



# St. Joseph Catholic School

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Weekly Newsletter – October 27, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in Catholic faith, and committed to academic excellence, St. Joseph Catholic School develops personal responsibility, character, service, and leadership.

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## 5K Registration – Grades 1 & 8 Leading with a Tie!

ARE YOU REGISTERED? Registration costs goes up on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure your family is registered to participate. All runners (or walkers) who complete one of the events will receive a shirt and medal. You will receive one volunteer hour for every participant in your family! Help us make this a great family event!

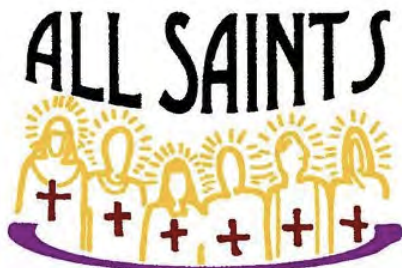
Music, food, and fun will follow the race. Join us at the riverfront for this celebration promoting life long family fitness.

Register at: <https://raceroster.com/events/2019/23639/fit-for-life-5k>

The class with the most family participants will win a cookout party. "Family participants" includes parents, guardians, grandparents, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. If you have more than one child in the school, your family participant count will be included for each child.

We will run our updated list next Friday!

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**Holy Day Mass for All Saints Day  
Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Students will go directly to Church.  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - *Breakfast with the Saints*  
Following Mass in the Parish Center  
Parents, Guardians, and Grandparents are Invited.**

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## Halloween Bash & Trunk or Treat

Our students enjoyed two great events last week thanks to our parents, volunteers, Student Council, Knights of Columbus, and our donors! Both events were extremely successful and were enjoyed by all of our families. I personally want to extend my thanks and gratitude to our PTO. Their love and support for our school is evident in all of the hard work they do to provide these wonderful events during the year. This is not easy, and I know they are grateful for the support of all who volunteer and support their organization and planning.

### FROM OUR PTO OFFICERS:

The Halloween Bash was a great success and our students all had a great time! The PTO would like to thank all of the many volunteers and sponsors who helped make this event a success. Whether you donated food or drinks, helped set-up for the event, worked a booth during the event or stayed after to help put everything away, your help is greatly appreciated. We'd also like to thank the following sponsors for their donations: Go Go Squeez (Go Go Squeez pouches for each attendee), Manatee Memorial Hospital (Trick or Treat bags), Culver's (Free Custard Coupons), Winn Dixie (2 Liters for the Soda Game) and Early Learning Coalition (Raffle Prize Basket). All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund.



The gift basket was donated by the Early Learning Coalition and the \$15 Gift Card was donated by the Colonnese Family.

Thank you to our sponsors who donated:

- Go Go Squeez – Snack Pouches
- Manatee Memorial – Bags
- Culver's - Free Custard Coupons
- Winn Dixie - 2 Liters Soda

Thank you to all of our families who donated cookies, water, soft drinks, candy, etc.! We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Don't forget to check out our photos on Facebook!

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## Little Pro Soccer Practice



Don't forget Little Pro Soccer Practice after school tomorrow. Students may wear their soccer shirts to school with their PE or school shorts.

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Unplanned – Sunday, November 3  
3:00 pm – Parish Center

Next Sunday afternoon, St. Joseph Parish will be showing the movie “Unplanned” in the Parish Center. Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may want to attend this movie with their children. Attached to this newsletter are some questions that can be used as a family discussion following the movie. Please contact the school office to register.

### Coming To The Parish Center Sunday, November 3, 3:00pm



WHAT  
SHE  
SAW  
CHANGED  
EVERYTHING  
UNPLANNED

The St. Joseph Catholic Church Respect Life Committee will be showing the 2019 film, **Unplanned**, **NEXT Sunday, November 3 at 3:00pm** in the Parish Center. (The movie will conclude in time for you to stay and attend the 5:30pm Mass, if you wish.)

The film is based on the memoir by Abby Johnson, following her life as a clinic director for Planned Parenthood and her subsequent conversion. The film is rated R but has absolutely no foul language or risqué scenes, just one instance of bleeding after a chemical abortion. Bishop Frank Dewane has encouraged ALL Catholics to see this movie.

There is no cost, but we do ask that you **RSVP** if you plan to attend so we can provide adequate seating. Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP ([bolson@sjcfl.org](mailto:bolson@sjcfl.org) or 941.756.3732).

