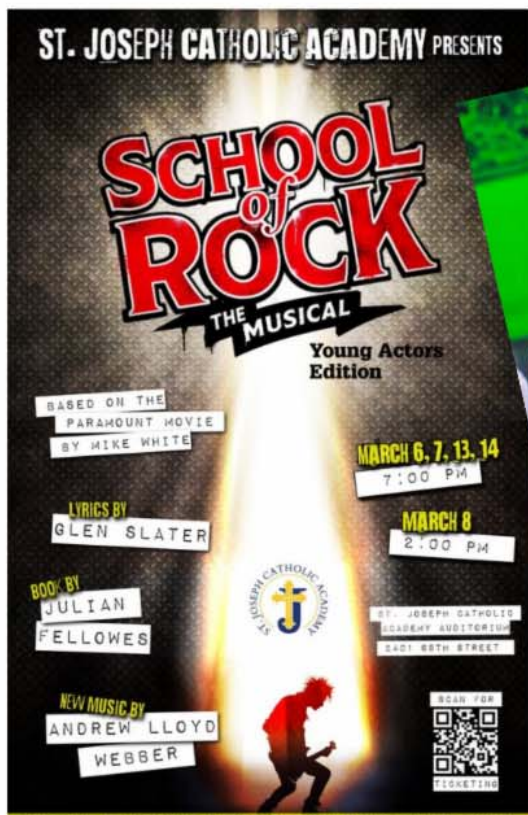


# St. Joseph's Journal

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRESENTS

## SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL

Young Actors Edition

BASED ON THE PARAMOUNT MOVIE BY MIKE WHITE

LYRICS BY GLEN SLATER

BOOK BY JULIAN FELLOWES

NEW MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

MARCH 6, 7, 13, 14  
7:00 PM

MARCH 8  
2:00 PM

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ACADEMY AUDITORIUM  
8401 80TH STREET

SCAN FOR TICKETING



## School of Rock Debuts on SJCA's Stage

Our annual Spring Musical made its debut on the stage of the Arneson Auditorium at our upper campus. Our students worked tirelessly to put on an amazing show, and indeed they did! We are incredibly proud of all our students who participated in both cast and crew, without their hard work and perseverance, we would not be able to put on such a show. A special note of gratitude to our production staff (led by Shannon Robertson), McTernan Wireless, and the Cicchini Family.

The SJCA Administration wants to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our generous donors who purchased ads in the playbook, your generosity allows for the show's expenses to be covered, allowing our students to participate in a flourishing theater department.

A special thank you to all those who attended the show and supported our cast & crew!

Thank you.

## Featured Articles - Alumni News

### St. Joseph Alumni Association Column

#### SAVE THE DATES:

Wednesday June 17th- St Joseph Alumni Association and SJCA Night at the Kenosha Kingfish Game 6:35 pm vs the Madison Mallards

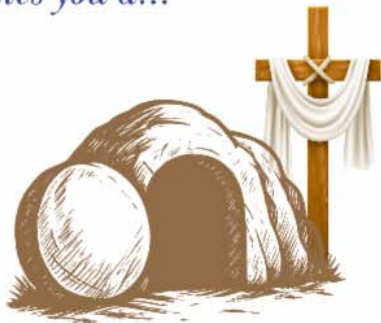
Wednesday August 26th- Cocktails with Classmates (all alums are invited) at Mason's

- 5 New Alumni Association Members so far in 2026! (including 3 from the Class of '71)
- The Alumni Association was a proud sponsor of the Fish Fry and the Spring Musical.
- Scholarship applications were due on March 15th. The Alumni Association awards two scholarships each year and also helps with the awarding of the Pauline McTernan Scholarship.



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

**Blessed  
Easter  
Season**



### The Senior Mission Trip Begins!

This past Tuesday, some of our Seniors along with Fr. Todd Belardi, Michelle Anderson, and some parent chaperones, flew to the Dominican Republic for our annual Senior Mission Trip. This is a 6-day trip where our Seniors dedicate each day to prayer and service. Each day, they travel to a nearby village and help them build new structures, after the workday, they attend Mass offered by Fr. Todd and meet with the orphans; playing games at the orphanage.



This picture was taken the before they traveled to the airport.

### A Note from the Alumni & Advancement Office

Dear Distinguished Alumni,

We are incredibly thankful for all of our alumni who generously donated to the Fish Fry. This year was one of our best years yet. Thank you for your continued dedication and support!

