

Green Wave

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

Happy July! We are excited to announce that St. Joseph School is moving forward with plans to open our school building for the fall of 2020 per the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis recommendation. **We cannot wait to welcome your family back to St. Joe's!!!**

The Catholic Schools Task Force that has been working since late May on the health and safety protocols that will be required for each Catholic school to open in the fall. This guidance document is set to be released early next week.

We also have a School Building Reopening Committee at St. Joseph School that will interpret the Archdiocese recommendations and create our own St. Joe's Preparedness Plan. We will also consider the feedback from the end of year parent survey--thank you for your participation! The committee includes teachers, school and parish administration, School Advisory Committee members, and a school parent that is a medical professional (Physicians Assistant).

Our goal is to be open in the fall and welcome students back to our building! However, we will follow health and safety protocols and follow best practice. The plan will include contingency plans for a hybrid model or distance learning if we experience spikes or a resurgence of Covid-19 cases. Please reach out to me via email or phone anytime!

Sincerely,

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Click here to watch a video message from Mrs. Roche: <https://youtu.be/CaRsAh61IFs>





St. Joseph School has a unique opportunity to participate in a \$10,000 challenge grant sponsored by the Schulze Family Foundation. If we raise \$10,000 by August 15th, we will receive \$10,000 = **\$20,000** for St. Joseph School!

You can help us reach our goal by clicking here to donate:

<https://school.stjosephcommunity.org/current-families/donate/>

Funds raised will be used for our fall 2020 Covid readiness plan which includes:

- teacher stipends for summer work sessions to plan for logistical changes needed for on-site school and to improve distance learning;
- purchasing COVID19 health and safety protocol requirements, such as plexi-shields, digital thermometers, sanitation supplies, etc;
- purchasing additional technology, such as webcams and document cameras, for live streaming possibilities;
- scholarship funds to attract new families and retain current students

New Preschool Lead Teacher--3s Classroom

Hi, I'm Bridget Sturm, and I am so excited to join the Faithful Beginnings program at St. Joe's! I have been a member of the Church of St. Joseph for over 20 years. For the past 2 years I've been the Coordinator for the Drop-In Nursery at St. Joseph Church on Sunday mornings. I have been working for the Farmington school district in their Wee Tigers preschool program since 2014. In my free time I enjoy working out, running and crocheting!



Upcoming Dates:

August 5th-6th	Used Uniform Sale (details to come!)
August 11th	New Family Information Night & Preschool/Kindergarten Orientation
August 13th	Packet Pick Up & Lifetouch Picture Day, 4p-7p
September 2nd	Welcome Back Night, 4p-7p
September 8	First Day of School!

St. Joseph School Wish List:

St. Joseph [School Wish List](#) is being updated for the 2020-2021 school year!

Lifetouch Pictures on August 13 at St. Joseph School!

You can order your student's picture packages online! Information will be emailed to all school families by the end of July. School pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 13th from 4-7pm.

Summer Meals and Food Assistance:

[Click Here](#) to access information on food assistance including summer meals sites for children living in Dakota County