



# ST. JOSEPH NEWSLETTER

## March 19, 2026



"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit" – Matthew 1:20

### Weekly Round Up

#### Confirmation Celebration

Last week, our 8th graders from both school and parish were blessed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In his homily, the bishop reflected on St. Francis of Assisi, encouraging students to respond to Christ with a willing heart, just as Francis did: "Yes, Lord, I am willing." May the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide our newly confirmed as they live as faithful witnesses of Christ. Prayerful congratulations to our students, and sincere thanks to the families, sponsors, and all who helped prepare them for this special day.



#### St. Patrick's Day Fun

Students enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Day by wearing green! Did you know St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach about the Holy Trinity?



#### St. Joseph Feast Day

In celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day, our Saint House groups came together for a period of faith, creativity, and collaboration. Students cooperatively colored and assembled a poster of St. Joseph, while groups were also called individually to participate in hands-on activities inspired by his life as a carpenter, including crafting a wooden cross and creating lilies in honor of St. Joseph. It was a meaningful way for our students to reflect on his example of humility, service, and dedication. Thank you to Mrs. Dreschel and Mrs. Daly for leading this activity.



#### Living Stations of the Cross

Our 7th and 8th grade students will present the Living Stations of the Cross next Thursday at 2:00 PM in the church. All are welcome to join us as we walk with Jesus and prayerfully prepare our hearts during this Lenten season.



#### Sweet Success!

Our Malley's Chocolate Sale was a great success. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort! We extend our congratulations to our overall top seller, who earned the cash prize, and to our 7th grade class for winning a donut party. We are grateful to all of our students and families who participated by selling and purchasing. A special thank you to Miss Hedrick and Mrs. Zimmerman for coordinating and making this fundraiser such a success!



### Reminders

**Enroll, Register, Apply:** Enrollment, registration, and EdChoice scholarship applications are now open for the upcoming school year. Register by April 1 for a chance to win one of two \$50 gift cards! Early registration deadline is May 1. After that, a late fee will apply. Don't wait. Secure your child's spot today! Thank you to all the families who have already been proactive in completing this process.

**Dress Code Reminder  **: Students should be wearing polos (short or long sleeve) with collars, and sweatshirts should have small logos in school colors. Let's show our St. Joseph pride during the school day! Shoes must have backs. No sandals or Birkenstock-style shoes. Tennis shoes are preferred, especially since they are needed for phys. ed. classes. Dress code expectations will be tightened next year, so now is a great time to review and follow the guidelines.

**Spring Break:** Spring Break begins next Friday, March 27 and continues through April 5. This time coincides with Holy Week, the most sacred time in our Church year. The Triduum invites us into the heart of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. We encourage all families to take part in these special liturgies as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

### Upcoming Events

- March 19: Feast of St. Joseph
- March 21: Youth Choir @ 5 Mass
- March 25: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Awards
- March 26: Stations of the Cross @ 2
- March 27- April 5: No School - Spring Break
- March 28: First Communion Retreat
- March 31: Chrism Mass
- April 20-24: Right to Read Week

### Saint of the Week



#### Saint Patrick

He was a 5th-century British missionary known as "The Apostle to Ireland". At 16, he was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave. After escaping Ireland, he later returned and served the Irish as a bishop.

"Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me."



Saint Patrick, pray for us!