

# St. Joseph's Journal

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## That's a Wrap! Our Class of 2026 has Officially Graduated!

That's it! Our seniors have officially done their final walk across the stage. All of our seniors graduated this past Sunday with a beautiful ceremony. The ceremony began with the offering of the Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. Todd Belardi and assisted by Dcn. Ed Sosa. It was the final time our class joined, united in prayer and sacrifice for our Lord Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the opportunity to come together as a community and pray to Almighty God before graduating and entering a new chapter of life.

After the Holy Mass, a commencement ceremony took place where legacies were honored and students officially graduated. It was a truly memorable afternoon for our seniors and their families.

The SJCA administration prays that our graduates will keep our Lord Jesus Christ at the center of their lives forever. Remember the One who made you and pray to Him always. May God bless you all abundantly!

## Featured Articles - Alumni News

### St. Joseph Alumni Association Column

Did you know that:

- Over 60% of St. Joe's Alums graduated before 1975.
- The Alumni Association recently awarded two scholarships of \$1,000 each to Mason and Finn.
- The Alumni Association is co-sponsoring a St. Joe's Night at the Kingfish Game (see below for details).
- The Alumni Association is hosting a Cocktails with Classmates (see below for details).

**When:** Wednesday, June 17, 2026

**Time:** Gates open 5:35pm, Game starts 6:35pm

**Cost:** \$20.99 per person - includes ticket, hot dog, chips, soda, Kingfish hat, and all fees/taxes

**Where:** Kenosha's Historic Simmons Field  
Open to the entire St. Joe's Community - alumni, students, families, faculty, staff



Open to all St. Joe's Alumni  
**When:** Wednesday, August 26, 2026

**Time:** 5pm-?

**Where:** TBD



### A Note from the Alumni & Advancement Office

Dear Distinguished Alumni,

This month marks the end of the 2025-26 school year. This year has been exceptional for our students and staff. We extend a heartfelt thanks to all of the staff, students, and families who have worked tirelessly to make this year successful. We look forward to beginning a new year in faith and academic excellence.

This month is a bittersweet month for me. After new CPA laws were passed in Wisconsin, I have decided to pursue a position at a CPA firm to gain more experience in the field as required by the new law. This means that I will be departing SJCA as an official employee at the end of the month (fiscal year end). I will still be around on various committees helping the school, just not in an official capacity. This is bittersweet but I will always have SJCA in my prayers and I will always be around to help advance the school in faith.

I would like to thank all of the alumni and community members who have been so gracious and helpful during my time here. I would also like to thank Mandy Weiss for her leadership, support, and guidance over this past year, as well as Fr. Todd Belardi, Michelle Anderson, and Matt Rizzo. I pray that the Lord Jesus continues to bless our beloved school and make it the most Christ-centered institution possible.

May God bless you abundantly,

  
Thomas Connolly

Alumni & Advancement Coordinator

Interested in joining the St. Joseph Alumni Association?  
Contact [tconnolly@sjcawi.org](mailto:tconnolly@sjcawi.org) today

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## Featured Articles - Alumni Shoutout!

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Each year, a group of ladies who call themselves the “Birthday Girls” get together to honor someone special. 26 years ago one of St. Joseph’s own, Nancy Portilia ‘72, passed away. For the past 26 years, the Birthday Girls have come together to visit Nancy’s brick at our Upper Campus main entrance. It is traditions like these that make St. Joseph’s such a unique community. May God bless Nancy and all those in our St. Joseph community who have passed away.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



*From left to right: Marge Vitkus '71, Barb Sucevich, Pat Evans '69, Linnea Pitts, Nancy Gerou, and Paula Kubica.*

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## Featured Articles - School & Parish News

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Thank you to our senior class of 2026. We are sad to see them go but we know they are eager to turn the page to the next chapter of life. We pray that Christ our Lord blesses them abundantly and remains with them forever. God bless our school community!



### Lower Campus Check-In

*Lower Campus Kingfish Game  
Family Fun Game on June 15th!*

As a school we participated in the Lil Fish Reading Program, each student will receive TWO complimentary tickets to the game.

