

ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE

Catholic School

January 2023

Challenge the Mind. Inspire the Spirit.



TOGETHER

We Rise by Lifting Others



St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School is a Catholic community dedicated to fully preparing children for their future by developing their faith, mind, and character.





GREETINGS FROM ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL and welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. Since its founding in 1954, St. Jude has provided the very best elementary education to our students, Kindergarten through currently 7th Grade and 8th grade in the next year. Throughout our proud 68-year history, St. Jude of the Lake has been a place where students are intellectually ambitious, engaged, and curious about the world in which they live. Our students are faith-filled, compassionate, creative, and filled with desire to meet new challenges. We proved our excellence does not stop no matter what life throws at us. Today, it

has been more important than ever to protect the health and well-being of our students, families, friends, and parish and school communities. It is at the heart of our beautiful faith that allows us the opportunity to pray to God TOGETHER for peace, grace, comfort, strength, and courage each and every day. This community is incredible. Over the last several years, TOGETHER we grew even stronger in our faith, and as a family and community. TOGETHER, we made great things happen! TOGETHER, we did an amazing job thinking out of the box, keeping the students our priority, our staff loved, and our community well taken care to make these years the BEST possible for everyone. We are an amazing PengWINNER Family!

On any given day, our classrooms are full of activities and ideas that challenge and inspire our students. Our amazing teachers work hard to create an exceptional learning environment for our students. Our major focus on leadership begins in the classrooms of our youngest students and culminates through Middle School when our oldest students take on the responsibility of being the school's student leaders.

Throughout the year, exciting things are happening in our classrooms and around our community! We encourage you to get involved early by joining our Early Catholic Family Life-Parent Pray and Play Group, Home and School and School Advisory Committees, numerous volunteer opportunities with school activities, and taking an active role in your child's education. You are the best gift you can give your child. You are your child's most important teacher. Spend time with your child. The elementary years go quickly, but they are among the most important and fundamental years of your child's life. It is my desire to keep the focus on increasing student achievement and doing whatever it takes to help ALL our students be successful and enjoy coming to school each day. I believe that learning should be fun and that an elementary school should pave the way for a lifetime of learning.

Whether you are a first-time visitor or are already a member of our community, I encourage you to explore our St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School website (www.stjudeofthelake.org) and check us out on Facebook and Instagram to discover the activities and programs happening in our classrooms. Come see our campus and feel the excitement and energy our children emulate every day. Take a tour, meet our faculty, and staff, and see for yourself why we call this OUR HAPPY PLACE. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of any assistance. We are here to help you and, most importantly, to help your child be successful!

Thank you for choosing St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School and allowing us to walk this journey hand in hand.



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A three-ply cord is not easily broken. Eccl 4:12b

Some years ago, I travelled to Yosemite National Park while visiting friends in California's Central Valley. The natural beauty of the park's peaks, valleys, and waterfalls were truly breathtaking, but there was another natural wonder that I went seeking: the Giant Sequoias. Not only are they the largest species of trees, but they are among the largest and oldest living organisms in the world. These majestic trees can live for thousands of years, growing on average 200-300 ft tall with a diameter of 25 ft. The largest tree in the world, General Sherman weighs over 2.7 million pounds, has a circumference of 102 ft at the base, has a height of 275 ft (rivalling a 26-story building), and is 2500 years old!

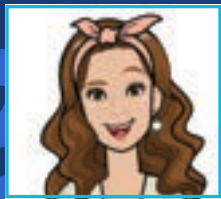
The Giant Sequoias are certainly impressive and represent incredible strength, but there is one fact that shocked me. Though they soar into the heights, their roots are small and surprisingly shallow, only going 6-20 ft deep. How is it that these massive trees do not topple with Mother Nature's fierce winds and violent squalls? The answer may surprise you as it did me – these giants grow in close proximity to each other, and their roots are intertwined in an impressive network providing strength and stability. Even General Sherman would buckle if the neighboring trees were chopped down. The trees are stronger together.

That natural network of roots reminds me of what makes our community so strong. Through the years, we have weathered storms together, and we are still standing because of the countless men and women supporting one another. The St. Jude of the Lake Church and School community is growing thanks to the commitment of individuals like you, and we do not plan to go away anytime soon. One of my favorite Scripture verses that reflects the necessity of community is from the Book of Ecclesiastes: "Where one alone may be overcome, two together can resist. A three-ply cord is not easily broken" (Eccl 4:12). If you have not checked out our school lately, I invite you to take a tour. And if you have not experienced the community that is growing in our church, I invite you to come and see what Jesus is doing. We need each other, and together we can soar to the heights!

Fr. Chad VanHoose
Pastor



Staff |



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Jesus



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faith



love respect

community



family

faith

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2022



MINNDEPENDENT



Leadership Award Recipient

Congratulations!

Carrie Hackman

PRINCIPAL, ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE



MINNDEPENDENT Leadership Awards recognize the hard work and dedication of school leaders who instill passion in people they work with, bring innovative ideas forward and advocate for the importance of private and independent education in Minnesota.





ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE
*Catholic School weaves religion
throughout everything we do.*

We believe religious education provides our students the best most well-rounded academic experiences.

St. Jude not only aims to teach children basic education, but we also help them strive to be good, well adjusted, compassionate people.

The spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development that takes place at St. Jude prepares our students for both today and the future.



Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2022-2023

WE HAVE A STRATEGIC PLAN That is a working and always evolving document. The current strategies and action steps we are concentrating our efforts on are listed below.

EXPAND MARKETING EFFORTS AND ENROLLMENT STRATEGIES TO INCREASE AND RETAIN ENROLLMENT.

We have implemented the Penguin Power campaign, increased our visibility in print and social media, and made great strides in building our relationship with St. Jude of the Lake Discovery Center.

