



Dates to Remember

Friday, November 21st - Report Cards Sent Home

Sunday, November 23rd - Family Mass 10:30am 4K & 8th Grades

Wednesday, November 26th - No School / Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 27th - No School / HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, November 28th - No School / Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, December 3rd - Set-Up for Secret Santa

Friday, December 4th - Secret Santa

Update from the Principal -

Thank You, Families - We're Getting a New Cleverboard!

Thanks to your incredible generosity, the funds raised from the Catholic Schools Soles Walk went above and beyond our goal. As we shared earlier, anything raised beyond our budgeted amount would help us replace our aging Smartboards with updated Cleverboards - and we did it!

I'm excited to share that **a brand-new Cleverboard has officially been ordered this morning!**

Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and commitment to our school. Together, we're making amazing things happen for our students!

Mr. Mike Brown

Veterans Day Celebration

A big thank you to Mrs. Peterson for leading our Veterans Day celebration last Monday! It was so special to see our students connecting with local veterans, listening to their stories, and learning from their experiences. What a wonderful way to honor those who have served.



Weekend Parent Mass Schedule

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| November 23rd | 10:30am | 4K & 8th | January 25th | 8:30am | 3rd & 4th- |
| February 22nd | 10:30am | 2nd | March 22nd | 8:30am | 5K & 6th |

Food Drive was a Success - Thank you for your donation.



Christmas Caroling Anyone

Our students are invited to sing Christmas Carols at The Regency in Muskego on Monday, December 15th from 2:45-3:30. This is an optional service opportunity for our students. This is for any grade level of student. Yes, parents are welcome to sing also!

This is a school event, but there will be no school sponsored transportation to and from The Regency. Just trying to make things simpler on the school staff.

More information will be coming home in December.

Auction Coming in March

Hey St. Joes Families!

Exciting news! We are already gearing up for our **auction fundraiser in March**, and we need your help to make it an incredible success!



Your child (oldest & only) should have received a copy of our donation form plus a letter that we send to our local businesses. If you know anyone that would be willing to donate to this year's auction, please pass along that information! If you need more copies or would like a digital copy, please let me know!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our auction committee. If you love brainstorming ideas, helping with events, or just want to contribute to something awesome for our school, we want you! This is our **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year and we have a huge goal to meet since last year was a great success. There are many different roles you can do for this event, including Item Procurement, Obtaining Sponsorships, Auction Wish List Coordinators, Family Basket Planners, and Planning Day of Raffles. Whether you can volunteer a little or a lot, every bit helps! Many more opportunities to volunteer closer to the event for basket making, organizing, set up, and more day of duties will be available!

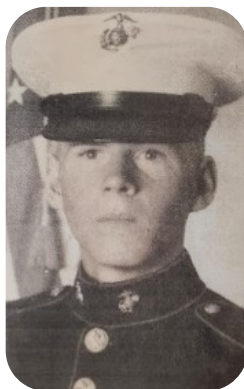
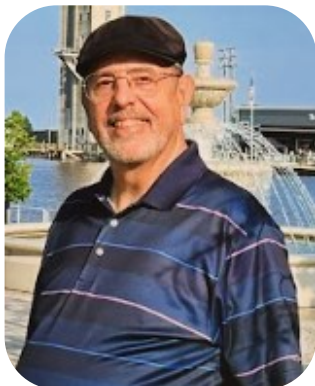
If you're interested in helping or have any questions regarding donations, please send an email to stjoesbbauction@yahoo.com or text Moira at 262.470.3943. Watch for more info in the next few weeks.

Thanks in advance for all your help!

Moira Wolf
St. Joes Auction Committee



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



3K - Students had fun learning about bears and transportation while doing different activities.



4K - The 4k students did many activities/crafts while also learning about transportation and bears.



3K & 4K

To add to their unit on Transportation, the students had a special visit from Reagan's grandpa! He brought his semi truck to school. The students were able to go inside and honk the horn. **Thank you, Grandpa Wolf!**



5K



2nd Grade

World Kindness Day was November 13th. The 2nd graders spread joy to the staff by making cards and surprising each of them with a little treat, hand delivered of course! Happy World Kindness Day!



