



MISSION AND HISTORY

Mission

St. Joseph School is a parochial school of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, faithful to the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church, dedicated to serving children and families by providing a Christ-centered learning environment where children grow in faith, truth and love.

History

Upon his appointment as a pastor in 1932, the Rev. William Pezold noted a sentiment among the parishioners in favor of a school. Recognizing that the future of his parish depended upon a school, Fr. Pezold converted the combination church and rectory, built in 1873, into a school and convent. In September of 1932, classes began under the direction of the Precious Blood Sisters of O'Fallon, with 38 pupils in attendance.

Through the encouragement and financial support of the Catholic Rural Life Conference of St. Louis, the erection of a "brick school" building took place in 1938. In the late 1950s, as the Catholic population increased, a new church was erected, with the cornerstone laid on October 19, 1961. As the parish population continued to grow, parishioners felt the need for an addition to the school. In November of 1970, building commenced. Facility additions continued in 1989 and 1991 on the school, including the Griesedieck Center, the school offices and faculty meeting room. As the school and parish grew to one of the largest in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, with over 800 children in full-time school and 1,200 in the PSR program, the building again became obsolete. In 2003, a new 40,000-square-foot wing was added. This addition included a larger cafeteria and kitchen, more classrooms and the ability to expand the size of the library.

In 2006, Father James Callahan requested religious sisters for St. Joseph School. Archbishop Raymond Burke invited the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation to consider coming to St. Joseph. In 2007, the sisters enthusiastically agreed to serve at the school. Four sisters joined the Saint Joseph community in August of 2007.

As it began in 1938, with the erection of that "brick school," St. Joseph School continues the tradition of providing a formative Catholic education for all who enroll. St. Joseph Parish and its school exist because of God's blessings and the many people who have given of themselves since those early days of struggle. From a parish consisting of 35 families in 1864, to a parish of more than 5,200 families in 2017, St. Joseph Parish thrives in its mission.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Administered and staffed by the Dominican Sisters
of St. Cecilia Congregation and 50 certified lay teachers

Certified library media specialist

Full-time learning consultant

Two full-time resource teachers

Full-time counselor

28 teacher's aides

Full-time nurse

Enrollment – 940 students in kindergarten through 8th grade

Average classroom size – 27 students

Financial assistance based on family need

Extended Day Program

Active Parent – School Organization

School Advisory Board

Parent involvement through volunteer opportunities

Accredited by the Missouri Nonpublic
School Accrediting Association

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SPIRITUAL LIFE AND DOMINICAN CHARISM

Catholic faith taught daily and incorporated
into all aspects of learning

Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation – Principal
and three teaching Sisters

Patron Saint – St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family

Virtue in Practice Program – partners with parents
to encourage students' growth in virtue

Daily morning and afternoon prayer

Daily rosary in school chapel

Weekly school Mass

Weekly adoration in school chapel

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monthly Family Holy Hour

Sacramental preparation

Faith Rally

Living Rosary

Stations of the Cross

Living Stations

All School Sacrament of Reconciliation –
Advent and Lent

May Crowning

Required community service

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ACADEMICS

Academic excellence

Core Subjects: Religion, Language Arts,
Math, Science, Social Studies

Additional Courses: Spanish, Art,
Music, Physical Education, Computer

Award-winning band program – 4th through 8th grades,
with more than 230 participants in five ensembles:
Beginning, Intermediate, Concert, Symphonic, Jazz;
Smart Music – online music assessment program

Educational technology – two IT teachers,
two computer labs, SMART Boards,
computers in classrooms, additional tablets
and laptops available for classroom use

Library program – full-service online public
access catalog, study of Dewey Decimal System
and library research

Resource program – Learning Consultant and
resource teachers to assist children with special needs

Enrichment program – gifted learning program,
Kids Instructed Through Enrichment (K.I.T.E.)

Advisory program

Student Council

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ADMISSION PROCESS

Visit www.stjoecot.org/school and click on the Growing icon to complete the following forms:

- New Student Online Registration Application
- Education Needs Application (as part of Online Registration Application)
- Forms available for download (as part of Online Registration Application)
 - Extended Day Information
 - Health Forms*
 - Physical Form*
 - Tuition Information
 - Tuition Payment Options Form*

***Required documents**

After your application has been submitted, you will receive an email with further information.

Turn in required documents to School Office:

- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of baptismal certificate (if applicable)
- Tuition Payment Options Form
- Health History/Emergency Authorization Forms
- Physical Form (all new students, kindergarten, 3rd, and 6th grade students)
- Educational Needs Record (if applicable)

A \$200 registration fee is due with your Online Registration Application.

A Request for Student Records (only if your child is entering 1st through 8th grade) will be given to you by Admissions Coordinator, Maggie Wright.

The application process is not complete until all forms are received by the School Office.

Financial Aid Packets are available from the Parish Office.

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