

March 26 2023

Good Morning!

Between the Masses:

- ~RCIA - Topic: 4 Last Things
- ~Bible Study
- ~Religious Education

Divine Mercy and Penitential Prayers, 3:00 Church

**Parish Mission Session 1 -
Jesus Reveals God's Plan "In the Beginning"...A Love Story 7:00 – 8:00pm**

School Newsletter Attached.

1. Today's Readings: [Fifth Sunday of Lent | USCCB](#)
2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Two weeks until Easter. Are you ready spiritually? We have covered the precepts of the Church before, but one of them states that we must go to Confession at least once a year. The Church recommends once a month. Today's article goes into more depth on mortal sins—and why it's not as uncommon as we might think.

The best way to prepare for Easter is a good confession.
The upcoming days and times are:

3/28	Tuesday	6:00-6:45 (parish mission at 7pm)
3/29	Wednesday	9:15-10:15am and 4-5pm
3/30	Thursday	6:00-7:00pm
3/31	Friday	9:15-10:15am and 4:00-5:00pm
4/1	Saturday	3:15-4:45pm
4/5	Wednesday	9:15-10:15am and 4:00-5:00pm

3. Quotes of the Day:

~"It is an excellent thing to go to confession often, because the sacrament of Penance, besides taking away sin, gives the graces necessary to avoid sin in the future." *Catechism of St. Pius X*

~"What depths of mercy there are in God's justice! For, in the judgements of men, he who confesses his fault is punished: and in the judgement of God, he is pardoned. Blessed be the holy Sacrament of Penance!" *St. Josemaria Escriva*

Daily Parish Communication

~"Confession heals, confession justifies, confessions grants pardon of sin...believe it firmly. Do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God. Hope and have confidence of confession." *St. Isidore of Seville*

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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“Lists” of Mortal Sins

One of the deceptions of our time is the notion that serious sin is only a remote possibility for most people and that such sins are only committed by truly wicked people. Too many people assess their moral standing with unhelpful platitudes such as these: “I’m basically a good person,” or “Well, I haven’t murdered anybody.”

We must be more serious and mature in our discernment. While it is true, as we have noted in previous articles that there are conditions necessary for mortal sin, we ought not simply presume they are hard to meet. It is true that, even when there is grave matter, that our freedom or knowledge can be limited in such a way that our blameworthiness is reduced below the level of mortal sin. But, as noted, deep down we usually know what we are doing in most matters. Further, our freedom, though seldom a perfect freedom is more free than we like to admit when we get in trouble of some sort.

Further, God does not leave us in such a fog of uncertainty. His Word is quite clear in specifying some of the more serious sins so that we can humbly recognize our tendency to do these very things. It is also expected of us, who have reason and free will, that these are not just theoretical powers seldom observed, but that they are fundamental endowments for which we are responsible and in which are expected to grow. It is offensive to our human dignity to assert, in effect, that most people are too stupid to go to hell or too enslaved to their passions to really be responsible for what they do. The Holy Scriptures presuppose that we are moral agents and engage our intellect and will. They warn of serious sin and its consequences neither of which are relevant if we do not possess the requisite intellect and will.

In this third post on the topic mortal sin is to advance a kind of listing of sins that are more commonly mortal. But note, simply listing mortal sins is not sufficient because, as noted, there are important factors affecting culpability. For example, some of the sins listed below (e.g., lying) can admit of lighter matter (one might tell a lie to avoid hurting someone’s feeling). Lies can also be devastating, robbing people of their good name or depriving people of necessary information. Also, as noted and despite the cautions I have noted, compulsions or addictions can erode the freedom necessary to be guilty of mortal sin. Hence, a sin could be venial if the

person were acting under some compulsion. This does not mean that it is not a sin at all, just that it may not be fully mortal in its effects.

We begin with biblical “lists” of the more serious sins from the New Testament. Note in these lists that saying a particular sin excludes one from the Kingdom of Heaven is a biblical way of saying that it is a mortal sin. These five lists are not exhaustive and there are other passages in the Bible that include sins not mentioned below (e.g., refusal to forgive, cf Matt 6:15).

1. Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor homosexual offenders, nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were (1 Cor 6:9-10).
2. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God (Gal 5:19-21).
3. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No sexually immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore, do not be partners with them (Eph 5:3-6).
4. “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually

- immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star”(Rev. 22:12-16).
5. Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life (Matt 25:41-46).

Finally, here is a general warning from the Lord:

Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me (John 5:28-29).

