



St. Joseph's School Today

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Message from Principal Tony Quilici

I am excited, blessed, honored and humbled to be selected as the next principal of St. Joseph's Catholic School.

I am excited to be at a K-8 school because when I was a senior in high school I worked in a 5th grade classroom two hours a day, coached 3rd and 4th grade basketball team, and taught swimming lessons. It was these experiences that encouraged me to go into teaching and education.

I would like to share with you some key points regarding the 2017-18 academic year:

Staff: The wonderful staff at St. Joe's is a major reason I wanted to apply for this position. The staff is wonderful, dedicated, and caring.

Longevity: I plan and pray to be at St. Joe's for a long time. I will have three children at St. Joe's next year ranging from kindergarten to 4th grade. And, with a newborn, Quilicis will be coming through St. Joe's for a while.

Vision: Work with staff, parents, and students to support them in order to educate and care for each student the best we can in a loving Catholic environment.

Transition: Both Sarah and I want to make the transition as smooth as possible for staff, students and parents. Her final day at St. Joe's is June 14; I will begin as principal August 1.

Superintendent: Fr. Jerry Funke is the principal's direct report in our Catholic school system. Sarah (Dr. Quilici) is and will be a valuable resource for St. Joseph's Catholic School and now all of the Catholic schools in Idaho. Any issues or concerns with the principal should be directed to Fr. Jerry Funke.

I am excited, grateful and look forward to working with the St.



The Quilici family welcome baby Jude Anthony in March. He was baptized during a May St. Joseph's School Mass!

John's and St. Joseph's Catholic School communities! Enjoy your summer!

St. Joe's Raises Funds for Saint Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity in Spokane

Saint Teresa of Calcutta was canonized a saint last year, and our school has spent the year learning about her and her ministry: the Missionaries of Charity. In line with this learning, our 2017 Catholic Schools Week fundraiser was for Saint Teresa's Missionaries of Charity house located in Spokane, WA (the closest location to our school).

St. Joe's raised over \$3,700 for the Missionaries of Charity house in Spokane, WA. The sisters were unable to travel to our school to receive our donation, so one of our school families delivered the money. This is what they had to say about their visit:

Thank you so much for the opportunity

to deliver St Joseph School's gift to the Missionary Sisters of Charity. Our family had a beautiful encounter in



These students were recognized for modeling Saint Teresa—making our community a more Christian and loving place with their kind behavior.

the time we spent with the sisters.

They were eager to tell us about the work they do there in

Spokane caring for homeless women and also shared stories of the work that each of them had previously done in Calcutta,

working alongside Mother Teresa. They said that St Joseph School's gift was a surprise and that this is how God provides for the needs of the poor; He sends gifts through oth-

ers. They told us other stories about times when there was a need and God provided. They shared many stories and meaningful reflections with us. For

me, listening to the sisters speak was truly an experience of witnessing the love of Christ reflected in willing servants. Our visit was absolutely beautiful and peaceful, truly a grace filled encounter.

The sisters gave us some Holy cards which contain a small relic, a piece of St. Teresa's cloak. They also gave us a prayer card, which contains a "prayer for young people", and they promised to pray for the young people and families of St. Joseph's School.

St. Joseph's Catholic School is going to find a way to showcase this special gift from the Missionaries of Charity. Our school blessed them, and they are blessing us back.

Achievements and Service



Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Russell's 6th grade classes took on St. John's "Adopt a Highway" project and cleaned a two-mile stretch of Highway 55. Students, teachers, parents, Dr. Quilici and Fr. Jerry Funke collected over 20 bags of trash!



Mrs. Seidler and Miss Camman had 30 second graders who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in May.



Mrs. Weaver's 5th grade students bagged 4,200 pounds of fingerling potatoes at the Idaho Food Bank!

One student shared: *This allowed me to get my hands dirty and help the hungry. I got to visit with my friends and allow the food bank workers to take a break from what they do for our community. I felt accomplished afterward and happy with myself.*

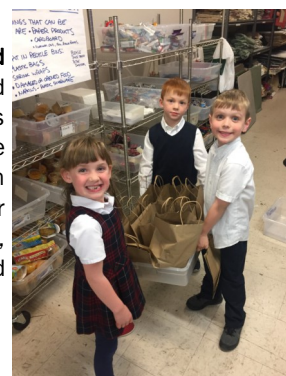


Brayleigh (1st) volunteered her snow days putting her back and arms to work shoveling snow for a Boise nonprofit that serves the aging community, Boise At Home. She also spent multiple days heaving snow for her parish, Our Lady of the Rosary!



Mrs. Seibert's 3rd grade class wrote friendly letters and became pen pals with elderly people that the class knew. Students enjoyed writing and enjoyed more the responses! The response from pen pals was wonderful; they brightened the days of people who appreciate the art of letter writing and loved that students are still learning cursive at our school. They wrote to us about what it was like when they were in school and what they did for entertainment without the technology that occupies us today.

Peter, Drew and Carmella (kindergarten) stuffed lunch bags for the homeless population. Lunch bags are distributed daily for people in need. They contained a prayer card, tuna pouches, fruit cups, pudding, granola bars, and other snacks.



Twenty-four middle school students were inducted into the St. Joe's chapter of National Junior Honor Society. We also celebrated 22 second-year and five third-year members!



John (1st) cooked and served Friendship Feast for the homeless at Cathedral of the Rockies church.