

Did You KNOW?



A little about me ...I grew up in Fairfield, Illinois, and attended public school. Prior to entering the Seminary, I had the opportunity to teach in both the public and Catholic school settings and have been connected to various Catholic schools during my time as a priest.

There are several reasons why St. Joseph Catholic School is a great place to send your children. We have the opportunity to reinforce our Catholic values and virtues to our children and hopefully bring those things that we hold most dear into our greater community and culture. I hope that by taking the time to explain the Christian faith to our kids they will then share that with their parents and maybe....just maybe....help those parents who are not as strong in their faith, find their way back and see the importance of practicing and living out that faith. At the end of the day, that is why the Catholic Church established Catholic Schools: to be a means of handing on the faith. Yes, academics are important. Yes, sports are important. However, St. Joseph Catholic School is great because we are a school where faith can be lived out alongside our academics and athletics.

Our children need to see us as adults living out our faith on a daily basis if we expect them to live it out when they grow up. St. Joseph Catholic School has an outstanding staff that strives to hand on the faith of the Catholic Church to our kids. My hope and prayer is not only that our kids use the academics and athletics they have been taught, but that the faith formation they have received will go with them as well. When they leave here, I hope that they will remember to live out their faith each and every day...not just when it is convenient or easy but when it can be challenging and unpopular.

At St. Joseph Catholic School, I believe we have the opportunity to improve our world by shaping young men and women who will live out their faith each and every day.

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Pastor



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