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## STATE OF THE SCHOOL

As we prepare for the beginning of yet another school year in the fall of 2021-22, we have much to be proud of. Here are the highlights and a look towards the future!

- 2020-21 STATE OF THE SCHOOL**
- We had 90 families enrolled. Total PreK-8 Enrollment of 147 students.
  - We have been in person the full school year (with the exception of 1 week following Thanksgiving break).
  - No transmission of COVID-19 in our school.
  - Over 60% of our teachers have been teaching with us for 5+ years.
  - Over 30% of our teachers have been teaching with us for 10+ years.
  - Four of our teachers hold a master's degree.
  - All of our teachers have a degree and the appropriate license from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

- LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR**
- To date we have 96 families enrolled.
  - To date we project PreK-8 enrollment at 158 students. This an 8% enrollment increase.
  - 100% retention of our teaching staff.

# The Spartan Spotlight

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL | RICE LAKE, WI



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**ALUMNI! Scan me with your mobile device camera app!**

## THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!

The end of the school year is here! Despite the challenges, it has been a successful year here at St. Joseph School. With your help, we have successfully served our students with in-person learning for the entire school year, with only a few small interruptions.

I want to publicly thank our teachers for their excellent work through this all. They have all taken on extra responsibilities during this school year. Thank you to St. Joseph Parish and our cluster parishes. I especially want to thank the parents who entrust their children to us each day. You help to make this school excellent!

About 2 months ago, I met with the mom of a prospective new student at school. When I'm meeting with new families, I like to begin by asking "What brought you to St. Joseph School?" She told me this story...

She said that when she was young, she really hated school. She wasn't accepted by her classmates and felt like she didn't fit in with anybody. She said that all changed when she got to high school, because there she found a new group of kids who were kind, considerate, polite, welcoming, and even nicely dressed.

This group of kids that was new to her came to the high school after graduating from St. Joseph School. They were "Josers," graduates from St. Joseph School. And they impacted and changed this girl's life by just by being the kind of people that we work to help our students become.



What we do here each and every day goes beyond the classroom. Thank you for being a part of that legacy and for sharing the good news of Christ with those around you.

**Jerry Van Dyke, Principal**

# HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, ALUM (2017) VISIT ST. JOSEPH

On Wednesday, May 19th, it was a day of excitement and celebration! It has been a long standing tradition for our alum to come back to St. Joseph School for Mass and see their teachers and walk through their elementary school one more time. That morning the pews were filled with our alum (2017), the 2021 graduating Rice Lake High School seniors, and their families.

This day is treasured by our alum. The high school seniors enjoyed seeing their reading buddies (now fifth-grade students) and spent time visiting each of their old classrooms.



Pictured Above:  
Morgan Hoff, Laurel Wagner, Kennedie Owens, Lily Peters, Megan Wesolowski, Rachel Mazourek, Molly Cich.  
Row 2: Jerry VanDyke (principal), Scott Kinnick, Joe Kroeger, Karver Krovoza, Derek Penzkover, Zach Holmstrom, Ben Brodzinski, Andy Farm, Fr. Ed Anderson.  
Not pictured: Andrew Hanson, Sean Hodkiewicz, Piper Millerman, Braeden Resnick, Ailee Semple.

## SPONSOR A CLASSROOM

Support us by sponsoring a classroom for the 2021-2022 school year!

This sponsorship goes over and above our regularly budgeted supplies for classrooms and provides additional wish list items for teachers. It also allows our school more flexibility to invest more resources into our teachers and staff during the school year. We thank you for your generosity and support of our school families, students and teachers.

Sponsorships are \$500 per classroom for the school year.

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### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS SO FAR!

- 3K/4K Classrooms - Bill & Megan Krause
- First Grade - Georg & Heather LaBonte
- Second Grade - Haley & Brian Wright, Jeff & Susan Haughian-Wojtkiewicz
- Seventh Grade - Sarah Widdes
- Art - Kim Randall
- Fourth Grade - Dennis & Kate Flood

## ROCHELLE MCRAITH EARNS "TEACH AS JESUS" AWARD



Each year, middle school teachers review outgoing parents, grandparents, teachers and volunteers who have made a great impact on the community and students. Mrs. McRaith has been a part of St. Joseph School for nearly 30 years. She has taught PE, art and religion.

She has impacted hundreds of students and many teachers over the years and we are grateful for all she has done to be a role model for all on how to teach like Jesus.

## 8TH GRADE GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT



### KAYDRA KROVOZA

What will I miss the most? Having classes all day with my closest friends.

Favorite Lunch? Pizza  
~Friendliness Award



### WILL JOHNSON

What advice would you have given yourself in kindergarten?

Don't be afraid! Meet new people and try new things.  
~Diligence Award



### ANNA LIPKE

What is your favorite place on campus?

St. Joseph Church. I have grown closer to God and I really try hard to pray every day.

~Fine Arts Award  
~Helpfulness Award



### ZACHARY ORR

What will you miss the most?

I will miss how small my class size was. We all knew each other very well.

~Honesty Award



### LIZA NELSON

How have SJS teachers influenced you?

Teachers at SJS have taught me to try my hardest and put all my trust in God. That has helped me during hard times.

~Compassion Award



### LUCAS PETERS

How has your faith grown?

As I have learned more about God, my relationship with Him has grown. Everything I do now is for God versus myself.

~Generosity Award



### LEVI ROSE

What will you miss the most?

I will miss being able to see my teachers and friends in other grade levels. We are all one family.

~Kindness Award



### HANNAH YEAGER

How have SJS teachers influenced you?

They have given me tons of advice in solving hard problems. Teachers here are so supportive.

~Witness of Faith (Pastor's) Award  
~Patience Award



### JACKSON LARSON

Favorite lunch? Cheese breadsticks!

What will you miss the most?

The teachers.

~Loyalty Award



### JULIA HOLTHAUS

What advice would you have given yourself in kindergarten?

Always pay attention and listen to your teachers. They only want what is best for you.

~Mary Kay Donnelly Award  
~Fine Arts Award  
~Positivity Award