IDENTIFY CONSISTENT MEANS OF FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDE PROGRESS REPORTS.

Future funding ideas are a crucial part of the business plan shared with all potential donors. A deliberate effort is being made to provide all our stakeholders and families with up-to-date information that is going on in our school. We are currently working on growing our school endowment fund.

USE ASSESSMENT DATA IN A CONSISTENT MANNER TO GUIDE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION DECISIONS.

We are more deliberate in our communication with students and parents on state- wide standards, curriculum and strategies. We are using, several different methods of assessment to help us better serve our students needs with and to help create their personalized learning plans. These efforts include better use of technology, collaboration with other teachers and a variety of hands-on assessment tools.

DEVELOP A SCHOOL-WIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

As a staff, we are looking at and researching a variety of professional development opportunities in the areas of reading, math and science. We have implemented a Staff Development Series each month to introduce and facilitate innovative and engaging ideas that the staff takes ownership of and is excited about. This year we sent staff to the ISTE Conference in New Orleans, Lego League Challenge Event, and Orton-Gillingham and Dyslexia Training here in the Twin Cities.

INVESTIGATE DIFFERENT AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODELS TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

We are being very diligent and aggressive in fundraising and our school endowment efforts. We have a team of enthusiasts identified and who are willing to help cast out our net and build up financial sustainability.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



The much-anticipated start of the school year did not disappoint! The energy was high, and the smiles were plentiful. Everyone was ready to get back to their **HAPPY PLACE!**





Middle School Renovation

Thank you to all our incredibly amazing donors that made this all possible! – We are blessed!

To further our mission and increase the number of students and families we serve, last year St. Jude of the Lake reinstated the Middle School. We started with sixth grade in 2021, seventh grade this Fall 2022 and eight grade next Fall 2023. Over the last several months, we have had the pleasure of working with Sitelogiq to help us brainstorm creative and innovative ways to maximize the space in

the Upper Commons area to accommodate the growth in enrollment and the platform to deliver a best-in-class Middle School experience. The plans of the reconfigured space are serving us well and allows the flexibility for any purpose and group to use in the future. In addition to reconfiguring the Upper Commons, the Science Lab also got some upgrading with new counter tops and faucets. The plans are very well thought-out and seriously so cool! If you are ever in the neighborhood, please come on over! The students are loving the new space and amenities!





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

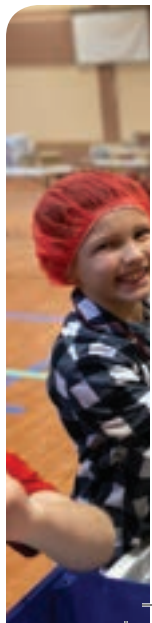


FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EVER ATTENDED CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, the week is full of celebrating and the joy found within our school walls was palpable. Catholic Schools Week reminds us to pause and reflect on the God-given gift of each one of our students and families, the source of our joy and reason.

This is our HAPPY PLACE!

The week highlighted the mission of Catholic schools as a hands-on faith-based education that supports the whole child academically and spiritually and prepares our students for success, all while having a ton of fun!

Each day students can participate in a themed dress up day, service projects, Pop-Ups, and super fun school





SCHOOLS WEEK

community building events. We kicked off the week with an awesome Alumni Event, Walk Down Laker Lane and wrapped the week up with our much anticipated St. Jude of the Lake Carnival.

Catholic Schools are blessed to have the unique opportunity to not only to prepare good students, but good people.





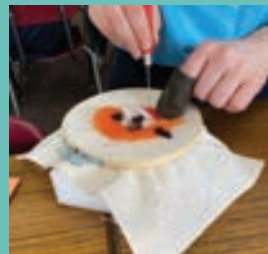
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Life Involves New Kinds of Skills

SKILLS ARE WHAT MAKES US CONFIDENT and independent in life. They are essential for feeling successful.

St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School is proud to offer a variety of “extra” special activities for our students. We are blessed to be able to tap into our alumni and parish community, asking them to share their time and talents, passing along their knowledge, stories, and passions to our students. In the past we have offered activities such as pottery, soap felting, primitive rug hooking, and cooking.

This year we were excited to offer the opportunity to needle punch with wool. 153 students + 15 volunteers+ a large variety of wool options+ yards and yards of monks cloth + 153 needles= 153 WOOLderful original masterpieces and a priceless experience! An “extra” special benefit to this program is while our students are indulging in these activities, our staff has the opportunity to participate in professional development or collaboration time, allowing them to continue to learn new trends and skills to share with their class.





ST. JUDE DISCOVERY CENTER



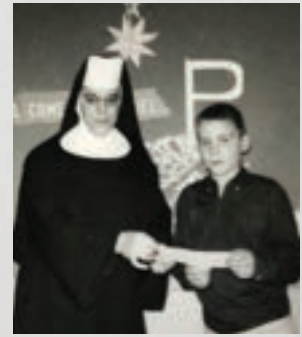
WE ARE VERY EXCITED to have St. Jude Discovery Center (STJDC) a part of our school community. STJDC does an amazing job creating a

meaningful learning experience for pre-school and pre-kindergarten students. The program allows the children the opportunity to foster their social skills as well as enhance their Christian values. The staff does an incredible job working together to develop each individual child as whole.

The St. Jude of the Lake Discovery Center is a non-profit, Christian-based early childhood experience for children ages 16 months to five years old.



Alumni Reflection |



ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL continues to reach out to our alumni to keep them up to date on their alma mater. We want to make sure we are connecting with all our former Lakers about what is going on at the Parish and School. The outreach also gives everyone an opportunity to stay in touch or re-connect with classmates and help build our community to be even stronger. Please go to our website, www.stjudeofthelakeschool.org and click on the ALUMNI tab on the far upper right to share your information with us. If you are able, please help us locate our Laker Alumni TODAY! If you are ever in town, come on over for a tour. On the second Saturday in September, join us for our parish wide Cornfest event, and please stop by our Alumni Tent and introduce yourself! We would love to see and hear from you!



