

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**
- **November Calendar**
- **November Lunch Menu**
- **1st Quarter Worker Awards**
- **Speed Stack Info [Order Speed Stack](#)**
- **Pridewear Order Form - Due 11/17/25**
- **Patriotic Rosary Invitation**
- **Gr 8 Confirmation Retreat Info**

COMING NEXT WEEK

11/01/25 - Saturday:

11/02/25 - Sunday:

- **MOVE CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**
- **8:30 am - 4th Gr Saints Participate in Mass**
- **Gr 4-8 Basketball Blessings @ 8:30 Mass**
- **12:15 7th Grade Parents Only Meeting**

11/03/25 - Monday:

- **Wear your SJS Pridewear**

11/04/25 - Tuesday:

- **Election Day**

11/05/25 - Wednesday:

- **Early Dismissal - 2:30 pm**
- **Gr 5-8 Pray Rosary @ St. Joseph Cemetery**

11/06/25 - Thursday:

11/07/25 - Friday:

- **North Adams Not In Session - Transportation Needed to and From School/Lunch Will Be Provided**

From the desk of Mr. Baker

Now that we are experiencing colder weather, please remember that hoodies are not permitted. We define a hoodie as a sweatshirt (typically without a zipper) with a hood attached. However, jackets/coats (anything with a full-front zipper) with a hood can still be worn outside. If your child needs an inside jacket, it should follow our school dress code.

You get an hour of your life back this weekend...daylight Saving Time ends Sunday. You won't be late for anything, but don't forget to move your clocks back an hour.

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.

*****as long as we don't close school between now and then*****

Holy Days of Obligation

In the Catholic Church, Holy Days of Obligation are the days on which the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They also abstain from unnecessary works, "which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body." (Canon 1247 of the Code of Canon Law).

With that in mind, November 1, the **Solemnity of All Saints** (Since this falls on a Saturday in 2025, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated, or lifted. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8 and the birth of our Lord and Savior on December 25 remain as holy days. Then, the first holy day of 2026 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on January 1, 2026

[Ascension Press](#)

MILLENNIUM MADNESS WINNER

10/20/25 - #210: Congratulations to Lori Manley. She won \$150 in cash. The winning ticket was sold by the parents of Ava Cline.

10/27/25 - #306: Congratulations to Nancy Harris. She won \$200 in cash. The winning ticket was sold by the parents of Natalie Dyer.

NO BUSES NOVEMBER 7th OR 26th.

North Adams will not be in session on November 7th or November 26th. Therefore, buses will not run. St. Joe students will need transportation to and from school on both days. Dismissal on Wednesday, November 26, 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.

ST. JOSEPH PRIDEWEAR

An order form has been included in this week's packet. Orders are due at the office before 9 am on Monday, November 17th. Orders will be delivered to the school and sent home with your student before Christmas Break. Happy shopping!

COATS FOR KIDS

The K of C is sponsoring a coat drive. If you have any gently worn or new coats to donate, boxes are in the parish hall and the back of the church, until November 2nd.

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!

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.

VISION SCREENING RESULTS GRADES 1, 3, 5, 8

Thank you to the Lions Club for providing our vision screenings. If your child did not pass the vision screening, you will receive their results in your packet. Please be sure to schedule an appointment with a professional eye care provider to follow up with these results.

ST. JOE BASKETBALL BLESSING

All St. Joe Basketball Teams

Grades 4-8 Boys and Girls

Sunday, Nov. 2nd

After 8:30 Mass

Meet Father in Front of the Church on St. Joseph's Side.

Wear your St. Joe Game Jersey.

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.

ROSARY AT ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

Grades 5-8 will gather at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery to honor and remember our loved ones who have passed away on Wednesday, November 5th. We will pray the Holy Rosary. Anyone is welcome to join us in this Spiritual Work of Mercy for the eternal rest of all the faithful departed. The rosary will begin at 12:45 PM.

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.