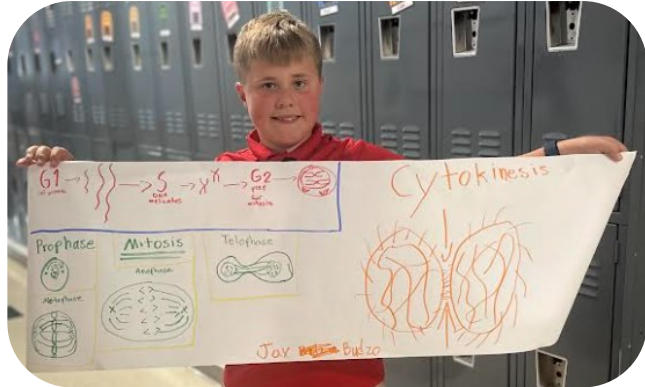
5th Grade - The 5th graders observed salt, sugar, salt water, sugar water, and then salt crystallization under the microscope. (Salt crystallization happens when salt water dries out). The crystallization images were everyone's favorite!



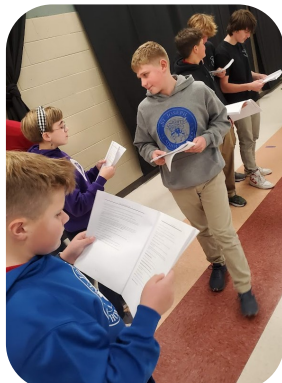
6th Grade - The 6th grade students made observations between the differences in igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks. Their easiest conclusion: "They are all hard!"



7th & 8th Grade - The 7th and 8th graders did drawings of the phases of the cell cycle.



Rehearsing for their play "It's a Wonderful Life"





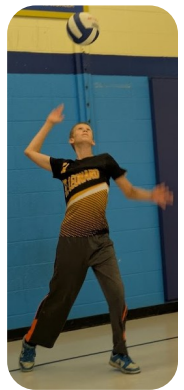
Fr. Andy visits the 7th & 8th graders to teach religion.



A HUGE Thank You to everyone who came to Culvers to support the 8th graders.



The 8th grade boys volleyball team received an invite to the Seton Tournament. To send them off and wish them good luck we held a pep rally and staff vs students volleyball games.



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Community
Event





Secret Santa Shop is December 5th!

Secret Santa Shop is an opportunity for the students to purchase Christmas gifts for their family members, friends and loved ones. The Shop offers a nice selection of gifts for men, women and children (and sometimes even the family pet!). Items in Shop are usually \$5 or less with nothing more than \$10.

All students will get a chance to shop during the school day with their class.

Please complete [this](#) Google Doc by Tuesday, November 25th to grant permission for your child to participate, who they can shop for, and how much they can spend. This form **MUST** be completed for your child to participate.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up [here](#). Set up will be Thursday, December 4th from 12:30-2:30 with our Shop open on Friday, December 5th.

****IMPORTANT**** Please complete the Google [Form](#) to grant (or deny) permission for your child/ren to participate in this event by **Tuesday, November 25th**.

To sign up to help, please click the below link for the signup genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094DABAF23ABFB6-53149629-2025>

Payments will be due to the office on Friday, December 12th.

Thanks for your support.

If you have questions, please contact Marlaena Barber or Michele Reilly.



Pack 262

A big THANK YOU to the Cub Scouts for helping with leaf clean up at St Joseph!





Register Now – St. Joseph Junior Knights Basketball 2026!

St. Joseph Junior Knights Basketball 2026 Registration

Boys and girls in **5K through 4th grade** are invited to join the fun and learn the fundamentals of basketball in our **Junior Knights Basketball League!**

This league is open to **all St. Joseph students, St. Leonard students, and Religious Education students.**



Program Details

Dates: Saturdays, January 10 – February 14, 2026

Snow Date: February 21

Location: St. Joseph School Gym – Big Bend

Schedule:

- **5K & 1st Grade:** 9:00–10:30 AM
- **2nd–4th Grade:** 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

This 6-week program includes **2 weeks of practice** followed by **4 weeks of practices and games.**



Registration

Fee: \$50 per player (includes team shirt)

Please make checks payable to **St. Joseph with Athletics** written on the memo line and send to the school office in an envelope marked **“St. Joseph Junior Knights.”**

Include your **family name** with the payment for proper credit.

Mail or drop off to:

St. Joseph School

Attn: Athletics – Junior Knights

S89W22650 Milwaukee Ave

Big Bend, WI 53103

Registration Deadline: December 19, 2025

Register online here: [St. Joseph Junior Knights Basketball Registration](#)



Athletic News



Next Athletics Meeting: Tuesday, December 9th 6:30pm Mark Room

Fish Fry Volunteer Opportunities

Our experienced athletics crew is always on site to mentor and train new volunteers. You will not be asked to do anything out of your own comfort zone or anything without training. We have many opportunities, dates and time frames are indicated on the signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094DABAF23ABFB6-56532430-fish>

Fish Fry Volunteer Opportunity

Home and School Volunteer Event Schedule Fish Fry dates, if you can't make your grade level suggested date, feel free to sign up for any date that works for you.

