



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 - email**
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COMING NEXT WEEK

11/08/25 - Saturday:

- 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

11/09/25 - Sunday:

- 7th Grade TOB Parent Only Meeting 12:15 in Auditorium

11/10/25 - Monday:

- Wear Your SJS Pridewear

11/11/25 - Tuesday:

- Veterans' Day
- 1:30 Patriotic Rosary in Church - All Invited

11/12/25 - Wednesday:

- Early Dismissal - 2:30 pm

11/13/25 - Thursday:

- Right To Life Presentations

11/14/25 - Friday:

- Adoration
 - Gr 4 - Field Trip
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MILLENNIUM MADNESS WINNER

11/03/25 - # 270 Congratulations to Andrea and Lance Shirfferly. They won \$150. The winning ticket was sold by the family of Reagan Walters.

ST. JOSEPH PRIDEWEAR

An order form went home last week. Orders are due to the office before 9 am Monday, November 17th. Orders will be delivered to the school and sent home with your student before Christmas Break. Happy shopping!

From the desk of Mr. Baker

Keep in prayer our 8th-grade students as they continue their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. They will be spending this weekend in retreat, preparing themselves for the next step in their faith journey. God bless our students, their sponsors, and teachers.

As a reminder, the 7th-grade class at St. Joseph School will recite a Patriotic Rosary for our country and to honor our veterans on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th, at 1:30 p.m. in the church. All are encouraged to join.

Next week's donations for the St. Vincent de Paul food drive will be non-perishable food items. Please be as generous as you are able. This is a great resource for many within our community.

Early Dismissal

SJS will dismiss at 12:30 on Wednesday, November 26. You will recall that North Adams is not in session, so your child will need a ride to and from school that day. This is a change to our calendar, so be sure to take note of the new dismissal time. Unless they pack, the school will provide lunch.

NO BUSES NOVEMBER 26th.

North Adams will not be in session on November 26th. Therefore, buses will not run. St. Joe students will need transportation to and from school. Dismissal will be at 12:30. (If North Adams uses November 26th as a makeup day, we will attend all day.)

To help alleviate the congestion on the 5th Street lot, students who normally ride the bus on those days will be dismissed on 4th Street.

HASA Providing A Special Thanksgiving Lunch For Students Wednesday, November 26th

HASA will be providing students with a Chick-fil-A Sandwich, chips, a sweet treat, and a bottle of water for lunch. If your child does not want the sandwich, they will need to pack lunch that day.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Please join St. Joseph School's 7th Graders as we honor our Veterans by reciting The Patriotic Rosary. Tuesday, November 11th, 1:30 pm St. Mary's Catholic Church. Please invite any Veterans you know!

ATTENTION GRADES 4-8 BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL PICTURES

Pictures will be taken on Thursday, November 13th. Please remember to bring your ENTIRE game uniform and shoes along with Gibby's picture order form.

SANTALAND IS COMING

Santaland helpers need your donations of gift bags in all sizes; any holiday or celebration will do. The gift bags make for great shopping bags!

ST. JOE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, and Commodore Chorus members are involved. The concert will be held on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30 pm in the St. Joe auditorium.

STACK THE STAGE/ST. VINCENT FOOD DRIVE

This is the last week of our food drive. While this week's items are toiletries, please send in any pantry items, canned goods, or toiletry items. Let's get that stage stocked full!

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

8th Grade Parents: If you plan to chaperone the Washington, DC trip in May 2026, you will need to register online through the tour company. You do not register your student. Only parents of the 8th-grade student may chaperone. Once you have your rooming arrangements, please email Laura at lsutton@sjdecatur.org to let her know if you are in a single room or who your roommate is.

Classic Tours has online registration for the Washington, D.C. trip. Please visit their website at <http://www.ClassicToursInc.com> and click on "Find My School". You will then have the option to register online. If you do not wish to register online, you can click on the printable PDF, print the registration form, and mail it in to Classic Tours with your deposit.

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE PARENTS

We are just weeks away from the kick-off of our Millennium Madness fundraiser! Information has been sent through text message and on our "St. Joe 7th Grade" group on the BAND app (used for organization of our Callithumpian food booth). If you have not received any information, please contact/call Carrie Binegar at 260.223.0961 or contact Megan Kable, Whitney Fullenkamp, or Emily Schultz.

K of C THANKSGIVING BINGO

Thursday, November 20 - 7:00 pm at the K of C Pavilion, 1703 High St. Ext., Decatur. Doors Open at 6 pm, Games Begin at 7 pm. 3-card sheet \$5, 6-card sheet \$10. Kids' card \$2. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER 2025 SCHOOL BOARD

The St. Joseph School Board met from 6-645p TUES NOV 4th. We received updates on our student athletes for this winter season, improvements with curriculum, active growth and involvement enhancing our Catholic Identity, alongside grounds and building improvements to enhance security and safety of our students. To more fully interconnect stakeholders, St. Joseph staff and HASA have been invited to attend board meetings in order to share and highlight their contribution to our school's success. Too, dialogue occurred regarding the dress code and its role to help our students learn to "Dress for Success" and the potential of simplifying it for ease of enforcement. Our board welcomes ideas from parents and interested parishioners who have a deep desire to help St. Joseph School succeed! Specifically this month, the board will seek input regarding our school's involvement in assisting, supporting and serving those in need in our community. Board Members: Carrie Binegar (president), Michelle Barker, Mary Gage, Justin Hall, Nathan Heimann, Josh Fullenkamp, Julie Rumschlag, Katie Scherer, Scott Trapp, Mary Weber, and Erin Whitman