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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Teaching Future Saints in Mind, Body, & Soul

The Catholic School of Holy Trinity, Bucyrus, & St. Joseph, Galion
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Welcome



Teaching Future Saints in

*Mind,
Body,
and
Soul*

to St. Joseph Catholic School

St. Joseph Catholic School is a small, close-knit community where each student is valued and supported. With an amazing staff dedicated to fostering both academic and spiritual growth, the school offers a personalized educational experience. Rooted in Catholic values, St. Joseph encourages students to grow in their faith, respect for others, and commitment to service.

Through personalized attention, a strong curriculum, and extracurricular opportunities, St. Joseph Catholic School prepares its students to be leaders in both their communities and the world, all while embracing the love and teachings of Christ.



Our History

- 1853** — Reverend Matthias Kreusch holds the first Catholic services in Galion at Joseph Rudinger's home.
- 1854–1855** — Rudinger donates land; the first church is built and dedicated.
- 1859** — Parish school is founded, initially taught by lay teachers.
- 1865–1871** — New brick church and school are built; St. Patrick Parish and school are established.
- 1873–1879** — St. Joseph moves to Liberty Street; Sisters of St. Francis Mary Immaculate begin teaching.
- 1880–1883** — Current St. Joseph Church building is constructed and dedicated.
- 1920–1922** — School Sisters of Notre Dame teach; parishes join the Diocese of Toledo.
- 1951–1963** — St. Joseph and St. Patrick schools merge; school building expands in three phases.
- 1979** — Sylvania Franciscan and Ursuline Sisters join the staff.
- 1997** — The St. Joseph Activity Center is built for school and community events.
- 2010** — St. Joseph Parish twins with Bucyrus Holy Trinity
- 2014** — Holy Trinity School closes and students join St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Catholic School is under the protection of the intercession of St. Joseph, drawing inspiration from his faith and humility to guide students and staff every day.



Our Vision

- We believe St. Joseph School is both a school, and a community of faith;
- We believe those entrusted to us are both students, and children of God;
- We believe we are both educators, and ministers of the Gospel;
- We believe the values we teach are both character development, and a call to holiness;
- We believe our courses of study are both academic pursuits, and a search for truth;
- We believe the purpose of education is for personal gain, the development of society,



Meet The Superintendent



Fr. Paul Fahrbach

As pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Bucyrus and St. Joseph Parish in Galion, I also serve as Superintendent of St. Joseph School. I have been a priest of the diocese since my ordination on October 20, 1984. I have served in this assignment since July 1, 2016.

I was born and raised in Fremont, Ohio, the fifth of eight children. I graduated from Fremont Ross High School in 1974. I graduated with a degree in business and math from Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan in 1978. I completed a College Graduate Program from St. Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana in 1980. I earned two master degrees from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium in 1983 & 1984.

I love to teach children, and you can observe my teaching style during the weekday Masses.

I would encourage parents and guardians to send their children to St. Joseph Catholic School because it allows them to encounter Jesus on a daily basis. Every morning, we gather for prayer. Every Thursday, we gather for the school Mass.

Because we are a Catholic school, we can and do teach your children about the Bible every day. Important biblical teachings such as the Ten Commandments, God's love for His people, the Good News of the Gospel, the total self-giving love of Jesus who died for us and rose from the dead, the bringing of the Good News to the ends of the earth.

On a regular basis, we teach the wisdom of the ages, the how-to to forgive, and the hope that God provides for every human being. In short, we support parents/guardians as the primary teachers of their children in the ways of the faith.



My goal for St. Joseph Catholic School is to provide a different environment for families to send their children for an education. In today's world, children face many challenges. Good morals, God's

Commandments, a loving environment are the things by which children should be surrounded.

At St. Joseph Catholic School children are provided an academic education with a primary focus on our faith building Christian morals, following God's Commandments, providing a loving environment rooted in Jesus' love for all people.

No matter who we are, we are all mortal. We all want to get to Heaven when God calls us.

We all want our children to be successful. St. Joseph students are taught to succeed academically, strengthen physically, develop socially, and above all, grow spiritually and in God's good grace.

Meet The Principal



Mrs. Anissa Tuttle

I am Anissa Tuttle, the principal of St. Joseph Catholic School. I've been Catholic my entire life. I attended Catholic school from Grades' 1 through 8. I earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Tiffin University. I'm married to Ken with two grown children, Alex and Maggie. I worked in computer software for 16 years and then was a substitute teacher for Preschool through high school for 13 years while raising my children. I am also the Director of Religious Education for our Parish School of Religion (PSR) and co-teach the PSR 2nd grade religion class.

I've been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church since 2006. When I became principal of the school in 2022, I felt this new career choice was perfect. I could serve my church, impact children, lead adults, and leave a lasting impact from my Catholic faith.

