

Welcome Back!

Our theme this year is

Better Together

Theme verse is Romans 12:10

Love one another with mutual affection;
outdo one another in showing honor.



Dates to Remember

Friday, September 5th - T-Shirt Designs Due to School Office by 8:00am

Tuesday, September 9th - Parent Info Night at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall / 8th Grade Parent Mtg 7:30pm

Wednesday, September 17th - Out of Uniform Day

Friday, September 19th - Bike Night

Friday's Mass is for Mrs. Kurz

This Friday's Mass will be for Mrs. Lori Kurz, our beloved 8th grade teacher who taught here for many years that passed away over the summer. All are invited to attend Mass this Friday and every Friday with us.

Campus Ministry T-Shirt Design Due This Friday

Your Campus Ministry T-Shirt design is **due to the School Office by 8:00am this Friday, September 5th**. If your child didn't bring the flier home or you misplaced it, a flier is included in this newsletter.

Once the design is chosen, order forms will go home and all students/families will have an opportunity to purchase a shirt for a minimal cost. Students can wear the shirts on Mondays with uniform bottoms for the rest of the year.

Thank You Parents

The staff appreciates everyone working to get your children to school right after 7:30. Announcements are at 7:42, students go to the first special at 7:45, and middle school students switch classes at 7:45. The staff cannot extend the school day, but we can maximize our instructional time during the day as much as possible.

Safeguarding All God's Children

If you are new to our community, you will need to take a Safe Environment Class through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in order to go on field trips or volunteer in the classroom. Go to the link below to register for an event. If you already took this class, please let Terry in the Parish Office know where and approximately when. If you have any questions, call Terry in the Parish Office. Terry can be reached at 262-662-2832 or by email at tsommers@stjoesbb.com.

<https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm?DateRange=month&Date=9/1/2024&Classifications=>

School Facebook Page

The teachers and staff communicate with Morgan, our Marketing Director, to get pictures on the parish Facebook page about what is happening in our school. Be sure to view and share with others in the community.

Weekend Parent Mass Schedule

September 28th	10:30am	1st & 7th	October 26th	8:30am	3K & 5th
November 23rd	10:30am	4K & 8th	January 25th	8:30am	3rd & 4th
February 22nd	10:30am	2nd	March 22nd	8:30am	5K & 6th

Strategic Planning

St. Joseph Catholic School is currently participating in a Strategic Planning process organized by the Archdiocese Office for Schools and coordinated through Marquette University. This important initiative will help us reflect on our mission, assess our strengths, and identify opportunities for growth, ensuring that our school continues to thrive and serve students and families for years to come. **Next week at our Parent Info Night, parents will be given the opportunity to complete a survey that will assist the Steering Committee in future planning.**

While the survey will also be available electronically, our school is seeking 100% participation. To support this goal, paper copies will be provided next Tuesday evening so parents can complete the survey during the meeting.

The members of the Steering Committee are:

Michael Brown	Principal/Teacher
Karin Peterson	Vice Principal/Teacher/Parent
Doug Duley	Parish Trustee/Parish Finance Representative
Debbie Schaefer	Administrative Assistant/Parishioner
Matthew Vick	School Advisory Committee Member/Parent
Bob Radomski	Retired Principal/Grandparent
Dayken Underdahl	School Parent
Kelly Rebro	School Parent

Service Club

Students in grades 3-8 may participate in our Service Club this year. We visit the residents at the Regency in Muskego after school a few times a month. More information was given to students today and was also sent in a separate email today. Let Mr. Brown know if you have any questions at mbrown@stjoesbb.com.



Girl Scout Troop 11134 meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the St. Joseph Parish Hall from 2:30-4:00pm. We learn about STEM, cybersecurity, arts and crafts, camping, first aid, and more! We also do service projects for the parish and school. Girls in grades 5K-8 are welcome to join. A parent willing to help with Daisies (5K & first grade) would be greatly appreciated. Please email gstroop11134@gmail.com with questions or to join.



At a Mass last school year, Fr. Andy gifted the 8th graders with a “Big Cheese” hat since they now are the “Big Cheese” at school. He challenged them to wear it when they went places over the summer and to send in pictures. We had one 8th grader that took up the challenge. Here’s pictures from Alex’s trip to an INDY race and a trip to Door County visiting Eagle Bluff Tower at Peninsula State Park and Fish Creek.



About 25 families attended our Back to School/New Family Ice Cream Social. Students had a blast on the new playground equipment and the parents enjoyed the time visiting with one another.



