

St. Joseph School

December 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER:

- 7th Mass @ 9AM
followed by Student of
the Month Assembly
 - Subway Day
 - Confessions grades 3&4
- 8th Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
- 9th-12th Book Fair (open
during school hours)
- 9th
 - Pre-K Concert @
1:30PM
 - Supper with Santa from
2-4 PM (Book Fair
Open)
- 12th Fr. Ivan's Birthday!
- 12th K-8 Christmas
Concert @ 6:30 PM in
church (Book Fair open
after concert)
- 14th Mass @ 9AM
 - Confessions grades 5&6
- 21st Mass @ 9AM
 - Confessions grades 7&8
- 24th No School:
Christmas Vacation
begins
- January 3rd School
resumes



Dear St. Joseph School Families:

Advent began on Sunday, December 2nd. For centuries, Advent has been a time of spiritual reflection as well as cheer and anticipation. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year and is marked by a spirit of preparation and longing.

I hope you will use Advent's four weeks as a time of prayer and

spiritual renewal. Renew the wonder of God's everlasting love and His overwhelming gift to each of us: His beloved child.

As we approach this wonderful time of year, filled with joy and hope, we renew our own faith and grow as believers in Jesus. I wish to express to each of you how much your support and cooperation means to the faculty and staff of

St. Joseph School. We appreciate all that you do for us, so that we can work together to help your most precious gifts—your children— best use the talents God has given them.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous, Happy New Year!!

Mrs. Green

Advent activities

The students will be participating in a variety of activities in their classrooms as part of their Religion curriculum. Most classes are donating items for a family in need this Christmas season. Many classes will be making cards for veterans and for those in nursing homes and hospitals. Please encourage your child to

make some personal sacrifices during this holy season. They might donate snack money, a portion of their allowance, or do an extra chore to earn money and give it to those less fortunate. It means more if it's truly a sacrifice on the part of the child, rather than a hand-out from Mom or Dad. We will continue to attend

mass each week, go to confession, and also hold three Advent Wreath Prayer Services. We invite you to join us and celebrate the true reason for the holiday season.

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

Welcome

Welcome to Mr. Carlos Hernandez our 6/7/8 Spanish teacher. Mr. Hernandez comes to us with 26 years of teaching experience. He is also member of our SJS extended-family as Uncle of 7th grade student Kalen Muehlig.

Welcome Mr. Hernandez!

Volunteers



*They don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.
Thank You!*

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

- ◆ Sarah Welker for coordinating our Kutter's cheese sale.
- ◆ Stephanie King, Stephanie Fiorentino and Jen Allen for organizing our visit with Santa.
- ◆ All of our volunteers who show up faithfully to help in the cafeteria each week.

WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO FOR ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL!!!

Piano Lessons

There still are a few lesson openings available with Mr. Geoff Clough. Please contact Mr. Clough directly if you are interested: 721-6732

"The music's in there. You just gotta press the right keys to get it out..."



Virtus Updates

As of December 31st, anyone who has not been completing the VIRTUS Online Training Bulletins will have their accounts suspended for non-compliance.

Please check the status of your bulletins at

www.virtus.org



A Visit With Santa

A visit **with Santa** social is scheduled for Sunday, **December 9th**. This event will be held from **2:00-4:00 PM** in the school cafeteria.

Please return the forms that were sent home in the family envelopes so that we can plan.

Our book fair will be open during this time too!

Come and enjoy an afternoon with Santa!

Uniforms

As we approach the new year, we understand that many of the children have had growth spurts since school started. Please take a look at our supply of used uniforms before spending the money to purchase new items. We have a good supply of gently-used shirts, blouses, jumpers, skirts, and pants. These are free for the taking and can be found in the closet outside of the girl's restroom in the cafeteria.



The Magic of
Christmas
is not in the presents
but in *His* presence

*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*

*For unto us a
Child is born*

SHREK THE MUSICAL

Congratulations to the following St. Joseph School students and graduates for their participation in Notre Dame High School's production of "Shrek":

