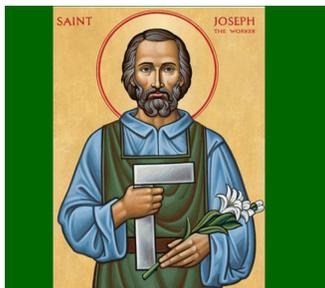


January 4, 2019

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Catholic School assists parents in developing good stewards who are both spiritually and academically prepared to live their lives in honor of God.



UPCOMING EVENTS

THURS. JAN. 10	Bake Sale sponsored by 3rd grade to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation
SUN. JAN. 13	K of C Free Throw Contest 1:00 @ CSMS Gym
MON. JAN. 14	Next PTO Meeting and Parent University 7:00 in cafeteria
SAT. JAN. 19	First Reconciliation @ 9:00
MON. JAN. 21	No School-Teacher Retreat
SAT. JAN. 26	WINTER CARNIVAL!
SUN. JAN. 27	Confirmation-please pray for our teens who will be receiving this sacrament!

LUNCH MENU

- MON Pig in a Blanket
- TUES Chicken Wrap
- WED Spaghetti
- THURS Taco Salad
- FRI Chicken Pot Pie

SERVER TRAINING

Mr. Hemberger will be leading the last server training this Sunday between Masses, January 6th. New servers need to have attended 2 trainings before they go through final instruction with Mr. Arnold and Father Smeltzer. Even if you have already attended 2 sessions, you are more than welcome to come and continue preparing!

Mr. Arnold's Message

This last Sunday, Bishop Kemme consecrated our entire diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Just this last May, we consecrated our school to the Immaculate Heart as well. Two of Mary's traditional titles are "Morning Star" and "Star of the Sea." Like the magi, if we follow this beautiful Star, she will show us the way to the Messiah. This morning we did the traditional Epiphany chalking of the doors, asking Christ to bless each room in 2019. The oldest students each have a copy of this blessing if you would like to do it in your home!

AMAZING GAINS! HARD WORK!

The progress monitoring we did before Christmas break shows that we already have 36 students who are reading at the next grade level beyond their current grade. We have 24 students in Math who are already performing at the next grade level. Moby Max shows that over the first 3 months of school, our average student made 6 months of growth. 62 students completed the Math Christmas Break Challenge, 71 finished the Reading Christmas Break Challenge, with 45 students doing both! What a great way to start 2019!

PARENT UNIVERSITY

After our next PTO meeting on Jan.14, our Parent University topic will be "A Catholic Response to Bullying." We hope many of you will be able to attend to learn more about VBRD-Virtue Based Restorative Discipline. Come to learn more about VBRD and how it is helping to make our school stronger!

DRAGON FOR A DAY

We are ready for our next fun activity to benefit the Drexel Fund. All next week, for every quarter the students donate, they can nominate a teacher or staff member they would like to wear a dragon costume for the day. If the students raise over \$200, TWO different staff members will be selected!

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: PATIENCE

The perfect virtue for us to work on as a school community as we start this new semester!

Dinner Discussion Question: *What can you do when you are cranky and tired of waiting, so that you can hold onto your patience?*

SAINT OF THE MONTH: St. Katharine Drexel

Next week, our diocese begins the "Walk in Sister's Shoes" initiative, in honor of this American saint. When Katharine's father passed away in 1885, she inherited his vast fortune. She had a passion for helping the minority children of our country. She went to the pope to ask for more missionaries for America. His response: "Why don't you become a missionary?" So Katharine founded an order of sisters, and spent \$20 million (in today's dollars that's over half a billion!) to open schools for African American and Native American children. It took a great amount of patience teaching and helping so many children that came from less privileged backgrounds. Finally, Katharine had to have a great deal of patience with herself in her final years. In 1938, a stroke put an end to her active life and left her mostly immobile. She spent the last 18 years of her life devoted to prayer, but it was a blessing she lived to the age of 96, because after her death, her order of sisters could no longer use the family fortune to help the poor. Today, the Drexel Fund continues her work in helping the poorer schools of our diocese.



St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us!