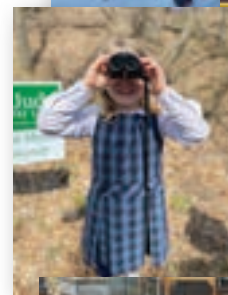
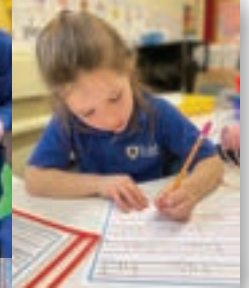
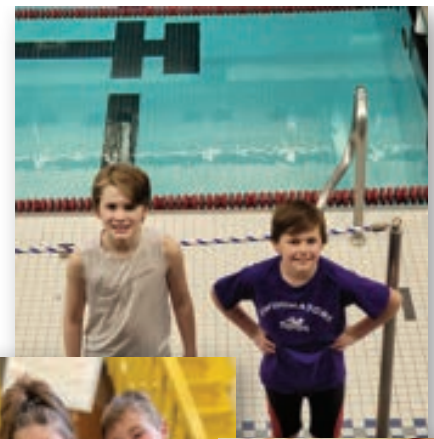
PENGUINS IN OUR PRIME

Curriculum Program

OUR DAYS AT ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE Catholic School are designed to inspire, engage, and educate everyone as we live our journey as lifelong learners together. Our hands-on faith-based curriculum incorporates Word Of Life Religion, Rua Woods Theology of the Body, literacy skills, SuperKids, Reading Side By Side, language arts, handwriting, Envision math, FOSS Science Next Generation, STEM, and TCI Social Studies. Also new this year is an on-site school counselor from the Phoenix Institute. This amazing resource is provided through a Catholic School of Excellence Grant titled, Peace of Mind. Not only does the grant forward us this opportunity but also provided staff development and parent education monthly videos and on-site presentations. Our Middle School students are still enjoying the Amplify ELA curriculum and Northern Lights Series from the Minnesota Historical Society. Students also take part in Mass, Library, Technology, Art, Music, Physical Education and Spanish classes weekly. Technology plays a vital role in our students learning experience through iPads, SMART boards, Apple TVs, plenty of coding opportunities, STEM challenges, and 3-D printing options. In combination with our amazing staff, we also have student support staff to assist with reinforcing concepts and skills at their level and pace. Sprinkle all that with service learning, Lego robotics, the LINKs Program (Life Involves New Kinds of Skills), Engineering Is Elementary, and an outdoor classroom... YOU SEE A LOT OF PENGUIN POWER shining!

PENGUIN PROGRAM PERKS

- Archdiocesan wide Science Fair
- Archdiocesan wide Performing Arts Fair
- Archdiocesan wide Mass and Rosary Pilgrimage
- Weekly Mass
- On-site piano, guitar, and ukulele lessons
- Student Government (Middle School only)
- Middle School Fun Nights
- Religion Retreats (Middle School only)
- Math Masters
- Lego League
- Catholic School Week of AMAZING FUN!
- Catholic Athletic Association Sports Programs (volleyball, basketball, hockey, baseball/softball)
- Band and Orchestra (lessons and opportunities through Hill-Murray School)
- Field trips
- Seasonal concerts
- Art Club
- Choir
- Cheer Team
- Annual play production
- Scouting
- Swiminators
- Sport Clinics

