



St. Jude of the Lake Catholic Middle School



FIND YOUR HAPPY PLACE AND STAY!

St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School is a Catholic community dedicated to fully preparing children for their future by developing their faith, mind, and character.





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THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS
DON'T HAVE TO BE FULL OF
WAVES, WEATHER, AND STORMS.



Set sail with us for at St. Jude of the Lake Middle School!
Keeping our Catholic core values as our navigational
beacons, we're ready **to chart a course for success.**

Our Middle School environment offers a sturdy breakwater,
giving students more independence & responsibility,
while offering refuge from the turbulent waters of the
open seas of young adulthood.



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We're All Aboard for Success



Set sail for 6th, 7th & 8th Grade with us at
St. Jude of the Lake Middle School and
chart a course for success!

Experience deeper, real-world learning opportunities &
build real-life skills while keeping your **faith anchored**
deeply in God.



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St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School strives to meet the spiritual and educational needs of today's students; and to provide a safe, positive, hands-on, faith-based learning environment for the growth of each student as we prepare them for the changing needs of the future.

Our mission is to prepare children with the knowledge and skills needed to excel and lead in the 21st-Century through a school culture that promotes spiritual wellness, academic excellence, curiosity, and creativity.

To further our mission, we are excited to have St. Jude of the Lake Middle School students on our campus! Our students flourish intellectually and emotionally.

During their Middle School time at St. Jude, they will start to comprehend advanced concepts and process information to think analytically. Remember this is a time of rapid growth as our students prepare for their academic, social, and leadership challenges of high school and eventually into their adult life.

At the apex of adolescence, middle-school students are undergoing physical, emotional, and intellectual changes. Early in this stage of life, they tend to think in absolutes, make clear distinctions between right and wrong, and seek concrete answers. As they mature, they refine their ability to think abstractly and hypothetically, as well as systematically. Classroom work starts to be geared toward helping students clarify their thinking as they explore the "gray areas." As they develop their personal identities in this period of great change, careful attention is paid to reinforcing students' academic abilities and positive self-images and providing opportunities to express their thoughts and ideas.

Middle school is not too early to begin preparing for adulthood by making sure we are providing our students with plenty of tools to add to their Life-Toolbox.

As parents and educators, we have a finite amount of time to help lay and build a foundation of skills and practical knowledge that students will need in the "real world." St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School is committed, honored, and grateful for the opportunity to continue to walk the educational journey with your family.





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LIVE DEEPER AND EXPERIENCE
MORE IN SPORTS & ACTIVITIES, BUT
DON'T FORGET YOUR **ANCHOR.**



Set sail with us at St. Jude of the Lake Middle School!

We have the coaches, uniforms, and teams
and are ready for competition.

St. Jude Middle School is a place where your child **can anchor**
deeply with God & build habits of faith & real-life skills while
going deeper into real-world experiences through
extracurriculars.



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Our middle school students will be given the opportunity to build and strengthen their foundation in several key areas:

LINKS- Life Involves New Kinds of Skills– Skills are what makes us confident and more independent in life. They are essential for feeling successful. Our Middle School topic areas will include, but not limited to, introductions to such areas as economic markets and financial literacy, domestic sciences, life management, and the arts.

Science, Technology, and Engineering –The dynamic combination of all three areas with the addition of “real-life” experiences are springboards for successful sustainable development in literacy, critical thinking and problem-solving which will serve our students well now and into the future. St. Jude of the Lake offers a wide variety of hands-on and innovative experiences, such as an aquaponics lab, Lego robotics, and 3-D printing experiences.

Presentation Skills and Leadership Opportunities Preparations– Through school and Church leadership positions, our students will continue to be given unique opportunities to explore the upper edge by connecting with people, sharpening their presentation and public speaking skills. Additionally, there are also opportunities throughout the year to exercise and stretch these skills.

Social Opportunities and Program Perks- Archdiocesan Science, Performing and Visual Arts Fairs, student government, volunteer and service-learning opportunities, field trips, concerts, on-site band and orchestra (through Hill-Murray School), on-site piano lessons, theater production, scouting, sport clubs and camps are a sampling of the opportunities offered.





