

September 18, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Virtues in Practice; Early Dismissal; Parish Basketball; Kidz in Lids Service Project; Lost and Found; Mass Intentions at School Masses; and Important Upcoming Dates.

Thoughts for the week: *“Dear Lord, I know that you work in different ways in my life. Sometimes you demonstrate your power through visible signs; at other times your power is much more subtle, working in my heart as I seek you. Sometimes you work through events in my life, and sometimes you are a still quiet voice in my mind. Help me to be diligent in trusting you and always expectant about how you want to work your will through me. I know that often it’s not until I look back on a chapter of my life that I can see your fingerprints. I’m thankful that through your way of working in me changes, you never change. Your love, your law, and your promises are constant. May I always trust you and watch for the ways you work. Give me eyes to see the divine moments when your hand is on me.”* God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. 1 Corinthians 12:6. This week’s thoughts are from [365 Pocket Prayers for Women](#).

Early Dismissal: We will have a 2:00 dismissal tomorrow Monday, September 19th. Extended Care will be open until 6:00 pm.

Virtues in Practice: This year we have adopted a program called Virtues in Practice. We want students to see virtues as daily habits that are concrete examples of our faith. These habits grow by opening our hearts and making choices that are right. Virtues are not just something we know, but something we do.

The program has a three-year calendar rotation with a yearly theme and specific virtues for each month. This year’s calendar is below the signature line.

For more information about the Virtues program and at-home optional activities, please go to:

<https://www.nashvilledominican.org/wp-content/uploads/PARENT-Guide-VIP-1.pdf>

Please note that the 6th grade is also using the 5th-grade materials, not the 6-8 materials.

Parish Basketball: Please use the link <https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth-athletics> to access the application for the parish youth basketball program for grades 2nd - 12th. The application must be completed by Oct 7th.

Kidz in Lids Service Project: Our 1st quarter service project will support the Kidz in Lids project of the Children’s Cancer Partners of the Carolinas. Kidz in Lids mobilizes students to show concern for other kids who are in a battle with cancer. It’s simple – caring kids bring a donation of any amount to school and get to wear their favorite hat throughout the school day.

We hope to have a speaker at our Prayer Service this Friday. Money will be collected tomorrow through Friday, September 23rd. We are asking for a donation for the students to wear a hat to school and dress down on Friday, September 23rd. For more information on Kidz in Lids, click [HERE](#).

Lost and Found: With the cooler weather starting, we anticipate a large influx of unmarked outerwear in the Lost and Found bin. **Please put your student's name in his/her outerwear.** If your students are missing anything, please have them check the bin this week. We will be cleaning it out periodically and putting unclaimed items in used uniform sale storage.

Mass Intentions at School Masses: Saint Joseph church wanted us to share a Mass intentions opportunity that some of our families may not be aware of. Our parish offers the opportunity for anyone to request a Mass intention for both school Masses and weekend Masses. These prayers are offered during the Universal Prayers portion of the liturgy and the congregation is asked to join in prayer for the intention. These intentions can be used in many ways including honoring a student's birthday, remembering a loved one who has passed away, or even honoring a special teacher. There are currently several school Masses available in the coming weeks. If you would like to see availability and make a request, please use this link:

<https://massintentions.com/onlineorders/?key=5b7d26c4d99b922929b7c30ce06be0fd58a71500>.

A suggested honorarium for each intention is \$10.

Important Upcoming Dates: Below are some important events to be aware of in the coming days:

Grandparents Day: Our students and teachers are excited to welcome our grandparents for Grandparents Day on October 7th.

No School: The school will be closed on Monday, October 10th. There will be Extended Care. However, please note that this is a weather make-up day. If we were to miss a day between now and Friday, October 7th we would have school on this day.

Student Pictures: All students will have individual pictures taken on Friday, October 14th. This is a dress uniform day.

It is the little things we do that show how God is in us, with us, and working through us – *“Serve one another with the gifts you have received.”*

Sincerely,

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Monthly Virtues for the Year of Faith

Month	Virtue	Definition	Saint for K-2	Saint for 3-6
September	Faith	Believing in God and all He has revealed	St. Martha	St. Jerome
October	Reverence	Showing your deepest respect for things of God	St. Hyacinth	St. Tarcisius
November	Stewardship	Returning to God the fruits of your time, talents, and treasure	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Blessed John of Fiesole/ Fra Angelico
December	Generosity	Giving without counting the cost	St. Nicholas	St. Mary Magdalene
January	Gratitude	Seeing everything as a gift and being thankful	St. Francis of Assisi	St. Julie Billiard
February	Honesty	Being trustworthy and true	Blessed Jancita and Francesco Marto	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
March	Mercy	Caring for those who suffer	St. John Vianney	St. Faustina
April	Justice	Being fair and giving each his due	St. Anthony of Padua	St. Katherine Drexel
May	Zeal	Being driven by an intense love for God	St. Paul	St. Dominic