

# St. Joseph's Journal

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## Italian Class Goes to Italy. Makes a BIG Stop at the Vatican!

This J-Term, our Italian classes had the opportunity to travel to Italy for 10 days. This is an authentic experience for our students to experience Italian culture and be immersed in the language.

Early in their trip, our students and family members got to visit the heart

of our Catholic faith. The Vatican. Pictured above is all of the trip attendees standing in front of the Chair of St. Peter, with the iconic balbacino and High Altar.

What an incredible blessing it is for our students to experience the Italian culture and the heartbeat of Catholicism.

A special thank you to Monica Niesponzany, our Italian teacher for organizing this great trip.



## Featured Articles - Alumni News

### St. Joseph Alumni Association Column

Board of Director Election Results

The 2026 St. Joseph Alumni Association Board of Directors election was recently completed. Only Lifetime members are allowed to serve on the board and vote in the board election.

Thank you to all members of the Alumni Association who took the time to submit their ballots.

Welcome to our newest board members:

Kathy Koderca Irish '73 and John Anderson '18

A special thank you to these members, who have recently left the board, for all of their service to the Alumni Association through the years:

Michael Thomey '69, Kathy Matrise Figlewski '95 and Linda Wasilevich '72



The **ST. JOSEPH**  **OFFICE OF**  
ALUMNI & ADVANCEMENT  
*wishes you a...*

*Happy  
New Year*

### The Class of 1967 Challenges YOU!

Over the past two months, the Class of 1967 raised over \$1,000 towards our Guardian Angel program with anything over that threshold going to our "Tools for Teachers" fund.

The Class of 1967 has decided to challenge ALL the other graduating classes of SJHS/SJCA to raise \$1,000 becoming a "Guardian Angel Class."

Together, lets make a difference at our beloved school!

Contact our Office of Alumni & Advancement for more information at [alumni@sjcawi.org](mailto:alumni@sjcawi.org)

May God bless you this New Year!



### A Note from the Alumni & Advancement Office

Dear Distinguished Alumni,

This month marks the beginning of the second half of the school year. Time flies! Our students are currently in their J-Term classes. One of which is in Italy for a trip. Additionally, our Middle School students get to participate in their annual retreats, led by Fr. Todd Belardi, Michelle Anderson, and Bella Bilotti.

We are incredibly blessed to have such a wonderful school community. Happy New Year!

May God bless you abundantly,

Thomas Connolly  
Alumni & Advancement Coordinator

Mandy Weiss  
Director of Advancement

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## Featured Articles - School & Parish News

### Upper Campus Check-In

Our Middle School students are gearing up for their annual retreats! Over the next couple weeks, our Middle Schoolers will have the opportunity to grow closer to our Lord. Through Mass, Adoration, talks, and fellowship, our students will have all of the necessary resources to begin or advance their relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our High School students are enjoying the J-Term experience! With career day coming up, our High Schoolers will have the opportunity to hear from amazing parents and alumni who offered to share information about their careers. Thank you to all those who volunteered.

Happy New Year to our St. Joseph Community!

May God bless you all abundantly!



### Lower Campus Check-In

*As I mentioned in my newsletter, I am beyond overjoyed to be celebrating a full year as your Lower Campus Principal. I am grateful every day that Jesus brought us together to help these young lives flourish. As I reflect on the past 365 days, stepping out of the classroom for the first time has given me a deep appreciation and new perspective on the sacred work of nurturing growing minds into tomorrow's scholars, leaders, and stewards. Thank you for your continued partnership in educating your child. Together, we will continue to help our Lancers grow in mind, body, and soul.*

#### **Christmas Concert:**

*What an absolutely precious experience! Hearing our church filled with Christmas carols brought tears to my eyes. Once again, I would like to acknowledge the hard work our students and Ms. Kroeger put in to pull off two incredible Christmas concerts.*

*-Mrs. Kathryn LaLonde*



## OPEN HOUSE

St. Joseph Catholic Academy invites prospective families to attend our Open House on Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 1:00–4:00 PM. As Southeastern Wisconsin's only Catholic school offering a seamless Preschool through High School education, SJCA is centered in Christ and committed to forming scholars, leaders, and stewards prepared to serve and transform the world.

Families are welcome to tour both campuses, meet faculty, and learn more about our faith-filled academic community.

To help us provide a welcoming and personalized Open House experience, preregistration is strongly encouraged.

-  Lower Campus (Preschool–5th Grade): 7207 14th Ave.
-  Upper Campus (Middle School & High School): 2401 69th St.

Learn more and preregister at [sjcawi.org/openhouse](https://sjcawi.org/openhouse)

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ALUMNI VETERANS WITH OUR

SALUTE TO  
*Service*



*Dylan Kennedy*

*SJCA CLASS OF 2017*

**US NAVY, PETTY OFFICER  
3RD CLASS**

**USS NIMITZ, 4/21/2021**

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"*

Joshua 1:9