*Also for clarification, the St. Joseph Alumni Association has planned a Lancer night at the Kingfish game on June 17th. This is not the same as our Lil Fish Reading Program. Families are welcome to attend, but the Lower Campus night is two days earlier.*

Thank you for another wonderful year! Have a blessed summer!

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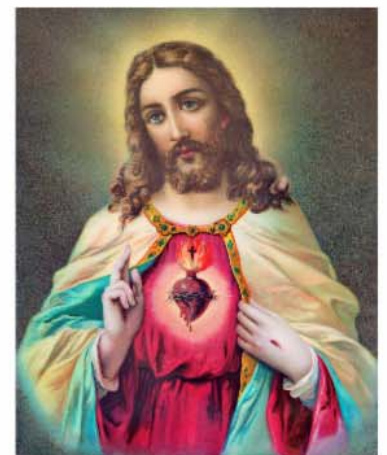
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## June: The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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In the Catholic Church, the month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion is centuries old and the promises associated with it are truly comforting. At the end of the month, the U.S. Bishops will be consecrating our nation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus upon the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation's founding.

This month, we invite you to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart every Friday, and make an effort to attend Mass on every First Friday this year. This devotion will truly change your life and orient everyday towards Christ our Lord. For more information, click the link at the bottom of this email.



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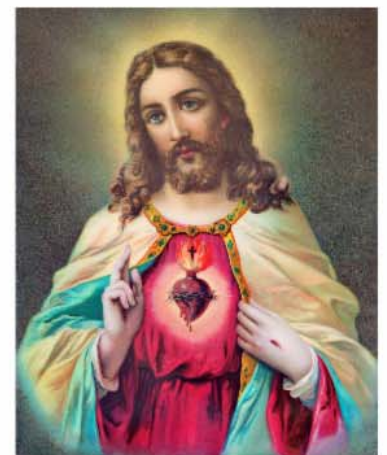
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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ACADEMY HONORS  
ALUMNI VETERANS WITH OUR

SALUTE TO  
*Service*



*Raymond Scuglik*

*SJHS CLASS OF 1963*  
**U.S. MARINE CORPS**

*"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



## ALUMNI TAILGATE & TOUR

We are hosting an afternoon of food and nostalgia! We invite ALL St. Joseph alumni to come for a tailgate lunch with big blue (SJCA's travel concession stand) followed by a tour of our current upper campus! There will be a historical presentation during lunch.

### INCLUDED:

- Tailgate Lunch
- Historical Presentation by John Leuck '66
- Chips
- Drink
- Full Campus Tour

Where: St. Joseph Catholic Academy; Upper Campus (Meet in the Grotto)

When: June 25<sup>th</sup> at 12pm (should finish by 2pm)

How do I RSVP? The event is FREE, but for a headcount, please click the link below to RSVP.

### CONTACT US

☎ 262-654-8651 ext. 122

🌐 [sjcawi.org](http://sjcawi.org)

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

# GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

## BRISTOL OAKS

**\$175/GOLFER**

18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART  
SCRAMBLE FORMAT

9:00am - Shotgun Start  
At the Turn - Lunch  
3:30pm - Hospitality/Dinner  
5:00pm - Raffle Drawn

## RAFFLES

Hole-in-One Contest

Putting Contest

Cash Prize Raffle

5 DRAWINGS FOR ONE OF FIVE PRIZES:

- 1ST PLACE - \$5,000
- 2ND PLACE - \$2,000
- 3RD PLACE - \$1,500
- 4TH PLACE - \$1,000
- 5TH PLACE - \$500

**Ticket Price: \$100**

RAFFLE LICENSE NO. R0030884-B-50275

Please Click the Link Below to Register:  
[SJCA Athletic Association Golf Outing](#)



## STRAWBERRY CREEK

**\$225/GOLFER**

\*LIMITED TO 20 FOURSOMES

Tee Times Start at 8:00am

## HOLE SPONSORSHIP

**\$150**

BANNER TO BE POSTED AT BRISTOL OAKS  
DURING GOLF OUTING REFLECTING ALL  
SPONSORS. THE BANNER WILL ALSO BE UTILIZED  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT SPORTING EVENTS.



Thank you for supporting our Lancer Athletes from  
kindergarten through grade 12!