

Dear St. Joseph Families,

Any school community has a degree of closeness among its families because of daily interactions. At St. Joseph School, however, we experience a profound closeness through our beautiful Catholic faith-- especially as we *"bear one another's burdens"* (Gal. 6:20) by praying for each other in times of need.



No one is immune to the experience job loss or illness; we have family serving overseas or a need for discernment in specific matters. Certainly ALL of us pray for a strong faith and protection for our children. Whatever our intentions, Paul emphasizes that God frequently grants gifts *"through the prayers of many"* (2Cor. 1:10-11).

To facilitate these intercessory prayers more effectively, we have created a Prayer Chain on the school website to list intentions of SJS families. Please click on the **scrolling prayer chain window** on the school's website for updated intentions.

To submit a prayer request, **immediate family members (only)** are asked to email Patty Blaszak, SJS Director of Communication, at pattyblaszak@stjosephbcs.org. Requests will be posted at the discretion of the school administration and will remain on the website for 2 weeks. The family may then resubmit their request if needed.

We are also compiling a small "library" of favorite Catholic prayers. You may submit your prayer suggestions to Patty at the email above. Depending on the quantity we receive, these may be appear for a month and then rotate on and off.

God's blessings to all of you,

Monica Mize
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