

BULLDOG SPIRIT



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The Bells Are Back In Town

By: Michael Frost



Writer in the bell tower

If you've heard ringing recently don't run to the doctor claiming tinnitus, the St Joseph Church bells are back. The two bells, which were cast in St. Louis in 1891 for the second church, stopped ringing years ago. Many assumed that the reason for these chime-less years was some malfunction with the structure of the bells, in actuality the melodious tones ceased because of a lack of volunteers.

In the past the bells had to be rung manually, by pulling on a rope, and finding volunteers to ring the bell every fifteen minutes of everyday proved hard. This problem has recently been rectified by Tim Nabholz, Ray Gunther, and Jeff Lock, who installed the ChimeMaster™.

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Basketball Awards Presented

Logan Kennedy and Jensen Kordsmeier



Jim Banks Award winner, Spencer Pope.



Father James Beagan Award winner, Brianna Wells.

Seventh through 12th grade basketball players and managers, along with high school cheerleaders, were recognized for their contributions at an awards ceremony held March 11th in the Parish Hall.

The two top awards went to the senior girl and boy athlete who was deemed the best all-around player who also excelled academically and who contributed to their church and community. Spencer Pope received the Jim Banks Award, named after the school's first boys basketball coach. Brianna Wells was given the Father James Beagan Award, named for a former associate pastor who was instrumental in starting the girls basketball program.

Coach Brent Bruich handed out the following awards for junior and senior team players: Junior Boys-MVP-Luke Bruich, Coach's Award-Caleb Mallett and Christian Skinner, Outstanding Offence-Gage Kordsmeier and Luke Pope, Outstanding Defense-Gus Longing and Luke Briggler. (Continued on page 8)

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Rapping for Recycling

By Emily Hambuchen



Marleigh Thessing, Josie Gamble, and Ruby Jones rapping about reduce, reuse, and recycling on Rogers Plaza.

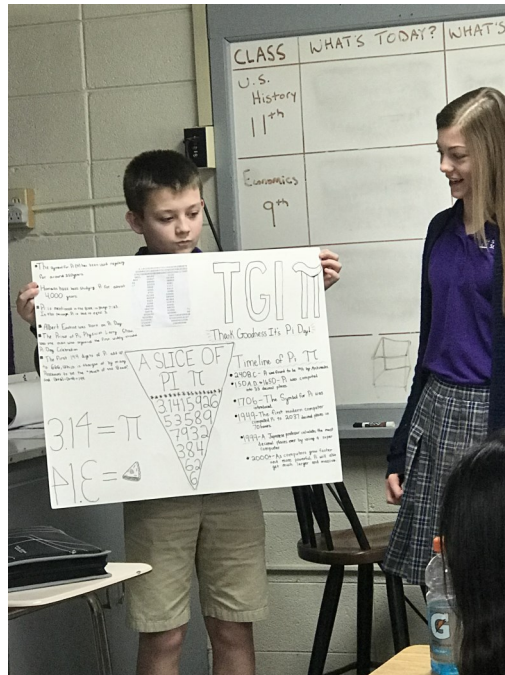
St. Joseph High School students Marleigh Thessing, Ruby Jones, and Josie Gamble were recently assigned a project in Coach Luke Davis' 7th grade science class in which they created a video promoting recycling.

These girls went above and beyond by going downtown and filming the video in different locations such as the Kris Allen Stage and Rogers Plaza.

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Eighth Grade Digs into Pi

By: Erika Gonzalez and Shelby Shearer



Grayson Hambuchen holds River Ferrari's poster and helps her present her project to the class.

On March 14th, Ms. Diane Wolfe's 8th Grade Advanced Math class did an assignment over the number Pi. It's a number approximately 3.142 and the circumference of any circle divided by its diameter.

The students had to create a unique project over interesting facts about Pi and why it's useful. Ms. Wolfe told the students to get creative with the assignment without giving them any specific instructions.

