OUR WEEKLY NEWS

ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

March 31st - April 6th

"Lighting a path to the Higher purpose."

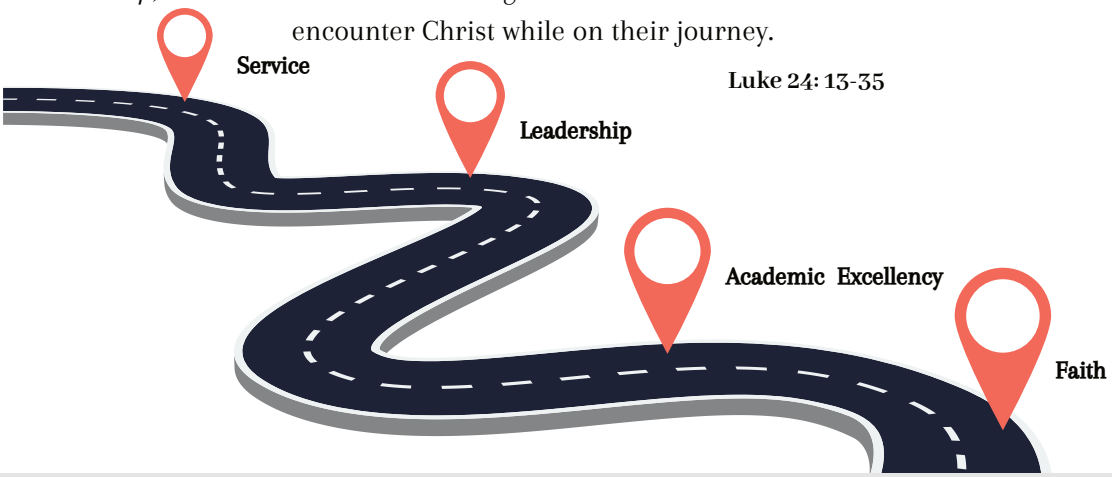




On Our Journey

Lighting a Path to a Higher Purpose

St. Joseph Community School's mission is that we are here to lead students to their fullest potential. We focus on four main categories: *academic excellency, faith, leadership, and service.* All of these categories are meant for them to thrive and also encounter Christ while on their journey.



Luke 24: 13-35



What are you waiting for?
START YOUR PATH HERE

"At. St. Joe's, my faith was cultivated and intertwined with academics, volunteering, and athletics, and truly everything that we did. This was so valuable and formative during my growing up years, alongside what I was learning at home and at church about my faith."

Lydia Gessner // Class of '16

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UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Friday March 29th (Good Friday) to April 1st (Easter Monday)
Spring Break🌸☀️

Visit our school calendar to see more upcoming events!

ATHLETICS EVENTS HAPPENING

Visit the **calendar** to see more upcoming events!

OUR DAILY SCHEDULE

Doors open 7:45am

Breakfast is served 7:45am-8:00am

School day begins 8:05am

School day ends 3:10pm

SPECIALS TEAM

ART

Did you know that Youth Art Month is celebrated in March? This is a good time to celebrate all of the creative things that the students have been working on with Mrs. Boge. Art Plans for March in grades k-4 included use of the turning (rotation) patterning of three hearts to form a shamrock. The students designed cards celebrating St. Patrick's use of a shamrock to explain the Trinity. Students also used wooden hearts to make another art piece applying this art technique, with a focus on proportion, use of space, and background detail.

Middle Schoolers are developing a Word that Speaks to Them art pieces. They must use graph paper to develop the word using various hand drawn fonts. They cut out their graphic pattern and trace onto felt pieces. They apply their felt word to a background that uses tissue paper applique. Last step is to enhance using other materials. This multimedia project challenges them to appreciate graphics and also expressing themselves using materials other than pencil, paint, or sketching.



P.E.

Second semester has been busy in PE. Although we miss Ms. Amanda, our sub for the 2nd quarter, Mrs. Nehls, Mrs. Knutson, Mrs. Denner, Mrs. McDonald, and homeroom teachers have been working hard to continue teaching the PE standards. Here are a few of the skills introduced in the K-2nd grade classes: manipulative skills using hoops, beanbags, and playground balls, throwing skills, movement skills which include personal space, jumping, tossing and catching, and parachute skills. Students in 3-4th grade have also worked on manipulative skills using hoops, and parachute skills. In addition to those skills: throwing skills form and velocity, football skills and lead-up activities, and soccer skills which include dribbling and passing with a partner. Finally in middle school, some of the highlights include long rope jumping, football skills such as forward passing, catching, centering, punting, lateral passing, and blocking, soccer skills like dribbling, inside of the foot pass, inside of the foot trap, long pass, goalkeeping, and shooting. Hopefully our nice weather will return soon so we can move more classes outside.