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LET YOUR CHILD BE THE
CAPTAIN AND CHART A COURSE
FOR LEARNING SUCCESS.



Our crew of well-equipped teachers and staff will guide our learning and help keep **Jesus close as our First Mate.**

Sailing the middle school years means letting out the sails, discovering growing talents, and delving deeper into our academics and discovering who it is God made us to be.

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Our strong and innovative academic program emphasizing excellence and preparing students for high school and beyond.

Our curriculum includes:

Reading and Literature – Building and continuing to acquire the literacy tools are paramount to establishing their own strong reading identity and a love for great stories and literature.

Language Arts – Students will have a significant opportunity to apply their English grammar, writing skills, vocabulary, and spelling; with opportunities for creative, descriptive, and persuasive essay and report writing.

Mathematics – Conceptual understanding and ‘real-life’ connections to mathematical reasoning are explored in the Middle School years. Number properties, fractions and decimals, ratios, proportions, and percentages as well as key concepts of algebra and geometry will be developed and nurtured to strengthen their foundation and prepare them for high school readiness. St. Jude of the Lake will provide opportunities to appropriately challenge each student in these areas.

Science – Our robust science curriculum continues to be based on national, state, and Archdiocesan standards: 6th - Earth and Space Science, 7th - Life Science, and 8th - Physical Science.

Social Studies and History – Our expansive Social Studies curriculum is taught in an interactive and relatable way, allowing students to explore the influences of our past on our present, and future. An emphasis on History begins in sixth grade with Minnesota history, seventh grade covering U.S. history from prehistory through Civil War, and through the Cold War in eighth grade.

Technology & Engineering – Technology is ever-changing and multifaceted. We are excited to intricately weave and integrate it throughout our amazing academic experience. Students will continue to build on the skills used in their earlier grades, using AppleTVs, Smartboards, iPads, peripherals, mobile devices along with the Internet and on-line research tools for communication, presentations, and academic reinforcement. Middle School will include integrated student-driven input to make use of these technologies and more within the STEM Lab and other academic pursuits.

Religion – St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School fosters the love of our beautiful Catholic faith; the ministry of the Church, the meaning and significance of the Sacraments, the living out of our liturgical calendar and feast days, and the history of the Church from the time of Jesus to the present. We embrace being-doers, not just hearers; living to serve others and our Church.



MIDDLE SCHOOL HOUSE SYSTEM

We're absolutely thrilled about our **Middle School's innovative "House System,"** a vibrant initiative aimed at fostering a tighter-knit, faith-driven community among our students and staff.

In this exciting setup, every middle schooler is randomly assigned to one of four Houses: HOPE, COURAGE, FAITH, or CHARITY, for the duration of their time here. Each House is not just a name and a color; it embodies a saintly figure (because, let's be honest, can we ever have too many saints in our lives?) and a meaningful Bible verse, guiding each member on their personal journey.

Throughout the academic year, students and staff collaborate to cultivate deeper connections and friendships, fostering an environment where faith is not just talked about but lived out daily. Our ultimate aim is for students to feel not only comfortable but truly at home, confident, and deeply connected within our St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School community.

The spirit of each House is palpable, with unique colors representing virtues and special saints guiding the way. Fridays become a canvas for House pride, as students don their House's spirit wear alongside their uniform bottoms. And it's not just about appearances; students earn points for themselves and their Houses, reinforcing positive behaviors and leadership qualities that make our community shine.

Friday activities are a highlight, featuring friendly House competitions, service projects, skill-building sessions, and moments for spiritual reflection. It's a time for growth, bonding, and fun—all essential components of a well-rounded education.

But our House System isn't limited to just students and staff; we extend a warm invitation to parents to join in the excitement. Wear your student's House color on Fridays, attend our open activities, and consider contributing your time, talents, or resources. Your partnership is invaluable, especially during these formative middle school years.

Together, as the St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School PengWINNER Family, we're blessed with the gift of community and countless opportunities to grow and thrive. **Let's embrace this journey together, enriching each other's lives along the way.**

HOW WILL YOUR CHILD NAVIGATE THE WATERS OF **MIDDLE SCHOOL** NEXT YEAR?