"It was actually a lot more cool than we thought," Sydney Pham said. "We actually learned a lot!" The students came up with a variety of ways to present Pi to their classmates, ranging from Google presentations to posters to an actual pie. "Zach Tucker made an actual peanut butter pie and found the circumference of it using 3.14." Ms. Wolf said. "Anna Rappold showed a video of a man playing a piano who played the notes using Pi." "On Pi day, I learned lots of interesting things, and now I know why the infinite number is so important," Audrey Flanagan said.

Cutest Friends

By Emily Hambuchen & Jensen Kordsmeier



Caroline Hambuchen, Chloe Kordsmeier, Abby McKenna, Lauren Holbrook, Olivia Huett, Emily Hambuchen, and Noah Decker.

How long have you been best buds?

Chloe: Since spring break 2017 when we went to New York City together!

How did you meet?

Lauren: We first met Noah in the airport, him and his mom were almost late for the flight and it was a great first impression.

Olivia: We all really bonded at dinner at a French restaurant.

What is your favorite activity to do together?

Noah: Travel the streets and city of New York.

Abby: Talk and cry about our tour guide, JoAnn Fynke. Also eat soup, salad, and cheesecake together.

Lauren: Look off of the Empire State Building together.

What is your favorite memories?

Noah: The entire trip that Spring Break.

Lauren: At one of the restaurants, I fought with the waitress and insisted she brought Noah cheesecake, even though he hates cheesecake. Then later that night I serenaded Noah with the song "Let Me Love You."

What are your similarities?

Emily: We all love New York!

Girls: We all love Noah Decker!!!

What are your differences?

Caroline: We are all girls and he is a boy.

Rival Coach Ends Career by Audrey Ferrari



Retiring Guy Basketball Coach John Hutchcraft waves to the crowd on Feb. 2nd as he's honored at halftime ceremonies during games with St. Joseph. On March 11, his senior boys team won the 1A State Championship on his 65th birthday.

St. Joseph's high school basketball teams played at Guy, AR a few weeks back in what was Head Coach John Hutchcraft's last home game. The stands were packed with fans on both sides, as Guy has been a major rival of ours for decades. Coach Hutchcraft helped that rivalry flourish by leading the Thunderbirds for 42 years.

St. Joseph's former boys basketball coach, Joe Mallett, who was present for Coach Hutchcraft's farewell, competed against him at the senior high level from 1979-2005 and respected his coaching techniques. "He enjoyed an up-tempo game and used several untraditional plays," Coach Mallett said. "Some teams did not know how to defend against them, but we knew each other so well it just seemed natural when we competed. We made each other better by the level of play we pushed each other to."

That proved true in the Bulldogs' last games against Coach Hutchcraft, as our Lady Bulldogs came away with a victory while our boys played hard in defeat. Our fans did a great job of supporting our teams and showed sportsmanlike appreciation for an opposing coach's historic accomplishments. These include 11 State Championships, six boys titles and five girls.

Recycling (from page 2)

All three of the girls helped create the rap lyrics and dance moves but "most of the dancing ended up being freestyle" Marleigh Thessing said. They created the video on an app called Video Star. "It took us a while to figure out how to use it," Ruby Jones said. "But once we started, it was really easy and fun to use. It took us about two hours to finish." Before they watched the videos they didn't think recycling was that big of a deal. After they learned how much trash the city collects they took the issue more seriously. They even think Conway should get more recycling bins around town.

"I was already recycling at home" Josie Gamble said. "I never noticed the seriousness of this problem until after we started the project." Another point the girls made in their video is to take shorter showers to conserve water. "I was already taking shorter showers, so I didn't have to change that" Marleigh Thessing said. On the other hand Josie Gamble used to take long showers but has since tried to cut them shorter.

"There were eight different groups, and I think they did the best job," Coach Davis said. "They had the most creativity and their message about recycle, reduce, and reuse was really understood. That's what the chapter was about."

Softball Swings Into Action



Pitcher Gracie Keathley



Outfielder Savannah Mooney

Journalist Gracie Keathley recently asked softball coach Debra Wilhite to give an assessment of this year's team.

