

St. Joseph Catholic School Spiritual Life

The St. Joseph school community is a faith community of disciples dedicated to deepening their relationship with Christ through Prayer, Worship and Service

"St. Joseph Catholic School, serving as a ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Parish, is dedicated to celebrating and educating the whole child. Recognizing parents as the primary educators of their children, we work collaboratively to foster a love for all that is genuinely beautiful, good and true. We are committed to providing a rigorous curriculum that motivates students toward an intrinsic love of learning, leading them to an understanding that learning is desirable for its own sake. We seek to immerse our students in a Christ-centered environment, so they may develop the courage to seek the Wisdom to trust in and cooperate with God's grace in their lives, thus empowering them to use the gifts that God has given them to live happy integrated lives as disciples of Christ in our diverse and technological world." – *Vision Statement*

I am a Disciple of Christ, who:

- ❖ keeps myself open to God's will in my life
- ❖ deepens my relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, meditation and participation in the sacramental life of the Church
- ❖ integrates Gospel values by living the Great Commandment
- ❖ performs the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- ❖ actively participates in school and parish Liturgies
- ❖ cultivate a knowledge of Scripture, Church beliefs, history and tradition
- ❖ acts with integrity

Prayer:

Through an active prayer life, our students strengthen their relationship with Christ, thus strengthening them to intentionally perform the Spiritual Works of Mercy .

Monday Assembly and Weekday Morning Prayer:

Child's Morning Offering, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Prayer to St. Joseph. and Litany of Saints:

8th Grade	Saint Maximilian Kolbe
7th Grade	Saints Francis and Clare
6th Grade	Saint Damien of Molokai
5th Grade	Saint Joan of Arc
4th Grade	Saint Dominic Savio
3rd Grade	Saint Terese of Lisieux
2nd Grade	Saint John Bosco
1st Grade	Saint Juan Diego
Kinder	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Alpha-K	Saint Jude

Afternoon Prayer:

September:	Guardian Angel Prayer
October:	Hail Mary
November:	Act of Contrition
December:	Holy, Holy, Holy
January:	Gloria
February:	Confiteor
March:	Apostle's Creed
April:	The Prayer of St. Ignatius
May:	Hail Holy Queen
June:	Come Holy Spirit

Annual Class Retreats

Each class participates in a day of retreat, designed to deepen the prayer-life of our students. Please keep each class in prayer in a special way during the month of their annual retreat:

AK	October
Kinder	November
1st Grade	May
2nd Grade	April
3rd Grade	March
4th Grade	February
5th Grade	December
6th Grade	November
7th Grade	October
8th Grade	September

Worship:

The school community attends Mass weekly on Tuesdays and observes all Holy Days of Obligation and Special Observances. Each week, a class is assigned to prepare and lead the Liturgy. In addition, each class prepares and leads one Sunday, 9:00 am Mass per year.

Class-Sponsored Masses – Sundays, 9:00 am

8th Grade	September 10
7th Grade	November 5
6th Grade	January 21
5th Grade	March 11
4th Grade	April 15
3rd Grade	October 22
2nd Grade	First Holy Communion weekend: May 5 & 6
1st Grade	February 11
Kinder	December 3
AK	May 20

Service:

St. Joseph students live the Corporal Works of Mercy through their participation in school-wide and class service projects.

School-wide Service Projects

Socks – September – Shelter the Homeless

Food – October – Feed the Hungry

Blankets – November – Shelter the Homeless

Christmas Project= December

Cards – January – Bury the Dead – Sr. Eva

Get on the Bus – February – visit the imprisoned

Food – March – Feed the Hungry

Stuffed Toy Collection/Miller children's Hospital – April - visit the sick

Homeless Kits – May