

# St. Joseph's Academy



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Dear Friends,

Another school year has begun and amid the bustle and excitement we, as Catholic educators, must keep our eyes fixed on the overarching goals of St. Joseph's Academy: to equip each student with the tools to know Christ, to understand His plan for us, and to do His holy will.

While many things at St. Joseph's Academy are continuing as in the past, 2022 has brought a change in leadership: Fr. Angele remains in his position as Rector of the church while I take the helm as Principal of the academy. I began my duties as principal in the spring of 2022, but I look forward to my first full year leading this wonderful institution in the 2022-2023 school year.

One of my first tasks has been to institute a new initiative called The Guardian Angel Program. It will enable parishioners, families, and friends to have a real partnership in the task of educating our students. My hope is that many Catholics will sponsor a child through

this program and enable more students than ever to benefit from the profoundly Catholic education offered by St. Joseph's.

During the summer months our staff has been busy making improvements to the facilities, planning curricula for the coming year, and praying for the children who it is our privilege to educate and form in the Catholic Faith. But it is you, dear readers, who play a truly pivotal role. Without your generous support we would be unable to maintain our facilities and attract the quality teachers who can truly make a difference in the lives of our students. As always, we thank you in advance for your prayers and for your continued support of St. Joseph's Academy.

Trusting in the Sacred Heart,  
Fr. William Kimball  
Principal

# Interview with our New Principal, Fr. William Kimball

***How long have you been stationed in Michigan and what were your priestly assignments before that?***

As opposed to my first assignments, the post that I have held in Michigan has been a relatively long one—five years. More than half of my priestly career has been spent here. I was first assigned to Post Falls, Idaho, where I taught Religion and Music in the boys' high school and was chaplain for the lower school students. The highlight of my musical teaching career in Idaho was to sing on the local radio with the high school boys' choir. I then was sent down the coast to Los Gatos, California, where I taught middle school Religion. Although I miss the beautiful landscapes and the mountains of the west coast, for many reasons I have come to love the apostolate that I now have in Michigan.

***What is your idea of authentically Catholic education and how does Saint Joseph's Academy accomplish that?***

Catholic education is something that must happen continuously throughout the childhood of a baptized soul, and forms every aspect of this soul according to the image set out for us in Our Lord Jesus Christ. As the God-Man He is Father, Hero and Worker; the Strongest of the strong and the Wisest of the wise. St. Joseph's takes the children sent to the academy and continues, deepens, and supplements the education given by the parents. With the image of the In-



carne Word before them as a pattern, the teachers at St. Joseph's strive to form their students and help them discover the beauty, truth, and goodness of the world around them, both visible and invisible.

***What do you see as the most positive aspects of St. Joseph's Academy at this point?***

What I've seen and appreciated at the academy is the family atmosphere that is present. This is certainly a notable advantage of small schools—everyone knows each other; the families are all acquainted, and among most this has been the case for a long time. The venerable history of the priory has produced good fruit!

***What areas do you think need improvement and what are your plans in the coming year to address them?***

Because of this familial atmosphere there have not been an enormous number of discipline issues, thankfully, and this has precluded the necessity of specific and detailed disciplinary pro-

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## SJA Courage Award: *...earned for the first time in almost 15 years!*

At the end of the 2021-2022 school year, Blaise Sharpe received the Courage Award. This is not given every year, but only when a student earns it by exhibiting extraordinary fortitude in the face of difficulty. This Blaise accomplished by persevering in his academic participation—even more so than many of his classmates—despite difficulties with speech. The last one to receive this award was Fr. John Bourbeau, who displayed courage on the rugby field in sustaining an injury (which eventually led to the amputation of his leg).



cedures. Now we know that discipline is not only a matter of external constraints, but rather of internal self-control and virtue. However, an external system will help motivate students to gain good habits. It is for this reason that we will introduce a system of infractions.

***What do you like most about working with students and teachers at St. Josephs?***

One of the most pleasant aspects of this school is the willingness of the families to work with the priests. I've been witnessing here at St. Joe's a great spirit of faith, since the parents know that the priests have been granted by God the task of education and the authority and graces to carry out this task. Because of their faith, the parents have a trust and eagerness in working with the clergy.

***Any closing remarks?***

Each new school year brings a certain excitement and expectation of positive growth and change. That is all the more true this year, and I pray that my enthusiasm will spread through the academy and bear fruit in souls growing in both wisdom and grace.

For many years Fr. Kimball has taught the middle school and high school boys the art of Gregorian chant.



Fr. Crane and Fr. Kimball work together during the annual Cultural Literacy Bee. (below)



Fr. Kimball enjoys taking on the role of MC at many of the special events such as the All Saints Day costume competition. (above)



The fifth and sixth grades performed the Greek play, Amphytrio, this spring under the watchful eye of Director Fr. Kimball.

# St. Joseph's Academy Guardian Angel Program



With the goal of involving parishioners in the important work being done through our Academy, we have begun a new initiative called the Guardian Angel Program. This program grows out of the dilemma that the tuition paid by parents for their children does not cover the complete cost of their children's education. Even for families who pay 100% of their tuition obligations, there is still a \$800 balance per student which must be covered by benefactors. It is the goal of the Guardian Angel Program to allow parishioners to sponsor a specific student and cover that cost.

The Guardian Angel Fund is like Operation Philomena in the ease of donation but allows parishioners to personally take part in education by covering the excess costs of one or more students at SJA through one-time or monthly financial contributions.

In these difficult financial times, it is nearly impossible for many families to take on increased education costs. For families like these, you can become a true "Guardian Angel" by covering the costs necessary to keep their kids in the nurturing, Faith-filled environment of St. Joseph's Academy.

