



ST. JOSEPH
ACADEMY

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OUR MISSION: St. Joseph Academy is a Catholic educational organization sponsored by the Felician Sisters. Our mission is to educate children to be successful life-long learners and problem solvers. We are guided by the Felician values for Ministry: Respect for Human Dignity, Compassion, Justice and Peace, Transformation and Solidarity with the Poor. We partner with families and community to fulfill this mission.

First Angel Shop a Success!

Thank you to all of our supporters who donated items to our Angel Shop. We collected over 900 items in our first year! Children shopped for sixty-four family members during the shopping season. It was a wonderful experience for our children to independently shop for loved ones and it was so much fun and heart warming to listen to their thought process as they carefully selected their gifts.

Collection for this year's angel shop begins right away! We know that this year's event will be an even larger one. We are especially in need of men's and teen items but we are looking for all types of gifts! Here are some suggestions of what we are looking for:

1) New or gently used gifts for all ages: children, teenagers, adults & older adults, even pets! **Examples:** * Candles, hand soap, lotions, small kitchen items, hand towels, books, home decor items, make-up, perfume, wallets, jewelry, purses, scarves, hats, mittens, tools, Adult coloring books, puzzles, toys, pet toys, figurines, Christmas Decor, socks, slippers, blankets, men's ties, gloves, cologne, fishing equipment, games, etc.

2) Gift Wrap, Gift Bags, Bows, Tissue Paper, Jewelry boxes.

Collection Goal: 1,500 - 2,000 items. We anticipate fall enrollment to be at 550 children. We would like each child to be able shop for 2 - 4 people.

Please consider donating new or gently used items to us or helping us to make connections with businesses willing to donate small or clearance items. Contact Kim Schubring to arrange drop-off/pick-up.



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IN-KIND GIFTS ARE BLESSING ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY

We can't thank our donors enough! We are blessed in so many ways. So far this school year we have received in-kind gifts and materials that total over \$80,000! We've received office and classroom furniture, services, school supplies, angel shop gifts, winter clothing for students, etc. We thank everyone for your assistance!



PPE Donors

DCF

(SEOC) State Emergency Operations Center

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha Counties



482 Winter items for kids! Coats, boots, mittens, scarves & more. Thanks to:

St. Luke's Episcopal, Husco, Pro Health Care Sheryl Roberts, Debbie Arndt, Susan Roach, The Carrillo Family, Mujeron Movement, Susan Rose

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!!!

OCTOBER - DECEMBER
Donors giving at the highest levels.

St. Joseph Society – Gifts of \$10,000 & up

- Felician Services, Inc.
- DCF Childcare Counts
- United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha Counties

St. Felix Level – Gifts of \$5,000-\$9,999

- Williams Wasweyler Fund of Greater Milwaukee Foundation

Blessed Mother Angela – Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999

- The Gardner Foundation – STEM
- Next Door Foundation Grant
- Daniel & Nicole Renouard
- William Rudolphsen
- Lori Udziela
- Keith Winters



SICO donated 18 Benches (pictured above) delivered by CEO Jaime Maliszewski and his team at **Reliable Plating Works** – Value \$38,268! Thank you to both companies!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES & BACKPACKS Over 300 items collected! Thank you to:

- Lutheran Chapel of the Cross – Just Among Friends
- Debbie Arndt
- Sheryl Roberts
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- Dawn Balke
- Susan Rose

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Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph”

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021.

St. Joseph our Patron Saint

Despite the many name changes over the past 113 years, St. Joseph’s name has always graced our organization. We were first known as St. Joseph Asylum for Orphans, followed by St. Joseph Home, South Day Care Center of St. Joseph, Child Development Center of St. Joseph and today, St. Joseph Academy. While we do not know for certain how the Felician Sisters settled on St. Joseph as our patron saint, we do know the foundress of the Felician Sisters Sr. Mary Angela Truskowska revered St. Joseph. Also her parents, devout Catholics, were named Joseph and Josephine. Locally, there is a legend around the three Sisters tasked with the assignment to form an orphanage in Milwaukee. The legend says that they only had a coin medallion of St. Joseph in their coin purse when they arrived and that possibly through St. Joseph’s intercession, they were able to receive funds to build the orphanage. In considering a name, they also likely considered which saint would best help the working poor families they were ministering to. Especially, those who could no longer care for their children. However the decision was made, we are honored to have St. Joseph as our patron saint.

Who is Saint Joseph?

Saint Joseph was a carpenter, married to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and was the guardian or foster father of Jesus. Ready to carry out God’s will, Joseph and Mary traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem and he witnessed the birth of Jesus in a stable. Joseph became the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by an angel: “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

In Catholic traditions, Joseph is regarded as a patron saint of workers, father, and a happy death. Additionally, Pope Pius IX declared Joseph to be both the patron and the protector of the Catholic Church.

How do people celebrate Joseph?

Pope Francis has proclaimed a “**Year of Saint Joseph**” from Dec. 8, 2020 – Dec. 8, 2021 in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis described Joseph as a “beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, and a father in the shadows” in his Apostolic Letter entitled “Patris Corde (With a Father’s Heart).” Additional celebrations for Joseph include various feast days throughout the year, including St. Joseph (Husband of Mary) on March 19 and St. Joseph the Worker on May 1. St. Joseph Academy typically celebrates Joseph the week of March 19. This year, we will hold celebrations through the year in honor of the “Year of Saint Joseph”.

