

February 15th, 2026



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

Administration email: principal@stjosephgrafton.org

Important Dates to Remember

REGISTRATION FOR 2026 - 2027 IS OPEN!

- Bury the Alleluias, 10:45am - Tues. 2/17
- Moana Rehearsal (All Cast), 3:15 - 4:45pm - Tues. 2/17
- Ash Wednesday Mass @ 8:30am - Wed. 2/18
- Tot Open Gym, 10:00 - 11:30 - Wed. 2/18
- Moana Rehearsal, 3:15 - 5:00pm - Wed. 2/18
- No Mass - Thurs. 2/19
- First Fish Fry, 4:30 - 7:30pm - Fri. 2/20
- 3rd - 8th Field Trip to MPM - Wed. 2/25
- No School, Teacher Inservice - Fri. 2/27
- Second Fish Fry, 4:30 - 7:30pm - Fri. 2/27

~ A Message from The Leadership Team ~



Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

In just a few days we will enter the season of Lent by attending Mass on Ash Wednesday and will receive ashes in the shape of a cross on their foreheads—a simple but powerful reminder that we belong to God and are called to grow closer to Him.

Lent lasts for 40 days and is a special time for prayer, small sacrifices, and caring for others. It's a chance for all of us—kids and adults—to slow down a little and make more room for God in our daily lives. We're grateful to walk this Lenten journey together with our SJPS family.

May it be a peaceful and meaningful Lenten season for you all.

The Principal Leadership Team

Additional Reminders:

- Due to Ash Wednesday Mass this week, February 18th at 8:30, Mr. Smith has canceled the Children's Choir rehearsal that morning.
- Please sign up to volunteer at Fish Fries or just come out to eat and support this major fundraiser.

- Registration is open for all grade levels K3 through 8th grade! The per family registration fee is currently \$200, but will increase to \$250 on March 1st.
- Please don't forget to put your name card in your vehicle for drop off and pick up!
- Lancer Times will be sent out later in the day on Sundays

Blessings to you all,

The Principal Leadership Team

A quick reminder as we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, if you're planning to enroll your child, we encourage you to register soon to secure a spot. Current registration fee is \$200 and will increase to \$250 as of March 1st - reserve your spot now!

An orange, torn-edge sticker with the text "ENROLL NOW" in white, bold, uppercase letters.

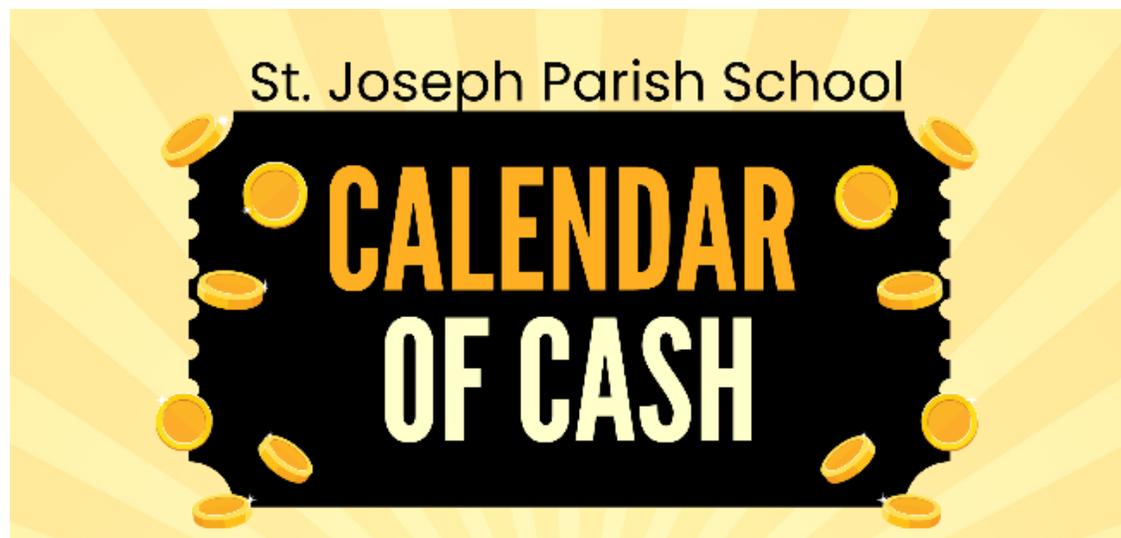
We're grateful to partner with your family and look forward to another great year together! Please reach out if you have any questions.