MEET THE TEAMS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

This week in **3 year old preschool** we were able to have our reading buddies come, and read some fun stories to us. The preschoolers really enjoy having the older students come read to them. In small groups we enjoyed reviewing the shapes. We played shape bingo to recognize the shapes. In small groups we also learned about the letter S by stamping on the letter S with the colored daubers, and we talked about what sound letter S makes. We did some new dances during music, and movement time. Everyone really loves dancing during movement time. We all hope everyone enjoys their spring break.**- Mrs. Sara**

This week in preschool, the **four year olds** read the book Rabbits and Raindrops by Jim Arnosky. They then worked hard to cut out a rabbit and leaves to create their own page for a class book about what they would each do after the rain stopped if they were rabbits. Our middle school reading buddies came and read some books with a lot of early math and counting in them. For snack one day, the preschoolers made energy balls using oats, honey, sunflower butter, and the secret ingredient.....great northern beans! They had fun smashing the beans and rolling the mixture into spheres. The preschoolers enjoyed the snow that fell and had a busy kindergarten preview day. We hope everyone has a great Easter and is able to enjoy the long weekend.- **Mrs. Abbott**

MEET THE TEAMS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

There has been a lot of excitement in **kindergarten** this week. We had people come in and help us with a craft for Easter. We decorated crosses with them. We had our reading buddies from middle school come read to us. We participated with the whole school in Stations of the Cross on Wednesday. Mr. Reicks came and brought our eggs. The countdown has started. We are excited for them to hatch. On thursday we got to spend the day with our Preschool Friends and showed them what a day in Kindergarten looks like. In math we continue to work with numbers bigger than 10. In reading we talked about ways we can read more fluently using clues the author gives us. We have continued to talk about weather in science. In writing we have continued to work on our Small Moments Stories. **- Mrs. Westwater**

We have been focusing on the importance of Holy Week during our "Holy Week in a Box" activity. Each day we added something to our box to remind us of what happened to Jesus on his journey from Palm Sunday to that glorious Easter morning. We wrote lists of our favorite illustrators and our favorite characters in our Reader's Notebook this week. We also finished up our community text collection with the stories, "Alicia's Happy Day" and "My Steps". We tested over our measurement topic in math and have moved on to sorting objects by looking at attributes such as size, shape, and color. In science, we have been learning about being weather watchers by paying attention to four things... what's in the sky, what's the temperature like, is it windy or calm, and is there precipitation or is it dry? Farmer Carl brought the chicken eggs in this week! In about three weeks, we are hoping to hear the cheeping of sweet baby chicks. **- Mrs. Flugum**

As the **First Graders** entered Holy Week we really focused on Jesus' journey this week. How we entered the city with palms waving, only to be crucified by Pontius Pilate, buried and today to Rise again. He hope that you are rejoicing today with your family as well. He is Risen. In math we have been working on telling time. This includes the hour and minute hand as well as telling time to the hour. We have worked with analog and digital clocks. In reading we are working on author's messages and what they want us to learn from their books. Many life lessons are told in our stories. Students are doing a great job of finding the message the author wants to give. In science we started a unit on weather. We are learning about a variety of things that affect our weather. This could include: temperature, clouds, wind, humidity, air pressure, and precipitation. In social studies we continue to work on how we get what we want and need. We will be starting our new unit this week. Happy Easter!
- **Mrs. Heying**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This week the second grade class is learning more about Holy Week as we prepare for Easter. We have reflected on how Jesus suffered, died, and rose again for our sins. Palm Sunday begin with the blessing of the palms and the reading of the passion. On Holy Thursday Jesus shared the last supper with his disciples. “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus when he was nailed to the cross. We enjoyed the Stations of the Cross this week with the school. We hope that you and your families are able to celebrate this blessed day of Easter with your family on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday. **- Mrs. Rochford**

We spent time this week reflecting on Holy Week. The Stations of the Cross led by the middle school students was fantastic. We learned the meaning of Spy Wednesday and reflected more on the meanings of Holy Thursday and Good Friday in preparation for the Resurrection. The third graders finished their unit on fractions and are doing some practice problems for the ISASP test coming up in a couple of weeks. The fourth graders worked so well together to create a complex machine. They couldn't get them to work just right, but there was phenomenal cooperation, grit, and laughter through it all. Happy Easter! Alleluia, He is Risen!**- Mrs. Herold**

Happy Easter!! I hope everyone had an amazing day. The 4th-Graders spent time this week praying for our families, our Veterans, and those battling cancer and other diagnosis. We also spent time this week talking about baseball and opening day as we read the book Barbered Wire Baseball about an internment camp during WW2 that features a group of Japanese Americans who built a baseball field in Arizona while being imprisoned. We are continuing our unit on the Titanic as the students had the opportunity to research a passenger on the Titanic and find more out about them. We also spent time this week preparing for the upcoming ISASP state test. Testing will be the 2nd week of April. Please help your child to get a good night sleep and a good breakfast each day to prepare for the test.. **- Mr. Larsen**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle schoolers have been diving into research mode this week with biographies. Students looked at different women in history who have showed perseverance and made an impact in the lives of others. With the research students have learned about credible sources, what are some good strategies when researching, and how to focus when researching. Students have been enjoying reading about the women in history and have been sharing their learning with each other. This week students also got the opportunity to lead the whole school in stations on Wednesday. Students did a great job showing their public speaking skills. This was a great way to remember Holy Week and the sacrifice made for us. We wish all families a very Happy Easter!
- **Mrs. Stumme, Mrs. Shatek , Mrs. Schueth, Mrs. McDonald**





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