Please pray for our Seniors who are returning from their Mission Trip this week. We pray for a fruitful, safe trip as they return from serving those most in need in the Dominican Republic.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you all this Easter season,

Thomas Connolly  
Alumni & Advancement Coordinator

Mandy Weiss  
Director of Advancement

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

## Featured Articles - School & Parish News

### Upper Campus Check-In

Our **Middle School** students traveled to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church last Thursday to unload a delivery of new food for the Food Pantry. The students stocked the shelves and prepared bags for those in need. In addition, this week we have our annual Speech Festival, organized and judged by the Knights of Columbus (Council 973) based in Kenosha. Our students will enhance their ability to speak publically and the winner will get an award.

Our **High School** students have continued to fundraise for the Baskets of Joy project led by Katie Tanke. This project involves filling baskets with goods for those in need and will be delivered next week. Thank you to all who donated. Our seniors return tonight from our annual Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, they had a fruitful, prayerful experience rooted in Christian service and charity.

The Upper Campus will be praying the Stations of the Cross led by Kathy Coniker. A deep time of prayer and contemplation of the Lord's Passion.

Have a blessed Easter season!



### Lower Campus Check-In

*Life at the Lower Campus is full in the very best way. Each day brings its own rhythm of learning, activities, laughter, and the occasional unexpected change. In the midst of it all, we are blessed to pause throughout our day to pray, reflect, and recenter ourselves with Jesus. Those moments remind us that while the pace of school life can be busy, our foundation remains steady in faith. This coming week also gives us a beautiful opportunity to celebrate two important saints in the life of the Church.*

*On Thursday, March 19, the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph, the patron saint of our school. I invite our families to join us in offering an extra prayer this week for our school community, for our students, faculty, staff, and for all the families who are blessed by an SJCA education. May St. Joseph continue to guide and protect our school as we carry forward our mission!*

*-Mrs. Kathryn LaLonde*



## KENOSHA PARISHES - EASTER VIGIL/SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Downtown Kenosha Catholic:** 8pm Easter Vigil. 7:30am (St. Elizabeth), 9am (St. James), and 10:30am (St. Elizabeth) Easter Sunday.

**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii:** 8pm Easter Vigil. 8am & 10:30am Easter Sunday.

**St. Peter Catholic Church:** 8pm Easter Vigil. 8am & 10:30am Easter Sunday.

**St. Anthony of Padua:** 8pm Easter Vigil. 10am Easter Sunday.

**St. Anne's Catholic Church:** 8:30pm Easter Vigil. 9:15am & 11:30am Easter Sunday.

**St. Mark the Evangelist:** 7pm (gathering time) Easter Vigil (bilingual). 8am, 10am, 12pm (Spanish), 2pm (Spanish) Easter Sunday.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church:** 7:15pm Easter Vigil. 8am & 10:30am Easter Sunday.

**St. Therese of Lisieux:** 8pm Easter Vigil. 8:30am & 10:30am Easter Sunday.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel:** 8pm Easter Vigil. 7am & 10am Easter Sunday.

# Yesterday's Lancer... Today's Leaders!



## Philip Rizzitano '22

The St. Joseph Alumni Association is proud to present our next Alumni Spotlight!

**Name:** Philip Rizzitano

**SJHS/SJCA Graduation Year:** 2022

**Occupation:** Logistics Coordinator at Uline

**Recent Accomplishments:** Graduated from Carthage College (Magna Cum Laude), Co-founded a Knights of Columbus council at Carthage, and started a new job as a Logistics Coordinator at Uline after completing a summer internship as a Logistics Analyst.

**Where do/did you attend college and what degree did you obtain?** Carthage College - BA in Economics with a Data Science minor)

**What is your favorite memory of SJHS/SJCA?** Beating Bradford and Tremper in back to back games during my sophomore year soccer season.

