

CFF OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Protocol for Early Dismissal

For students in PK-6th grade leaving early, parents are required to come to the front office. A volunteer will notify the classroom, and your child will be brought down to meet you. You must sign your child out every time they leave early to ensure safety and accountability



Mass Instead of Class

Our "Mass instead of class" event was a huge success, and we are proud to share that we reached Fr. Trout's goal of "24 in 24" by having 2,400 people attend Mass in 2024! This milestone was only possible thanks to your dedication. We look forward to seeing you at our next "Mass instead of class" on January 18 at 5:00 p.m. and January 19 at 9:00 a.m. These will be special "Teaching Masses," where the different parts of the Mass will be explained.

Holyween Celebration for 3rd/4th Graders

Students recently brought home a brief homework assignment in anticipation of our 3rd/4th grade Holyween celebration! During the October 27th & 29th class sessions, we will celebrate All Hallows (Saints) Eve. To prepare, your child should choose a saint to research (only 3 facts needed!) and create a basic costume to wear to class. For example, St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, could wear a tool belt or bring a toy tool as a prop.

After students share what they learned about their chosen saints, they will join the other 3rd and 4th-grade classes for fun and games in the gym! We're looking forward to seeing all the creative costumes and learning about the saints!



Fall Fest is Back!

Join us for the 2nd annual Fall Fest at Sunrise Park!

- **When:** October 28
- **Tickets:** \$10 per family
- **Activities:** Trunk or Treat, hayrides, bonfires, s'mores, face painting, pumpkin decorating contest, games, and more!
- **Food:** La Mera Mera will be selling delicious Mexican food, with quesadillas, tacos, and burritos available for purchase. Hot chocolate, s'mores, and water are complimentary. Adult beverage tickets are available for purchase.

For more details and to register for the event, visit [St. Joseph Fall Fest](#).

Trunk or Treat

Register for a spot to decorate your trunk and compete for the best-decorated trunk prize. No charge to participate!

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Bring your decorated pumpkin and enter the contest! We'll have age group categories for everyone to participate.

St. Joseph Church & St. Joseph School Parent Association invite you to

ST. JOE'S Fall Fest

OCT 25 4PM-7PM

Trunk or Treat, s'mores, DJ, food from La Mera Mera, hayrides, face painting & more!
Trunk or treat spaces are limited, sign up early! Prizes for best trunk design.

BUY TICKETS

Ticket link & Trunk or Treat sign-up:
<https://SJFallFest.givesmart.com>
Text SJFallFest to 76278

7TH & 8TH GRADERS

8th Grade

On Sunday, October 27, at 5:00 p.m., all 8th graders will have their Saint Showcase during Mass. This is a mandatory Mass for all 8th graders, and attendance will be taken at the Mass, so there is no need to attend class that day.

Important: 8th graders will need to check in by scanning the QR code when they arrive at Mass. This will count as their attendance for the day. Please remember, there will be no class on October 27 or October 29 for 8th graders, as attending this Mass is required.

7th Grade

On Sunday, November 3, at 5:00 p.m., all 7th graders will attend their Candidacy Mass. This is a mandatory Mass for all 7th graders, and attendance will be taken during the Mass, so there is no need to attend class that day.

Important: Since students are attending Mass, there will be no class on November 3 or November 5 for 7th graders. Make sure to check in by scanning the QR code when you arrive at Mass, as this will count as your attendance for the day.

Teen Aide Service Opportunity for 7th & 8th Graders

We are excited to offer a wonderful service opportunity here in the CFF program for our 7th and 8th graders! We are looking for **Teen Aides** to assist our catechists during class. As a Teen Aide, you'll help with attendance and assist in the classroom. By committing to being a Teen Aide, you will fulfill all 10 of your service hours for the year, as you will need to attend all class days. This is a great opportunity to give back to your parish community and gain valuable experience!

Sign up to be a Teen Aide here: [Teen Aide Signup Form](#)

Seed Collection Success

On September 28, our 7th and 8th graders had a wonderful opportunity to participate in a seed collection event at MacArthur Woods. Together, they collected 3 pounds of valuable Cinna seed, worth \$768 per pound, totaling about \$2,500 worth of seed! This seed will be planted in forest preserves where buckthorn is being removed, helping to restore native habitats. Thank you to our volunteers who made this event such a success! Check out the pictures from the event below.



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Service Night

You're invited to a fun SERVICE NIGHT with St. Joe's Youth Group on Sunday, October 13. We'll kick things off with the 5:00 PM Mass, then head over to the Teen Space for dinner, games, and service activities.

Earn service hours and join us in making the TikTok-inspired Candy Salad! Bring a sweet or sour candy to share.

[Sign up here](#)

Halloween Potluck Party

All 7th and 8th graders, as well as high school teens, are invited to St. Joe's Youth Group Halloween Potluck Party on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Teen Space. Join us for a fun evening celebrating all things Halloween! Don't forget to bring a Halloween-themed side or treat to share and wear or bring your costume!

[Sign up Here](#)

