

OUR WEEKLY NEWS

"LIGHTING A PATH TO THE HIGHER PURPOSE."



May 4th - May 10th

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.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCY

FAITH

LEADERSHIP

SERVICE

Proverbs 27:17



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



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Wednesday, May 7th

- 3rd and 4th Lunch with Pen Pals Field Trip

Friday, May 9th

- All School Mass at 8:30am

Visit our school [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 3:15pm

ATHLETICS EVENTS HAPPENING

Monday, April 28th

- Boys 7th and 8th grade track starting at 4:15pm at Sumner-Fred
- Girls 7th and 8th grade track starting at 4:15pm at Waukon

Thursday, May 1st

- Boys 7th and 8th grade track starting at 4:15pm at Crestwood High school

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Mass Times

4pm at Holy Family

6pm at IC in North
Washington or St. Boniface

Sunday Mass Times

8am at Holy Family

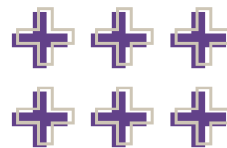
9am at Holy Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ESA Registration please use this link to fill out the 3-5 minute application! Everyone qualifies so please make sure to fill it out! [Click here](#) 🌟

4 year old Preschool graduation is **May 20th at 6pm** in the Church. It is also 4 year old and 3 year old preschool last day of school!





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Specials



P.E. WEEKLY RECAP

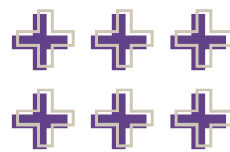
This week in P.E., we started a new activity called Capture the Flag. Capture the Flag is a fast-paced team game that helps students build teamwork, strategy, and physical fitness. The class is split into two teams, and each team has its own side of the gym or field and four flags to protect. The goal of the game is to cross into the other team's territory, grab their flags, and bring it back safely to your own side without being tagged. If a player is tagged while on the opposing team's side, they must go to a designated "jail" area. They can only be freed if a teammate runs over and tags them without getting caught. The game continues until one team successfully captures all the other flags and brings it back, or until time runs out. The students were really excited to learn the rules and practice the skills needed to play safely and cooperatively. It's been a fun way to get everyone moving and thinking strategically!

This Week's Athletes of the Week

Congratulations to our outstanding students who showed great effort, sportsmanship, and dedication in P.E. this week!

- Kindergarten (Flugum): Scarlett Schwickerath
- Kindergarten (Westwater): Jemma Rathjen
- 1st Grade: Emma Dreckman
- 2nd Grade: Jocelyn Eichenberger
- 3rd/4th Grade: Ryan Edson
- Middle School: Miles Vais
- **Ms. Winter**





MEET THE TEAMS

Early Childhood Team

3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: A FUN WEEK OF LEARNING!

We had mystery letters and shapes this week for our carpet time, and those numbers and shapes had to give clues to the students for them to figure out who they were. We worked on air writing all of our letters of the week and talked about how the letters were made up: lines, diagonals, and/or curves. We also compared the lower-case n and u and talked about their similarities. The students loved this day and had me flip it over and over and over. Our letters went into a "blender" and were all mixed up. They did a great job stating their names, sounds, and getting them back to how they are supposed to be. We learned a new number rock that counts to 20. For social skills time we worked on different ways to join in play and continued to review different ways to solve problems we learned in the past. One of the favorite activities of the week was our special top-secret project, which we can not share with you until next weekend. We will see if the surprise stays a surprise until then. 😊

- Mrs. Schueth



4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: A BUSY WEEK IN PRESCHOOL!

Letters- N, O, P, Q

Numbers-13, 14, 15, 16

Shapes- circle, octagon, pentagon, crescent Nursery

Rhyme-Pease Porridge Hot

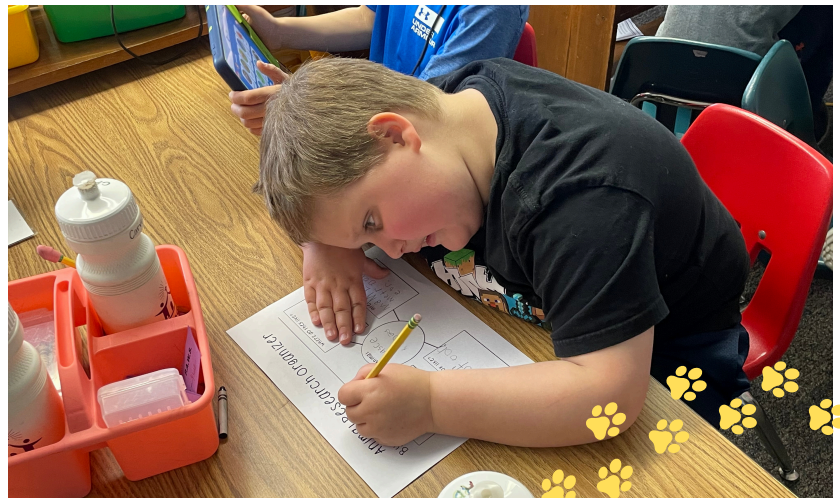
Finger Play-Bunny

The preschoolers loved doing the nocturnal numbers hunt on Monday and the obstacle course on Tuesday. We created pop bubble art on Thursday using regular bubble solution with food coloring added. Friday the preschoolers used q-tips to paint rainbows. We are doing our last round of literacy and math assessments during center time. During group time, we have been talking about what insects we see at certain times of the year and different times of day.

