
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

St. Joseph Catholic School provides a Christian Learning environment that nurtures the growth of each student in mind, body, and spirit. Our school offers unique educational experiences that provide the values, knowledge, and skills students need to be successful in life.

INCLUDED IN PACKET

- **Newsletter – emailed**

COMING NEXT WEEK

09/12/26 – Saturday:

- **FALL FEST**

09/13/26 - Sunday:

- **FALL FEST**

09/14/26 - Monday:

- Wear Your SJS Pride wear

09/15/26 - Tuesday:

09/16/26 - Wednesday:

- Early Dismissal - 2:20 pm
- MS Youth 2:30-4 Parish Hall

09/17/26 - Thursday:

- Gr 3 Field Trip

09/18/26 - Friday:

MILLENNIUM MADNESS WINNER

09/07/26 - #860: Congratulations to Roxanne Ray. She won \$200 in cash. The winning ticket was sold by the parents of Isaac Barker.

From the desk of Mr. Baker...

Safe Environment Training for Children and Youth

With October around the corner, it's time for our staff to teach the annual Safe Environment Training (Boundaries Lessons) for students in grades Preschool - Grade 8. Click [HERE](#) for more information regarding this policy. The goal is to complete the lessons by Friday, October 17, 2025. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

In compliance with our diocesan school safety policy, we will once again practice our various school safety drills. Specifically, our Hold, Secure (previously called a Lockout), and Lockdown drills. Each term has a specific language and meaning for the students and staff.

These are the Standard Response Protocol(s) (SRP) for all our diocesan schools. You could use this as an opportunity for further discussions with your child about school safety and staying vigilant. Hopefully, they can tell you what their actions are in each of these situations. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your child's teacher or call the school. We'd be happy to answer any questions you may have. [Standard Response Protocol](#)

See you at Fall Fest!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES OCTOBER 14, 2026

Parents are required to conference with their child's teacher/s.

3:00-4:00 Ainsworth - Gumbel
4:00-5:00 Scherer - Zimmerman
5:00-6:00 Hackman - Rumschlag

Middle School teachers and Area Specialists will be in the auditorium to meet with parents.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Reminder to all winter sport athletes: you need a copy of your physical on file in the school office before your first practice.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Please note: there is a new policy in place. Even if you have recently been approved, you most likely still need to do an update. Please remember to attend field trips or volunteer in the building; you must have a background check completed and up to date. Molly Mowery is our new Safe Environment Coordinator. Please check with Molly and see where you stand on your background check as soon as possible. Email Molly at mmowery@sjdecatur.org or call her at 260-706-7132.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL BOOK FAIR FEATURING OUR NEW VENDOR: LITERATI OPENBOOK

We're excited to announce that our Fall Book Fair is here—and this year, St. Joseph School is partnering with Literati OpenBook as our new vendor! While the name is new, the shopping experience will feel familiar, fun, and full of great books for every reader. Please see the attached flyer for all the details.

ST. JOE 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

When: Mon. Sept. 21st

Where: St. Joe Gym

What: St. Joe 5th/6th, 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Games

Who: 8th grade Volleyball Players / Parents & Kindergarten Angels

Time: 5:00 6th Grade & 7th Grade Volleyball game, followed by 8th grade

Introduction of 8th Grade Players/Parents and Kindergarten Angels @ approx 5:40

All St. Joe Students are free

STUDENT PICTURE RETAKES

If you want your students' pictures retaken, please return the student picture packet as soon as possible. Retakes will be on **Monday, October 12th**. Students who missed registration picture day will get their picture taken that day also.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

When: Friday, September 25th

Time: Starts with Mass at 8:10 am - 10:30 am

We will start our day with Mass at Church, where grandparents/VIPS can sit with their special student. The grandparents/VIPS are invited to school to visit students' classrooms and have a cookie in the auditorium. They can also visit our book fair with or without their students from 8-10:30. Cash, check, credit card, and e-wallet accepted.

**ST. MARY'S
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
YOUTH**

Next Gathering:
Wednesday, September 16 2:30-4 p.m.
in the Parish Hall
Signup deadline online
by Tues. Sept. 15
www.stmarysdecatur.org/youth

**FALL FEST
YOUTH
CLEAN-UP
CREW**

**HIGH SCHOOL
AND
Middle School
Youth**

Offer service to our church
community:
Sunday, Sept. 13 4-5:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall
Food and Fellowship follow!

**ST. MARY'S PARISH
MINISTRY FAIR
September 19th/20th**

After All Weekend Masses in the Parish Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us for light refreshments.

Tables will be set up for you to learn
more about each ministry and sign up.

Be a bigger part of St. Mary's Parish. Make new
friends! Short on time - there is a ministry for you
too! Questions? Contact Debbie Myers:
(260)706-7134 or dsmyers@sjdecatour.org