2nd Grade

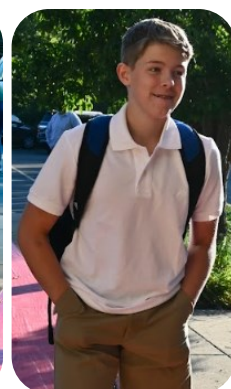
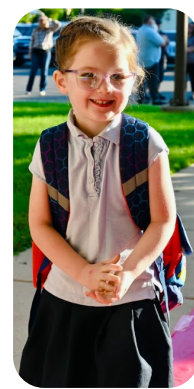
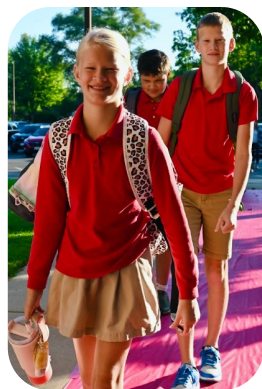
On Friday, 2nd graders worked together in groups to build floor puzzles. This activity promoted teamwork and collaboration, logical thinking and problem solving skills. The feeling of accomplishment was a great way to end the first week of school!



7th & 8th Grade

Our 7th and 8th graders are studying where the Catholic Social Teachings are located in the Bible.





Look for more pictures from First Day of School Dropoff in the next issue of Knightly News.

Athletic News



The Athletics committee will meet for the 1st time this year on **Monday, September 8, 2025 in the Mark Room.**

Getting Started: A great way to start participating is by attending a few meetings to get comfortable with the group. We understand that joining a new committee can be daunting, so it is a great opportunity to see various roles and become more familiar with the responsibilities.

Time Commitment: We normally meet once a month on the second Tuesday of the month for about an hour.

Why Join the Athletics Committee?

- * **Support Student Athletes:** Contribute to the development and success of our young athletes by helping to plan events, organize fundraisers, and improve facilities.
- * **Foster Community Spirit:** Work alongside fellow parents and staff to build a strong, supportive community that values teamwork and school spirit.
- * **Make a Difference:** Your involvement will directly impact the quality of our sports programs and the overall experience for our students.

We are looking for volunteers to join the committee as the majority of current members' youngest child graduates this year. Whether you have experience in athletics or simply a desire to help, your contributions will be greatly valued.

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.

Dear St. Joseph Families,

We're excited to announce that registration for the **2025-2026 basketball season** is now open! This is a great league for **players of all skill levels** to learn the game of basketball in a competitive environment while having fun and playing with friends.



Who Can Play

- All **4th–8th grade** School and Christian Formation students are eligible.
- **New this year:** 4th grade basketball will be offered on an experimental basis — a great way to introduce younger players to the game!

Season Overview

- **Fee:** \$125 (includes a St. Leonard warmup shirt)
- **Practices:** Begin in early November, twice a week for 1.5 hours (days/times TBD)
- **Games:** Start the first weekend in December and run through the last weekend in February
- **Break:** No games between Christmas and New Year's
- **Tournaments:** Each team may play in up to 3 tournaments, including our own

Registration Deadline: October 1st, 2025

Register Here:

[Click to Complete Registration Form](#)

Pay Online:

[Click to Pay via WeShare](#)

(Please select "Basketball" when paying)

Questions?

For more details, visit the St. Leonard website under Athletics – Basketball, or contact **Dave Miller** (St. Leonard Basketball Coordinator) at basketball@stleonards.org | 414-690-4970 or **Joe Searing** (St. Joseph Athletics) at joe@searingbrostile.com | (414) 416-5367.

Let's make this season our best yet — we look forward to seeing our student-athletes on the court!

St. Joseph/St. Leonard Athletics



It's Back! The Annual St. Joseph's T-Shirt Design Contest for 2025!

The winner will have his or her artwork featured on our school spirit wear shirt that students and staff can order and wear on Mondays (with uniform pants) for the rest of the school year.

Design(s) due to your teacher by September 5th - beginning of school day.

Instructions: Be creative! Please use a regular sized (8 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 11 inch) plain white paper, include your name and grade IN PENCIL on the BACK - DO NOT WRITE IT ON THE FRONT OF THE PAPER! Submit all entries to the school office. Then, the Campus Ministry Team (CMT) and St. Joseph staff will select the finalists and top design to put on our shirts.

Your design should feature our Campus Ministry Theme for 2025-26:

Better Together

Theme verse is Romans 12:10

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Your design should reflect your interpretation of the verse and theme. It should be one sided and drawn in pencil. You may work on your own or as a group. Feel free to recommend a color for the shirt and ink, but the CMT reserves the right to choose shirt and ink color.

Good luck and have fun! Questions? Ask your teacher or Mr. Brown.

