



Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. Joseph School! As the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, it is a great joy of mine to spread the “good news” about one of the most significant ministries of our parish, our grade school. Education has always been near and dear to the heart of the Church, and at St. Joseph, we have been blessed with a school that has excelled in a number of ways for many generations.

We take great pride in our Blue Ribbon of Excellence awarded by the US Department of Education which testifies to the educational merit of our academic programs and faculty. Our school has also been honored twice by the National Catholic Educational Association: receiving the “Distinguished Pastor” award and the “Lead. Learn. Proclaim” award for the accomplishments of our principal, Miss Scheffler. Most recently our principal was also awarded the “Distinguished Principal” award by the National Association of Elementary School Principals in Washington, DC...the one principal from the state of Illinois to receive that award in 2016! Celebrating that award at the National Archives in our nation’s capital certainly highlighted what a unique level of excellence our school has attained!

St. Joseph School excels in learning, believing, and loving because we recognize that true education involves more than academics. As people of faith, we realize that to form a person completely, our relationships – with God and with others – make us fully human. Character requires more than book knowledge alone, which is why, to quote our diocesan schools’ motto, “We Teach More.”

At St. Joseph School, we shape the character of our students according to gospel values and root their hearts in spiritual truths. We are a community of faith which recognizes the God-given goodness of every child and, as such, we seek to develop the full potential of all our students, a potential that includes kindness, holiness, and eternal life.

Christian parents know that they have been given the sacred responsibility of raising their children in the Faith. At St. Joseph School, we become partners in that sacred trust because we see our work in education as a ministry to Lord, just as you see your marriage and family life as a vocation from the Lord.

We hope that you will consider becoming part of the family of faith that is St. Joseph School. If I can be of any assistance to you, please let me know!

Fr. Gregory

Fr. Gregory Rothfuchs
Pastor

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