

# ST. JOSEPH NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 29, 2026



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools Week Celebrations continue into next week!



### Looking Ahead

#### Weather Update & Schedule Adjustments

This week's brutal snow and extreme cold brought unexpected changes, including the cancellation of our Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Mass, tour, and several planned festivities. While we know this was disappointing, the safety of our students and families always comes first. Many of our Catholic Schools Week activities will be moved to next week, with the bowling celebration postponed to a later date. We look forward to gathering again soon and celebrating together. Please note that our 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly will be held next Wednesday following Mass. Thank you for your flexibility, patience, and continued support.

#### Catholic Schools Week Dress Up Days & Fun

Due to this week's weather delays and cancellations, Catholic Schools Week celebrations will take place next week. We will enjoy daily dress-up themes and activities highlighting the many aspects of our school community: Community (service & charity), Students (bowling trip—rescheduled for a later date), Nation (Rosary for America), Vocations (saints trivia), and Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers (thank-you cards). A schedule of themed dress-up days is attached to this newsletter.



#### Donations Needed

Our school is collecting toiletries and cleaning supplies to create care packages for Miriam House in Norwalk, a transitional housing program serving homeless women, pregnant women, and their children. Donations may be sent in through the end of next week. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



#### Praying for Our Nation- Patriotic Rosary

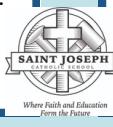
Due to this week's weather-related cancellations, our Patriotic Rosary will now take place next week as part of our continued Catholic Schools Week celebrations. Students are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue and bring their favorite rosary. Families are invited to join us at home by praying for our nation using the Patriotic Rosary:

<https://thecatholiccrusade.com/patriotic-rosary-rosary-for-america/>. Together, we lift up our country in prayer.



#### Kids Heart Challenge

Our Kids Heart Challenge continues! Students will learn Hands-Only CPR, raise funds for heart health, and earn fun prizes—including Victor keychains and class rewards. Sign up using the AHA Schools app, QR code, or here: <http://www2.heart.org/goto/stjosephschool>. 



### Reminders

**Weather & Instructional Planning:** As a nonpublic school, St. Joseph plans ahead each year to meet Ohio's instructional hour requirements; however, periods of unforeseen winter weather may still require adjustments. We value in-person learning and work to maximize instructional time throughout the school year. From time to time, when school is closed, certain grade levels or courses may send projects or learning tasks home to maintain the pace and rigor of instruction. If changes are needed to instructional hours, our priority is to make adjustments within the regularly scheduled school day whenever possible. Thank you for your continued support and flexibility as we navigate this together.

**Bundle Up!** Cold weather is here! Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat, gloves, and any other winter gear for outdoor traveling.

### Upcoming Events

- February 4: 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly
- February 6: Buck a Jean's Day
- February 8: Family Faith Formation
- February 12: Classroom Valentine Parties
- February 13: Staff PD Day - No School
- February 16: President's Day- No School
- February 18: Ash Wednesday
- February 20-22: Confirmation Retreat
- February 24: Preschool information Night @ 6
- February 25: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Reconciliation
- February 28: Youth Choir Mass
- March 1: Open House

### Saint of the Week

#### Saint Thomas Aquinas



He was a 13th-century Dominican philosopher and theologian. His most famous work, 'Summa Theologiae', is more than 3,500 pages long. He is honored as a doctor of the Church and patron saint of Catholic schools.

"Everything I have written seems like straw by comparison with what has been revealed to me."

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!