Fiona..... Faith Falkowski
 DonkeyMatt Stevens
 Lord Farquaad..... Sam Bowman
 GingyAmanda Bergman
 Pinocchio Tyler Fuller
 Little Shrek..... **Avery English**
 Young Fiona**Maia Zerillo**
 King HaroldSam Zerillo
 Queen Lillian..... Krysta Hansen
 Lord Farquaad's Dad..Ben Streeter
 3 Little Pigs ..Jewel Shenck, Lucia Sprague
 Papa BearSam Zerillo
 Mama Bear... Gemma Bochicchio
 Baby Bear... Clarice Misiak/**Maia Zerillo**
 Sugar Plum Fairy ...Meghan Stella
 Fairy Godmother..Sarah McGinnis
 Wicked Witch... Hannah Gualtieri
 Tweedledum & Tweedledee...
 Krysta Hansen, Hope Miceli

PrincessNya Thomas
 3 Blind Mice Hannah Gualtieri, Meghan Stella, Sarah McGinnis
 Rats..... Hannah Gualtieri, Meghan Stella

Ensembles:

Guards Sam Zerillo, **Logan Narburgh**

Duloc Performers..... Gemma Bochicchio, Hannah Gualtieri, Clarice Misiak, Meghan Stella, Amanda Bergman, Krysta Hansen, Jewel Shenck, Amanda Nguyen, Lucia Sprague

Dragon Ladies Addy DiMatteo, Hannah Gualtieri, Meghan Stella

Peasants Amanda Nguyen, **Logan Narburgh**, Lucia Sprague

Crew:

Assistant Stage Manager ...Mary Warner
 Student Director ..Emily English
 Student Choreographer . Hannah Gualtieri
 Stage Crew.....Andrew Ricupito
 Kate Warner
 Madalyn Bochicchio
 Samantha Schell
 Lighting and Sound Crew....
 Spencer Misiiti
 Andrew Moore
 Noah Johnson
 Zack Babcock
 Jose Torres

***bold indicates current SJS students**

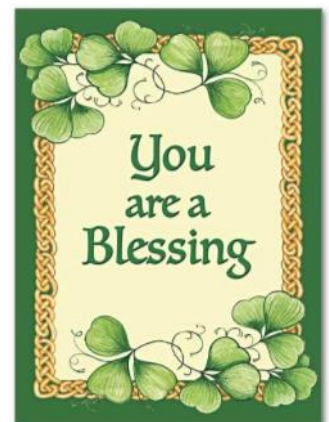
Memorials

Memorials were made to our school in the memory of the following persons. We thank their loved ones for honoring their memory in support of our school. May God Bless the deceased and comfort those who mourn them.

Paul Sherwood
 (Mrs. Norton's father)
 Mrs. Margaret Volpe
 (former SJS teacher)
 Cosimo Baglio
 Ronald Konieczny
 Louise Stone
 Frank Yasses



Congratulations to Mrs. Beth Hofmaster for receiving the "Spirit of St. Joe's" award." Pictured is Mrs. Green presenting Mrs. Hofmaster with the award at the Popcorn Ball.



Christmas Concert

On Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm, we will hold our annual Christmas Concert in the church. **Students in grades K-8 will be participating** under the direction of Mrs. Picarro-Hoerbelt, our music teacher and Mrs. Wendy Williams, our instrumental teacher. **Students should arrive at 6:15 p.m. at the church.** This is a “dress-up” event, meaning students should be in appropriate attire– no jeans or sneakers please. Our teachers and our children have worked very hard

to prepare for this concert. We ask that everyone who attends remembers to show respect for God’s house, the church.



Pre-K Program



Our Pre-K Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 9th at 1:30 pm. in the church, under the direction of Mrs. Hofmaster, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. King and Mrs. Del Plato.

“I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.”

Charles Dickens

Christmas Recess

Christmas Recess will begin on Monday, December 24th. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Subway Day

Our January Subway Day is scheduled for Friday, January 11th, rather than the first Friday of the month due to the Christmas holiday.



School closings

In the event of poor weather conditions, St. Joseph School will close if the Batavia School District closes. St. Joseph School itself may or may not be announced. However, if St. Joseph School closes independently, the announcement will be made using the school name.

RADIO:

Batavia WBTA 1490 am

TELEVISION:

Rochester Channel 8
Rochester Channel 10
Buffalo Channel 7
Buffalo Channel 4
Buffalo Channel 2

Regardless of Radio and TV listings, our families will receive notification via the School Messenger system. Please help us keep you informed by keeping your contact information up to date by notifying the office of any phone or email changes. Thank you!