"As in the past, we have small numbers, so we're hoping to stay away from injuries, we aren't getting to get to the field much because of weather but the girls are working hard. As always you wish to finish better than the year before. I think we have some great athletes competing this year. We are in a tough conference, but if we stay focused I think this year can be much better than the last."

As of April 2, the team had played eight games and won three of them. "We're progressing as a team," Gracie

Keathley said. "All of us are getting stronger as players." There are eight games left in the season as of this writing, not counting the District Tournament. Injuries usually crop up, and this year is no different. Pitchers Gracie Keathley and Hope Hardgrave have been dogged by them. "It seems as soon as one heals, the other gets injured," infielder Lauren Holbrook said. There have been good things happening. Emily Briggler has hit at least three home runs. Savannah "Little Bit" Mooney makes crazy catches in the outfield and is super quick. Aryanna "A.J." Janoweicki hits hard when she's mad. She gets stoked when she hears a special cheer from the bench. "She's got a home run on her mind, 'cause she 'ain't the runnin' kind. L-A-Z-Y, Lazy AJ Make It Fly." Win or lose, the team constantly tries to keep a light-hearted and fun atmosphere going. From Coach "Lum" running bases at practice, to crazy team sleepovers, or Lauren "face planting" in one home game, there's always something to laugh about.



Cool Trucks

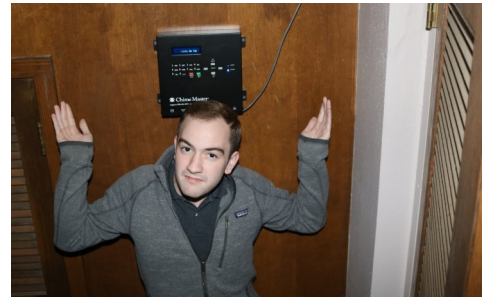
By Timmy Coney



You have (left to right) Timmy Coney with his 2010 Chevy Silverado crew cab 4x4 truck. Timmy, how fast have you been in your truck? Um, I have gone 10 MPH down my driveway does that count? Um, sure that will work. Well, thank you for that. Sure thing anytime. He calls his truck Silver Bullet. It can seat five girls in the cab of the truck and seven boys in the bed. Then you have Country Boy Staton Holbrook with his 2001 extended cab Dodge Cummins Diesel. Staton, how fast have you gone in your truck? Man, there was one time I got it up to 11 MPH going down my driveway, and that was so scary and crazy for me. Wow, that's something right there. Thank you for you time, Staton. Anytime, thank yaw'l. Staton calls his truck Silver Bullet, Part 2. He can seat four girls in the cab of the truck and eight boys in the bed.



Bells (Cont. from page 1)
 The ChimeMaster is a computerized system that can be programmed to automatically ring the bells at certain times.
 The bells currently ring from 6:00am to 9:00pm every quarter hour with a different ring noting the half and top of the hour, as well as five minutes before every mass. The bells can also be rung with the device for events such as weddings and funerals. Most students are pleased to be hearing the bells again, senior Triple Williams says "It is heartening to once again hear the bells ring out over the town, it reminds the school who we are". When asked for a comment the bells said "ring, ring, ring," which I think is a sentiment we can all get behind.



Michael in front of ChimeMaster controls

Human Trafficking Awareness Talk Delivered

A special assembly was held in the church on April 6 regarding the issues of human trafficking and internet safety. Ms Gretchen Smeltzer, the founder and director of an organization called "Into the Light", was the speaker. Her faith-based, non-profit group advocates for survivors of sex trafficking in Arkansas.

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery which involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to sexually exploit people. Since 2013, there have been well over 100 reported cases of human trafficking in Arkansas, each year there are more cases reported than the last.

"It doesn't matter which town or city we live in," Ms. Smeltzer said in a recent interview. "There's a vulnerable population no matter where we live in any size town whether it's 25 or 1 million. Unfortunately, in our culture there's a major demand for buying sex and it's fueled by the pornography industry. It is totally normal in our culture to buy sex."

