

March 1st, 2026



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

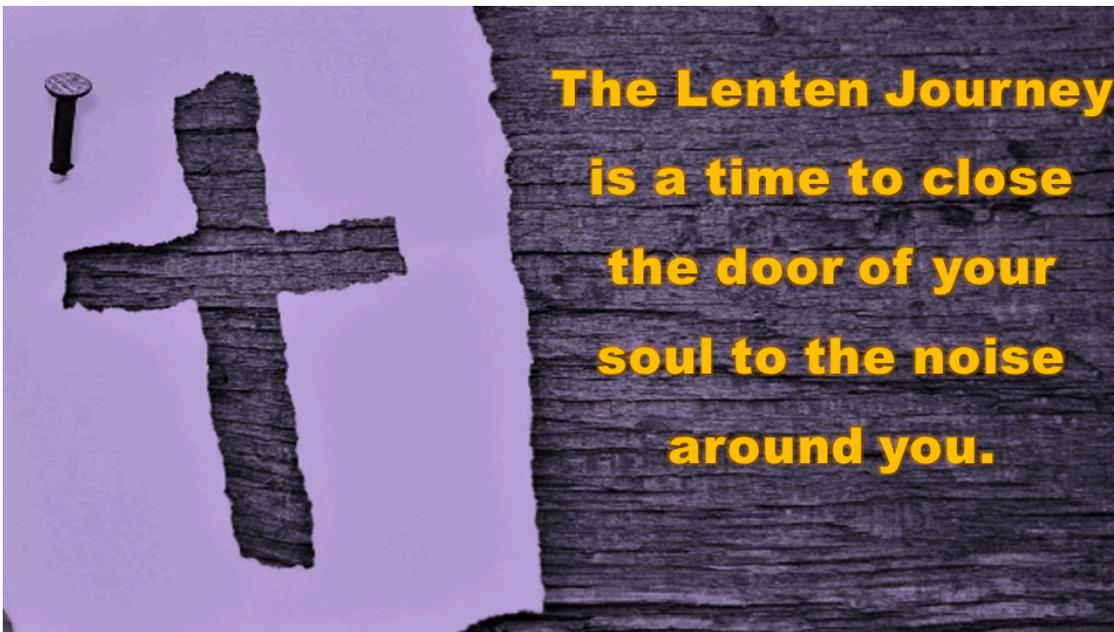
Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

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### Important Dates to Remember

**REGISTRATION FOR 2026 - 2027 IS OPEN!**

- No School - Mon. 3/2
- Auction Meeting, 6:00pm - Tues. 3/3
- Tot Open Gym, 8:30 - 10am - Wed. 3/4
- Clubs and Extracurricular Photos - Wed. 3/4
- Mass @ 8:30am - Thurs. 3/5
- School Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 - Thurs. 3/5
- End of Trimester 2 - Fri. 3/6
- Adoration, 9:00am - Noon - Fri. 3/6
- Third Fish Fry, 4:30 - 7:30pm - Fri. 3/6
- Mini Musical Mondays, 9:00am - Mon. 3/9
- 1st - 8th Breakfast, 7:45 - 8:15am - Wed. 3/11
- 4th grade Shadow Day in Middle School - Wed. 3/11
- 5th - 8th Students of Christ retreat, 8:30 - 2:30 - Fri. 3/13
- Report Cards sent home - Fri. 3/13
- \$2.00 St Patty's Day out-of-uniform 8th grade Fundraiser - Tues. 3/17
- 2nd - 8th grade Lenten Reconciliation - Wed. 3/18
- Spring/Easter Break - 3/30 - 4/6



~ A Message from The Leadership Team ~



Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

As we continue our Lenten journey, we have reached the Second Sunday of Lent and hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration.

***Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,  
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun  
and his clothes became white as light.***

Matthew 17:1-2

Here at SJPS we see the same spirit of transformation in our classrooms on a regular basis. We see our students growing academically, spiritually and emotionally. Day to day we strive to grow closer to Jesus during this Lenten journey by living out our mission to Teach, Learn, Lead and Serve as the Hands of Christ.

As we look forward to the next school year, we are filled with excitement and gratitude for the continued journey we are blessed to share with your family. We warmly invite those families who have not yet registered to do so and continue journeying with us in faith and love. To those families who have already registered, we thank you for the privilege you have bestowed on us.

With gratitude and blessings,

The Principal Leadership Team

**Just a reminder - the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program March Open Enrollment Period for the 2026-2027 school year begins today, March 1, 2026 and runs through Friday, March 20, 2026!**

**Additional Reminders:**

- Please sign up to volunteer at Fish Fries or just come out to eat and support this major fundraiser. \*\*Any student who volunteers at or comes and eats at a Fish Fry can earn an Any Day but Mass Day dress-down coupon! See Mrs. Gratz after announcements
- Registration is open for all grade levels K3 through 8th grade!
- Please don't forget to put your name card in your vehicle for drop off and pick up!

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. We're grateful to partner with your family and look forward to another great year together!

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

If you have any questions or need assistance with registering, please reach out to the Daphne in the School Office or the Principal Leadership Team.

SJPS Leadership Team

[2026 - 2027 Tuition Information](#)

[Tuition Support Options](#)

[Register HERE](#)

# 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.



## Uniform Reminder

A friendly reminder that students are expected to attend each day in clothing colors and styles outlined in our SJPS Parent Student Handbook.

