

ADVENT

Christ in Action, a parish organization, put together an Advent Calendar.

(You cannot open doors ahead of schedule.)

May you grow closer to Christ during this Advent season.

Link: <https://app.myadvent.net/calendar?id=lqbiynwb4jf30x9d11pt6ewdktsdv106>

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Dates to Remember

Thursday, December 4th - Set-up for Secret Santa
Friday, December 5th - Secret Santa / Drop Off Cookies for the Cookie Walk
Saturday, December 6th - Cookie Walk 1-4pm
Monday, December 8th - All School Mass 8:00am / Immaculate Conception / Evening Mass 6:30pm
Thursday, December 11th - Piano Recitals 2:45pm
Friday, December 12th - Fish Fry 4-7pm
Sunday, December 14th - K of C Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick 9:00am-Noon
Tuesday, December 16 - Christmas Concert 6:30pm
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
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 Mass 5:00pm
Thursday, January 1st - Holy Day / Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass 9:00am
Monday, January 5th - Return to School

Update from the Principal -

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

Winter Clothing/Toy Drive

Our 7th and 8th graders are leading a service project for The Open Door Cafe which is in partnership with The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The following items can be donated to the school until Tuesday, December 16th.

- ♦ Jackets - toddler to youth sizes - boys and girls - **Gently Used is Approved**
- ♦ Winter socks, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves
- ♦ Kids toys (1y - 10y) puzzles, books, craft & art

Weekend Parent Mass Schedule

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

Fr. Andy Visits Classrooms

Fr. Andy will be visiting classrooms next week. Then the following week, students who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation will have the opportunity to participate in this sacrament.

Christmas Caroling Anyone

Our students are invited to sing Christmas Carols at The Regency in Muskego on Monday, December 15th from 2:45pm-3:30pm. This is an optional service opportunity for our students. All grade levels of students may participate.

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. Students may carpool with other families. Yes, parents can sing also!



Here is the link for the sing-up genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094DABAF23ABFB6-60840337-christmas>

Christmas Concert

Our school Christmas Concert is Tuesday, December 16th starting at 6:30pm in the church.

6:00pm Doors Open

6:30pm Band Concert Starts

6:50pm School Concert Starts - Estimated Time

Middle School Christmas Play - Following in the school cafeteria. Reserve seats will be available for family members of 7th and 8th grade actors.

Service Club - Dates For January-April

January 6th, 20th

February 3rd, 17th

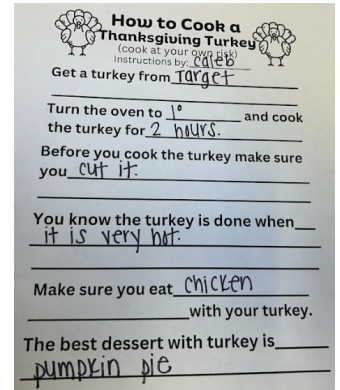
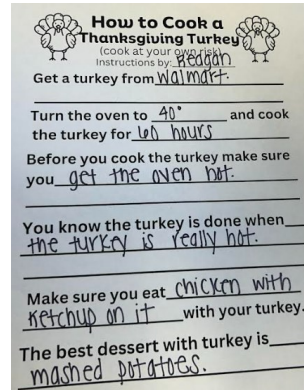
March 3rd, 17th

April 7th, 21st

Here are the dates for Service Club.

1. If your child is currently in Service Club and wishes to remain in Service Club, you do not need to do anything.
2. If your child is currently in Service Club, and they do not wish to continue, please email me. I know schedules and interests change.
3. If your child is not in Service Club but wishes to join for the remainder of the year, I gave forms to these students. Please return by Friday, December 5th so I can assign groups.

3K



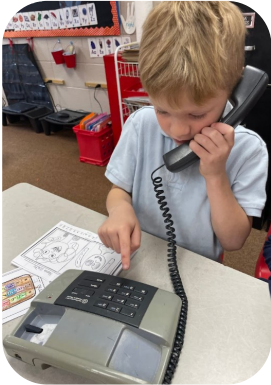
3K & 4K - Celebrating a Friendsgiving



4K - Family Mass and Eric's baptism, Gingerbread fun, build a gingerbread man with kinetic sand and Friendsgiving meal.



5K

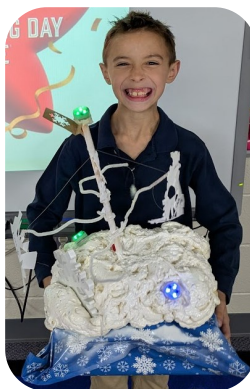
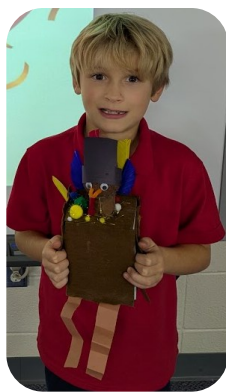


1st Grade

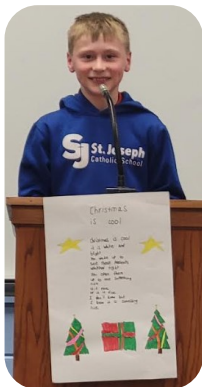
The first graders learned about vibration and made turkeys that had a string hanging out of the cup and if you ran your wet fingers down the string it vibrated the cup and made a sound.



2nd Grade - Students learned about the history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and used their imagination to make their own creations at home. They then had a parade around the school to showcase their creativity!



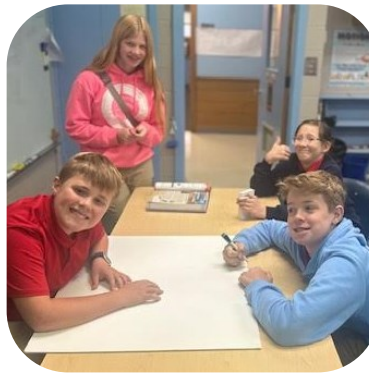
5th Grade - The 5th graders wrote a poem and then recited it to the class.



6th Grade - Will P. generously saved the heart of a deer he hunted. So 6th grade went off the subject of rocks and soil and learned about the heart. They discussed the differences between the atriums and ventricles, and the left and right side of the heart. They also learned about how the blood travels through the vessels, into the heart, to the lungs, back to the heart and out to the rest of the body. They talked about the difference in the size of the muscles in the different areas of the heart and why they are different. Many students were very excited about the hands-on experience, and some were not. Thanks Will!!



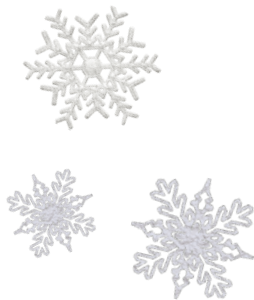
5th & 7th Grades - The 5th & 7th grade classes started on a Science Trivia game. The idea is that the students will start on these projects now, and work on them throughout the remainder of the year. They will continue to add the knowledge gained as they go. The hope is to continue these projects over the next few years as the students grow. Hopefully, this will help to develop their creativity, encourage a strong teamwork mentality, and keep the spark alive for the curiosity for science!!



Recess Time - During a recent recess, some of the 5K girls decided to follow Mr. Brown and play follow the leader.



Fun in the Snow



Athletic News



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 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

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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





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](#)



Service Club



Robotics Club

Lego Robotics worked on coding vehicles to start and stop at using certain colors.



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



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.