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HOLIDAYS MADE BRIGHTER FOR ECEC CHILDREN



Gifts from Mujeron Movement

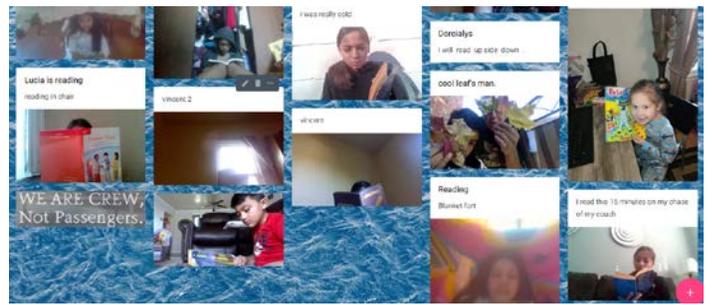
This holiday season forty-seven of our Early Childhood children received gifts to make their holiday just a little brighter.

We thank the **United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County** for their work to make sure that this year's Giving Tree was a success and to **Mujeron Movement** for adopting our children.

In a year of economic, social and health challenges for many families, these acts of kindness were a bright moment of Christmas Spirit for these children. The squeals of joy and laughter from the oversized stuffed animals (my personal favorite was the toddler size Sea Turtle!) were a blessing to hear. We again thank all who made this happen!



Above: ECEC child hugging one of the oversized stuffed animals from the United Way Giving Tree program.



Picture November 4, 2020 LOOOL Day

SJA STUDENTS TAKE LEARNING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

St. Joseph Academy school students are in Year 2 of implementation of the expeditionary learning model. This model of learning developed by EL Education has three core areas: Mastery of Knowledge and Skills; Character; and High Quality work. When students complete their academic career and enter adult life, they will be judged not by performance on basic skills tests—but rather, by the quality of their work and the quality of their character. This premise serves as the foundation for increasing student engagement and elevating and expanding student achievement.

This fall staff implemented a "Leaders of Our Own Learning Day" (LOOOL). It was so popular that we scheduled LOOOL once a month for the remainder of the school year

To participate in LOOOL, students are encouraged to be caught up on all assignments. On LOOOL day, they then lead learning. It is a day of academic adventures giving students a chance to demonstrate how they are becoming leaders of their own learning! Instead of regular virtual classes, the students follow a specific schedule. We set up three Padlets, similar to a virtual message board, where students can post their learning activities from the day so all can see.

Staff monitor the page to see what our students can do. Students who have participated in the LOOOL's have excelled. We're excited to see our students stepping up and accepting the challenge to lead their own learning. Thank you to **Felician Services, Inc. and the Felician Sisters** for funding the EL program through the **St. Francis Fund**.

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2021 GOLF OUTING AROUND THE CORNER!



Planning is underway for our Annual Golf Outing. This year's event will take place at Tuckaway Country Club in Franklin on Monday, July 19, 2021

GOLF: \$250/Person

We are now looking for sponsors, auction & raffle donors, golfers and volunteers. If interested in learning how you can assist our outing, please contact Kim Schubring, kschubring@sjamilwaukee.org.

SPONSOR LEVELS:

New! All sponsor levels that include golf, now include wristbands for all golfers in the party!

EAGLE: \$3400 (2 Foursomes, Carts, Lunch & Evening activities) ~ *\$100 off if received by April 30*

EVENING: \$3500 (1 Foursome, Carts, Lunch & Evening activities) ~ *\$100 off if received by April 30*

LUNCH: \$2,500 (1 Foursome, Carts, Lunch & Evening Activities) ~ *\$50 off if received by April 30*

TEE GIFT: \$2,500 ~ *\$50 off if received by April 30*

BIRDIE: \$1,700 (1 Foursome, Carts, Lunch & Evening activities) ~ *\$50 off if received by April 30*

GOLF CART: \$2,500 ~ *\$50 off if received by April 30*

BEVERAGE CART: \$1,500 ~ *\$50 off if received by April 30*

HOLE: \$500

AUCTION & RAFFLE DONATIONS:

We are looking for donations for a successful auction. If you or your business can help provide a basket for the auction, please contact Kim. We are looking for dining, arts & entertainment, sports, beer, golf, travel, art and more for our Auction!

OTHER WAYS TO HELP ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY



If you shop Amazon, consider starting your shopping experience using amazonsmile. Go to **this link** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0806262> **and register us as your charity.** It may still say Child Development Center, but don't worry it's us, they're just a little behind with their updates! Then login through smile to make your purchases and Amazon donates a portion of your purchase to St. Joseph Academy.

21ST CENTURY DONATING

Do you prefer making your donations online? Want to give monthly, but don't know how? It's easy to donate to SJA.

Visit our website <https://sjamilwaukee.org/donate/> and click on the gold Donate button. For your security, we use Paypal processing systems. You can give your annual donation, monthly donation or other donation easily online.

STAY CONNECTED! ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY SOCIAL MEDIA

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