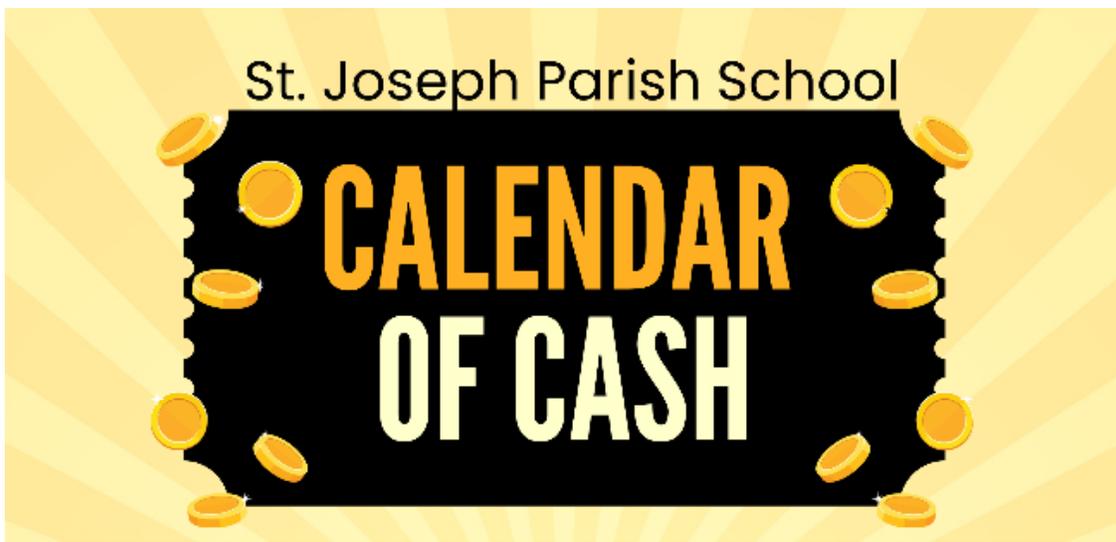


We are now more than halfway through the school year, so now is a great time to check and make sure your student has extra school and weather appropriate clothing in their lockers (tops, bottoms, undergarments, socks).

Don't forget to peruse our school uniform shop in the library!

[Uniform Policy 2025 - 2026](#)

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Calendar of Cash Winners:

- 2/23/26 Freddy Philip \$50
- 2/24/26 Stephani Nino de Guzman \$50
- 2/25/26 Carren Gratz \$25
- 2/26/26 Emily Kranich \$50

Checks will be mailed to each winner. Congratulations!

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**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.



**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/70A0D49ABAA2EASF49-61877449-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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Don't forget to sign up to clean tables, serve meals, offer drinks or share desserts during our Fish Fries! Volunteering is a fun and exciting time for our families and students - both present and past!

**\*\*We have a great need for assistance at the end of each Fish Fry in cleaning up after the event. Please consider donating your time to help close down at the end of the night\*\***

Thank you!

Click here to view our Fish Fry promotional video!

St Joseph Parish School Invites our 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Families to Join us at...

1<sup>ST</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILY BREAKFAST



JOIN US FOR  
A DELICIOUS  
MORNING!

**7:45 - 8:15AM**  
**WED. MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> 2026**  
**CHURCH GATHERING SPACE**



**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

## March Extended Care Sign Up

### Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Miss Amy Johnson, 1st Grade Teacher

First Grade School Scene  
By: Miss Amy Johnson

Can you believe we are over 100 days into the school year? Time truly flies when you're having fun in first grade! Our first graders are diligently preparing for second grade by building fluency in addition and subtraction within 20. Our class goal is to achieve 100% fluency by the end of the year! It's quite the challenge — not only to be accurate, but to be quick and confident, too. We practice daily through math facts, partner games, and quick drills that help build both speed and understanding.

In addition to math, we continue strengthening our reading skills each day. Students are building foundational skills and automaticity through the Science of Reading approach. It has been so exciting to watch their decoding improve and hear their reading become smoother and more expressive. Their confidence is truly growing!

Writing has also been a major area of growth in our classroom. Students are learning to write complete sentences with proper capitalization and punctuation, stretch out words to spell independently, and expand their ideas with details. We are working on organizing our thoughts, using adjectives to make our writing more descriptive, and building stamina as writers. It has been wonderful to see their independence and creativity shine through their work!

We recently celebrated our 100th day of school on February 11th! Each student brought in Band-Aids and carefully counted out 100 to add to a special shirt that read, "I Survived 100 Days of School." It was such a fun and memorable activity. The pride on their faces as they wore their shirts all day long was priceless!

I am so proud of how much growth has happened in just 100 days — and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!



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. Christian - \$5 Culvers
- 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

~ Community Announcements~

# Mom's Night Out

Join us for a saint peg doll exchange!



**March 24<sup>th</sup> 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~



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@stjosephgrifton.org](mailto:auction@stjosephgrifton.org) if interested!

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

### Donation Request

If you or a family member have empty, cleaned out plastic ice cream tubs, the School Office will happily take those off your hands.

Thank you!



### 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!"



## Cut Tuition Costs with RaiseRight

Everyday earning that's easy and effective

Earning through RaiseRight fits into your daily life! Simply shop online through RaiseRight and buy gift cards to use on everyday expenses, and brands automatically give up to 20% back to the school. **You can easily earn over \$1,000 per year.**

### How it Works



#### Buy gift cards or shop online

Browse hundreds of brands on RaiseRight that offer gift cards and online earnings.



#### The brand gives back

A percentage of each gift card or online purchase through RaiseRight goes back to your school as earnings.



#### 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](https://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**

### 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.

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

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