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## School Activities October 28 – November 1

### **Monday, October 28**

3:15 – 4:00 pm      Choir Practice  
3:15 – 4:30 pm      Little Pros Soccer  
3:00 – 5:00 pm      Boys basketball practice  
3:00 – 4:45 pm      Girls basketball practice

### **Tuesday, October 29**

10:15 am            Grades 1 & 4 to Visit Summerfield  
3:15 pm              Violin  
3:00 – 4:00 pm      Intermediate Guitar  
3:00 – 5:00 pm      Boys basketball practice  
3:00 – 5:00 pm      Girls basketball practice

### **Wednesday, October 30**

Fall Picture Retakes – School Uniforms  
8:30 am              VPK A Saints Skits  
3:00 – 4:00 pm      Beginning Guitar  
12:15 pm            VPK B Saints Skits  
1:00 pm              School Program – Ellie the Robotic Elephant (Grades K – 4)

### **Thursday, October 31**

Pumpkin Decorating Contest (See attached information)  
3:00 – 4:00 pm      Intermediate Guitar  
3:00 – 4:00 pm      Irish Dance

### **Friday, November 1**

8:00 am              All Saints Day Mass – Students go directly to Church  
Breakfast with the Saints (Grades 4 & 5) – Parish Center  
3:00 – 9:00 pm      Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser Night – 20% to benefit SJCS

### **Sunday, November 3**

3:00 pm              Movie – *Unplanned* – Parish Center

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## Calendar Dates Mark Your Calendar

November 3 – 9            Vocation Awareness Week  
November 9                Fit for Life - 5K Run  
November 11                Veterans' Day Prayer Service  
November 13                School Mass (Grade 5)  
November 13                Spunkmeyer Assembly for Students – Courtyard – After Mass  
November 15                November Birthdays Celebration  
November 15                Quarter 2 Progress Reports  
November 21                VPK Pow-Wow - 8:30 am & 12:15 pm

November 22	Early Dismissal at 11:30 am
November 25 – 29	Thanksgiving Break
December 4	School Mass (Grade 5)
December 4	Cookies with Santa
December 6	Spirit Day and Kona Ice
December 9	No School for Students – Professional Day
December 12	December Birthdays Celebration
December 13	Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Entries Due
December 14	<i>A Night Before Christmas</i> – GT Bray Park - 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
December 17	Christmas Program
December 18	VPK Christmas Play - 8:30 am & 12:15 pm
December 18	Penance Service (Grades 3 – 8)
December 19	June ½ Birthdays Celebration
December 20	End of Second Quarter
December 20	School Mass (Grade 4)
December 20	Christmas Parties & Middle School Dance
December 20	Early Dismissal – 11:30 am
December 23 – January 6	Christmas Break
January 7	School resumes
January 15	K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest – 3:15 – Parish Center



## *Women of St. Joseph Annual Tea Party*

*Please join us on Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

*In McLaughlin Hall at 7:00 P.M.*

*“Garden Party” dress and hats suggested.*

*Please bring your favorite tea cup!*

*All “Ladies” over 9 years of age are Welcome!*

*\$2.00 offering is requested from all non-members*

A free will offering of \$2.00 is requested from all non-members. Please drop off the completed form below along with your \$2.00 pp to the Parish Office no later than November 6, 2019. If you are a member but did not sign up at our October meeting please, complete and drop off at the Parish Office without payment.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT:  CASH  CHECK (Payable to St. Joseph Church)  I AM A MEMBER



**Please check in at the door of McLaughlin Hall when you arrive for seating assignment.**

**We Reserve the right to limit Attendance in accordance with our fire code of 56 people.**





## St. Joseph Student Council Pumpkin Decorating Contest!!

**WHAT:** Please join St. Joseph Catholic School in celebrating fall with a Pumpkin Decorating Contest!!

**WHO:** All PK-8 interested students are invited by our Student Council to find and decorate a pumpkin at home to show off their creativity! St. Joseph Staff are welcome to participate as well, in a separate adult category competition. Contact Ms. Suddarth with questions!

**WHERE:** All pumpkins will be submitted and displayed in the courtyard and/or hallways for the contest. Winners will be showcased on the school's website.

**WHEN:** Pumpkins are due Wednesday, October 31st. Students will bring their own pumpkin the morning of October 31st. Judging will be held during the afternoon. Pumpkins must be taken home on Thursday, October 31st. ***Any pumpkin not collected by the student artist at the end of the day will be disposed.***



### **Guidelines and Regulations:**

- **Pumpkin Size and Weight:** Student artist must be able to carry and assemble their decorated pumpkin on their own. Please select pumpkins that the child is comfortable carrying. The weight limit for pumpkins is 15 pounds.
- **Decorating Guidelines:** Students may use props, paint, stickers, glue, and other art materials to decorate their pumpkin. Foam or faux pumpkins are allowed. Decorating small gourds are allowed as well.
- Each pumpkin should have a Title Card with the student's name, homeroom, and pumpkin "name".

