

October 21, 2026



Thank You!



A huge thank you to all who donated to the Soles Walk, an important fundraiser for our school community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We are a little short of our budgeted goal of \$7,500. If you meant to donate but forgot to, it's not too late. Please do so by Friday, October 30th. Thank you.

Any funds raised beyond our goal will go toward building a reserve for updating classroom supplies. Every gift stays right here at St. Joe's. To make giving easy, families can use the QR code below to donate directly to St. Joseph Parish School. Or, you can send a check to the school office.

Thank you for supporting [St. Joseph Parish School](#) and Catholic education!



Dates to Remember

Friday, October 23rd - Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25th - School Family Mass 8:30am 1st & 8th Grades

Thursday, October 29th - All School Mass 8:00am / Dress Up as a Saint / Conferences 3:00-8:00pm

Friday, October 30th - No School / Conferences 8:00-10:00am

Saturday, November 7th - Reconciliation Retreat 9:00am

Update from the Principal -

Several years ago, our School Advisory Committee discussed the importance of bringing back more clubs and extracurricular activities for our students. It is exciting to see how much these opportunities have grown over the years.

Below is a list of our current clubs and sports, along with the number of students participating. These activities provide wonderful opportunities for students to explore their interests, develop friendships, and become more involved in our school community.

- Chess Club: currently at 5 students, sign up going on now with a start date of 11/2
- Cub Scouts: 12 students
- Girl Scouts: 23 students
- Culinary Club: 24 students
- Lego Club: 32 students
- Service Club: 32 students
- STEM Club: 14 students
- Choir: 14 students
- Student Ministry: 12 students
- Volleyball: 18 students

It is wonderful to see so many students taking advantage of these opportunities. This is another great example of our school community coming together to provide meaningful experiences for our students beyond the classroom.

Basketball sign-up is in the process at this time also.

Mr. Mike Brown

Weekend Family Mass Schedule

October 25th	8:30am	1st/8th
November 22nd	10:30am	3rd/7th
December 13th	8:30am	3K/4K/5th
January 31st	8:30am	4th
March 14th	8:30am	5K/6th
April 25th	10:30am	2nd



Student Ministry is Sponsoring a ME DAY!

Students may wear a jersey or uniform from any sports/club/activity team they participate in, whether it is a St. Joseph team or an outside team such as soccer, basketball, baseball, swimming, or another sport tomorrow, October 22nd.

If they are not on a sports team, they may wear something representing a club or activity you participate in, or a jersey or shirt from your favorite sports team.

If they are not involved in a team or club, they may still enjoy an out of uniform day.

We can't wait to see everyone showing their team spirit.

All Saints Day

Our All School Mass next week will be on Thursday, October 29th. This is our last Mass before All Saints Day so students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite saint.

Jack-O-Lantern Haunt - Mukwonago

I want to say thank you to the Forster family for helping to coordinate this event for our school community. Thank you also to the Rausch family for providing the pumpkins, and our 7th and 8th graders who carved the pumpkins. Thank you also to the families who donated candy for this event. I passed out a lot of candy and school brochures Friday and Saturday night. It took a lot of people to make this event successful for our community.



8th Grade Volleyball Heads to the Seton!

We are thrilled to announce that both our **8th grade boys** and **8th grade girls** volleyball teams have received invitations to the prestigious Seton Championships! This is the largest and most highly anticipated 8th grade tournament in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, featuring the top talent in the region.

Our athletes have worked incredibly hard to earn this honor, and they need a packed house to cheer them on to victory! Mark your calendars and come out to support our teams:

- **8th Grade Boys:** Monday, October 26th at **5:30 PM**
- **8th Grade Girls:** Wednesday, October 28th at **5:30 PM**

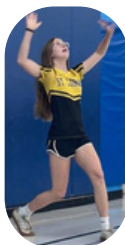
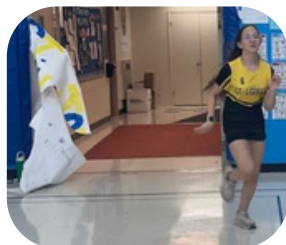
Location:

Milwaukee Sting Volleyball Center
N54 W13904 Northpark Dr, Menomonee Falls 53051

They would absolutely love your energy, noise, and school spirit in the stands. Let's show the Archdiocese what our community is made of! **Go Teams!**

Girls - <https://www.theseton.net/page/show/1999242-girls-division-1>

Boys - <https://www.theseton.net/page/show/1999246-boys-division>



Parish News

Living Rosary

Thank you to all who came and prayed the rosary.







