

# ST. JOSEPH NEWSLETTER

February 26, 2026

*“Repent, prepare the way of the Lord.” Matthew 3:2*



## Weekly Round Up

### 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 🙌🕊️

This past weekend, our 8th graders had a wonderful time at Damascus Camp for their Confirmation retreat, growing deeper in faith while having lots of fun together. Students enjoyed activities such as the rock wall, archery, flag football, skits, and fellowship, along with meaningful time in group prayer, Adoration, and Mass. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 14 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. Come, Holy Spirit!



### 🌟 Exciting Updates on Our School Website!

Our school website has a fresh new look and some wonderful new features! Families can now easily explore tuition and scholarship information. In the Parent Section, you'll find tools to report absences, tardies, and appointments, plus an Enrollment Section where you can register online. All past newsletters are available to browse, and you can even make a donation directly to the school, including support for our School Endowment Fund and SGO. Great things are happening. Check it out today!

### Instructional Hours & School Day Schedule

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Toledo follow state guidelines based on total instructional hours rather than a set number of calamity days. Despite this winter's snow events, our school remains within the required instructional hour range. Our K-6 students continue to meet these requirements, while our 7th and 8th grade students are making up additional time through an in-school Life Skills class so that we can remain compliant without extending the school year. While we are attentive to required hours, we are equally committed to the integrity of our curriculum. At times, students may have additional assignments or focused class time to ensure they continue meeting grade-level standards and making steady academic progress. Looking ahead, we will begin the school day 15 minutes earlier next year, at 7:50 AM. This adjustment accommodates transportation changes and thoughtfully builds additional instructional time into our schedule. More importantly, it represents an investment in our students, allowing teachers to deepen learning, integrate faith throughout the day, and continue providing the strong academic and spiritual foundation that defines Catholic education at St. Joseph.



## Reminders

**Open House:** Join us this Sunday, March 1 from 9-11 AM for Open House. Families will have the opportunity to tour the building, visit classrooms, meet our teachers, and pick up registration information for the upcoming school year. If you know a family who may be interested in our school, please invite them to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Enroll, Register, Apply:** Enrollment, registration, and EdChoice scholarship applications are now open for the upcoming school year. Early registration helps us plan effectively and ensure a smooth start for next year. All families who register before April will be entered to win one of two \$50 Amazon gift cards.

**Morning Drop-Off Reminder** For the safety of all students and families, please do not stop in the road during morning drop-off. If you are dropping off your child, you must pull into a parking space and park before letting them exit your vehicle. Several cars have been stopping in the street, creating unsafe conditions for other drivers and our buses. Your cooperation helps ensure a safe and smooth arrival for everyone. Thank you for your attention to this important safety matter!

## Upcoming Events

- February 28: Youth Choir Mass
- **March 1: Open House 9-11 AM**
- March 7: Purse Bingo @ VFW in Bellevue
- March 8: Family Faith Formation Penance Service
- March 11: End of 3rd Quarter
- March 14: Confirmation
- March 19: Feast of St. Joseph
- March 21: Youth Choir @ 5 Mass
- March 26: Stations of the Cross
- March 27- April 5: No School - Spring Break
- March 28: First Communion Retreat

## Saint of the Week



### Saint Peter Damian

He was orphaned at a young age and then treated like a slave by his older brother. He became a Benedictine monk and cardinal who chose to live an austere life. He became a great reformer amidst the scandals of the 11th-century.

*“Do not let your weaknesses make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine forth through your face.”*

Saint Peter Damian, pray for us!