What follows is a list of sins that are mortal or can commonly become mortal due to the harm caused.

First Commandment: I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me. Polytheism and idolatry, divination, magic, sorcery and spiritism. Atheism, Agnosticism, Irreligion, sacrilege, simony. Apostasy, Heresy, schism, stubborn refusal to obey God, recourse to: Wicca, Pachamama, witchcraft, horoscopes, palm readers, tarot cards, mediums and psychics, Ouija boards, crystals, pendulums, Rieke, Charlie-charlie, seances, crystals and... just add the latest . See CCC 2110-2128; 2138-2140

Second Commandment: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Blasphemy, curses, unfaithfulness to promises, false oaths, perjury.
See CCC 2142-2149; 2160-2162

Third Commandment: Remember to keep holy the LORD'S day. Not attending Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation without a just motive (e.g. sickness); See CCC 1389

Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother. Serious Negligence, of the obligations/responsibilities towards one's children, parents and siblings; hatred; ingratitude; disrespect; disobedience in matters concerning the material and spiritual well-being; negligence and indifference toward virtue and in faith of one's children. Serious insubordination or lack of due respect to lawful authority. Undermining of authority by sedition or inciting public unrest.
See CCC 2114-2118; 2221-2229

5th Commandment: You shall not kill. Direct and intentional murder and cooperation in it; direct abortion and cooperation in it. Direct euthanasia, suicide. Hatred, extreme anger, terrorism, seduction into serious sin.
See Compendium 470; CCC 2268-2283; 2321-2326

6th Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. Adultery, masturbation, fornication before or outside of marriage, incest, sexual abuse and harassment, pornography, prostitution, rape, and homosexual actions. Direct sterilization, contraception, artificial or in vitro fertilization, divorce and remarriage, polygamy, incest, cohabitation. See CCC 2351-2359; 2396; 2370-2372; 2380-2391, 2400

7th Commandment: You shall not steal. Theft, borrowing without permission, business fraud; paying unjust wages; forcing up prices, taking advantage of the ignorance or hardship of another; appropriation and use for private purposes of the common goods of an enterprise; work poorly done; tax evasion; forgery of checks and invoices; excessive expenses and waste. Willfully damaging private or public property, vandalism, refusing reparations when property is damaged, slavery, greed, withholding wages.

Eighth Commandment: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Lying, especially about serious matters that harm reputations, seriously

misleading or depriving others of important information, false witness and perjury, rash judgment, detraction, calumny, adulation, violation of the sacramental seal, divulging professional secrets. CCC 2475-2487; 2507-2509

9th Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. Discipline sexual desires and do not have thoughts of lust, immodesty, impurity.
CCC 2515, 2517, 2519

10th Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's goods. Jealousy, envy, ingratitude, disrespect or misuse of the property of others, greed, and envy, immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself. CCC 2534-2540; 2551-2554

No list of mortal sins can be perfect, either due to excess or defect. We must recall that small sins can cause great harm in certain circumstances, such as when children are involved or merely unkind words are uttered in a very sensitive moment. Further, what are often mortal sins can admit of light matter such as telling a lie to avoid hurting someone's feelings or taking a small item like a cookie versus a highly expensive one.

Mortal sins happen. Frequent confession is a salutary and proper remedy that takes such sin seriously but does not despair of God's mercy. Further, it refers judgment to the proper tribunal of God working through the Church and the priest. It "errs" on the side of caution beseeching mercy.

Finally, this thought: Even venial sin harms our relationship with God. It weakens it and sets us on a path that becomes accustomed to sin in growing degrees. Those who forever say, "Well I don't think it is mortal" soon enough cross into mortal sin, likely still denying they are in such a state since they have been desensitized and settled down with sin.

Go to confession.

Source: spiritualdirection.com



“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:33

March 24, 2023

Our mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, which will prepare us for outstanding achievements in all aspects of life. Our education will enable us to realize spiritual, intellectual, moral, and social growth in a safe, disciplined, family-oriented environment.

Virtue † Academic Excellence † Discipleship

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Tonight...

Friday Nights in Lent

Each week a different group will provide a meatless meal for each Friday in Lent. Beginning at 5:30pm in the hall, come and enjoy a meatless dinner followed by the Stations of the Cross in the church.



Lenten Meatless Suppers

5:30pm – 6:45pm in Hall

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm in Church



Sponsors:

2/24 – Confirmation Class

3/3 – Knights of Columbus

3/10 – CWS

3/17 – Men's Club

**3/24 – St. Joseph Catholic School & Holy
Family Group**

3/31 – Knights of Columbus



TONIGHT

Tonight...

