

A great job was done by everyone at our concert and the
7th & 8th grade play of "It's A Wonderful Life."



Look for more photos in our January 7, 2026 issue of Knightly News.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, December 20th - Fr. Andy's Installation by Archbishop Grob at the 4:00pm Mass
Monday, December 22nd - Start of Christmas Break / Goes through Sunday, January 4, 2026
Wednesday, December 24th - Masses at 4:00pm & 9:00pm with a concert half hour prior to both Masses
Thursday, December 25th - Mass at 9:30am with concert at 9:00am / HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!
Wednesday, December 31st - Holy Day / Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass 5:00pm
Thursday, January 1st - Holy Day / Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass 9:00am
Monday, January 5th - Return to School / STAR Testing Begins Gr. 1-8
Tuesday, January 6th - 1st Reconciliation 6:00pm

Update from the Principal -

Special Thank You

When Mrs. Peterson, our Vice Principal, shared that she would be speaking at the end of the concert, I didn't fully realize why at the time. Now I do.

Thank you to everyone for the kindness and generosity shown to me after the concert. It was truly a surreal experience and one that I will treasure for a very long time.

School Closing - Weather

St. Joseph School will close for weather if Mukwonago Public Schools close. I will not make a decision separate from Mukwonago Public Schools. If they close, we are closed. If they are open, we are also open.

Once I find out that Mukwonago Public Schools close, I will send out an email to our families.

Mr. Mike Brown

Build a Fishing Rod Day

Do you like to fish and are you at least close to 12 years old or older? Then you are invited to come to Mukwonago Town Hall on January 17, 2026 from 8:00am to about 4:00pm to learn how to build a fishing rod. Pick up an application at the school office, the public library or mukwonagooptimist.com and send it to the name on the application by January 6th. This activity is free and lunch will be served. This year "Build a Fishing Rod Day" is sponsored by the Mukwonago Optimist Club and the Mukwonago Freemasons.



Weekend Parent Mass Schedule

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

3K

Gingerbread Week was filled with lots of gingerbread activities and making a Christmas tree.



All dressed to go outside and enjoy the snow.

5K



1st Grade

The 1st graders had fun shopping and picking out that special gift at Secret Santa Shop and then wrapping their gifts.



5K

The 5K students were busy with lots of gingerbread and Christmas activities and crafts.



5th, 6th, 7th & 8th

Students who had no infractions the whole 1st trimester were treated to a Nacho Party.



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Robotics Club





Another successful Secret Santa Shop is in the books. But we need to start finding great deals on items for next year. Items should be new and the price paid \$10 or less. If you come across some great After Christmas Clearance Deals on tissue paper, gift bags (medium and large especially) or tape, we can use them too. Any donated items can be brought to the School Office with a note "Secret Santa".



If you like to shop and find great deals, you can stop by Mrs. Schaefer in the School Office for a tax exempt form to use.

A HUGE thank you to all of Santa's Helpers for making this such a fun event. Thank You!



Athletic News



Jr. Knights Registration is Due this Friday, December 19th.

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



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

The St. Joseph Basketball Season is well under way. The 8th grade boys team started the season with a first place finish in the Burlington Catholic Troy Loos Memorial tournament. Congratulations Alex, Hunter, Liam and team.

The seventh grade boys earned a second place title in the same tournament. Congratulations 7th graders.



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:

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.

- ♦ Jan 9 - 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.



Lego Club





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



Chess Scholars

Winter 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: 8 Mondays, January 19th - March 9th, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>

You will need to enter the course code **BIG1.19.26** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 1/9 for the early bird price of \$132.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or registration@learningmeansfun.com

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.



GIRLS BASKETBALL YOUTH NIGHT



VS



TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

TIP OFF @ 6 PM

CCHS MAIN GYM | 148 MCHENRY STREET BURLINGTON, WI 53105



- **FREE ADMISSION FOR GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS**
- **GIVEAWAYS, ACTIVITIES & SIDELINE FUN**
- ***FREE POPCORN**



Wishing you a Blessed Christmas filled with love and laughter with your family & friends.