 5th - 8th

~ Information from Previous Lancer Times ~

Congratulations St Joseph Parish School Staff, Students and Families!

SJPS has achieved the high standards of excellence required of all Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation members and is fully accredited by the Board of Directors for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

In addition, the school also successfully meets the Standards for accreditation of the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation. NFSSAA commends the school community for meeting the rigorous requirements for accreditation and providing a high-quality educational experience for the community it serves.



TOT OPEN GYM

Join us in the St. Joseph Parish School gym from **8:30-10am** to run and play! Open to children ages 6 and under not currently in school. Caregivers must stay with children.



Please enter through the main School doors and sign in with the office when you arrive.



October 29
November 12
December 10
January 7
January 21

MINI MUSICAL MONDAYS

Mr. Smith, the music teacher, will lead children in some lively sing-alongs and hands-on instrument fun one Monday a month! Join us in the St. Joseph Parish School music room at **9am** to sing and have fun! Open to children ages 6 and under not currently in school. Caregivers must stay with children.

Please enter through the main School doors and sign in with the office when you arrive.



November 3
December 1
January 5
February 2
March 9
April 13
May 4



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'Tis the season for giving... and earning at the same time! Remember to buy gift cards, shop online, or dine at participating restaurants through St. Joseph Parish School's RaiseRight program. Every purchase helps earn money for St. Joseph Parish School's Home & School.

HOW TO ORDER:

OPTION 1

Order online at raiserright.com/shop-online

Enrollment code is A2F8B5C91447.

(Code NOT needed if using the link below)

Orders will be sent to you directly and can be placed at anytime.

*Online orders that exceed 15 gift cards will be sent to the school office. Please place these orders by 12/11/25 to be included in the school batch order. If not they will be included in the next order after Christmas.



OPTION 2

Order in the school office or over the phone with Daphne Lingsweiler, 262-375-6505, ext. 0. These orders need to be placed and payment received by 12/11/25 at 3pm to make it into this order. Anything received after will be included in an order after Christmas.

Orders placed through the school office can be picked up starting on Thursday, December 18th from 7:45am-3:45pm.

Please contact Daphne Lingsweiler in the school office at 262-375-6505 ext.0 with any questions or accommodations.

We appreciate your support!



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 below 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@stjosephgraton.org or through the Extended Care Class Dojo to confirm your child's placement

December Extended Care Sign Up

<u>Monthly Outreach</u>	<u>January Extended Care</u>	Home and School
<u>Safe Environment Training Registration</u>	<u>Drop-off/Pick-Up Map</u>	<u>SAC Meeting Minutes</u>
<u>Donate to our Annual Fund</u>	<u>Parish Bulletin Look-up</u>	<u>Visit our website</u>

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262-375-6505

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Administration: principal@stjosephgrifton.org

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