Health Office News

WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME WITH ILLNESS DURING COLD & FLU SEASON

The following are a few situations that warrant monitoring and possibly calling your health care provider:

- ✦ Persistent fever greater than 100.4° orally, including a fever controlled with medication such as Tylenol
- ✦ Uncomfortable, disruptive cough
- ✦ Sore throat that is severe with fever for more than 48 hours, OR after known exposure to Strep throat infection.
- ✦ Honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts; OR a rash in various stages including boils, sores and bumps that may be chicken pox; OR a significant rash accompanied by other symptoms of illness such as fever
- ✦ Red, runny eyes
- ✦ Large amount of discolored nasal discharge, especially if accompanied by facial pain or headache
- ✦ Severe ear pain or drainage from the ear
- ✦ Severe headache, especially if accompanied by fever

- ✦ Any condition that you think may be serious or contagious to others.

Finally, if you know your child is still running a fever, please do not medicate them and send them into school. As the medication wears off you are likely to receive a call to come to pick up your feverish child. It is better to let them stay home in bed with a fever and take their medications at home until they are off all medicines and ready for a full day in a classroom.

If you find a pattern of your child asking to stay home from school, especially if they are falling behind or appear anxious by the thought of attending school, or if there does not appear to be any obvious physical symptoms, it may be a good idea to contact your school nurse and your health care provider to discuss your concerns.

Remember, whenever you keep your child home from school, please call the school promptly and send a note with them upon their return.

Thank you!

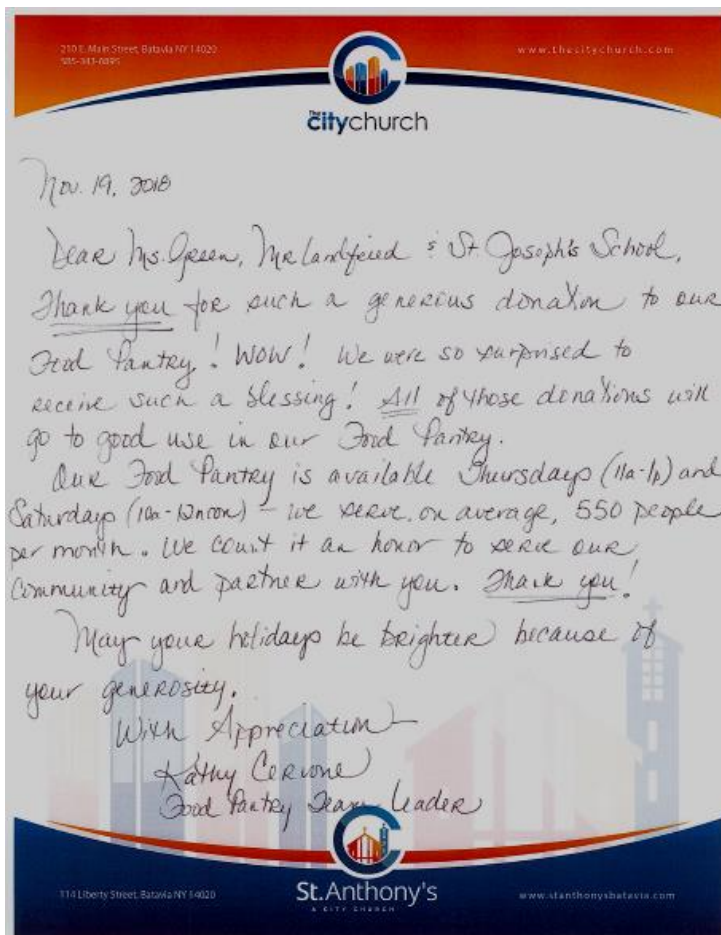
Please see the thank you letter (left) our school received from the City Church St. Anthony's Food Pantry here in Batavia.

You, our families, so generously donated food for our Thanksgiving collection. We donated your contributions to the local Food Pantry.

As you may read in the thank you letter, they were delighted and very thankful. The Pantry serves over 500 of our community each month. By supporting the Pantry we model Christianity and good citizenship to our children. Thank you!

I have not stopped
Giving Thanks for you,
remembering you in
my Prayers.

