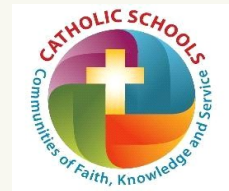




ST. JOSEPH
PARISH SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week

January 24-30, 2015



St. Joseph Parish School Catholic Schools Week Itinerary - 2015

Saturday, January 24th, 2015

- **Mass @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish** – 4:00 p.m. Our school children will participate as lectors and cantors. Please sign up for lectoring on Volunteer Spot.

Sunday, January 25th, 2015:

- **Mass @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish** – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Our school children will participate as lectors, cantors, and as the choir during the 10:00 mass. Please sign up for lectoring on Volunteer Spot.

Monday, January 26th: Theme – **St. Joseph Parish School is a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service** Dress – **Class Cheer Theme or Neon Monday**

- **Classroom CSW Cheers** @ 8:15 a.m. in the gymnasium– Parents, parishioners, & the community welcome
- **Ice Cream Sundaes** served @ lunch
- **K & 3rd grade service activity:** mentor St. Joseph 4K students

Tuesday, January 27th: Theme – **St. Joseph Parish School shares Faith, Knowledge, and Service with our families and the Prescott Community** Dress – **PJ Day**

- **Books & Breakfast** – 7:30-8:00 a.m. Come and have breakfast and read books together as a family! Students and their parents in 4K-6th grade are invited.
- **St. Joseph School Spelling Bee** @ 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium – Parents, parishioners, and the community welcome
- **The Amazing Jeffo!** @ 12:30 p.m. in the gymnasium – Parents, parishioners, and the community welcome to watch this amazing magician! Free will donation.

Wednesday, January 28th: Theme – **St. Joseph Parish School brings Faith, Knowledge, and Service to the community of Prescott** Dress – **School Pride – Uniforms**

- **Prayer Service** @ 8:15 a.m. in the gymnasium by our 3rd grade students – Parents, parishioners, and the community welcome
- **Community members are invited to visit and tour our school.** Come for a tour, get all your questions answered, or see if St. Joseph Parish School is the right place for your child. If you'd like to come for lunch, please RSVP to Trisha, our school secretary, by Thursday, January 22nd. Lunch is served from 10:50-11:30 a.m. and is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.60 for students. You can call the school at 715-262-5912 or email school.office@stjosephprescott.com.
- **4th, 5th, & 6th grade service activity:** sing-along & gathering at Prescott Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Thursday, January 29th: Theme – **St. Joseph Parish School Staff & Volunteers share their Faith, Knowledge, and Service** Dress – **Topsy-Turvey Thursday**

- **Staff & Volunteer Luncheon** @ 10:50 a.m. – All St. Joseph Parish & School Staff and school volunteers welcome
- **Quiz Bowl Competition** @ 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium – Parents, parishioners, and the community welcome

Friday, January 30st: Theme – **St. Joseph Parish School is a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service to the World** Dress – **Support Your Team!**

- **Fun Friday** classes from 12:45-3:00 p.m.
- **Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium—each family bring a prize or two to donate if you are planning to play bingo - Parents, parishioners, & the community welcome
- **Kindergarten Open House 5:30-7:30 p.m.** – All 2015-2016 Kindergarten parents and children are invited to explore and learn about the Kindergarten experience and a Christian education at St. Joseph Parish School. Join us for a spaghetti dinner and Bingo from 5:30-6:30 and then meet with Mrs. Ironside and Mrs. Meshak for fun and information from 6:30-7:30.



Catholic Schools Week Weekend Masses – January 24th & 25th

As a kick off for Catholic Schools Week, we are having our students participate in the Mass parts at all weekend Masses during Catholic Schools Week. We need students in grades 3-6 to volunteer for reading the 1st Reading, 2nd Reading, and Petitions. You may sign your child up through the Volunteer Spot that was sent via email to you on January 7th. Once you have signed up, your child will receive the readings from their classroom teacher to practice at home.

No matter which mass you attend, please have your child/ren wear their St. Joseph Parish School uniforms shirt and/or sweatshirt to show our presence to the parish. School jumpers, skirts, or pants can be worn, but jeans are acceptable as well.

Mrs. Laust will be directing a special children's choir, grades 1-6, and the 6th grade bell choir during the 10:00 mass. I would love to see many of our children singing in the choir space for this mass. Let's raise the roof in song! If your child can participate, please sign the permission slip and return to Mrs. Laust by Wednesday, January 21st. Mrs. Laust will personally be asking students to cantor at the 4:00 Saturday and 8:00 Sunday masses. The choir will only be at the 10:00 mass.

Please fill out the bottom portion of this slip and return it to Mrs. Laust by Wednesday, January 21st. Don't forget to sign up your child for reading through Volunteer Spot. I hope to see everyone there and show our strong presence to the parish.

Thank you!

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Yes, my child/ren, _____, will sing
in the Children's Choir during our Catholic Schools Week mass at 10:00 a.m. on
Sunday, January 25th. Grade(s) _____

Parent Signature _____
(Please return to Mrs. Laust by Wednesday, January 21st. Thank you!)



Catholic Schools Week Books & Breakfast Celebration

Tuesday, January 27th 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Theme: St. Joseph Parish School shares Faith, Knowledge, & Service with our families and community

Help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week by joining your child(ren) for breakfast! Bring a few of your favorite books to read together while you enjoy muffins, juice, and coffee. We welcome our 4K students and their guests, both morning and afternoon sessions, to join in the fun, too!

We will have tables and floor space available for you and your child(ren) in the cafeteria. You can bring a blanket if you'd like to picnic on the floor.

If you cannot join your child, he/she will still participate in this celebration. The teachers and other children will be here for your child to read and eat with.