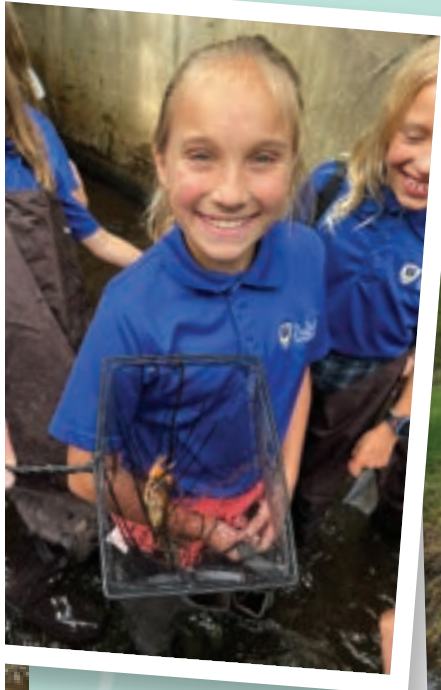


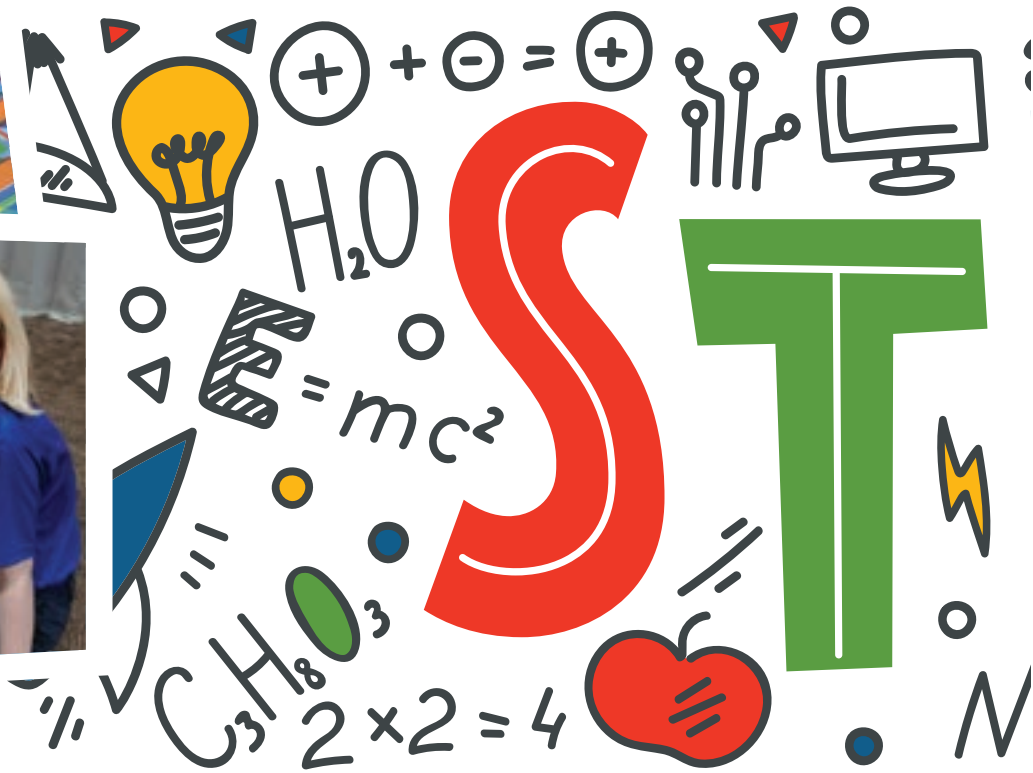
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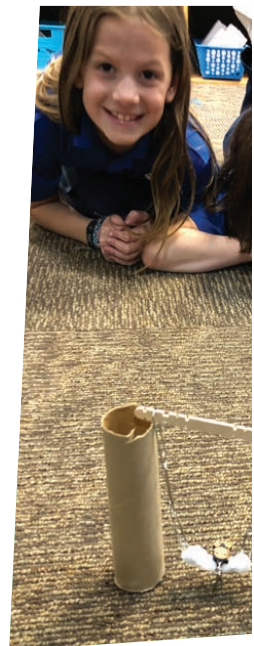
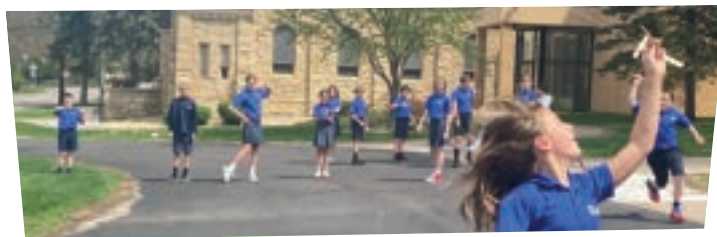
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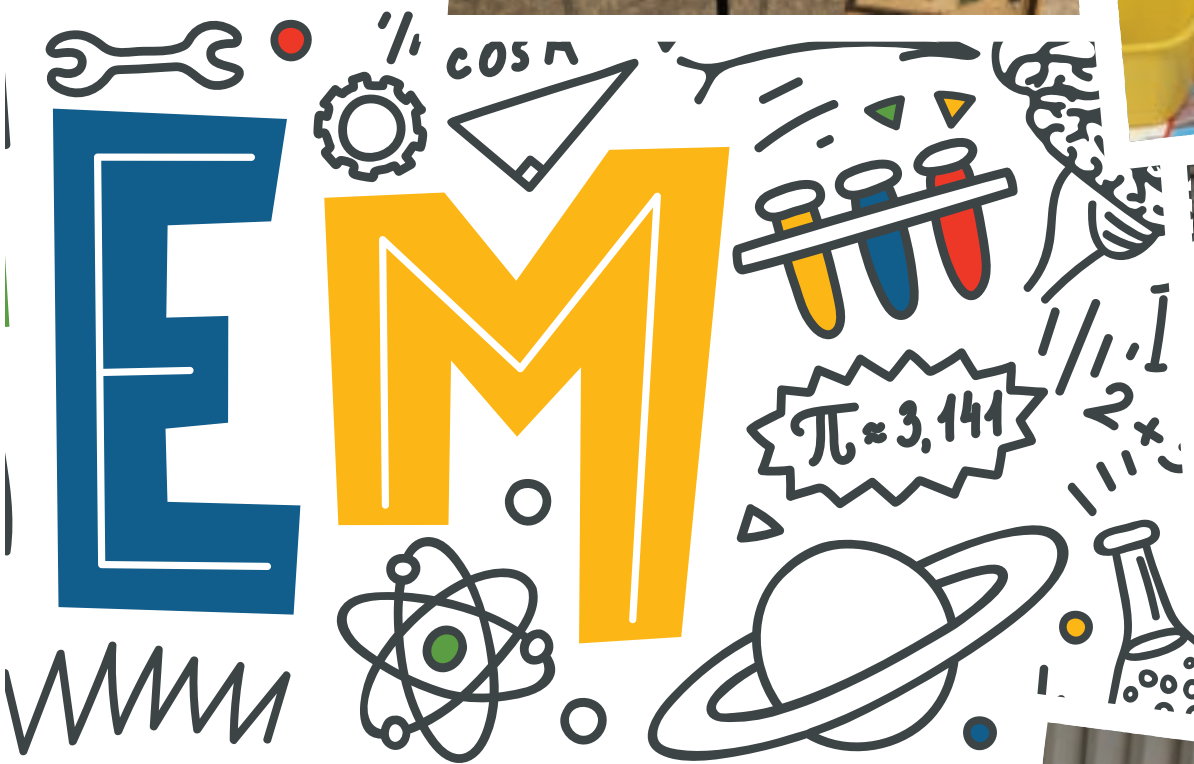
ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL was blessed again to receive the Minnesota Watershed Grant this year. The Minnesota Trout In The Classroom opportunity forwards our students so many unique experiences! The students are asked to re-create a close facsimile to an actual river bed in their classroom to nurture over 100 trout eggs to mature fingerlings. Once the eggs are ready, the students take a trip over to Browns Creek in Stillwater Minnesota for the big release. The students also participated in several cool field trips like putting waders on and collecting bugs in Browns Creek, snowshoeing and ice fishing on White Bear Lake, and learning how to make their own fishing lures.





