



St. Joseph Catholic School

December 7th, 2022

Upcoming Events

Wed., Dec. 7th

- Life Runners @ 7:45 am (Wear Life Runner Shirt)
- Mid-Quarters Sent Home

Thurs., Dec. 8th

- Holy Day of Obligation - Mass (Grade 2)
- Father Schrader Visits Grades 5 & 6

Fri., Dec. 9th

- Confessions (Grade 5)
- PJ Day with Hot Chocolate and Cookies

Sat., Dec. 10th & Sun. Dec. 11th - Scrip

Mon., Dec. 12th

- Christmas "Parishioner" Gift Due

Tues., Dec. 13th

- Mass (Grade 1)
- First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade - 6:00 pm

Thurs., Dec. 15th

- Father Schrader Visits Grades 3 & 4
- Spirit Shirts Worn with Uniform Pants

Fri., Dec. 16th

- Mass (Grade 8)
- Confessions (Grade 4)

[St. Joseph School Google Calendar](#)

School Mission Statement

With the intercession of St. Joseph, our school community guides the formation of Christ centered learners, leaders and citizens on a foundation of Catholic beliefs and academic excellence.



Stewardship

Our Current "Set Up"

- Parishioners support the word of their parish by:
 - The giving of their time, talent, and treasure.
 - Income from large-scale events (Fall Suppers, Parish Picnics, etc.) often supplement the operational budget of the parish.
- The parish supports the diocese and the universal Church:
 - Through the Cathedraticum - an assessment levied by the diocese to each parish.
 - Through a series of 2nd collections (both national and local)
 - Catholic Relief and Development, Infirm Priests Funds, Catholic Missions Appeal, Communications and Education, Diocesan Mission Collections, Retirement Fund for Religious, Archdiocese of the Military Seminarian, Clergy Education and Priest Retirement.
 - Through the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)
 - Parishioners are asked to donate directly to this diocesan appeal which supports the work and ministry of the chancery.

(Taken from: [The Nuts and Bolts of Stewardship: How Does Sacrificial Giving Work in the Stewardship Way of Life](#))

Principal's Letter

Dear SJS Parents,

I am pleased to share with you that our fifth grade was one of many schools that sang on the south side of the Capitol steps and in the rotunda of the Capitol yesterday. Their performance was outstanding and I was so very proud of them. Please see the pictures in the Classroom section of the newsletter today.

Again thank you for purchasing the Christmas items that have been coming in for our parish people for Christmas. There are only **17 items left**. If you have not had a chance to view the items, the link for them is on FACTS. If you are having trouble getting to the link please contact Mrs. Helton. Gifts are due to school December 12th. Thank you for your generosity with this project. Next week the students will be wrapping the gifts and enjoying hot chocolate and cookies.

Principal's Letter Continued

Our date for Confirmation has been set: March 29th at 6:30 P.M. here at St. Joseph Church. Please continue to keep our 7th grade in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

With Blessings,

Miss Patricia Kirk
Principal

Message from Our School Nurse, Mrs. Sallin

Chapped Lip Season

Cold, dry weather, sun damage, and frequently licking your lips are just some of the reasons your lips might feel dry and chapped. To prevent and treat dry, chapped lips here are some product tips from board-certified dermatologists.

Product Ingredient Recommendations:

- Castor seed oil
- Mineral oil
- Petrolatum
- Shea butter
- Sun-protection ingredients, such as titanium oxide or zinc oxide
- White petroleum jelly

At school, we will apply white petroleum jelly to chapped lips/skin. If you do not want Vaseline (aka petroleum jelly) applied to your child's skin send a note to school with alternative directions and product(s).

V. Sallin, RN

St. Joseph School - Westphalia

573-455-2339

Rosaries Said

Thank you for the number of Rosaries you have said so far. To this date we have prayed 117 Rosaries. Rosary Boxes are sent home each Wednesday and are to be returned by the following Tuesday. That way we can get them ready for the next family.

Junior Deputy Graduation

Our fifth graders will have a tour of the Osage County Sheriff's Department and then graduation ceremony in the Courthouse in Linn on December 14th at 6 P.M.