SJPS Leadership Team

[2026 - 2027 Tuition Information](#)

[Tuition Support Options](#)

[Register HERE](#)



Calendar of Cash Winners:

2/9/2026 Mike Wamser \$100
2/10/2026 Cathy Rinzel \$25
2/11/2026 Tim Roloff \$25
2/12/2026 Mike Wamser \$50
2/13/26 Brian Oakley \$50

Checks will be mailed to each winner. Congratulations!



**St. Joseph
Fish Fry**
SINCE 2000!

Feb. 20, 27
Mar. 6, 13, 20

Dine-In or Carry-Out • 4:30pm to 7:30pm
1619 Washington St., Grafton

Fried Cod, Baked Cod, Fried Walleye,
Fried Shrimp, St. Joe's Platter

Traditional Potato Pancakes Served! Kids Meals Available.



Scan QR Code to
pre-order meals

**It's almost time for
the Lenten Fish
Fries!** As a school
fundraiser and
completely volunteer-
run, we need your help
to make these events a
success!

Volunteer sign up: We need help before, during, and after all 5 Fish Fries.
You may sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49ABAA2EA5F49-61877449-stjoseph>

If you are unable to make it to the Fish Fries but still want to help, we have opportunities:

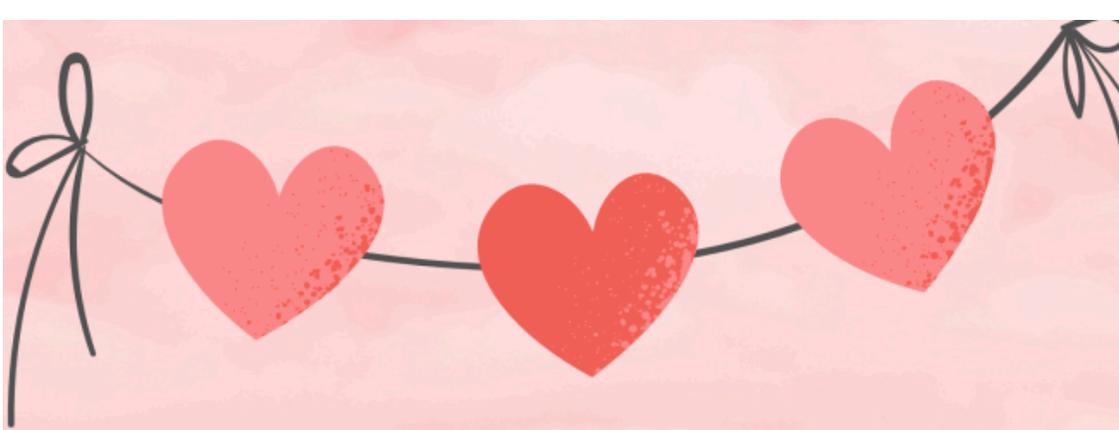
- **Laundry:** wash towels and aprons after each Fish Fry (Pick up on Saturday, return to church by Thursday before the next Fish Fry). Please email Andrea Hayes (arakoczy13@gmail.com) if you are interested in this. It can be for 1 week or up to all 5 weeks
- **Silverware wrapping:** Roll the plasticware that we use during all Fish Fries. This can be done at home and brought back anytime before the Fish Fries during the week
- **Additional desserts:** Many guests rave about our excellent homemade desserts that are included with all Fish Fry meals! If you like to bake, you can help us by bringing an extra dessert. This is included on the sign-up genius listed above

Contact Andrea Hayes (Arakoczy13@gmail.com, 262-617-8128) for more information.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fish Fries!

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fish Fry Volunteer Sign Up Link



SENDING A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!



THE 8TH GRADE CLASS WOULD LIKE TO
THANK EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED
THEIR END-OF-YEAR TRIP BY
PURCHASING A VALENTINE CANDY
GRAM. THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY,
WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE \$239!



Are you a business owner? Do you know someone interested in donating an item or service?

The SJPS Auction team is looking for items or services donations for the 2026 Boots and Bling Dinner Auction! Email auction@stjosephgraffton.org if interested!

Please reach out to Kelly Osowski or Kate Tretow for any questions.