Those who are most at risk to get caught up in human trafficking are at risk children who've had contact with social service agencies or the juvenile system, those who've been sexually abused, runaways, or those who've been kicked out of their homes for their sexual orientation. Children are also at risk while online, particularly social media. "The people you connect with online should be people you know in real life," Ms Smeltzer says. "Many teens have a massive temptation to get as many social connections as possible."

There are 500,000 predators online at any given time looking to connect with a child. Parents need to have a relationship with their kids and bring up this topic and address it. They need to understand that someone could easily try to reach out to them.



Art Project Encourages Social Awareness

By: Shelby Shearer and Erika Gonzalez



Art teacher, Penny Bassham, recently assigned her Art I class a Doodle for a Google design as a sketchbook assignment. Students had to design one that reflect on the challenges people face in today’s world and/or the inspiring ways people are taking action to solve them.

Sophomore Erika Gonzalez created a doodle over gun control. “I came up with this doodle because of the continuous problems we are having with gun violence and school shootings in the United States,” Erika said “One of my strongest opinions is that people with a mental illness should not have access to weapons specifically automatic riffles.”

Sophomore Shelby Shearer also created a doodle, but it was about gay rights and equality. “I did this doodle because I think everyone deserves to be treated equally no matter gender, sexuality, religion, or race,” Shelby said. “I have a friend who is gay and got bullied because of his sexuality.”

History Explored at Central Arkansas Museums by Staton Holbrook



U.S. History students stand in front of a memorial for Arkansans who died from hostile action during WWII.



Jacob Hofherr uses a Engine Order Telegraph at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum.



Staton Holbrook stands beside the USS Razorback (SS-394) before taking a tour of the submarine. It was commissioned in 1944 and decommissioned in 1952.



Luke Williams exits the submarine through a small hatch.

The 11th grade U.S. History class went to the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History in Little Rock and the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum (WWII-era submarine) in North Little Rock on March 2nd. Teacher Kyle Zinno said the purpose of the trip was to give his class an opportunity to experience part of history viewing actual World War II artifacts. He hoped the visit helped get the students more interested in history, especially World War II. “I think the trip was a good experience for the students, especially touring the submarine,” Mr. Zinno said. “There was a lot of positive feedback from that part of the trip.”



High School Profiles

by Caroline Hambuchen and Mandy Shum



Ian

Ian~

1. Less Netflix, more reading
2. I am going to New York City.
3. We have a family brunch
4. Duke



Mandy Shum

Kaitlyn~

1. Soda and ice cream.
2. I am going to Panama City beach with my girl gang.
3. Everybody gets their own basket and put the things they like.
4. What's that?



Kaitlyn Shockley

1. What did you give up for lent?
2. Do you have any plan for spring break?
3. How do you celebrate Easter?
4. Who do you think will win March Madness?

Nicholas~

1. Candy
2. Taking care of my new little brother
3. Spend time with all of my family
4. Razorbacks!



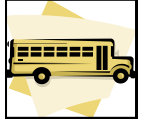
Nicholas Borman

Mandy~

1. Snacks
2. Staying in Conway
3. Go to mass
4. I have no clue



High School Profiles



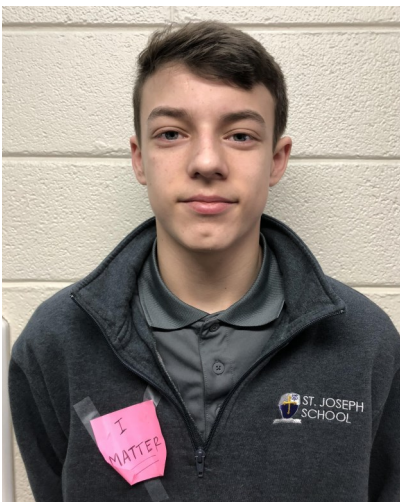
by Elizabeth Whitley, Caroline Hambuchen & Staton Holbrook



Anna Wade

Anna~

- 1. Eating sweets & drinking more water**
- 2. Hanging out with friends**
- 3. Mass and then family time**
- 4. Hopefully Arkansas!**