There is parking in our church and school playground parking lots as well as side streets. Please do not park on Dakota Street in front of the school or church as this is the bus lane. Thank you!

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Please RSVP so we know how many delicious muffins to make! (One RSVP per family) Return the bottom of this form to the school office, or call or email Trisha Matzek, our school secretary, the following information:

Student('s) Name(s)

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of adults joining student(s) _____

of non-school age children joining student(s) _____

school.office@stjosephprescott.com

(715)262-5912



Jeff Smith

Performing at St. Joseph Parish School
on January 27th

“**Magic shows**, featuring the extraordinary **magician**, Amazing Jeffo, capture the imagination of all ages. His engaging blend of **magic**, music and comedy entertains, educates and inspires. Through his performances Amazing Jeffo helps his audience become aware that everyone has a place in the world, and that our talents, abilities and unique perspectives can be offered to others. “

<http://www.amazingjeffo.com/home.html>

New Memoir from Blind Magician Offers Hope to Survive Adversity with Laughter and Grace

One of the most inspiring tales of overcoming adversity is about to hit bookstores everywhere.

The art of magic is an unlikely career for someone blind with limited dexterity. Yet, with perseverance, optimism, and a natural gift for comedy, Smith (a.k.a. Amazing Jeffo) has wowed more than 3,500 live audiences, in addition to TV and radio shows. He has brought his testimony of hope to hundreds of thousands.

Now, his book, ***Seeing Light in the Darkness: A Story of Surviving Affliction with Laughter and Grace***, available at www.amazingjeffo.com, chronicles the story that has encouraged so many.

“Being created so different from the ‘mainstream’ has given me a sense of precious uniqueness,” Smith attests, “and an understanding of being ‘fearfully and wonderfully made,’ as is really the case with all of us.”

He believes in surrounding yourself with encouragers and not letting negative thinking be your master. “A disability, or any adversity, does not define you, it only describes you,” he says.

The message of his book is that adversity doesn’t have to be defeating. He encourages others to see their circumstances as purposeful and not coincidental, to be open to God’s calling on their lives.

“Behind it all, there is purpose,” he says. “For me, that purpose is to see God doing a mighty work through me, beyond anything I imagined. God can work through any situation.” He quotes songwriter Laura Story, “What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?”

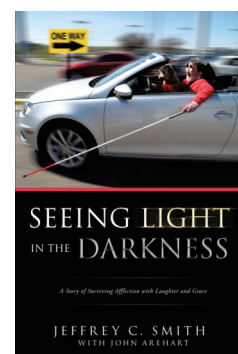
Amazing Jeffo is a living testament to that. As he stands behind the curtain and applause begins, adrenaline courses through his body and his physical maladies miraculously take a back seat. He walks onstage without pain for the moment

“Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen!,” he spouts. “I am Amazing Jeffo, a magician who happens to be blind...long time, no see!”

“He transforms me before everyone’s eyes in the public arena, where I transcend my physical limitations,” Smith reflects. “My medical conditions and life experiences have illustrated God’s complex but perfect plan.... Though I wouldn’t have wished it on myself, in retrospect, I wouldn’t have had it any other way.”

Amazing Jeffo lives in Minnesota with his wife, Devon, and their faithful, 4-legged “son,” Krypto.

Press Release prepared by Susan Brill, The Winsome Word susanbrill@mac.com





Catholic Schools Week January 24th-30th

School Volunteers - You're Invited!

As our way of saying thank you for all you do, St. Joseph Parish School students and staff invite you to have a special lunch with us provided by our parents. The luncheon is on Thursday, January 29th from 10:50-11:50 a.m.

Our school could not exist without the help and dedication of our volunteers. The generous gift of your time, talent, and treasure is what makes our school so special.

Please join us, and Thank You for all you do!



Catholic Schools Week 2015 – Fun Friday

St. Joseph School will again be hosting the traditional Fun Friday on January 30th. This is a time for you as parents, other adult family members, friends, and parishioners to come into our school and teach students your passion. So what's yours? Photography? Crafts? Cooking? Painting? Building? Animals? Technology? Cards & Games? Do you speak a foreign language? If you have something you love that you'd like to share with St. Joseph students, now is your chance!

You will teach two 45 minute sessions to a small group of students. Teachers will be roaming the classrooms and assisting you. You will teach your classes at 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

If you'd like to join in the fun, we need the following information from you:

- Write a title & description of your activity. We will put together a list of activities for students to choose from, and your description will help students decide what they are most interested in.
- If you have a number of students limit, please indicate that. For example, if you want to do photography and you only have 6 cameras, indicate that you can have a maximum of 6 students.
- If there is any fee, please indicate that. For example, if you are doing painting and you need to purchase a special kind of paper for each student, indicate the cost. Please keep cost to a minimum. About \$5 is acceptable.

If you would like to teach a class but don't know what to do, we can help you think of a topic the students would love. In the ***Title of Activity*** section, just write, "I need an idea." We will get back to you with a fun and easy activity for you to lead.

You can fill out the form below and return it to the school office, or email your information to school.office@stjosephprescott.com. We will be in touch with you as we get closer to the date with all the specifics, but for now, begin your preparations. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Thank you for the gift of **YOU** as you prepare to pass your knowledge to the next generation.

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Name: _____ Phone # _____

Title of Activity: _____

Description of Activity: _____

Maximum # of students: _____ Cost (if any) \$ _____



Don't forget to go onto the Volunteer Spot link to sign up to volunteer for or donate to our special events.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 715-262-5912, or email to school.office@stjosephprescott.com.

Thank you for helping us celebrate all the wonderful things about our school and all it brings to our community!

Volunteer Spot Link: <http://vols.pt/oVWhik>