OUR CURRICULUM AND RESOURCES make an incredible difference for our students inside and outside the classroom. Our commitment to math, science, engineering, and technology allows our students to be innovative, creative, engaged, and motivated. It is the hand-on approach that truly excites our students about learning. They are EXPERIENCING LEARNING every day!







Everyone is welcome at our Table



ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MINNDEPENDENT, is proud to continue their Aquaponics Program- All Are Welcome to the Table. Through sustainable farming to raise fish and vegetables in an integrated, soilless system, this amazing opportunity will engage staff and students in a collaborative, community-embedded mission that provides a unique hands-on integrated STEM learning experience and food source that can benefit the community for years to come.

On September 16, 2021, our students welcomed 75 tilapias to our Science Lab and have they grown-up since then! Currently the average size is around a pound and a half. The students have also planted a wide variety of plantings to grow in our in the raft gardens such as lettuce, beans, basil to name a few. We are also growing a variety of veggies upward in our vertical gardens. What do we do with the crop? We share with the Mahtomedi Food Shelf and our community!



SERVE-A-THON |



KEEP CALM AND SERVE ON

ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE SERVE-A-THON 2022

THIS YEAR, ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL HELD ITS 6TH ANNUAL SERVE-A-THON! Our school-wide event strives to develop Christ-likeness in each of our students. Our SERVE-A-THON took place on Friday October 28th 2022. In our effort to make great disciples, we believe active participation in service is a critical part of our students' learning experience. Our SERVE-A-THON seeks to meet the needs in our community while offering tangible ways to express lessons learned in the classroom. Historically, our students participate in a 30 Days of Random Acts of Kindness Event where they are involved in a variety of service activities and projects. The opportunities have always been a meaningful way to invest time, talent and treasure and impact the lives of other people throughout the community. These experiences are a real extension of our faith-based, hands-on curriculum.



As a school community, we are excited for the opportunity to serve others and support our school financially. This is the only FUNdraising activity our school does that seeks out sponsored donations. This school year, our sponsors will take delight in seeing our excitement and desire to help others and meet the needs of our community and surrounding areas.

When our students share their gifts with others, they are putting their faith into action, being doers and not just hearers; serving others, not just themselves.



Thank You Staff, Families and Students! |



THANK YOU!

AS WE ARE WRAPPED UP THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, the St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School Community would like to use this time to express our heartfelt gratitude for the continued prayers, support, and financial gifts we have received over the years. The dedication, devotion, and overwhelming commitment throughout the years have been a tremendous blessing to us. We cannot thank everyone enough!

Specifically, to our parents, families, friends, and greater community, thank you for your continued support. We are blessed to have your partnership, time, and prayers at St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School. We continue to get stronger and stronger as a faith community. You help make OUR HAPPY PLACE even HAPPIER.

To our AMAZING students, thank you for all the energy, smiles, love of learning, joy, advice, ideas, and trying your best. Your PENGUIN POWER SHINES BRIGHT EVERYDAY!

Additionally, this year, through the incredible generosity of Russell and Trish Becker, Dale and Donna Gettelfinger and Family, Jim Hansen, Catholic School Center of Excellence,

and Mike and Sally Mueller we were able to renovate the Upper Commons Middle School and Science Lab. The space is incredible!

We would like to express an extra special thank you to the Catholic Schools Center Of Excellence for their continuous generosity of financial gifts, resources, and guidance to not only St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School, but all our Catholic Schools throughout the Minneapolis/St. Paul Archdiocese and now throughout Minnesota.

Throughout the school year, we have shared our journey with you, our students, families, parish, alumni and greater community through the Church bulletins, school newsletters, local newspapers, and on our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). Please continue to walk with us. We love sharing our story of the school we fondly call, OUR HAPPY PLACE!

On behalf of myself, Father Chad, the faculty, staff, and school community, it is great with love that we thank you and continue to hold you up in prayer!!



10. WE HAVE COOL UNIFORMS

St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School requires school uniforms, which provide a sense of order and discipline. From a fashion stance, they also level the socioeconomic playing field for families who have enough to worry about, and they give the entire student body a whole new appreciation for navy blue pants, jumpers, shorts, polos, and sweatshirts.

9. WHERE ELSE CAN YOU EXPERIENCE ALL THE SPLENDOR?

Our students have the wonderful opportunity to experience grace filled bonding moments in communal activities such as celebrating weekly mass, May crowning, All Saints Day Masses, Ash Wednesday, Lent activities, Stations of the Cross, and the Living Rosary. Then there are the sacraments — we celebrate all of the “Firsts” together with Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation.

8. THREE LETTERS: CSW

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS THE BEST WEEK EVER! For those who have attended Catholic school know this is a week of celebrating the palpable joy found within our school walls. The week reminds us to pause and reflect on the God-given gift of each and every one of our students and families - the source of our joy and reason that our school is our HAPPY PLACE!

7. IT IS VERY AFFORDABLE

Don't assume that you cannot afford a Catholic education for your children. Tuition can be expensive, but you'd be surprised how much support our school receives from very generous donors that believe so passionately about the amazing gift of Catholic education that they want to make it a reality for your family too. It is definitely worth investigating before you come to the conclusion it is not a possibility.

6. WE GUIDE AND LEAD

When our students share their gifts with others, they are putting their faith into action, being doers and not just hearers, serving others, not just themselves.