Dec 12 - Grade 7

Jan 19 - Grade 6

Feb 13 - Grade 5

Feb 20 - Grade 4

Feb 27 - Grade 3

Mar 6 - Grade 2

Mar 13 - Grade 1

Mar 20 - 5K

Mar 27 - 3K/4K

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094DABAF23ABFB6-56532430-fish#/>

Fish Fry Volunteer Descriptions: [Fish Fry Volunteer Information](#)

Please be aware that no children are allowed in the kitchen for safety reasons. If you bring little ones - cafeteria supervisor or order table are great options.

We will periodically post highlights and photos of the season here. Parents, please forward pictures and notable highlights throughout the season to be featured here in the Knightly News to athletics@stjoesbb.com



Troop 11134





Culinary Club

The meeting started with a review of the last meeting's key lesson - Safety. This month's agenda was Pita Pizza and Fruit Pizza. The students were able to enjoy their pita pizza right away. The fruit pizza was for school lunch the next day. It was an all around success! The students had fun making them, sharing them, and everyone loved eating them.



Lego Club



Service Club



Secret Santa Gift Shop



Friday, December 5th

The Secret Santa Shop at St. Joseph's is back again this year! We are excited to continue to offer this fun shopping experience to our students.

As a reminder of the process, here are the highlights:

- ♦ Held in the gym with volunteers.
- ♦ No money or paper forms to bring to school – all done online through the Google form and invoiced via the school office
- ♦ Each child will be encouraged to make their purchases within their class allotted time (set by staff)
- ♦ We will help students with gift wrapping (*some of the older students may wrap gifts in their classrooms)
- ♦ This is not a fundraiser. All items are priced at cost.

Shoppers work hard all year collecting the best gifts. We kindly ask you to limit the number of people each child is shopping for as well as the number of gifts per person to ensure enough great gifts are available for everyone to choose from. We appreciate your cooperation in this effort.

A reminder that students are not to shop for themselves but for others – thanks for your support with this.

Please send your child(ren) to school with large bags to carry their wrapped items home. Reusable store bags work great - they serve as shopping bags while they are looking and keep their gifts safe for the ride home!

If you have any questions about our Secret Santa shop, please email Marlaena or Michele at marlaenabarber@gmail.com or michele.reilly10@gmail.com.

If you are available to help with set-up on Thursday 12/4 from 12:30-2:30 or with the Secret Santa Shop on Friday 12/5, please see the signup genius. Thanks!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM BY Tuesday, November 24

<https://forms.gle/VNYNU2sNGr5R4awGA>

To sign up to help or to donate needed materials, please click the below link for the sign-up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094DABAF23ABFB6-53149629-2025#/>

COOKIE WALK COOKIES NEEDED

We need your help to make this a success!

WE ARE REQUESTING EACH SCHOOL FAMILY DONATE:



DOZEN
COOKIES

Please send to school by Friday, December 5th

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!

Volunteers needed
Day of the event to
package and sell.
Sign up here!





3RD ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS

COOKIE:

WALK

DEC 6th 1-4

COME FILL UP YOUR COOKIE JAR!

Grab our container, walk from table to table gathering delicious Christmas cookies and then pay \$10 per pound for your selection.



Do you love baking cookies?

Donated cookies can be dropped off at the school office on Friday, December 5th



ST. JOE'S GATHERING SPACE & PARISH HALL
All money benefits students at St. Joseph School



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.

New this year! One lucky kid from our group will be randomly selected to ride the Zamboni during the game!!

When: Tuesday, December 30th, 2025 at 6:30PM

The Milwaukee Admirals take the ice against the Rockford IceHogs

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/Stjoseph47>

Purchase deadline is 4:30 PM on 12/30/25

\$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 Teddy Bear Toss (bring a new teddy bear to the game and when the Ads score their first goal, throw it on the ice! Bears will be donated to charity.)

Questions? Email Kristin Forster at kforster20@gmail.com



PICTURES WITH SANTA

Thurs Dec 4, 2025
6:00pm

At the Big Bend Vernon Lions Club
Floyd E Swayze Memorial Center
W231S9205 Riverside St
Big Bend, WI 53103

Sign up at the library. Families will be called for pictures in order of sign up.
Call the library if there is a storm, as Santa may have to stay at the North Pole!



Bring your camera for family pictures.

Enjoy a story, Christmas music and a treat while waiting, and color pictures for Saint Nick! Children, leave with a gift from the library.



Big Bend Village Library

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