- **Carving Rules:**
  - Please do not carve pumpkins any earlier than Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please spray carved pumpkins with lemon juice to help preserve them for display.
  - Please do not bring candles to illuminate a carved pumpkin, as they will pose a fire hazard.
  - **For carved pumpkins: PLEASE BRING A PLASTIC TRAY OR PLATE for carved pumpkins to sit on, so walks are protected from oozing.**
- **Labeling Rules:** **Each Pumpkin must be labeled with the artist's name.** The title of the pumpkin can also be included. Pumpkins without names will be disqualified from winning.
- **Construction Regulations:** Students are encouraged to work with family members to decorate a pumpkin at home. Decorations and creation should reflect the creativity of the student and family. Please also keep in mind that students will be required to carry their pumpkins to display on their own, so make sure the student knows how to set up the pumpkin by themselves if there are separate props involved.
- **Entry Policies:** Paint and glue must be dry before submitting entry. Only one entry per student. Please no group entries- one artist per pumpkin. ***Pumpkins without a title card will not be judged for the competition (see labeling rules).***

**Judging:** Pumpkins will be judged according to originality, creativity, neatness, and be reflective of the student artist's ability. Judging will begin with categories such as funniest, most creative, most artistic, and best use of props. Volunteer teachers, administration, and Student Council members will help chose winners via a voting system. Winner will be chosen in the following sections:

- \*Individual Homerooms
- \*Staff Entries

**Prizes:** Each winner will be featured on the St. Joseph website, in the school newsletter, and announced on Thursday afternoon. All winners will receive an award ribbon.

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 PUMPKIN CONTEST ENTRY FORM

This is a Student Council fundraiser:

Pumpkin Contest Entry Fee: \$2.00

\_\_\_ Add: \$1.00 to wear shirt with Halloween colors and/or designs (October 31)

\_\_\_ Add: \$1.00 to wear jeans (no rips or patches)

\_\_\_ Add: \$1.00 to wear non-uniform shoes (no open backs or flip-flops)

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

**Happy Decorating!!**





## *“Unplanned”* - The Movie

### A Review – Study

1. What was your overall impression of the movie? What especially stood out?
2. What lie(s) swayed Abby Johnson to volunteer and work for Planned Parenthood? How did this change through the story? How did Abby fall further into believing what the Planned Parenthood staff was telling her? Have you ever done similarly? What “opened your eyes”?
3. What were some things that gave Abby doubts and apprehensions about her job and Planned Parenthood as she progressed in her career? How did her supervisor feel about her having a baby? Why do you think Abby was reluctant to back out of her job?
4. What did Abby’s family members think of her job? Would you have acted differently toward her? Why or why not? If so, how?
5. What led Abby to think it was God’s will for her to take the promotion she was offered? Why do we as Christians know it’s wrong to try determining God’s will this way? What should we trust for knowing God’s will for our lives and decisions? How does this help preserve our freedom in Christ?
6. What experience especially led to Abby’s conversion? Why do you think this particularly impacted her?
7. What ministries or ways of ministering were especially influential and helpful in facilitating Abby’s conversion? What wasn’t helpful?
8. When Abby wondered how she could be forgiven, her husband said: “...He’s God. He’s merciful.” How can we be sure of this?
9. Toward the end of the movie, Abby states that a person “*can be* redeemed” when coming to repentance and faith in Christ. How does this clarity allow for more effective evangelism to those who are outside the faith?
10. What are some ways Abby’s story compares to Luke 15:11-24? How does her story compare to Peter? Saul (Paul)?

11. Having seen the movie, where do you think greater efforts should be made in convincing people against abortion and establishing a “culture of life”?
12. What did you learn from the movie?

*Prayer:* O God, from our mothers’ wombs You wonderfully knit each human being in your image, and though fallen, You all the more wonderfully sent your Son in our flesh and likeness for our redemption. By your word and Spirit bring all who are estranged or astray from You to repentance, true faith in Christ, and greater understanding of your good will and ways. Cause us to grow in the same; and enable us to be agents of Your truth and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Northern Illinois District Life Coordinator  
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