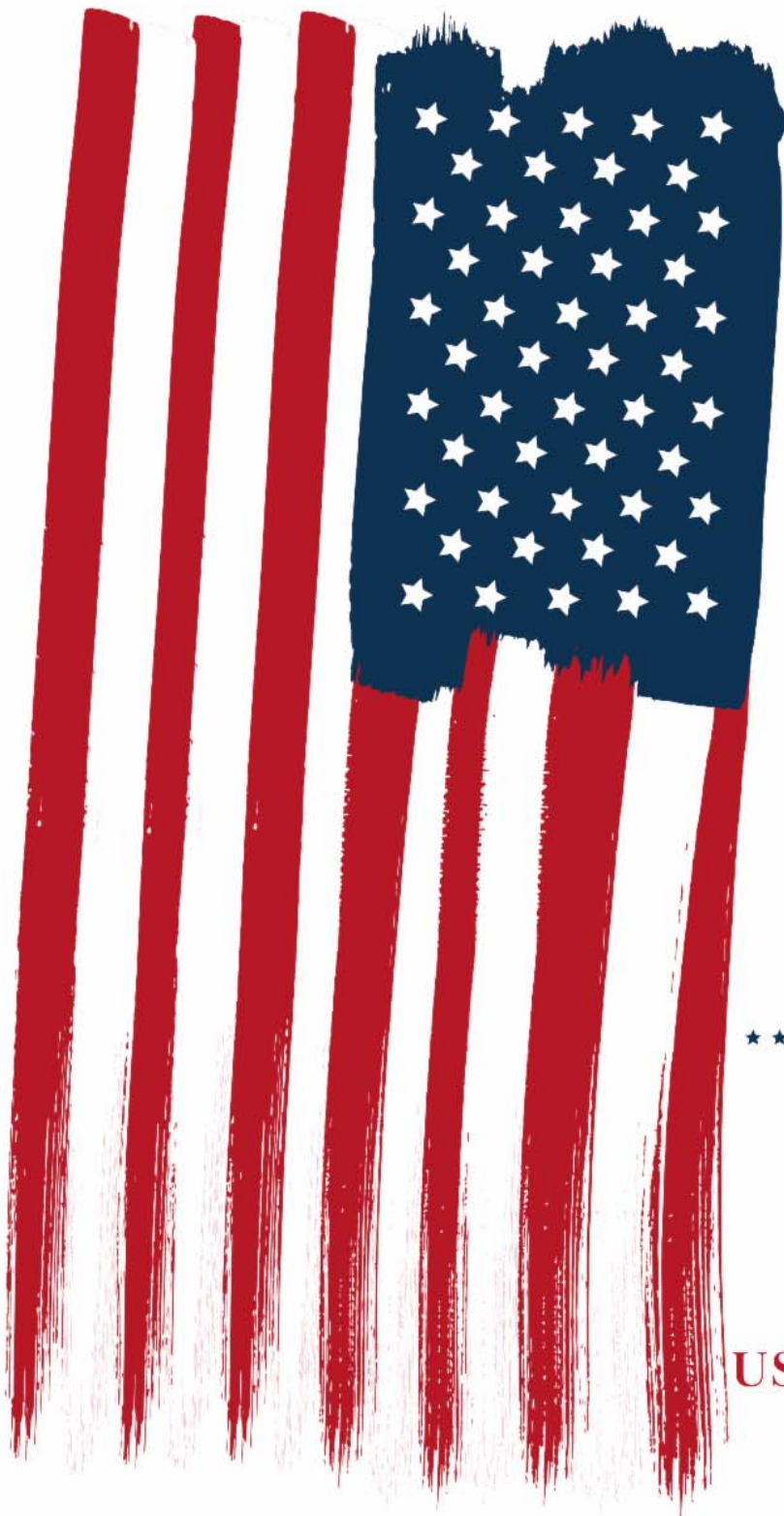
**What extracurricular activities did you participate in while at SJHS/SJCA?** Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Retreat Team, and NHS

**Out of all your years at SJHS/SJCA, what do you miss the most?** Definitely just being able to hang out with all of my friends on a daily basis in classes, activities, and sports.

**Who was your favorite teacher/who had the most impact on you while at SJHS/SJCA?** I said this at the end of senior year and I still say it now: it is definitely Fr. Todd. His theology classes were a huge pivot point in my faith journey. They allowed me to understand at a young age what it meant to be a part of the Catholic faith. I've tried to be very involved in the Catholic community in Kenosha, which wouldn't be the case if it wasn't for Fr. Todd's classes.

Thank you Philip for making the Lancer community proud! May God continue to bless you abundantly. We are so proud of you graduating from Carthage College and pursuing a career at Uline!

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ALUMNI VETERANS WITH OUR

SALUTE TO  
*Service*



*Joel Matussek*

*SJHS CLASS OF 1964*  
**US ARMY, 2<sup>ND</sup> LIEUTENANT**  
**VIETNAM, 11/27/1967**

*"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