Families that raised over \$100 for our Soles Walk had their name put in a drawing. All students from the winning families were able to pick a teacher to silly string.



Parish/School/YDM Event



Thank you to all who made a pot of chili and to everyone who came to taste and judge them. They were all delicious!

And the winners were -

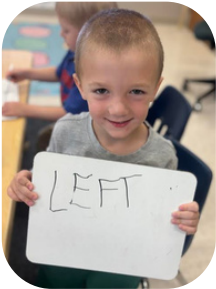
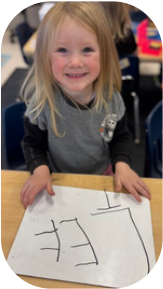
1st Place - Joan Stevenson

2nd Place - Marianne Fink

3rd Place - Amy Richardson



3K



4K



5K



Gym Class



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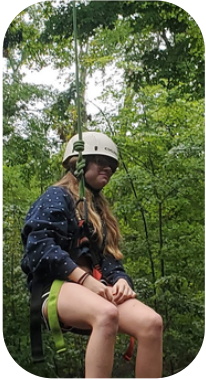
Recess





I am really proud of myself for going down the zipline even though I am scared of heights. It was cool to see people facing their fears as well. The best part of the trip was when we were playing kickball with our whole class. As a whole, the experience taught me that even though you're scared, there are more fun things waiting afterward. - Amelia

I am really proud of myself for going up high on the zipline. I think it was cool to see some people who were really scared do the high stuff as well. - Alexander



The best part of the trip was the high ropes course. I am really proud of myself for doing the high stuff. As a whole, the experience taught me to be patient with my classmates and myself. - Danny

The best part of the trip was the high ropes course. Chloe and I went on the duo dangler and got the fastest time. I also really enjoyed doing captain on the deck in the gym. Overall, the trip was a fun experience that taught me about teamwork. - Norel





The trip was so much fun. I am really proud of myself for succeeding on the swinging tires. It was cool to see everyone overcome their fears and succeed on their high ropes courses. I think the best part was seeing everyone encourage each other and use teamwork. As a whole, the experience showed me that encouraging each other makes everything easier. - Natalia

I am really proud of myself for going to the top of the rope course. It was cool when I got to go down the zipline. The best part was when we played captain on the deck in the gym. It was really fun. - Chloe



I am really proud of myself for doing the highest obstacle in the high ropes course. I also went on the tall zipline. I am proud of myself because it was the tallest obstacle I have ever tried. - Jax



I think the best part was the ropes course. It was fun to try and challenge yourself. I am really proud of myself for doing the zipline even though it was scary. - Sophia



I'm really proud of myself for trying to do new things. I think the best part was the high ropes course. It was very good. - Owen



Athletic Spotlight



Mark Your Calendars - Friday Fish Fry is Back in November!

Kick off the season on **Friday, November 13th from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM!** Come hungry and support our school community.

Did You Know?

Fish Fry funds **benefit every single student**, not just athletics! Past proceeds have funded critical school-wide upgrades outside the normal school budget:

- Classroom Tech: Laptops & Clever Boards
- Playground & Gym: New recess equipment, gym gear, & updated locker rooms

Join the Crew: Volunteer for a Shift!

We need help from all school families - even if your child doesn't play sports! Our experienced crew provides full training on-site so you will always feel comfortable.

- Students: Earn your service hours quickly as a runner or at the pickup tables!
- Parents with Little Ones: For safety, no kids are allowed in the kitchen. Please sign up for the Cafeteria Supervisor or Order Table roles instead!

Fish Fry Sign-up: [HERE](#)

[Fish Fry Volunteer Information](#)

Suggested Grade-Level Schedule

Can't make your night? Sign up for any Friday that works for your schedule!