WHY YOU SHOULD SEND YOUR CHILD(REN) TO ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

5. WE PROVIDE AUTOMATIC BACKUP

Parents are the primary teachers of their own kids, but they need support from time to time. Catholic schools can provide independent affirmation of the moral values and cardinal virtues you try to instill in your children. What's more is that our students will see their friends and classmates at weekend Mass, which makes them more willing to attend without a fuss. That's what I call “positive peer pressure.”

4. WE HAVE THE MOST DEDICATED TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Where else will you find such awesome, motivated, energetic, creative, talented, patient, warm, caring, and appreciative individuals to entrust with the academic

and moral formation of your children? Our amazing staff share their gifts of teaching with our students and will be among the most influential people in their lives — and they're not in it for the money, I assure you. Our teachers love your children and have a passion for what they do!

3. STRONG ACADEMICS

We take great pride in our focus of individualized learning through our use of small class sizes and 1:1 technology. Studies show that a more personal teacher-student relationship results in more effective, efficient learning.

2. WE PLANT THE SEEDS

Years of Catholic education does not guarantee a virtuous life, nor does it automatically prevent your child from straying off the right path. What Catholic education does, however, is plant the seed of the Catholic faith, which develops a well-formed conscience that, despite the ravages of opposition and neglect of religion as a priority, may someday experience the amazing grace that leads your now-adult child back to the full embrace of the Church and the true love of Jesus Christ.

1. WE ARE AN INCREDIBLY HAPPY PLACE!

St. Jude of the Lake is so much more than just a private Catholic school. We are a community rooted in common beliefs and dedicated to nurturing the mind, body, and spirit of our students. We celebrate our faith as a part of who we are and how we live our lives. Our faith-based, hands-on Catholic school provides an environment like no other available to children and their families. This is a happy place to be, learn, and grow!





THE IDEA OF A BLESSING BOX is that anyone that passes by it, that is down on their luck, can take what they need to get through the day. The box is filled with non-perishable food and personal hygiene items. This is not a food shelf. Tough luck hits everyone at one time or another, sometimes only lasting a day or two. This is an opportunity to take what is needed and most helpful at the time.

Our community is so generous with our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. As a parish and school community, we come together and pray for one another. We hold a strong desire to help each other out. The beauty of service project is that it has no limitations on who can help or who can be helped.

Blessing Box

The invitation is open to everyone. The warm feeling of paying it forward is felt by anyone that participates.

The project is set up to encourage people to donate what they can, such as a canned or boxed good or toothbrush and toothpaste. An additional list of ideas is below. There will be a depository in the Church gathering

space. Each of our school classroom are assigned and responsible for one month of making sure the box is taken care of and has plenty of “blessings” to share. Everyone is encouraged to donate what they can, making this project open to anyone to pay it forward. We want to stress that showing little and random acts of kindness really can make a huge difference in someone’s day and life!

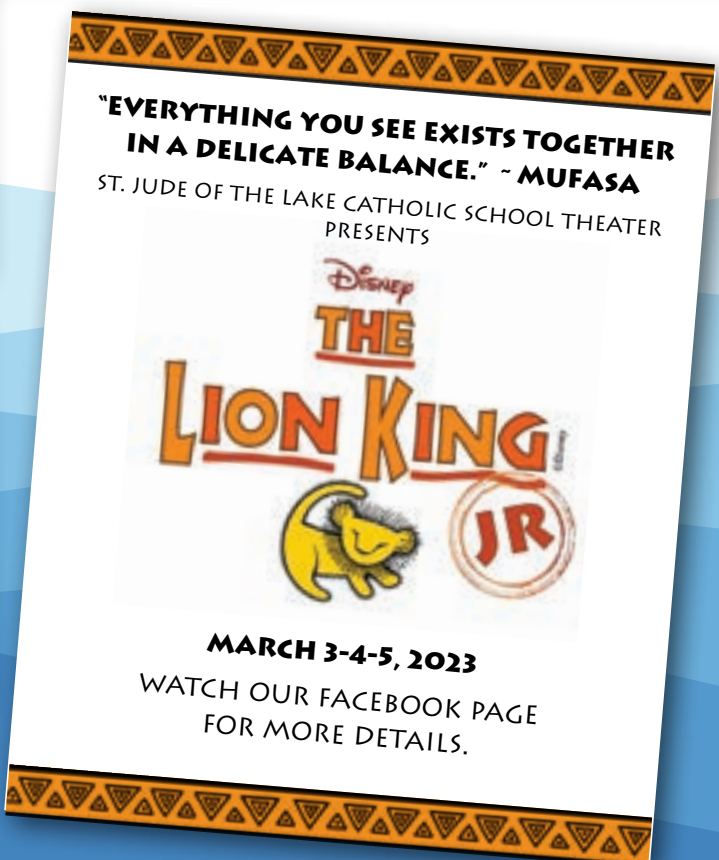




Roald Dahl's
**James
and the
Giant
Peach**
JR.

OUR ALL-SCHOOL PLAY, JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH-YOUNG PERFORMERS, was nothing shy of amazingly awesome and pretty special! St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School Theater Program is back home and on our VERY OWN stage. Many thanks to our magnificent director, Kyle Schwartz, and his team of professionals for being so generous with their time and talent to help us get our performers ready and provide guidance on pulling the production all together. More thanks and kudos to everyone that had a hand in this production or any of the production in the past. What an awesome experience and memory for all of us!

Extra thanks to all the parents and staff that shared their time, talent, and treasure to make this production incredible. This is a unique experience that takes many hours and hands to pull it all together. Additional gratitude to Ann Clark and Ben Corbett. It was no small task to build a stage and coordinate an all-school production. You are both awesome. Thanks for leading the efforts!



**"EVERYTHING YOU SEE EXISTS TOGETHER
IN A DELICATE BALANCE." ~ MUFASA**
ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL THEATER
PRESENTS
**Disney
THE
LION KING**
JR.
MARCH 3-4-5, 2023
WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR MORE DETAILS.

ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE SUPER SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Home and School Committee (HS)

Purpose: The Home & School Committee is a parent-run organization with the purpose of enriching the Catholic School experience for St. Jude of the Lake community, families, students, and staff by supporting our school's mission statement, building a strong sense of community spirit, and expressing appreciation to those committed to our school.

You are invited to get involved in the Home & School Committee. Parent volunteers help support a variety of activities throughout the school year. Whether your schedule allows you to volunteer on a routine or periodic basis, there's always a way for you to make a difference! For more information, please contact Hollie Ciresi or Gina Anderson. Your support is vital to the ongoing success and value of St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School.

Events throughout the school year:

FUNDRAISING:

Cornfest: Help run the Kid Zone game and activity area.

Serve-A-Thon: Support the school's Serve-A-Thon fundraiser and our students in their Random Acts of Service project and collections for our Blessing Box.



Spirit Wear Sales: Great opportunity to expand your St. Jude Spirit Wear collection and help support our school. A portion of proceeds are given back to school.

Butterbraids: Help organize our Butterbraid fundraiser sales and distribution.

Christmas Boutique: Annual event held at the school that helps raise funds which will support school program funding needs.

Restaurant Nights: Events held at local restaurants to help raise funds which will support school program funding needs.

Spring Dinner: Help gather donations and volunteer the night of the Spring Dinner in our school-sponsored raffles and market.

Express Feedback: Participate in consumer feedback to earn money for the school.

Passive Fundraisers: Box Tops for Education, Kowalski's Groceries for Good Causes, Amazon Smile

SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS:

CSW Book Fair: Week event that creates Scholastic dollars to help support supplies needed in our classrooms and school library.

CSW Carnival: Held during school as a special treat for students at the end of CSW, and in the evening as a partner event with SJDC.

Senior Day/Spring Concert: Help make this day special as we host our Grandparents and local seniors to brunch while the students perform.

TEACHER APPRECIATION:

Teacher Appreciation Week: Outstanding events and tokens of appreciation are planned by the committee in a week-long, themed event.



Christmas Wish Trees: Help teachers choose items they would like to add to their classrooms and make available to parents for purchase.

HOSPITALITY:

Ladies Night: Create fun events for moms to meet, socialize, relax and enjoy some food and drink throughout the year.

Coffee Gathering: Annual morning event blends new and existing families together and welcomes preschool families to our school.

Family Tubing/Skiing Nights: Help organize fun family winter events.

SCHOOL PLAY:

Poinsettia Sales: Help organize sales and distribution of Poinsettias and other holiday plants.

Spring Floral Sales: Help organize sales and distribution of hanging baskets.

Play Operations: Many opportunities to share your skills from stagehand to costume design. Support all operations during the play weekend.

Meetings are held the first Friday of every month starting at 9:00am. All are welcome, including little ones, to attend!

Home and School Leadership:

Chair(s)- Hollie Ciresi and Gina Anderson

School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Purpose: The School Advisory Council's primary purpose is to foster academic excellence, faith development and the advancement of the school community, in accordance with the School Mission Statement and the SAC Bylaws.

Who We Are:

- 10 Council Members
- Each person serves a 3-year term with rotation of 1/3 of the membership each year
- SAC Chairperson
- School, Parish, and Alumni Members
- Enrollment & Marketing Coordinator

What We Do:

- Meet monthly to review initiatives and coordinate activities
- Work directly with Principal and Parish Leadership
- Advise on school policies and budget
- Participate in strategic planning
- Act on initiatives with additional volunteers and resources to support the school

Our Efforts This Year:

- School Endowment
- Formalize alumni relations program
- School Strategic Plan

Leadership:

- 2022-2023 Chairperson – Bill Mahoney

Members:

Lauren Auge, Matt Busek, Hollie Ciresi, Ben Corbet, Sarah Johnson, Lynsey Simmet, Bre Young, Joe Sampair (Past- Chairperson), Fr. Chad VanHoose (Pastor), Carrie Hackman (Principal)

More Information:

- Contact: Bill Mahoney at bill.mahoney@gmail.com

New members traditionally begin their terms in August. Please come for a visit anytime. Thank you to all who have served, are serving, and are considering future membership to the council. Meetings are every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School.

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TEST SCORES STUDENTS AT ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE take the Northwest Evaluation Association’s (NWEA) standardized tests, The Measure of Academic Progress (MAP). MAP tests are computer administered and scored achievement tests designed to measure growth in student learning for individual students, classrooms, and the school as a whole. Scores are reported in RIT units. This score represents a student’s achievement level at any given moment and helps measure their academic growth over time. The RIT scale is a stable scale, like feet and inches, that accurately measures student performance, regardless of age, grades, or grade level. St. Jude of the Lake students’ average scores in math, reading, and language usage are higher than the national average.

The student scores and norms presented are for Spring 2022. Thirty percent of our students scored at the 70th percentile or higher in language usage and seventy-four percent of our students scored at or above the 50th percentile. Thirty-four percent of our students scored at

Financial Report

REVENUE

Tuition and Fees	\$842,715.19
Other Revenue	\$229,866.00
Fundraising	\$47,877.38
Parish Support	\$215,100.36
Grants	\$21,950.00
Total	\$1,357,509.33

EXPENSES

Staff	\$811,596.79
Program Expenses	\$183,120.61
Instructional Supplies	\$180,605.96
Administrative	\$97,061.43
Building	\$85,124.54
Total	\$1,357,509.33

the 70th percentile or higher in reading and seventy-five percent of our students scored at or above the 50th percentile. Thirty-seven percent of our students scored at or above the 70th percentile in math, while sixty-five percent of our students scored at or above the 50th percentile.