Culinary Club St. Joseph School, Big Bend 2025/2026 \$45

Tom McClusky

Culinary Club will provide 5th – 8th grade students with a chance to learn:

- Kitchen Safety (The first session will be very *safety* heavy!)
 - Heat Danger
 - Knife Handling and Awareness
 - Food Safety
 - Preservation
 - Cross Contamination
 - Sanitation
- Kitchen Skills
 - Knife Usage and Care
 - Measurements
 - Understanding Fractions
 - Portion Multiplication
 - Ingredient Blending
 - Sour vs Sweet vs Spicey vs Savory
 - Substitutions
 - Plating and Presentation

Wednesday	9/19/25
Wednesday	10/8/25
Wednesday	11/12/25
Wednesday	12/10/25
Wednesday	1/14/26
Wednesday	2/11/26
Wednesday	3/11/26
Wednesday	4/8/26
Wednesday	5/13/26

Each session will focus on a particular dish or food item that they will be able to take home to enjoy. The secondary goal would be to take the skills learned and make that same thing with the family. Creating life-long memories is the bonus! Example: We may make mini pumpkin pies that with ingredient multiplication, can be turned into a family desert with the help of family members.

I will pay particular attention to our menus during Lent as many kids give up sweets, we'll lean savory.

I would encourage any available parents to sit in and assist when available. Watching your child learn certain kitchen skills, then repeating with them say, that weekend, will be a great memory builder and confidence enhancer for any student. Their contribution to family meals will also have lasting effects.

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____

Permission

- I give permission for my student to participate in St. Joseph School's Culinary Club
- I understand that the kitchen environment poses minor danger
- I understand that if my child is not following expectations and proper safety procedures, they will not be allowed to return (parent notified)
- My child has a foodborne allergy to _____
- My child is restricted from (foods) _____
- Following Culinary Club, my child will be (Circle one):
 - Picked Up
 - Attend ASK

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

I Can Help on This (These) Date(s): _____

Office Use: Paid \$45 for the season



Interested in a fun and creative after school activity?

Come join us for LEGO CLUB at St. Joe's!

*At **LEGO** club, children will create using St. Joe's **LEGO** supplies. They'll be inspired by unique, monthly challenges. They'll have the opportunity to build confidence and display their **LEGO** creations!*

Open to grades 1st – 4th

Dates: Once a month on Tuesday's, exact dates below.

October 28

November 25

December 9

January 27

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 26

Time: immediately after school, until 3:45PM

Cost: \$10 per child

Please return this page to the school office, with payment, by 10/17.

I, _____, give the following

child(ren) _____

permission to attend LEGO Club meetings.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Enjoy riding your bike?

JOIN US FOR ST. JOE'S ANNUAL BIKE KNIGHT!

When: Friday Sept. 19th

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Where: St. Joe's back parking lot.

Kids: Open to all ages. We will have
two loops separated by age groups.

Adults: Bring chairs and any
beverages you and your family may
want.



**BRING YOUR BIKES OR
SCOOTERS FOR A FUN
FILLED EVENING
MINGLING WITH
FAMILIES FROM ST.
JOE'S!**

Big Bend Village Library is celebrating National Library Card Month by “Falling into Reading”- a free drawing for a Behind the Scenes Zoo Tour with 6 Zoo admission tickets (for all ages, parking not included), and 6 event tickets. All you need to do is come to the Big Bend Library and check out a book to enter the drawing! There is one drawing slip per person per visit, and you can visit many times! Of course, if you don’t have a library card, we would be happy to get one for you! The drawing is from September 2nd to September 22nd- the first day of autumn. We will draw for the prize winner on September 23rd.

Fall into Reading

Come to the Big Bend Village Library and check out a book with your Cafe card in order to be entered into a free drawing. For all ages!

The prize is a behind the scene visit to the Milwaukee Zoo with 6 free Zoo and attraction tickets!

1 entry per person per visit

September 2 - September 22, 2025



Save the date for Sean Gaskell: "Music of the West African Kora" comes to Big Bend! Sean will feature songs on the kora- a 21 stringed West African harp. He will describe his journey as he studied this instrument in Gambia and Senegal. Many of his songs are from an 800-year history back to the founding of the Mande empire. The performance will take place at the Floyd E. Swayze Memorial Center (Big Bend/Vernon Lions Club) on Wednesday, September 10th at 7pm. Call or email to sign up at the Big Bend library.

Music of the West African Kora Comes to Big Bend by Sean Gaskell
Wed September 10th 7pm at the Big Bend/Vernon Lions Club

Floyd E Swayze Memorial Center W231S9205 Riverside St, Big Bend, WI 53103

Sign up at the Big Bend Village Library to reserve a seat!



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