Here at St. Joseph Catholic School, we are truly "Teaching Saints in Mind, Body, and Soul."



Reflections from Our Alumni

At St. Joseph Catholic School, our legacy lives on through the voices of our students. Each year, the graduating 8th grade class writes personal reflections about their time at St. Joseph, offering a glimpse into how their experience here has shaped their faith, character, and academic growth.

“St. Joseph made learning fun! Each teacher has their own style of teaching, but they all have the same outcome—you learned something. If you don’t understand it the first time, the teachers are going to help you so you learn it, even if it takes a while!”

— Autumn, Class of 2023

“Overall, my experience of this school was superior to what I expect out of your average school. St. Joseph’s successfully taught me about God and about very fundamental Christian beliefs and morals. I’m not telling all who read this that the school is ‘perfect,’ but if you want your kids to have a promising future and ability to express their limitless potential, I don’t know of a better place than St. Joseph Catholic School.”

— William, Class of 2023

“And the best thing about this school is it helped me improve my love for God. Going to Mass every Thursday and getting to go to confession helped me become a better person and to deeply cherish my love for God. I now get to go into high school with a firm foundation of faith and know right vs. wrong. I used to not have as strong of a relationship with God; but after going to St. Joe’s, I pray every night, read my Bible, and overall spend more time with God.”

— Claire, Class of 2023

“My teachers and the school staff all wanted the best for me. They took time to teach me one-on-one when needed and encouraged me to be a leader by serving others.”

— Ben, Class of 2023

“I would strongly recommend this school to anyone, but this isn’t a school to me anymore; the teachers aren’t teachers, and the students aren’t students. St. Joseph’s Catholic School is a home, the teachers and staff are family, and the students are like little brothers and sisters. This school isn’t like any other school—they actually care. They care for every single student. In fact, they just don’t care for us, they love us. I’ll miss this place, and I promise I will come and visit.”

— Korbin, Class of 2024

“I can write about every teacher here, but that would take me such a long time. I am thankful for every single teacher, and I can’t forget about the best secretary and the best principal! This school will always be in my heart. I will never forget where I came from. Always in my heart, St. Joseph School.”

— Mark, Class of 2024

These reflections are more than just assignments—they’re heartfelt testaments to the lasting impact of a St. Joseph education.

We would love the opportunity to impact your children, whether for one year or ten.



Events at St. Joseph Catholic School

These events offer just a small glimpse into the vibrant faith, creativity, and community life our students experience every day.



CRAFT CLUB

SAINTS MUSEUM



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



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Celebrating Our Faith

Faith in Preschool & Kindergarten: Preschool students experience faith through simple prayers, Bible stories, and daily reminders of God’s love. Kindergarten students receive dedicated religion instruction each day, with spiritual growth naturally integrated into all subjects.

Faith in Grades 1–8: Students attend religion class daily, exploring Bible stories, Church teachings, the precepts of the faith, and sacramental preparation. Religion instruction follows the Diocese of Toledo Religion Curriculum to ensure students receive authentic Catholic teaching appropriate to their age. Faith-based values and themes are woven into every subject, helping students recognize God’s presence in all areas of life.

Living Our Faith:

Students and staff gather for weekly Mass to worship, pray, and grow closer to Christ as a school community. Prayer, Scripture, service projects, and Catholic traditions are part of daily life. Through a vibrant school culture centered around Christ, students are encouraged to live out their faith joyfully each day.



What Our Teachers Say

- “When there is a member in need, we all pull together, pray, and help out in what ways we can. I think that shows that we care not only about the students and staff but the school families as well.”
— Mr. Ted Baker
- “As a 1st/2nd grade teacher at St. Joe’s, I love that our school keeps Christ at the center of everything we do. I’m grateful for the freedom to talk about the Lord openly and to teach with a faith-based perspective, without being required to teach theories like evolution. To any prospective parents, I would say: St. Joe’s is a place where the Ten Commandments are taught and treasured, helping to build a strong moral foundation in our children. One of my favorite quotes that describes our school perfectly is: “We are all God’s children!”

— Mrs. Teresa Sallee





A Day in the Life



*Each day is designed to
nurture*

*academic
growth,*

*spiritual
formation,*

and

*personal
development.*

as a St. Joseph Student

7:30 AM — Arrival and Breakfast

8:00 AM — Classrooms Open for Students

8:00 AM — Morning Prayer

8:15 AM — Morning Classes Begin

11:00 AM — Lunch Rotations Begin

11:35 AM — Recess Rotations Begin

12:00 PM — Afternoon Classes Begin

3:10 PM — Dismissal

Each moment at St. Joseph Catholic School is centered around growing in faith, striving for excellence, and building lasting friendships.