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

February Extended Care Sign Up

FLASH 2025 - 2026 Turquoise T-Shirt Sale
\$5.00/shirt

Stock available:

YS - 20

YL - 6

AL - 3

A2XL - 1

"We have a closet full of gently used uniform items generously donated by school families. If your child has outgrown their current sizes, we invite you to use this resource before buying new. Please call the office or stop by to check availability of specific items and sizes—we're happy to share!"



8th Grade vs. Parent-Teacher Volleyball Game

Congratulations to the 8th graders and Fr. Tim for beating the parents/teachers in a rousing back-and-forth volleyball game this past Friday! A lot of fun was had all around!

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Miss Jackson, 3rd Grade Teacher

School Scene

By: Chris Jackson, Third Grade Teacher

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of February! This school year is speeding along. I am so proud of all the things that the SJPS third graders have accomplished! They have learned all of their multiplication and division facts and are working hard on mastering them, as well as applying them to area problems and multi-step word problems. They have learned about the early Church, the marks of the Catholic church and will soon explore the sacraments. They also enjoyed the Advent challenge from Hallow for Kids and will soon begin the Lent challenge. In reading, we have been focusing a lot on determining the main idea and supporting details. We will continue to practice this skill as we dive into some informational articles about the Winter Olympics. They have been exploring communities in social studies and will soon start learning about the three levels and branches of the government. They continue to enjoy lots of hands-on activities in science and are currently exploring forces. Check out these amazing third graders, and thank you for your support in providing them with a safe place to learn and grow!



~ 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:

- Mrs. Lemke - \$5 Starbucks
- Mr. O - \$5 Culvers
- Mrs. Lingsweiler - \$5 Starbucks
- Mrs. Stengel - \$10 Culvers
- 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



Counselor's Corner

Hi everyone! My name is Sofia Hemauer and I'm so excited to introduce myself as your intern school counselor at St. Joseph Parish School.

Fun fact about me: I attended Catholic school at St. Frances Cabrini from kindergarten through 8th grade, so the routines, traditions, and spirit of a Catholic school feel very familiar (and very special!) to me. Next I graduated from West Bend West, and went on to attend UW La-Crosse for my undergraduate studies. I'm currently working on my master's degree in school counseling at Mount Mary, which basically means I love learning almost as much as I love helping students.

As one of your school counselors, I'm here for it all: big feelings, small worries, test stress, goal-setting, and everything in between. My office is a place where students can feel safe, supported, and laugh along the way.

I started here this January and can't wait to get to further know our amazing students and families this year. You are more than welcome to stop by, or contact me at shemauer@stjosephgrafton.org, I am here every Tuesday and Wednesday currently. Have a blessed weekend!

~ **Community Announcements** ~

DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

20  26

Calling All Performers, Entertainers, Storytellers, Athletes, Budding Scientists, and more! This summer, Dominican High School 2026 Summer Camps are back with a welcoming, fun, and immersive environment for campers to develop their critical thinking skills, explore their creativity, get involved in a new sport, and make new friends!

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED ALL SUMMER LONG INCLUDE:



JR. KNIGHTS
SUMMER
SPORTS
CAMPS



SUMMER
ACTIVITY
CAMP



DOMINICAN
THEATRE
CAMPS



SCAN THE QR CODE
to learn more about our summer camp offerings,
including cost, registration info, and more.

Mom's Night Out

Join us for a saint peg doll exchange!



March 24th 7-8:30pm

St. Joseph Parish Gathering Hall

Contact Lorraine Lochen to register by Feb 20th:
LORRAINE.E.LOCHEN@GMAIL.COM

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:

- March 15th @ 8:00am - 2nd & 3rd
- April 18th @ 4:00pm - 5th - 8th *Date change

~ Information from Previous Lancer Times~



Cut Tuition Costs with RaiseRight

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The brand gives back

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Earnings go to the school

The school shares those earnings with you to offset tuition or cover other costs and fees.

3 Steps to Get Started

- 1 **Scan the QR code to join the school's program**
Or visit RaiseRight.com/Enroll and enter the enrollment code provided by your coordinator. **A2F8B5C91447**
- 2 **Complete the short signup form**
Create a secure RaiseRight account in just a few easy steps.
- 3 **Start earning**
Buy gift cards and shop online through RaiseRight.



SCAN TO JOIN



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Future Open Gym Dates

2/14/26

3/14/26

4/11/26

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.



February 4
February 18 10-11:30am**
March 4
March 18
April 8
April 22
May 6
May 20



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

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.



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.

[Monthly Outreach](#)

[February Extended Care](#)

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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