SPRING 2022 Grade	Norm RIT Value Math	SJL RIT Score Math	Norm RIT Value Reading	SJL RIT Score Reading	Norm RIT Value Language	SJL RIT Score Language
2nd	189.4	194.1	185.6	186.7	188.4	191.3
3rd	201.1	203.3	197.1	197.9	198.3	196.8
4th	210.5	213.9	204.8	205.5	205	211.2
5th	218.7	227.1	211	218.1	210.2	215.7
6th	222.9	231	215.4	220.6	N/A	N/A





THE DEDICATION OF OUR ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL families and their student’s achievements in the classroom make them stand out. As they prepare to take the next step in their educational journey, we want to make sure they know how appreciated, loved, and supported they are. The St. Jude of the Lake Parish and School Community is committed to helping students achieve their academic dreams well beyond their years at here. St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School offers our best and brightest students a variety of merit scholarships. Applications are available in the school office and on our school website. Students will be notified and awards applied accordingly..

True Penguin Power

This is a merit scholarGIFT based on the number of years attending St. Jude of the Lake Discovery enter and School. For every year they are a student at St. Jude of the Lake, the student will receive \$50. If your student plans on attending Hill-Murray, after graduation, Hill- Murray will match the total amount dollar for dollar. If your student will be attending another academic institution, the monies will be applied to their graduation year tuition. Simply have your student fill out the application and turn it into the office BEFORE JUNE 1, 2023 to be eligible for the completed school year. The penguin dollars are non-transferrable and not payable in US dollars.

The Penguin Pioneer Scholarship

This scholarGIFT is available to those students wishing to attend Hill- Murray after graduation from St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School. Applications MUST be filled out by the student. The awarded dollar amounts will vary from year to year and will not exceed \$1000 per student.

The Clark John Edward Schulte Memorial Scholarship

This scholarGIFT fund was created in memory of Clark John Edward Schulte. Clark attended St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School and Mahtomedi High School. He became an Eagle Scout for Troop 433.

After high school, he went on to become a Bulldog at the University of Minnesota- Duluth. Following his college graduation, he worked as a mechanical engineer at a leading health care company. Clark was an outdoorsman, who loved to go camping, fishing, hiking and singing by the campfire. More than anything, Clark put his family at the center of his life. Clark was known for his faith, generosity, friendship and love for all things outdoors. In establishing this scholarship, Clark’s family and friends wish to recognize the impact a Catholic education and the love of a community made in his life. After high school, he went on to become a Bulldog at the University of Minnesota–Duluth. Following his college graduation, he worked as a mechanical engineer at a leading health care company. Clark was an outdoorsman, who loved to go camping, fishing, hiking and singing by the campfire. More than anything, Clark put his family at the center of his life. Clark was known for his faith, generosity, friendship and love for all things outdoors. In establishing this scholarship, Clark’s family and friends wish to recognize the impact a Catholic education and the love of a community made in his life.



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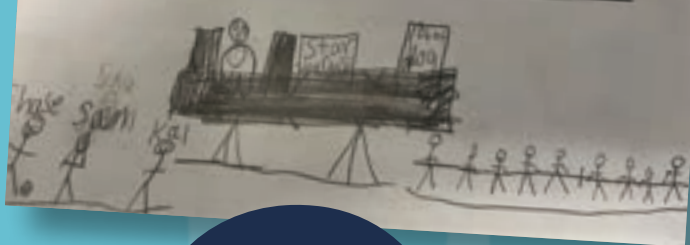
say the nicest things:

Please describe your favorite memory with words or pictures.

Playing soccer with my friends it is fun and exhausting.

Please describe your favorite memory with words or pictures.

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Please draw or write what St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School means to you.

St. Jude means family, community and God to me.

Please describe your favorite memory with words or pictures.



When I was able to sing at school masses.

Please draw or write what St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School means to you.

Fun, faithful education with teachers that help you learn things very easily.

Please describe your favorite memory with words or pictures.

My favorite memory is when my team found the million.

Please describe your favorite memory with words or pictures.

The boney slide during catholic schools week was my favorite because it was very fun and I like very high slides.

Please describe your favorite memory with words or pictures.

I liked when the school made food for people who did not have much food. I also liked when my class did a rap with Mr. Scoble.



Congratulations

Class of 2022

NORMALLY, GRADUATION IS A TIME FOR CELEBRATION AND REFLECTION on the impact faith-based education has made on our students. In partnership with St. Jude of the Lake, our parents proudly see their child as a St. Jude graduate continue to be:

- A believer formed in the Catholic Faith community
- An effective communicator
- A reflective and creative thinker
- A self- directed, responsible, life-long learner
- A collaborative contributor to society
- A caring family member
- A responsible citizen

But wait ...

Another unique year again this year- Instead of sending our sixth grade students off with well wishes and blessings as they journey on and continue to blaze their own trail, we welcomed them all back for 7th Grade! Our Penguin Power is shining bright with 36 Middle Schoolers!





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We do this by providing a nurturing environment in which all students have the opportunity to pursue their individual intellectual abilities and discover their unique gifts.

We are committed to academic excellence, worship, and service to others; our students achieve a deeper awareness of their responsibility to God, community, the world at large and themselves.

Approved by the School Advisory and Parish Councils- 2013, 2022

KEEPING PLUGGED IN WITH OUR PENGUINS in 2023



Walk Down Lake Lane

Saturday February 4th, 2023

Mass begins at 4:30pm

Get-together immediately following

Catholic Schools Week

January 29th – February 3rd

Carnival Friday, February 3rd

Kindergarten Open House

Thursday, February 23rd

6:30pm – 7:30pm

All-School Play Production

March 3rd – 5th

The Lion King Jr.

Egg-cel-LENT Event

Wednesday, March 29th

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Gymnasium

Senior Day and Spring Concert

Thursday, April 27th

Mass and social to follow