Ephesians 1:16



1st Quarter Honor Roll

First Honors (94.0-100)

- Grade 3:** Carmelina Allen, Grace Allen, Aidan Boehly, Guinnevere Clark, Lucia Fiorentino, Abilene Foss, Benjamin Landers, Alaria Tomidy, Anthony Warner, Daniel Winters, Madilyn Zambito
- Grade 4:** Emma Fitch, Evan Fitzpatrick, Riley Yunker
- Grade 5:** Lindsay Betters, Emery Blum, Gianna Clark, Sarah Lumberg, Owen Therrien, Lucia Zambito
- Grade 6:** Jordan Dwyer, Claira Keppler, Chance King, Kaitlin Kratz, Maria Prattico, Rocco Sprague, Catherine Tenney
- Grade 7:** Teresa Compton, Melania deSa e Frias, Jaden Firmstone, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Kaitlyn Landers, Kalen Muehlig, Kate Ricupito, Emma Sisson, Loretta Sorochty, Hannah Tenney
- Grade 8:** Connor Boehly, Maylee Green, Kaylie Kratz, Amelia McCulley, Arabella Rogers, Aaron Treleaven

Second Honors (89.0-93.9)

- Grade 3:** Jacob Ferris, Lilah Guarino, Lillian Houseknecht, Brayden Irvin, Addison Yasses, William Zerillo
- Grade 4:** Andrew Compton, Clayton Conrad, Finn Davies, Logan Dryja, Connor Dwyer, Sofia Falleti, Benjamin Ferrando, Peyton Goebert, Andrew Macdonald, Isabella Manzella, Samantha Morabito
- Grade 5:** Nicholas Compton, Karleigh Driffill, Gianna Falleti, Damian Frazer, Zachery Houseknecht, Clairissa Milliman, Sara Nickerson, Amelia Sorochty, Mia Treleaven
- Grade 6:** Matthew Compton, Andrew Kaus, Nilsson Laska, Ryan Macdonald, Jaimin Macdonald, Matthew Rogers, Rhys Tanner
- Grade 7:** Violet March, Abbey Rose Root
- Grade 8:** Veronica Bochicchio, Brandon Carrick, Olivia Constantino, Anthony Fiorentino, Cayla Hansen, Paige Klotzbach, Rebeka Nickerson, James Prattico, Connor Thornley, Morgan Wahl, Jordan Welker

Merit Honors (85.0-88.9)

- Grade 3:** Randall Laska
- Grade 4:** Colton Callard, Steven Karas, Madison Klotzbach, Elizabeth Lankford, Isabella Thompson
- Grade 5:** Kaiden Campopiano, Mirabella Falleti, Stephen Porter, Dominic White
- Grade 6:** Gianna Groff, Timothy Karas, Beckett Swanson
- Grade 7:** Katelyn Kowalski, Logan Narburgh, Maia Zerillo
- Grade 8:** Gino Falleti

*82% of our students in grades 3-8 achieved the honor roll in the 1st quarter.
Congratulations and keep working hard in the 2nd quarter!!
We are proud of you!!!*



Congratulations Maria

Congratulations to Maria Pratico whose poster won third-place in the Grades 6-8 Youth category in the Genesee County STOP-DWI contest.

Maria and her parents are pictured by her winning art work at the Awards luncheon sponsored by the Genesee County STOP-DWI Advisory Board.



Kindergarten registration for the next school year (2019-2020) is now under way.

If you know of any families who are considering St. Joseph School please share this information with them. *We anticipate a full class next year so be sure to register early.*

Our annual Open House will be held on Sunday January 27th. If your child is currently in Pre-K please consider joining us on that day.

As always, we thank **you** for spreading the good news of St. Joseph School. The example your children set in our communities as well as your recommendations for the school are our best marketing tools!

Reaching you by Email, Voice and Text

We use the Family Contact Service called “School Messenger”. On the “Family Contact Form” sent home at the beginning of the year there was a section entitled “Sending You Voice & E-mail messages”. We have used these email addresses and phone numbers to create a database of contacts.

If you are not receiving email messages or have not received an “Opt-In” text message please contact Nora O’Neill. She may be reached at the school office or at noneill@sjsbatavia.org.

Please note that time-sensitive messages will be sent by text or voice. General messages such as our weekly news will be sent by email.

Note that if you provided your email address to us but have not been receiving our weekly Monday Morning Memo as well as other messages, you may need to check your filtered messages (“Spam” or “Junk”). Some e-mail systems will filter multiple-recipient messages such as those sent through School Messenger.



MATTHEW 1:21-23

²¹AND SHE SHALL BRING FORTH A SON, AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS: FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS. ²²NOW ALL THIS WAS DONE, THAT IT MIGHT BE FULFILLED WHICH WAS SPOKEN OF THE LORD BY THE PROPHET, SAYING, ²³BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND SHALL BRING FORTH A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL, WHICH BEING INTERPRETED IS, GOD WITH US. KJV