

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

St. Joseph Catholic School was begun in 1901, in the belief that education is one of the most important ways that the Catholic Church fulfills its commitment to bring about the kingdom of God.

### ADMISSION POLICY

We welcome all families of any denomination who desire a quality academic and Catholic, Christian education. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age (in accordance with Indiana State law), disability or religion. Students transferring to the school will need to meet admission standards and be subject to a probationary period.

### CONDUCT

An important aspect of the education of a child is the development of self-discipline. Good conduct is essential to the creation of both a positive educational environment and an atmosphere of Christian growth. The goal of St. Joseph's is to encourage students to become responsible for their own actions and to accept the consequences of those actions.

Dress Code – Students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are expected to abide by the school uniform regulations.

Before & After School Care – Care is available for students to complete homework and/or interact with others in a social atmosphere.

Homework – Homework is an important part of the school program. Students at St. Joseph's are expected to complete homework on time.

Visitors to the School – All visitors must enter the school at the main entrance and proceed to the office. No unauthorized individuals will be permitted into the building to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Parental Involvement – Parents and family members of the children are encouraged to participate in their education. Showing interest in what is learned, encouraging achievement, and assisting with homework and projects, are just a few ways families can involve themselves in a child's education.

Bus Service – Service is provided by the Lake Central School Corporation.

Hot Lunch Program – This program is provided by the Lake Central School Corporation.

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*Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.*



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## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Joseph School, in cooperation with the home, the Catholic Church, and the community, presents opportunities for students to cultivate Christian values of self respect, personal responsibility, and academic achievement, while also providing opportunities for social and personal growth by incorporating Christian values in one's life to become an integral part of the church and community in service and leadership.

## SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT

St. Joseph School was established to provide students with a Christ-centered outlook on life. We aim for academic excellence within an atmosphere of religious and moral training. Along with formal subjects, the school strives to develop a sense of God, a sense of responsibility, a respect for authority, consideration for others and self-discipline in each student. These teachings will provide direction and certainty in the lives of each student. These virtues are not only taught formally during religion instruction but are incorporated into all school class and activities.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."  
*Matthew 19:14*

## CURRICULUM

St. Joseph School follows the Indiana Department of Education's approved curriculum. The students take ISTEP or Terra Nova tests to evaluate their annual progress. These scores also function as a tool to help the school determine when to implement changes to ensure academic excellence.

St. Joseph's enhances the basic curriculum with the following:

- ❑ 3 & 4-year-old Preschool
- ❑ All Day Kindergarten
- ❑ Foreign Language Program
- ❑ Music & Band Program
- ❑ Art Program
- ❑ Physical Education
- ❑ Computer Lab
- ❑ Multi Media
- ❑ Sports Program
- ❑ Science, Geography, Spelling, Math and Writing Competitions
- ❑ Field Trips Incorporated with the Curriculum.

Students are held to a high standard of academic achievement, discipline and Christian values.

## FACULTY AND STAFFING

- ❑ Certified Teachers
- ❑ Weekly Priest Guidance
- ❑ On-Site Tutor
- ❑ Librarian
- ❑ Speech Therapist



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