Life Runners

Today Mr. Wes Kampeter spoke to the students about the meaning of Life Runners, his family experience in meeting the founder of Life Runners, Dr. Pat Castle, and how wearing our shirts shows others to think about the life they may be saving. He also taught them a chant that Dr. Pat often says: All in Christ... for Pro-Life! It was a great talk and Thank You, Mr. Kampeter for starting our day off with Life Runners.

Happenings in SJS Classrooms

Father Schrader reads the Legend of the Candy Cane to the Kindergarten and First Grade students for the Feast of St. Nicholas. He then treated them with a candy cane.



Fifth Grade performing Christmas carol at the Capitol.



SJS Student Artwork

Kindergarten drew their version of a red fox.



After School Practices for Three Wee Kings

Monday, Dec. 12

All Cast – Students picked up at 4 P.M.

Send Note to school

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Face painting practice (for painters to practice the designs)

Send Note to school

Thursday, Dec. 15

Sound Team – Students picked up at 4 P.M.

Send Note to school

Scrip

Scrip will be on sale every weekend until Christmas!

IMPORTANT DATES: The last date to order physical cards to be guaranteed to be here by Christmas, is **Monday, December 12th by 10:00 AM**. This will be out last physical order until after January 9th. We will happily continue to fill orders daily until December 21st from our inventory only

The Scrip Elves will be on break from **Dec 22nd – Jan 3rd**. You can continue to reloads and ecards electronically through the app.

The contest continues! For every \$100 of scrip bought, you get your name in the drawing to win a \$25 scrip card!
Congratulations to this week's winner – Heather Dyball!

Profit to Date: \$ 18,988.00

Since May 1st we've sold \$ 622,511.00 worth of Scrip.

We're behind \$ 510.00 in profit from where we were last year.

While we're behind in profit, we are ahead in sales by over \$31,000!!

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program!

Jill Schulte

Christmas Program

Three Wee Kings will have a dress rehearsal on December 20th at 1:30 P.M. in the school gym. If grandparents would like to be at this performance they are welcome to come.

Our school Three Wee Kings Christmas Program will be on December 20th at 7 P.M. in the school gym.

If you are sending in baked items for the Christmas bake sale the night of our Christmas program, please send the items to the school office the morning of December 20th. Refer to the sheet that was in last week's Wednesday Folder.

Christmas Class Parties

Our Christmas class parties will be on December 21st at 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. If you are a room mother for this party please contact your child's homeroom teacher to make plans. Students will be allowed to wear a Christmas shirt with uniform pants. Dismissal will be at 11:22 A.M. There will not be After Care on December 21st.

Snow Routes

St. Joseph @Westphalia – (For **Snow Routes**): Before School Care will be offered to SJS Students. SJS Students that do not normally attend, there is a \$3.00 Drop-in Fee due that day. Before School Care hours 7:00 am – 7:30 am located in the Cafeteria.

LATE START OPTION

Osage County R-3 will continue the option of having a late start in case of inclement weather. This is for days when temperatures are very low in the morning, or there is snow in the area in the morning with a forecast of clearing out by mid-morning. *Regular Routes* will be run morning and evening. Buses will run approximately 2 hours later than normal in the morning, and regular time in the evening.

****St. Joseph School @ Westphalia** – (For **Late Start**): Before School Care will be offered to SJS Students. SJS Students that do not normally attend, there is a \$3.00 Drop-in Fee due that day. **Before School Care hours (for late start) will begin at 9:00 am located in the Cafeteria.**

Remember:

1. If Fatima, Osage R-III is closed St. Joseph is closed.
2. If Fatima, Osage R-III is on Snow Routes, St. Joseph is on Snow Routes.
Normal drop off time for Before Care – 7:00 a.m.
3. If Fatima, Osage R-III is on Late Start, St. Joseph is on Late Start
Drop off for Before Care will be at 9:00 a.m. Classes will begin at 9:30 a.m.
4. If Fatima, Osage R-III closes during the day because of snow or ice, St. Joseph will close, too.
You will get a text message from me as soon as I know we are closing.

(Please NOTE: I usually get the information from Fatima after they put their information out first. That is why some of you may know about it before the text comes from me. I do the text as soon as I get off the phone with Mr. Woody.)