Lucas Rawls

Rebecca~

- 1. Hulu and Netflix**
- 2. Going on a road trip**
- 3. Visit my family in Mississippi**
- 4. Duke**



Rebecca Chamoun

Jake~

- 1. Sweets**
- 2. Going to my Grandfather's cabin in South Arkansas**
- 3. Family time**
- 4. Razorbacks**



Jake Hill

Lucas~

- 1. Some video games**
- 2. Going to Atlanta, GA**
- 3. Open Easter Bunny presents**
- 4. UNC**

Juniors Have Third World Experience

By: Staton Holbrook



Mattie Elsinger, Kyle Hartman, and Maria Casavechia with the Appalachia Camp cook their dinner.



Luke Williams and Mason Elsinger cook dinner for the Zambia Camp.



Staton Holbrook from the Guatemala Camp stokes the fire.



Jacob Hofherr from the Slums Camp starts a fire.

The Appalachia Camp at Heifer Ranch was one of the nicer ones. Mattie Elsinger stayed in the Appalachia camp. Her view on the experience at Heifer was “The worst part of the trip was the sleeping conditions. One of the best parts was the trading with other countries. I learned what the countries have to deal with on a daily basis.”

Mason Elsinger stayed in the Zambia Camp at Heifer and his view on the shelter was “The huts were made of clay with dirt as the floor. The food we ate consisted of a stir fry made of potatoes, rice, carrots, and onions. The experience I got from the trip was having to make a fire with the bare minimum and trading with the other countries”.

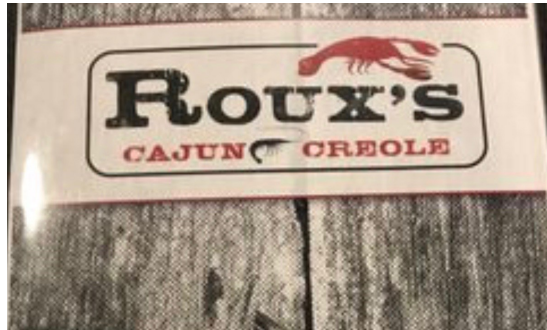
At Heifer Ranch, the nicest camp of the four was the Guatemala Camp. Carolyn Woodson said about her experience that “The conditions in Guatemala were very nice. The house had multiple bunk beds, a couch, and a table. For dinner, our camp ate a mixture of rice, onions, potatoes, and eggs. We had oatmeal for breakfast. The meals were really small portions. The worst experience was the cold at night. I learned what other countries have to deal with on a daily basis, and that some have much lower standards of living than we do.”

Jacob Hofherr stayed in Urban Slums Camp. He described the trip by saying “The house was a small barn type building made of wood and tin with doors and windows that were wide open. Our group ate rice, eggs, carrots, onions, and some spices. The food wasn’t great, but it was edible.” The Urban Slums had the most people in a group with 14 members which made the portions very small. “The best experience I got from the trip was getting to connect with people in my grade. I learned about a few foreign countries and what their populations have to deal with. We experienced that for one day and came home to recover, but those people can’t do that. They have to deal with the lack of food, weather, lack of technology, and the lack of sleep.

On March 3rd Mr. Andy Jones’ 11th grade Oral Communications class went on a trip to Heifer International’s Heifer Ranch near Perryville, Arkansas. It’s a place where students can step out of their comfort zones for a short time and be put into the reality of simulating what it’s like to live in countries where hunger and poverty are a way of life.

Basketball Awards (from pg 1)
6th Man-Collin Coney and Matthew Brorman. Senior Boys: Coach’s Award-Aiden Lambe and Ryan Davis, Outstanding Offence-Triple Williams and Jack Briggler, Outstanding Defense- John McKenna and Caleb Hiegel. Junior Girls- Most Improved- Maggie Mooney, Defensive Award- Becca Chamoun, 6th Man-Emma Pasierb and Geena Porcaro, Coach’s Award – Shannon Trantina, MVP- Lilly Hill and Savannah Mooney. Senior Girls- Offensive Award- Alexis Roach and Brooklyn Kordsmeier, 6th man- Abbie Flake, Coach’s Award- Drew Lewis, and MVP- Piper Mullany, All Conference- Piper Mullany and Alexis Roach.