March 24th

TONIGHT

Come join the Holy Family Group for a special
Children's Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 24th from 4:30-5:30

Meet in the Narthex



Confessions from 4:00-5:00

Lenten Supper at 5:30

Parish Stations at 7:00pm

Tomorrow...

Parents of
First Communion Students

RETREAT TOMORROW

March 25th

9am – 1pm

Fr. Friend Hall



Important...

**March
25th**



**Great items and some of the proceeds
benefit our school!**

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus!

Donate Now...



Just a few items are needed.
You can make a difference!

Mini body wash – 11

Mini conditioner – 6

Stuffed animal – 4

Easter Basket – 3

PLEASE BRING ON MONDAY!

Deadline Soon...

RE-ENROLLMENT for the 2023-2024 school year is open.

RE-ENROLLMENT FEES (per family):

Special Discount Rate – Re-enrollment Fee for Returning Students January 6 th - January 31 st	\$260
Early Bird – Re-enrollment Fee for Returning Students February 1 st – March 20 th	\$310
Regular Re-enrollment Fee for Returning Students March 21 st and after	\$360

Note: Enrollment Fees are non-refundable.

Log into FACTS Family Portal. Select Re-Enroll on the left and open your Enrollment Package. Make any necessary changes, save, and pay.

Hurry! Some classes are filling up fast and this year we may have a wait list.

Congratulations...



**Congratulations to
the Honor Roll
Students!**

Important...



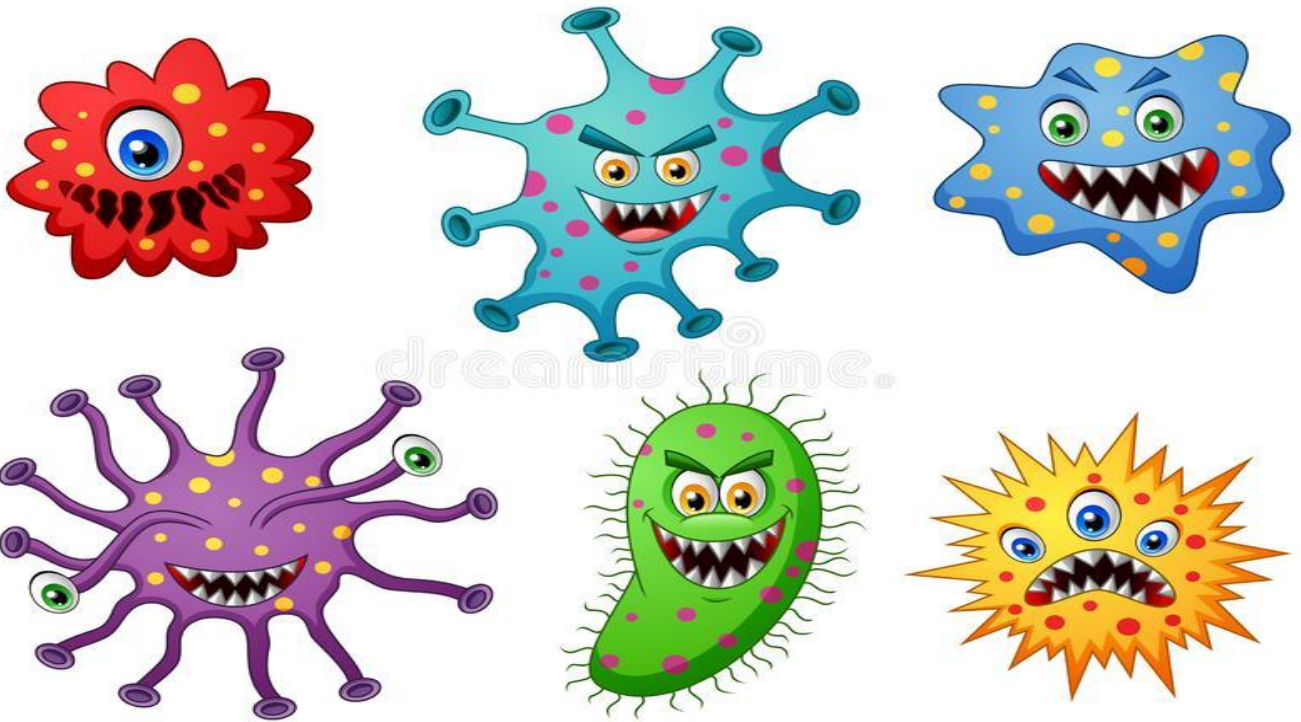
Spring Break – No School

**Monday, April 3rd –
Monday, April 10th**

**Classes Resume
Tuesday, April 11th**

Important...