May 20-preschool last day

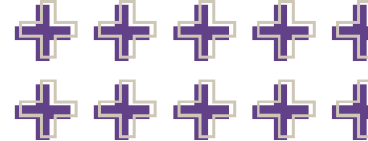
May 20-Preschool graduation evening @ 6:00 pm.

- Mrs. Abbott





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Early Childhood

KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS:

In religion this week, we focused on Mary as we talked about May crowning and began practicing the "Hail Mary" prayer. We also created salt dough crowns to display throughout the month of May. In phonics this week, we learned about sound buddies, more commonly referred to as blends. We know that, unlike digraphs, when we see sound buddies in words, each letter still says its own sound. We also worked with the heart words, "there," "but," and "want." We worked with the prepositions "in" and "out" in writing, as we wrote about what is in and out of the box. We are also doing an animal research writing project in science. We have each chosen an animal to research and are working with the resource "Pebble Go" to find out facts such as what our animal looks like, where it lives, what it eats, and at least one interesting fact to share. The kindergartners dove right into this research project with excitement and curiosity! In math, we tested over measurement and have moved on to working with shapes. We are looking forward to our kindergarten Mass on May 9th, where Mrs. Westwater's friends will be readers at Mass, and Mrs. Flugum's friends will be leading one of the songs in the Mass. - **Mrs. Flugum & Mrs. Westwater**



FIRST GRADE NEWSFLASH:

Happy Sunday! We had a great week in first grade. The students are learning about Pentecost and St. Francis Xavier. In math we continued our unit on geometry learning about how other shapes combined can make up a new shape. Our next unit will focus on fractions. In science we learned a little about butterflies and what makes them different. We also focused on location in social studies. In writing we finished our opinion pieces about the favorite flavor of ice cream and have started working on our opinion letters. We also enjoyed pajama day on Wednesday for meeting a part of our goal for Jump Rope for Heart! We hope you have a great week!

- **Mrs. Heying**

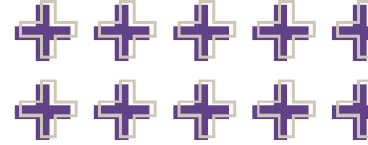
Elementary Team

SECOND GRADE NEWSFLASH: A WEEK OF LEARNING AND FUN!

The second graders had a fantastic week! They were preparing for their First Communion mass and boy, did they rock it! Their smiles told the entire story of how much they love Jesus! In math they were working on coin values and creating certain amounts. This is something to keep working on at home so they know the coins quickly by sight and their value. Next week will be adding and subtracting to make change. In reading we focused a great deal on nonfiction books and their text features. They learned that not all books contain all of the features, not even books by the same author. Learning the parts of a descriptive poem was our work in writing. Next week we will dive in and actually put a poem together about an animal. Last Sunday was Divine Mercy Sunday so the second through fourth graders learned the meaning of that and said the Divine Mercy Chaplet. What a great week! - **Mrs. Herold**



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Elementary Team

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE:

"It's gonna be May"! -Justin Timberlake or is it Me? We are ready to turn the page as we prepare for the final month of school. Even though we are getting close to the end, we still have a lot of learning to do. We are gearing up for our upcoming Fast, Areading, and Amath tests. This will be the final time this year we take the tests. We have a lot of exciting things coming up in the month of May. On May 12th we will be going fishing with Ms. Winter for P.E. If your child has not turned in their Permission slip they are due. We will be leading mass on May 16th. You are welcome to join your child at Mass on the 16th. We have been working with division with remainders and even touched on fractions this week as well. In our Independent Reading Time, we started reading a book about the dog Hachiko who was a loyal dog who waited every day at the train station for his master who passed away. There is a great movie called Hachi: A Dog's Tale with Richard Gere that mirrors the true life story. We prayed this week for our family members and for guidance through out the day.

- Mr. Larsen & Mrs. Rochford

Middle School Team

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Wow! It's hard to believe another week has already come and gone. It was another busy and exciting week in Middle School, but we wouldn't have it any other way! On Wednesday, our 7th and 8th graders attended Rotary at the Pub, where they shared their speeches and had the audience laughing out loud. We received incredible feedback from several Rotary members. One even shared that she has helped judge speech contests in the past and was extremely impressed with all of our students. She strongly encouraged them to continue with speech in future and high school!

A few upcoming things to put on your calendars:

- Fishing Trip Permission Forms are Due Monday, May 5th
- 8th Grade Pictures - Monday, May 5th
- 8th Grade Video Pictures - Due Monday, May 5th
- 8th Grade Banners - Due May 16th
- Book Challenge - Due May 16th
- Purple Cord - Students have been updated on where they stand. Please get cards submitted ASAP. Hours can still be submitted until May 22nd for this school year.
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Last Day of School May 23rd

- Mrs. Stumme, Mrs. Shatek, Mrs. Denner, and Mrs. McDonald

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