The St. Joseph Booster Club also presented its President’s Award to Ms. Dorothy “Dot” Halter for her support of the basketball program through her baking. Eight years ago, Ms. Halter began baking cinnamon rolls for her granddaughter, Monica Davanzo’s, junior basketball home games. With positive feedback and multiple requests her baking increased to include all home games. Then, after an offhand comment about the love of chocolate, she was inspired to bake chocolate sheet cakes. Ms. Halter’s love of baking has contributed an average of \$725 per year for the concession stand and the St. Joseph Booster Club.



Praying for Life by Brent Yrle

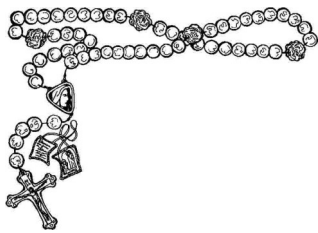
On the morning of Thursday, March 8, seniors from St. Joseph School rode the bus to Little Rock and prayed in front of the only abortion clinic in Arkansas. The trip was accompanied by religion teacher Josh Hart, who lead the two rosaries prayed, and principal Diane Wolfe. Many students agreed that this experience was eye-opening, helping them realize how unfortunately popular a place like this is.

“The experience taught me that a lot more people get abortions than we think,” senior Caroline Ham-buchen said. “I was expecting not many cars to be there that day, but the entire parking lot was filled. Some had to park and walk by us to go in.”

“Every five minutes about three new cars would pull in,” senior Kaitlyn Shockley said. “It was heartbreaking to see that so many people were considering abortion.”

“I think having the seniors go to the abortion clinic really advances the Respect Life curriculum,” Mr. Hart said. “Teaching the kids that life is sacred from conception to natural death is really important. A big thing that they got from going to the abortion clinic is that they got to see the forgiveness that was offered from the sidewalk counselor. Whenever someone would walk out of the abortion clinic, she would remind them that there is forgiveness available.”

After the visit to the abortion clinic, the seniors went to St. Andrew’s Cathedral and had Mass. Following the Mass and lunch, they headed back to Conway.

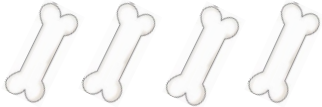


Overview: Overall, we agreed this restaurant was not absolutely amazing but pretty much average.

Alli’s Review:
I ordered the Crawfish Po-boy with seasoned fries. The fries were just like any other fries, nothing special, and the Po-boy was the same. I’m not disappointed with the restaurant, but it’s just one of those places you don’t have to eat at again. The po-boy was on a HUGE piece of bread with tomatoes, lettuce, mayonnaise, and, of course, crawfish. The sandwich came with a sauce that was REALLY good and I’m glad it did because that was the only thing that gave the sandwich flavor. I ordered the sweet tea to drink and it tasted like straight -up syrup so if you’re a fan of drinking syrup (like Audrey), go to Roux. One of the things I enjoyed about the meal was that I didn’t get too full, I felt just right after eating. The atmosphere was really nice as well and there was a beautiful painting on the wall.
Overall, I give Roux
3 bones.



Audrey’s Review:
I ordered the Shrimp Po-boy with onion tangles, and I thought this was a good and filling meal. The shrimp were some of the biggest I have ever seen, and the “Roux Sauce” for both the sandwich and the onion tangles was really delicious. I also ordered a sweet tea, however, I did not find it like “drinking syrup.” The service was really nice, but also slow. We were one of two groups in the restaurant, and our food took a long time to come out. This is not a place that is somewhere you want to go all the time, but I would come back and try it again.



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Seniors Brent Yrle and Spencer Pope hold pro-life signs while praying for the unborn in Little Rock.