We love it when students share - but, not germs!



To minimize the spread of illness, please keep your student home when they are sick. In case of fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, **PLEASE WAIT 24 HOURS AFTER THE LAST EPISODE** before sending your student back to school.

Important...



Parking Lot Procedures

MORNING DROP-OFF

Please **DO NOT** let your student out of the car before you pull up to where the teachers are. The teachers are there to assist the children out of the cars and to maintain the safety of your children in the parking lot.

Students should only get out of the **passenger side**. Please consider parking if your student is not ready to exit when you reach the teachers.

Please **DO NOT** drive around other cars during drop off.

If you arrive after 7:55am the teachers will be inside – you must park, come inside, and sign your child in at the front desk.

Remember to always be patient and kind.

Important...

No Shorts! Winter Uniforms Are Still Required

Spring Uniforms will begin
April 11th

No excuses - All uniforms should **fit properly** and be free from holes, stains, fading, and excessive wear and tear.

Take the time now to order any replacement items for your student. You and your student should **take pride** in their appearance.

Both Lands' End and Tommy Hilfiger have promos going on now.

Important...

SAVE TODAY

15% OFF
SCHOOL
UNIFORMS



SHOP NOW

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
by TOMMY  HILFIGER

PROMO CODE REQUIRED: MAR2315WHU

Offer starts at 12 AM CT on 03/20/23 and ends 03/27/23 at 11:59 PM CT.

The Promotion Code is required during checkout. Enter it in the Promo Code box of the shopping cart to apply the 15% discount (discount does not apply to tax or shipping).
This offer is not valid on any previous orders, not valid with other offers, and has no cash value. Excludes custom sized items.

Important...



Save on School Uniforms & Everything Else!

40% OFF

***Save on swim, sweats
and other seasonal favorites!***

March 18-31, 2023

Share this email with your school community today!

**CODE: DESK
PIN: 2886**

Going on Now...

Online Fundraiser with School Store!

We are partnering again with SchoolStore.com to raise money for our school. SchoolStore is 100% online! Your participation is easy with no more than 12 minutes of your time!



We have already earned \$116.19 with 47 students participating!

Don't forget to go through School Store to begin your online shopping!

If you have not already – please participate in this fundraiser! I bet most of you already online shop at these places!

These Stores ... And Many More!!!

Save the Date...

THE TASTE OF ST. JOSEPH



COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE
ALL OUR CULTURES

APRIL 29, 2023
BEGINNING AT 6:00PM

FR. FRIEND HALL
& SCHOOL PARKING LOT

TICKETS:
\$15 ADULTS \$5 KIDS 12 & UNDER

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE A DISH FROM
YOUR CULTURE? WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU
TO PARTICIPATE!

EMAIL KATHY.MASSEY@SJCCS.NET
OR CALL 864-760-1619 TO SIGN UP!



Save the Date...



Tickets on sale beginning March 27th

Buy them in the school office or
after select Masses

ADULTS \$15

CHILDREN (ages 5-12) \$5

Under 4 FREE

March Virtue of the Month

Temperance-

*Enjoying things in a proper,
balanced way*

*"For God gave us a spirit not of learn but of power and
love and self-control."*

- 2 Timothy 1:7

PK – 2nd

St. Teresa of Avila

3rd – 5th

St. Camillus de Lellis

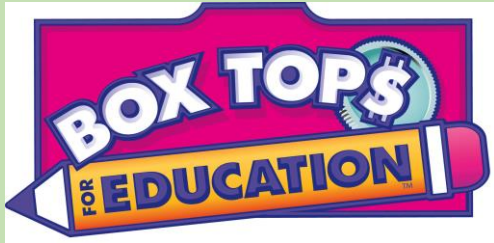
6th – 8th

Ven. Matt Talbot

Click [HERE](#) for the Parent Guide and access to all home projects.

How to help...

Sign up today



Box Tops for Education

Download the App, select our school, scan your receipts. Or bring in your receipts and we will do it for you! EASY!



We are still collecting bottlecaps to create awesome works of art!