Our students benefit from small class sizes, personalized instruction, and a Christ-centered approach that fosters a love of learning, a commitment to service, and strong moral character.

From Preschool through 8th grade, St. Joseph students are encouraged to reach their full potential while growing closer to God and making a positive impact on the world around them.

Core Subjects:

Religion

Language Arts

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

Specials & Enrichment:

Art

Music

Physical Education

Technology

Leadership and Service



At St. Joseph Catholic School, our curriculum challenges students to grow intellectually, spiritually, and personally. Our academic program follows the standards set by the Diocese of Toledo Office of Catholic Schools, ensuring a rigorous, faith-based education that prepares students for success in high school, college, and life.



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SCHOOL TEACHERS

GRADES 7/8



Mr. Jeremy Shull is the 7th/8th-grade homeroom teacher and teaches grades 5-6 math, 5-8 science, social

studies, health and PE. He loves building relationships with students to help them succeed as students and individuals in school and in life. He lives outside of Bucyrus with his wife Valerie and their two children, Hayden and Teagan. Outside of school, he enjoys watching sports, especially basketball, as well as hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. Their family is actively involved at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Bucyrus.

GRADES 5/6



Mrs. Robin Adams graduated from The Ohio State University. She has taught at St. Joseph Catholic School since

1988, in roles ranging from fourth grade to technology and middle school subjects. She helps students reach their full potential through personalized instruction and promoting higher-level thinking. Outside of school, she is active at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, volunteers at the Shelby Food Pantry, and enjoys reading, puzzles, and working in her flower beds. Mrs. Adams and her husband, James, have two St. Joseph graduates, Kristen ('07) and Ben ('20).

GRADES 3/4



Mrs. Michelle Howe is a 2006 graduate of Ashland University, holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood

Education. She has over 18 years of professional experience, including 12 years teaching Kindergarten in Ashland and substitute teaching PreK-6th grade at Northmor Elementary. Since 2022, she has been proud to be part of the St. Joseph community. Mrs. Howe enjoys traveling, kayaking, hiking, biking, and outdoor adventures with her husband Dave and their two children.

GRADES 1/2



Mrs. Teresa Sallee holds a Bachelor of Science from Oakland University, graduating Cum

Laude and earning honorable mention as a "Student Teacher of Distinction." She has a passion for ministry, having led outreach programs, youth camps, and childcare centers in Michigan. Since 2020, she has taught at St. Joseph Catholic School, currently leading 1st and 2nd grades. Outside of school, Mrs. Sallee enjoys riding four-wheelers, camping, organizing, planning and cheering on her favorite football team. Go Blue!

KINDERGARTEN



Mrs. Cathy Mahoney is licensed to teach grades K-8. She is currently teaching kindergarten and this is her thirtieth

year teaching at St. Joseph School. Teaching in a Catholic school allows her to freely discuss the greatness of God and how He impacts our lives in a positive way. His very essence is love and that is what she wants to instill into the hearts and minds of her kindergarteners. She enjoys working in her yard, spending time with her grandchildren, and being involved in the Prison Ministry.

PRESCHOOL



Mrs. Kathy Beres has over 30 years of experience in Catholic education. Before joining St. Joseph, she taught

Preschool, Kindergarten, and Second Grade at St. Peter's in Mansfield. She loves to help young learners thrive socially, emotionally, and academically during these important early years. Kathy and her husband live in Mansfield, attend St. Peter's Church, and have raised three children into adulthood. They have sponsored children internationally and now enjoy the blessings of being proud grandparents.



SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRESCHOOL



Mrs. Tracee Knight graduated from Ashland University with a degree in Elementary Education and has

been teaching preschool for fifteen wonderful years. She's passionate about teaching children and watching them grow up and succeed. Mrs. Knight has two children, Kelby (25) and Keely (22), who continue to inspire her. In her spare time, she enjoys camping, crocheting, and spending quality time with her family, creating memories that are just as meaningful as those built in the classroom.

RELIGIOUS ED/AIDE



Mr. Ted Baker has taught at St. Joseph Catholic School since the 2013–2014 school year. Over the years,

he has worked in various roles. Mr. Baker earned his bachelor's degree in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, later obtaining his teaching license from Ashland University. Since the 2017–2018 school year, he has been proud to teach Religion at St. Joseph, sharing his passion for passing on the Catholic faith. He believes deeply in the importance of faith in education and strives to help students grow closer to Christ every day.

MUSIC



Mr. Nate Sherer has served in music ministry at St. Joseph Parish and School for over 32 years. He studied

classical organ at Capital University and the Royal Academy of Music, and has performed across the country, including for President Ford's family. He has also worked with country artists Lee Greenwood, Jim Stafford, and Charley Pride. Mr. Sherer currently serves as Music Director for St. Joseph and Holy Trinity Parishes, sharing his passion for music and ministry.

