The 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award
Christopher White
St. Joseph Class of 2011

2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award
Charlie Ballew - Class of 1967

2015 Distinguished Alumnus Award
Sara Roman - Class of 2007

Frank Matous - St. Joseph Class of 1944
Richard Ruffino - St. Joseph Class of 1956

2014 Distinguished Alumnus Awards

Legacy of Excellence

With over 120 years of education excellence, it is no surprise that St. Joseph Catholic School graduates have gone on to become leaders in business, medicine, science, and service. Among our alumni are doctors, business owners, scientists, lawyers, politicians, farmers, ranchers, teachers, moms and dads, grandparents, priests, religious sisters, and even a couple of Bishops!

With a 99% college acceptance rate, our students go on to successful academic careers at universities around the country, including West Point, the Naval Academy, Notre Dame, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, MIT, and more. It is our prayer that we continue to inspire future generations to seek excellence in education and growth in faith.
Monsignor John McCaffrey celebrates his 70th birthday on November 16. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Austin in June of 1976, and came aboard as Pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church and School in 1986. One doesn’t have to look far to see the result of his vision for the physical growth and development of the church and school. Just a few of the improvements undertaken during his tenure include the building of the Parish Activity Center (PAC), the opening of the Early Learning Center, the expansion of the school system to include a high school, the purchase of the elementary and secondary buildings, and most recently, the new roof and renovations in the main sanctuary. These alone are notable and worthy accomplishments. But when realized in light of the countless hours of service through sacraments offered, both joyous and sorrowful, we realize how privileged we are to call this holy man “Father.” Please join us in praying for Monsignor and for his intentions with the following prayer which not only offers a nod to his Irish heritage, but describes his servant’s heart.

From the Breastplate of St. Patrick

“I arise today, through God’s strength to pilot me, God’s might to uphold me, God’s wisdom to guide me, God’s eye to look before me, God’s ear to hear me, God’s word to speak for me, God’s hand to guard me, God’s way to lie before me, God’s shield to protect me, God’s host to secure me.”

Christopher White
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Although not in the military, you may want to salute this year’s Distinguished Alumnus, Chris White. The son of Drs. Claude White and Sharon Kerwin, Chris earned a degree in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A&M and now works for NASA in Houston where he is in training to become a Flight Controller for the Command & Data Handling and Communications and Tracking Systems installed aboard the International Space Station.

Chris and his four brothers, Joel (’13), Anthony (’15), Brendan, (’18), and Joshua (’22), began attending St. Joseph in 2002 when Chris was in the third grade. He graduated in 2011 as the valedictorian of his class. Some of his favorite memories from his time at St. Joseph revolve around “the fantastic people with whom I attended school. Some specific examples include going on trips with the choir for competitions, playing soccer for SJS in the pouring rain (and winning!) and hanging out with my classmates between competitions at TAPPS.”

While at Texas A&M, Chris was a member of the Texas A&M Singing Cadets, an organization that gave him the opportunity to travel all over Texas and the surrounding states, and also internationally to China.

Through his many successes, Chris points to one thing in particular that he learned while a student at St. Joseph that has helped him be successful. “The one crucial aspect that I think really helped was the emphasis placed on developing our critical thinking skills,” explains Chris. “This skill helped me to not simply memorize and regurgitate knowledge on exams and quizzes, but to really understand and apply what I was being taught. This has helped me tremendously at all levels of my education and even during my training at NASA.”

Chris is engaged to Katy Brown and will be married in March 2018. Congratulations, Chris!
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**Save the Date!**

Saturday, October 21

**Join the fun at the Bustin’ Clay Fundraiser**
benefitting St. Joseph Catholic School!

Bring the whole family for a great day outdoors! Registration begins at 8:30AM and shoot begins at 9:00AM. A hamburger lunch will be provided for all shooters. “Lunch Only” tickets are available for $10.

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