When you shop at **Ingles**, they donate money to the school for new supplies and equipment. Click [HERE](#) and link your Ingles Advantage Card to St. Joseph Catholic School.



Click [HERE](#) to sign up for Club Publix, under your profile, click Publix Partners (scroll all the way to the right) and search for us. Enter your phone number when you shop.

March Birthdays

Bobby E 3-4

Madison A 3-7

Drayson G 3-7

Hal H 3-12

Nicole D 3-13

Connor R 3-15

Daniel G 3-19

Sam M 3-26

Garrett S 3-27

James A 3-29

Upcoming Events

*Calendar can be located at www.sjccs.net.



Spring Break
Apr 3rd – 10th



EASTER
Apr 9th

PTO
Meeting

PTO Meeting
6pm – Hall
Apr 12th

STUDENT
ARTS
EXPO

Arts Expo
Apr 14th



MAP Testing Begins
Apr 24th – May 12th

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The Taste of St. Joseph
Apr 29th

PTO
Meeting

PTO Meeting
6pm – Hall
May 3rd



Q4 Progress Reports
May 4th



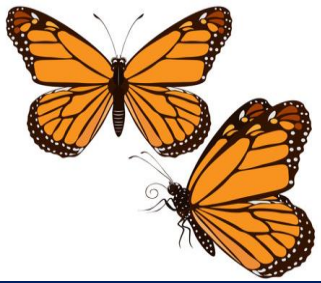
May Crowning
May 5th



Muffins with Mom
May 5th

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Butterfly Festival
May 12th



4K Step Up to Kindergarten
May 25th



No School –
Memorial Day
May 29th

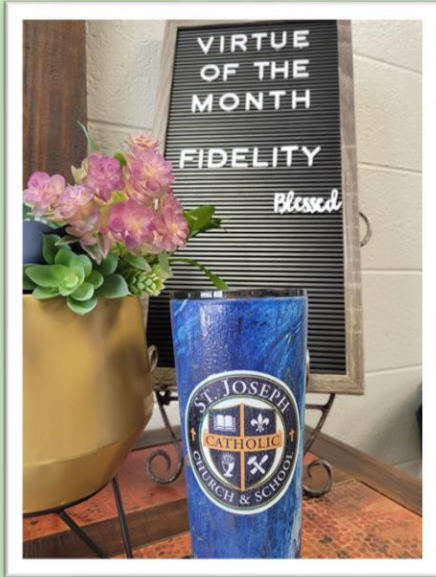


Kindergarten Graduation
May 31st



Awards Ceremony
May 31st

Going on Now...



Tumblers \$20



Umbrellas \$25



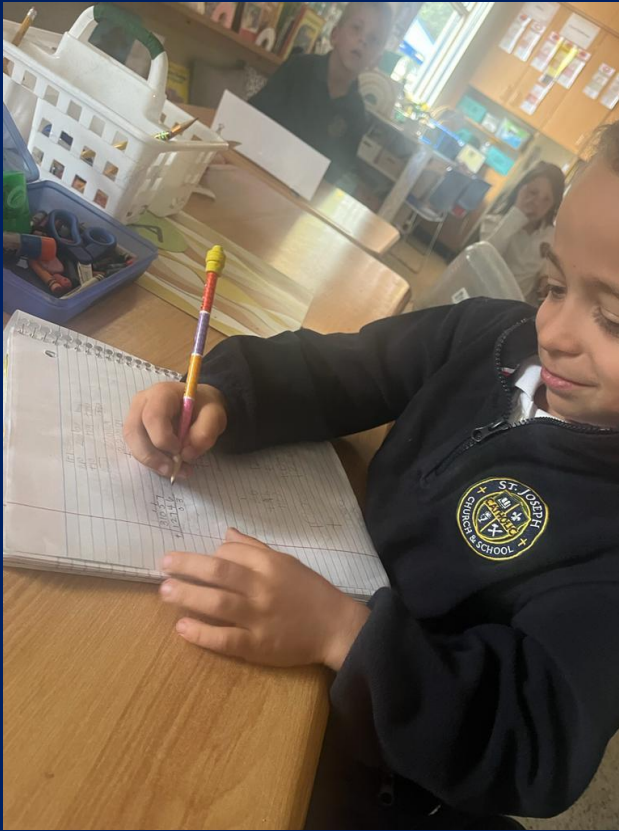
T-Shirt \$20

**New SJCS
shirts and
sweatshirts
on sale now!**

Sweatshirt \$30

School Life

View more pictures on St. Joseph of Anderson Facebook Page!
First Grade Work!