Date	Suggested Grade		Date	Suggested Grade
Nov. 13th	Gr. 8		Feb. 26th	Gr. 3
Dec. 11th	Gr. 7		Mar. 5th	Gr. 2
Jan. 8th	Gr. 6		Mar. 12th	Gr. 1
Feb. 12th	Gr. 5		Mar. 19th	4K/5K
Feb. 19th	Gr. 4			



The next time you are at school, stop in the gym and check out our new banners - the Padre 2nd Place banner from last year basketball season and NEW this year is a banner for each of our 8th grade athletes. Three of our graduates played on the Padre team - Alex B., Hunter P. and Liam R.



Culinary Club

Our first meeting consisted of Kitchen Safety and Pita Pizzas.





Lego Club



SERVICE CLUB





O&H Kringle Sale

Get your Kringle in time for the holiday season!

School Goal: Sell 1,075 Kringle!

If every family sells 20, we will surpass our goal.

Price: \$16/Kringle

Order Due: Friday, October 30th

- Return your completed order form and all money to school
- Check made payable to St Joseph School

Pick Up: Tuesday, November 17th – Cafeteria

- 2:30 – 4:00

*If this day/time does not work, please e-mail
homeandschool@stjoesbb.com to arrange pick up

Notes:

- Kringle will arrive frozen and can be kept frozen (or easily re-frozen) for 6 months. Once thawed, can be kept at room temperature for 7 days
- This will be our ONLY Kringle sale for the school year!
- Questions? E-mail Home and School



St. Joseph
Catholic School
Big Bend, WI

4th Annual

Cookie WALK



Supporting St. Joseph School

Saturday, December 5, 2026
1:00 - 4:00 PM

**Create your own selection of cookies
for \$10 per pound!**

♥ All money benefits students at St. Joseph School. ♥

St. Joe's Gathering Space & Parish Hall

Do you love baking cookies?
Donated cookies can be dropped off at the
school office on Friday, December 4th.



COOKIE WALK



COOKIES NEEDED

We need your help to make this a success!

We are requesting each school family donate:

♥ ♥ **> 6+ dozen <** ♥ ♥
cookies

Please send to school by Friday, December 4th

Cookies can be in a shirt box, decorative tray or container
(if you want the container returned, make sure to clearly label)

Please no store bought cookies and no chocolate chip cookies!

Homemade caramels, chocolates, fudge, or decorated Christmas cookies are all great options.

Don't love baking? Ask a friend or family member to do the baking for you!

If you are able to bake more than
6 dozen, we would LOVE that!!!



Volunteers needed
Day of the event to
package and sell.





You're invited to St Joseph School Night at a Milwaukee Admirals game!

This outing is a great chance to see other school families during winter break, and doubles as a fundraiser for the school.

When: Tuesday, December 30th, 2026 at 6:30PM

The Milwaukee Admirals take the ice against the Chicago Wolves

Where: UWM Panther Arena (400 W Kilbourn Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203)

More Info: Tickets are \$30.27 each and must be purchased from this link:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Stjoseph778>

Purchase deadline is 4:30 PM on 12/30/26

\$10 from each ticket sold will go back to St Joseph School! Invite your friends and family to come along. We will all be seated in the same section if tickets are purchased from the link.

Promotions for this game include Cowbell Giveaway night (get there early to ensure you snag one!), Princess Night and Winning Weekday (if the Ads win you get a ticket to the next weekday game.)

Questions? Email Kristin Forster at kforster20@gmail.com



Chess Scholars

Fall 2026

St. Joseph School



Grades K-8



Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity.

Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will learn under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach.

Schedule: 7 Mondays, November 2nd - December 14th, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

To sign up, please visit <https://programs.afterschoolenrichmentsolutions.com/>

You will need to enter the course code **BIG11.2.26** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 10/23 for the early bird price of \$115.50.

Chess Scholars/AES is a third-party program provider not associated with the school district, please direct all inquiries and communication regarding our programs directly. Contact us with inquiries or if you'd like assistance registering at 847-482-9999

All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impeding their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.