

October 31, 2021

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Thank You; PTO Spirit Night; Early Dismissal: Military Families; and Veteran's Day Mass.

Thoughts for the week: Love, peace, patience, generosity, gentleness. These wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit are both simple and nearly impossible to use. A moment of prayer often helps me find one of these gifts when I most need it. On the other hand, I am least likely to ask for help during that moment of stress. But these wonderful gifts are the oil that keeps all relationships working. They help us loosen the grip of our self-centeredness and anger. They ease the tight grasp of a grudge that seems so important to hang onto. They fuel us with superhuman patience in the face of a stubborn two-year-old and with deep peace in moments of crisis.

Take time this week to pray this short prayer: Holy Spirit showers us with your gifts and helps us share those gifts in our lives today. ~ Your 3-Minute Retreat

Thank you: Our saints had so much fun at our first ever in-school Fall Festival. Many thanks to the parent volunteers- led by PJ Alonzo and Brandi Coco for a fantastic Fall Festival on Thursday. It was great to have families and volunteers back in the building. Hope each of you has a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

PTO Spirit Night: On Thursday, November 4th, the PTO is sponsoring a school spirit night at Marco's Pizza on Rosewood Drive. If you order pizza any time between 3:00 and 8:00 pm, please be sure to mention Saint Joseph so we can receive a portion of the purchase. Let Marco's take care of dinner on Thursday while you support our school!

Early Dismissal: The school will have a 2:00 pm dismissal on Monday, November 8th. There will be extended care offered until 6:00 pm.

Military Families: Is anyone in your household active, retired, or a veteran of the military?

We are gathering information about our military families so that we can better support and recognize you. If someone in your household (or immediate family such as a grandparent, sibling, etc.) is an active, retired, or a veteran member of the military, reserves, or National Guard, please click on this link to fill out the survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/xcM5xAukKC>

Veteran's Day Mass: We are hosting a Veteran's Day Mass on Friday, November 12, 2021, at 8:15 a.m. We invite all members of the military in our school family to join us (in uniform if possible) so that we can recognize you and thank you for your service.

It is the little things we do that show how God is in us, with us, and working through us - "Blessed are we". Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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