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School Day: 9:00am-3:20pm (8:45am arrival)

Uniform: logo shirt, blue pants, shorts, or skirt, white or navy crew socks.
NEW Middle School hoodie & gym uniform.
No fashion boots or open-toed shoes.

Class Structure: Homeroom & rotating subject-based teachers for academics will provide core instruction. Additional Support Strategists, & Specialists will be integrated throughout the week. LINKS Programs will be student-selected throughout the year.

Additional Clubs, Athletic, & Leadership Opportunities.
Field Trips, including but not limited to overnight camps
and our BIG 8th Grade class trip opportunity!





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**NAVIGATING THE YEARS BETWEEN
BEING A KID AND YOUNG ADULT
CAN REALLY ROCK THE BOAT.**



**Set sail with us on our sea-worthy,
St. Jude Middle School Ship!**

Guided by the steady hands of our caring teachers,
we'll set out for new courses and adventures.
Courageously sail the middle school years in a safe
and open-hearted environment while keeping **Jesus**
secured in the heart of our boat.



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2023 - 2024 Middle School
Course Registration Form

Student Name: _____

Grade in Fall 2023: 6th 7th 8th

Student Signature: _____

Please return this form to Mrs. Ryan no later than April 6th, 2023.
Please contact Mrs. Ryan with any questions.

Parent Signature: _____

Homeroom Teacher's Signature: _____

***Course enrollment is not guaranteed. Course offerings may change due to interest, space, and instructor availability.*

Required Classes: (Select ONE from each column.) * Advanced Classes require the instructor's approval.

Language Arts	Science	Math	Social Studies	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> English 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Earth Science 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 6 (MN History)	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion 6
<input type="checkbox"/> English 6 (Advanced)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Earth Science 6 (Advanced)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 6 (Advanced)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 7 (US History)	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion 7
<input type="checkbox"/> English 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Science 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 8 (Geography/Global Studies)	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion 8
<input type="checkbox"/> English 7 (Advanced)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Science 7 (Advanced)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 7 (Advanced)*		<input type="checkbox"/> In-School Confirmation Preparation
<input type="checkbox"/> English 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics/Chemistry 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 8		
<input type="checkbox"/> English 8 (Advanced)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics/Chemistry 8 (Advanced)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra*		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics/Chemistry 8 (Advanced)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Geometry*		
	<small>* All Science courses include integrated STEM activities.</small>			
*Instructor Signature: _____	*Instructor Signature: _____	Instructor Signature: _____		

Specialist Classes: (Select at least ONE from each category/column)

Music	Art	Spanish	Physical Education/Health	Lunch Clubs
<input type="checkbox"/> Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Art 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Ed/Health Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/> Chess
<input type="checkbox"/> Band (less spots)	<input type="checkbox"/> Art 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Ed/Health Non-Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra (less spots)	<input type="checkbox"/> Art 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 8		<input type="checkbox"/> Art
<input type="checkbox"/> Music General		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Support*		<input type="checkbox"/> Worship Team
<input type="checkbox"/> Piano (less spots)				<input type="checkbox"/> Boys Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Lessons (less spots)		*Instructor Signature: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Girls Group

LINKS (Life Includes New Kinds of Skills) Courses: (Please indicate as many or as few of the courses that interest you.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	<input type="checkbox"/> Family & Consumer Science	<input type="checkbox"/> STEM Lab	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> MN Zoo ZOOMS	<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Media/Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Genesis Entrepreneurship	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious History
<input type="checkbox"/> Book Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Solar Boat Design Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Lego Robotics	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Sports
<input type="checkbox"/> Fancy Font Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> 3D Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Masters 6 th Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> Tao Kwon Do
<input type="checkbox"/> Crochet	<input type="checkbox"/> Painting	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Counts 7/8 Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> Stretching
	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Ukulele	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Song Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Group Guitar (less participants)



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We strive to ensure our students are inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who understand and respect the multi-cultural world in which we live.

We do this by providing a nurturing environment in which all students have the opportunity to pursue their individual intellectual abilities and discover their unique gifts.

We are committed to academic excellence, worship, and service to others; our students achieve a deeper awareness of their responsibility to God, community, the world at large, and themselves.

***Approved by the School Advisory and Parish Councils
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