INTERVENTION SPECIALIST



Mr. Mike Brown serves as the Intervention Specialist at St. Joseph Catholic School, supporting

students across all grade levels. He works closely with teachers, students, and families to help ensure each child's academic success and personal growth. Mr. Brown is committed to providing individualized support that empowers students to reach their full potential in a faith-filled environment.

PHYSICAL ED/AIDE



Mrs. Kelly Hinton serves as the Physical Education teacher and an instructional aide

at St. Joseph Catholic School. She enjoys encouraging students to stay active, build teamwork skills, and develop healthy habits for life. Mrs. Hinton is passionate about helping students grow both in and out of the classroom and is proud to be part of the St. Joseph family.

MATH TUTOR/AIDE



Mrs. Maureen Neal is a lifelong member of St. Joseph Parish and a proud alumna of St. Joseph Catholic School.

She began substitute teaching in 2004 and has been dedicated exclusively to St. Joseph since 2018. Returning to her roots has been a rewarding and fulfilling experience. Mrs. Neal values the Catholic education she received and is grateful to now help guide the academic and spiritual growth of today's students.



Investing in Your Child's Future

Tuition for the 2025–2026 School Year: The full cost of educating one student is \$11,000 annually. Thanks to scholarships and financial aid, many families pay significantly less or have little to no out-of-pocket tuition.

Financial Assistance: Most families continue to pay the same or similar out-of-pocket tuition as in previous years. Financial aid is available through the EdChoice Scholarship, SGO Scholarships, and Parish Financial Aid. In many cases, after financial aid, out-of-pocket tuition costs are as low as \$50.

Commitment to You: We are committed to working with every family to ensure tuition is affordable and accessible. Please contact our school office for personalized tuition estimates and financial aid options.

At St. Joseph Catholic School, we are committed to providing an affordable, Christ-centered education for all families. Last year, St. Joseph provided 100% of St. Joseph K-8 students with financial aid.



Why I Chose St. Joseph

At St. Joseph:

- God is the center of our school and every school day.
- We begin every morning with prayer.
- We are truly a school family, not just a school building.
- We pray for each other every day, in big and small ways.
- If you would like your child to grow up in a God-centered environment — where Christianity is woven into every part of the day, where students are known, loved, and treated like family, and where they can be kids without being exposed too quickly to the pressures of the world — then St. Joseph Catholic School is the place for you.

— Heather Sallee, School Secretary & St. Joseph Parent

“Be kind to each other, be kind to your teachers, be kind to yourself, and have a great day!”



Financial Aid & Scholarships

At St. Joseph Catholic School, we proudly offer multiple scholarship and financial aid programs to assist our families:

EdChoice Scholarship Program (K–8)

Every student in Ohio is eligible for an EdChoice scholarship based on household income. Scholarships cover a large portion, or even all, of tuition costs. Families must complete an EdChoice application or renewal form each year.

Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship (K–8)

Scholarships are available for students with an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The amount awarded is based on the student's identified needs.

SGO Scholarships (K–8)

The Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) makes Catholic education more accessible through generous donations. Individuals can receive a dollar-for-dollar Ohio tax credit by contributing to the SGO — up to \$750 for individuals or \$1,500 for married couples filing jointly. Donations can be directed specifically to St. Joseph Catholic School in Galion, ensuring 100% of your gift supports scholarships for our students.

To learn more, apply for a scholarship, or make a donation, please visit www.dotsgo.org.

How to Apply:

Contact the School Office to complete applications for EdChoice, SGO, Jon Peterson, and to learn about any other financial aid programs and available scholarships.

Call the office at 419-468-5436

Email the office at
office@sjsaints.org or

Visit the website for more
information: sjsaints.org





Congratulations, Class of 2025!

We are so proud of everything you have accomplished during your time at
St. Joseph Catholic School.

You have grown in faith, knowledge, and character, and we are excited to see the
bright futures that lie ahead for each of you.

May you continue to walk in God's light, guided by the values and love that have
been planted here in your hearts.

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

— Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations to each of you — you will always have a home in our St. Joseph family.



Join the St. Joseph Catholic School Family

At St. Joseph Catholic School, we believe every child deserves a place where they are loved, challenged, and inspired to become the person God created them to be.

We invite you to become part of our school family — a community rooted in faith, focused on academic excellence, and committed to nurturing the mind, body, and soul of every student.

Experience the difference a Christ-centered education can make in your child's life.

We can't wait to welcome you into our family!



"but Jesus said, Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

— Matthew 19:14





Rooted in Faith. Growing in Excellence. Shaping the Future.

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