## Two Ways to get Involved

Guardian Angel Program: Your donation will make up the difference for one student or family (chosen by the principal) to cover the full cost of education at St. Joseph's for one year. As an example, a monthly

donation of \$67 for a year (or \$800 one time) would allow you to become a Guardian Angel for one student. Your donation is fully tax deductible, and a receipt will be issued at the end of each year.

**Sponsorship:** Your donation is used to pay full or partial tuition for one or more students chosen by you. (IRS guidelines state that funds designated to help specific individuals do not qualify as tax deductible donations.) As above, the donation can be monthly and automatic, or as a one-time gift.

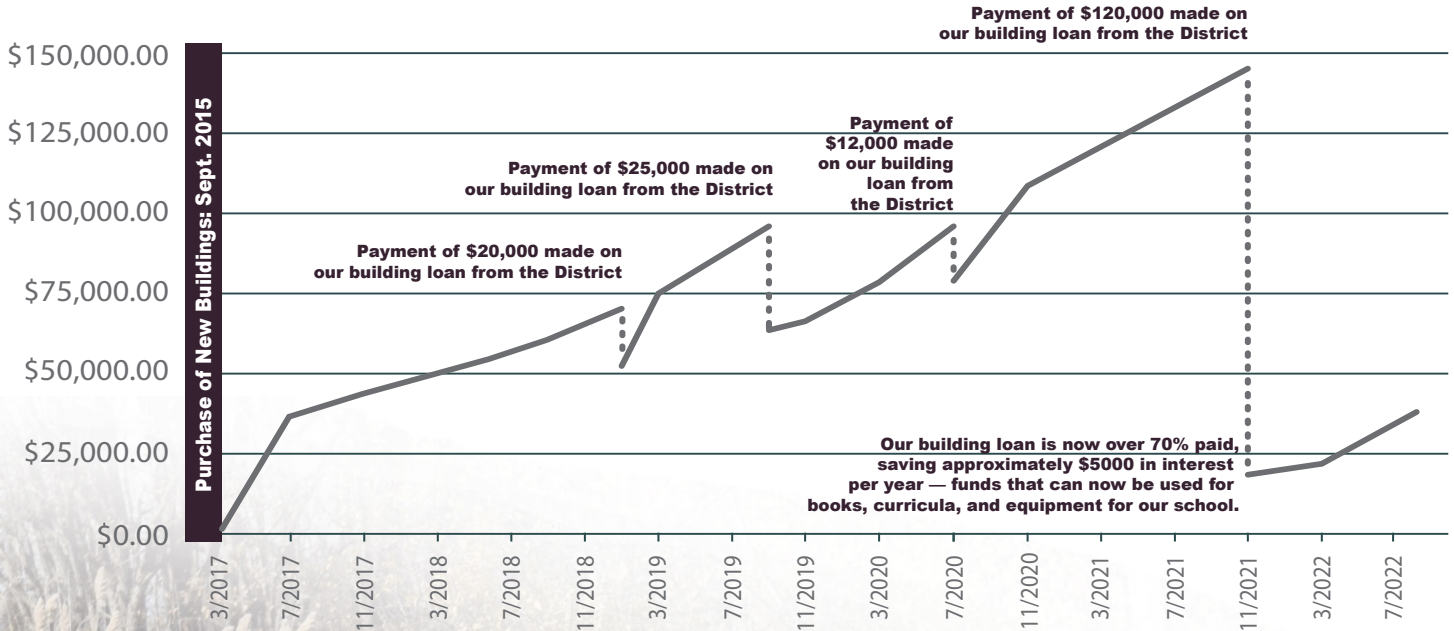
Considering the impact your gift could have on the soul of a child, will you consider becoming a Sponsor or a Guardian Angel for the coming academic year? If you can help, please fill out the form on the back of this brochure and return it to the school office. You may also call the office at 586-677-9511 with questions or to sign up over the phone, or email [stjosephsmi@sspx.org](mailto:stjosephsmi@sspx.org).



# See the Results of Patience and Perseverance!

## Operation Philomena Progress Since March, 2017

Current savings account balance is \$31,500



## Look How Far We've Come!

Total donors: 834

Number of donations recorded: 8947

Total monthly donors: 77

Total recurring monthly donations: \$2,325

Largest recurring monthly donation: \$350

**Operation Philomena is on track, thanks to you!**

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 in monthly donations.

Will you help?



# Will you be a Guardian Angel?

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to help with general academy expenses with Operation Philomena**

**I would like to sponsor a student through the Guardian Angel Program**

**I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A ONE-TIME DONATION OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I am enclosing a check.

Please bill my credit card. (fill out option B below)

I would like to pledge a total gift of \_\_\_\_\_ to be fulfilled by (date): \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in donating securities. Please contact me.  My employer has a matching gifts program. Please contact me.



## **I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A RECURRING DONATION**

Amount of recurring transaction:  \$10  \$20  \$30  \$40  \$50  Other Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

### **OPTION A: AUTOMATIC BANK DEBIT PROGRAM**

I (we) hereby authorize Fifth Third Bank, on behalf of St. Joseph's Academy, to initiate monthly debit entries from my (our) bank account as indicated below. (Please attach a voided check to this form.)

Financial Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing/Transit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **OPTION B: CREDIT CARD PROGRAM**

I (we) hereby authorize St. Joseph's Academy to initiate debits from my credit card as indicated below.

One time debit

Monthly Debit

Mastercard/Visa (circle one)

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Transaction: the first business day after the 1st of the month. This authority is to remain in full force and effect until St. Joseph's Academy has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford St. Joseph's Academy and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*God bless you for your kindness! Questions? Call 586-677-9511 • You may also donate online at [www.stjosephs-academy.com](http://www.stjosephs-academy.com).*

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*Holy Mass is offered for all our benefactors on the First Sunday of each month*