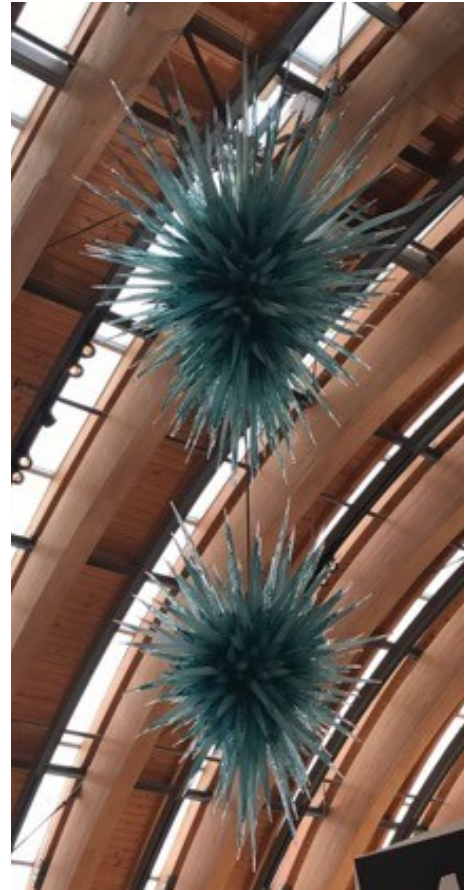
Art Class Travels to Unique Museum by Logan Kennedy



“Abstraction” by Georgia O’Keeffe



“Fly’s Eye Dome” by R. Buckminster Fuller



“Azure Icicle Chandelier” by Dale Chihuly.



“April 4” by Sam Gilliam

Students in Ms. Penny Bassham’s Art 1 class went to Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville on February 8th.

The Museum’s website states “The mission of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art is to welcome all to celebrate the American spirit in a setting that unites the power of art with the beauty of nature. Crystal Bridges takes its name from a nearby natural spring and the bridge construction incorporated in the building, designed by world-renowned architect Moshe Safdie.”

“I was most impressed by the museum’s design,” Austin Parker said. “I liked all of the windows the most.”

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Remembering A Holy Day

Ms. Theresa Lutes celebrated Holy Thursday on March 29 with all her Religion students by preparing a meal to represent Jesus Christ’s Last Supper with His Apostles. “The meal shared with the students today elevated hospitality among their classmates and reminded us of the community spirit of thanksgiving we share in the Eucharist at Mass,” Ms Lutes said. The light but symbolic menu consisted of bread, fruit, snack crackers, and water.



Freshmen Religion students gather for Last Supper

Crystal Bridges (from pg 10)

I liked them because most museums don't have many windows. They let light in without damaging the paintings."

"I liked the hanging glass sculpture by Dale Chihuly," Erika Gonzalez said. "It was pretty, and the light made it stand out from the rest of the artwork in the museum."

"I liked the human sculptures that looked like real people," Timmy Coney said. "This impressed me because they looked so real. When I looked at one of them, I felt like I was looking into a real person's face."



One of the life-like sculptures that Timmy Coney saw.

Sacred Images Placed in Classrooms

By Jensen Kordsmeier



Father Tony Robbins and Father Alfhones Perikala bless portraits of Our Lady of Guadalupe on March 7th.

Framed pictures of Our Lady of Guadalupe purchased for St. Joseph school from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City were distributed after a high school mass on March 7th. Individual students took them back to their classrooms for permanent display the middle and elementary campuses will also be receiving the same pictures.

"It is my desire that all our parishioners understand the significances of what God has done in converting the New World through the apparitions of the blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Juan Diego in the 16th century," Father Tony said. Father Tony further stated that having these images seen throughout the school will help everyone to turn to God with their concerns through the attentive prayers of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Breakfast Club by Lauren Holbrook, Marley Spradlin, Abby McKenna, and Olivia Huett



O: I ordered the ham and cheese crepe, like I usually do. It comes with fried ham, and I added Swiss cheese, and Tabasco hot sauce. They forgot to add the hot sauce to my crepe, so I decided I'd just try it without. I did not finish this crepe, so I would definitely recommend making sure you get the hot sauce. With everything included, this crepe is a great option if you want a savory breakfast!