School Life

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Asst. Superintendent Visit!



Volunteer Spotlight

Thanks to all the volunteers that help make our school great!
You are awesome!

Lunches:

Catholic Women Serving:

Marilyn Angoli

Linda Firneno

Geri Hynds

Danny Arita

Roselyn Balcarcel

Mayra Salgado

Wilma Aguado

Gladys Tortolero

Maria Tortolero

Isbel Mercado

Elizabeth Wingard

Mayte Gonzalez

Gabriela Colorado



Readers:



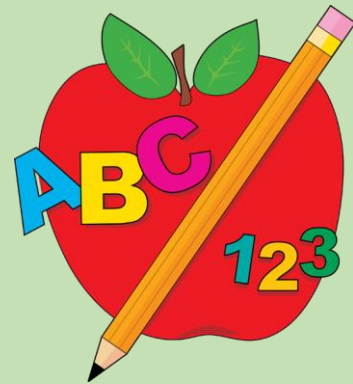
Alice Henderson

Linda Firneno

Linda Ketchapaw

Mary Donovan

Beth Cartlidge



Thank you,
School Volunteers!

Cary Infante

Alice Henderson



Joke Corner!

What do rabbits say before they eat?



Lettuce pray!

Submit your funny joke!

Plan for it...

Church



POLICY CHANGE:

If you have requested the use of the hall and kitchen for an event, please follow up 2 days prior to request gas service for the stove and oven, if you require access.

Corner

Gas Stove & Oven

Please request service to either the Church or School Offices during our standard working hours Monday - Friday to have gas service turned on for your event. Advance notice (2 Days) would be greatly appreciated.

Only St. Joseph Staff are authorized to perform this function. Thank you.

Church	School
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Plan for it...

All parents and teachers are invited!
Kids 8th grade and older – with an adult!

Church



Corner



Presents A Marriage, Family and Eucharistic Revival



Presented by: Jack Rigert

Jack is a co-founder of the John Paul II Renewal Center and the host of the *Become Who You Are* podcast.

"And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, in the breaking of the Bread" (Lk 24:31, 35).

Sunday - March 26: 7:00-8:00 PM

Jesus Reveals God's Plan "In the Beginning"... A Love Story

What is the discovery to which the person of faith comes when they seek the profound and complete sense of Divine Revelation? This discovery is love. God has above all revealed Himself as being Love. The whole history of Salvation, the whole Gospel is love"—Pope Paul VI

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live...the future of humanity passes by way of the family"—Pope John Paul II

Monday - March 27: Two Sessions 10:00-11:00 AM or 7:00-8:00 PM

How am I to Live? Freedom for Happiness and Finding True Love

"I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10)

Pope John Paul II said, "The human heart has become a battlefield between love and lust." Jesus enters this raging battle on the Cross to free our hearts to find authentic love!"

"For true love to reign in our hearts and in our lives we must regain that which we lost...the great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish"—Saint John Paul II

Tuesday - March 28: Two Sessions 10:00-11:00 AM or 7:00-8:00 PM

You're Invited to the Wedding Feast

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church" (Eph 5:31-32).

Make no mistake about it, once the smoke and fog clears, a man and woman's deepest desire to love and be loved points directly to the Eucharist, and Christ's desire to be joined in a communion of Love with each human heart.

"The human body...contains 'from the beginning'...the power to express love"—Saint John Paul II

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See the next page for more information

Plan for it...

Church



Jack Rigert's Mission

Over the past sixty years, it seems our culture's main goal was to overthrow the Christian moral ethics. Honestly, it looks like it has been mightily successful. Two strong forces - abandonment of faith and the sexual revolution - have combined to successfully overturn the biblical understanding of the human being.

Now we face the destructive consequences—the hook-up culture, pornography addiction, eating disorders, gender dysphoria, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, abortion, anxiety, depression, thoughts of suicide. Our children are suffering the most from this fallout as the spike in mental illness among teens attests.

What can we do? The answer - the same as it has always been - to the sexual dysfunction in our world today is to return to the biblical understanding of the person, conjugal relations, and marriage.

Parents, please join us for our Parish Mission so that you can help your children answer the fundamental questions that everyone is so confused about today:

Who am I?

What is my purpose?

Why were we created male and female?

Is marriage meaningful or meaningless?

How do I find happiness here on earth?

How do I find love that lasts forever?

***1 service hour per day attended!

corner

Plan for it...

Church



corner

