



**ST. JOSEPH
ACADEMY**

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ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY IS GOING GREEN & SUSTAINABLE!

St. Joseph Academy’s Green & Sustainable Team first met in January 2020 with a goal to move St. Joseph Academy towards Green & Sustainable Certification.

Our guiding principle is to embrace the values of our Academy and the Felician Sisters in reducing our carbon footprint; caring for our community and world by caring for our environment; and introducing, teaching and implementing sustainable practices to our students, staff, families and community.

Unfortunately, after two initial meetings, we lost some momentum due to COVID-19. However, we have still continued to push forward, albeit slowly. We are currently developing collaborations with Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Victory Gardens, Wisconsin KEEP, 16th Street Community Health Centers and others to help us in this work.

The team has identified the following projects as initial areas for developing a Green & Sustainable Academy:

- Create Pollinator Gardens
- Create Rain Gardens
- Develop Food to Table Gardens
- Create Composting Program
- Improve Water Flow from SJA Property Back to System
 - Rain Barrels, Rain Gardens, Cisterns, etc.
- Complete an Energy Audit
 - E-Gauge Program
 - Research into Solar Panels on Roof

For more information or to become involved in our green and sustainable efforts, contact Kim Schubring, Resource Development Manager.

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.



Victory Garden Team members with SJA staff installing gardens.

SJA GETS GROWING WITH NEW GARDEN BEDS!

SJA Gardens – This April SJA worked with nonprofit group Victory Garden Initiative to install ten gardens on SJA grounds. On Tuesday, April 6th, ten - 4 x 8 raised garden beds were delivered and installed at SJA. There is one garden bed per grade level available to K4-8. Our vision is to build community and develop mentoring opportunities between the school and ECEC classrooms.

SJA Composting Program - SJA will soon have a new composting program. Three compost bins have been purchased from the City of Milwaukee. In the near future, classrooms will be allowed to register their students to be on a compost rotation schedule. Students will be signed up to take the compost from the

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RE-HOME ITEMS TO OUR ANGEL SHOP! NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS YEAR ROUND!

Are you doing a little spring cleaning and finding new & gently used items that you would like to pass on? Please consider donating those new or gently used items to our Angel Shop.

This December we are hosting our Annual Angel Shop. The Angel Shop is where children may come in and purchase a gift for someone special in their lives. This allows them to be part of the process and Spirit of Giving.

We collect items year round for children, teens, adults, older adults and even pets! We especially need items for men and teens. Examples of items we are looking for are: Candles, hand soap, lotions, small kitchen items, hand towels, books, home décor, make-up, perfume, wallets, jewelry, purses, scarves, hats, mittens, tools, adult coloring books, puzzles, toys, Christmas décor, socks, slippers, blankets, men's ties, gloves, cologne, fishing equipment, games, etc.

We are also accepting donations of wrapping paper, bows, tissue paper, gift bags, etc. If you can donate, help or would like to help us make connections with businesses willing to donate small or clearance items, please contact Kim Schubring, kschubring@sjamilwaukee.org or (414) 645-5337 ext. 247.

We hope that for this year's event we will be able to bring in Angel Helper Volunteers. We look forward to seeing you soon!

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!!!

JANUARY - MARCH
Donors giving at the highest levels.

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

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

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

- Michael B. Ripp

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

- Action for Healthy Kids
- Felician Sisters of North America
- Dr. Leslie Hertz, MD
- Milwaukee Early Childhood Education Stabilization Fund
- Keith Winters

UPCOMING EVENTS

Baptisms - Saturday, May 8

1st Communion - Saturday, May 8

*K5, 5th & 8th Grade Completion Parade -
Friday, June 4*

*Annual Golf Outing - Monday, July 19,
2021*



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MISSION CORNER: ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY STUDENTS RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *By Sr. Michelle M. Konieczny*

It was a frigid 28 degrees outside, but inside the St. Joseph Academy gym, God's love warmed the hearts of 20 students and their parents as they received the sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, February 25th.



Reverend Luis Pacheco Sanchez, Honorary SJA Chaplain, invited the children and family members present to avail themselves of the opportunity to have "Jesus wash away their sins, past, present and forgotten."

Teachers, Brittany Essig, Jessica Boettcher and Chris Tejada joined Betsy Potter, Faith Formation Coordinator and Sr. Michelle Marie Konieczny, Director of Mission Integration and Outreach, in celebrating with the children and their family members.

Everyone enjoyed a cupcake and beverage following the service. It is anticipated that this group of students will receive their First Holy Communion on May 8th.

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. . . kitchen to the compost bins, stir the compost, then return to class. What a great way to teach responsibility, as well as care for our environment! Compost will then be added back into our garden beds or made available to our community. It's a great learning opportunity for our students.

ECEC Little Gardens - Small cedar planting boxes were also purchased for our littlest learners. There are so many learning opportunities in growing a plant from a seed. Each class was offered three boxes that can be painted and decorated by the class and then kept inside or outside.

SJA'S TEEING UP FOR OUR GOLF OUTING!!!



July 19, 2021
Tuckaway Country Club
Individual Golf: \$250

SPONSOR LEVELS:

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

EAGLE: \$3400 - **Limited available!** Thanks Chrometech, Elite Finishing, & Reliable Plating Works

DINNER: \$2500 **TAKEN – Thanks Albrecht Wealth Management Advisors of Wells Fargo!**

COCKTAIL HOUR: \$3,000 (receive 1 Foursome, Carts, Lunch & Evening activities)

LUNCH: \$2,500 **TAKEN – Thanks Felician Services, Inc.**

BIRDIE: \$1,700 - **Limited available!** Thanks AIM, Inc., Berghammer Construction, Chrometech, Hays Companies, Staffing Partners (receive 1 Foursome, Carts, Lunch & Evening activities)

SPONSORSHIPS (Golf Not Included)

GOLF CART SPONSOR: \$2,500

TEE GIFT: **TAKEN – Thanks Elite Finishing & RPW**

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR: \$1,500 **TAKEN**
Thank you Waterstone Bank & Waterstone Bank Foundation.

HOLE: \$500 Still some available! **Thanks Max A. Sass & Sons & Ron Krizek.**

AUCTION & RAFFLE DONATIONS:

We're seeking donations for a successful auction. If you or your business can help provide an item for the auction, please contact Kim. We are looking for dining, entertainment, sports, beer, golf, travel, art, jewelry and more for our Auction!

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Have a story or experience that you would
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donation?

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