M: We went to Streetside Creperie, and I decided to order something different. I usually get something sweet like the Nutella and strawberry crepe, but this time I ordered something savory. I got the hash crepe that included eggs, hash browns, and cheese. It was kind of dry and needed some sort of sauce, but it was pretty good! The next time I go, I'm going to go back to my sweet ways and try the peanut butter and banana crepe.

A: I ordered the B.L.T crepe which has all the same ingredients as a B.L.T. sandwich does. This crepe was very good, especially if you like savory over sweet. However, this place was a little pricey for what I ordered, and I found that annoying. Other than that, it was a good experience.

L: The Street Side Creperie is a perfect spot to get breakfast! My go to is the peanut butter banana crepe, and once again it was amazing. If you like a sweet but not a too sweet breakfast, this would be perfect for you. However, I do agree with Abby... It's a little pricey.



St. Joseph Prom Has Long History by Brent Yrle

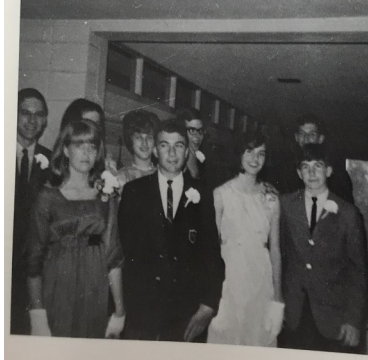
Prom is a tradition around almost every high school in America, and St. Joseph High School is no exception. Prom has been at St. Joseph since 1967, but there was an annual dance before the first “prom.” This dance was called Spring Formal, and it was almost the same as what would become prom. St. Joseph also had joint dances with Sacred Heart at Morrilton and with Conway.

The first prom theme in St. Joseph History was Gone with the Wind, and the juniors decorated for the prom, like they still do today. They would hold the prom in the cafeteria, which is now the high school library. All students from ninth to twelfth grade were invited to attend prom, but the minimum grade has since been raised to tenth grade. Ninth graders can only attend if they are invited to by an upperclassman.

Since DJs were not popular around this time, the early proms at St. Joseph had live bands that performed popular songs at the dances. There were never any issues with dress code violations and the types of music played. The School Sisters of Notre Dame, who ran the school in the 1960s, chaperoned all dances at the high school. Prom “after-parties” were not a popular occurrence in the 1960s.



However, the seniors would have a “Champagne Party,” hosted by a classmate’s parent, before the dance and would go to another classmate’s house after the party for breakfast. In the mid-2000s, for a stretch of around three years, St. Joseph hosted an event called “Casino Night” after prom where students could play games and win prizes. This was very similar to a prom “after-party.”



1967 Spring Formal



A live band performs.

Senior Girls Visit Nuns’ Home



Several senior girls visited the residence of our Carmelite Sisters of St. Theresa on March 6. Mother Superior Ana Brigida Riveros, Sister Rosy Perez, Sister Dulce Maria Cordoba, and Sister Cecilia Toledo invited the girls over to talk about their lives and daily routines. “We had a prayer service.” Chloe Kordsmeier said. “We were also given some yummy cookies and some juice and heard about the history of the Carmelites. Then we did a Q and A.”

“The trip to the nun’s house was delightful,” Caroline Hambuchen said. “We had a mini-service at their in-home chapel, learned the history of their Order, and got to ask any questions we wanted. I learned a lot and was very happy to spend time with them.”

“We first went into their chapel and prayed,” Elizabeth Whitley said. “It was really fascinating to see how they could go in there anytime of the day and speak to God. Sister Rosy said she often goes in there and just tells God she’s back from somewhere. We also learned from Sister Rosy how the Carmelite Sisters first originated.” Another senior, Kaitlyn Shockley, said “Being with the Sisters was like sitting down with family. They were very kind and welcoming and they told us girls that if we ever needed anything their door was always open. I had a great time.”