



# St. Joseph Catholic School

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

- Father Schrader Visits Grades 1 & 2

### Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

- Mass (Grade 3)
- Confessions (Grade 6)
- Hearing Screening for Grades K-4
- **NO BUS DAY**
- Parent Meetings 3 pm - 6 pm

### Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

- Parent Meetings 9:00 am- 12 noon

### Monday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>

- NO SCHOOL (President's Day)

### Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>

- Mass (Grade 2)
- Mission Carnival
  - K-4: 8:50 am to 10:15 am
  - 5-8: 10:25 am to 11:50 am

### Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Ash Wednesday Mass
- Mid-Quarters Sent Home

### Thursday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Spirit Shirts with Uniform Pants

### Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

- Mass (Grade 1)
- Petting Zoo at Fatima for Grades K-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

Dear All,

A good question came up at the school advisory council meeting this evening asking for further clarification on the diocesan policy on fundraising under the stewardship model. I know we've all discussed this in the past and Fr. Jones addressed this question when he spoke this past summer. However, I wanted to be absolutely sure I was correctly understanding how the policy is to be implemented in parishes. So I contacted Fr. Jones this evening to double-check.

Here is the written diocesan policy:

[Capital Campaigns and Fundraisers in the Stewardship Way of Life](#)  
May 18, 2022

The Diocese of Jefferson City, in accordance with the diocesan Pastoral Plan, is implementing a pastoral effort to deepen the spirituality of stewardship in our diocese.

The Stewardship Way of Life recognizes the need for clergy and faithful alike to foster an intentional and co-responsible approach to discipleship under the Lord Jesus, answering the call to freely give of themselves to the mission of the Church and others out of gratitude and love for Christ. This Christian spirituality of stewardship is manifested concretely in the way Catholics support the ministry of their parishes, in the way parishes support the ministry of diocesan ministries, and in the way the diocese supports the ministry of the universal Church.

## Stewardship Continued...

This biblically-based model of tithing, embraced at every level of the diocese, openly and transparently embodies our intentional response as disciples of our Lord.

In this model, the Sunday offertory collection shall be the primary means of funding the operations of the parish, as the parishioners are expected to fund their own mission (cf. c. 222). In addition, there are three diocesan special collections at Christmas, Easter and in July to fund the obligations we share together; the education of our seminarians and priests, our infirm and retired priests, and for the missions.

## Stewardship Continued...

Parish special event fundraisers are to be limited in this tithing-based model in order to respect the parishioners' tithe to the parish as the primary means of supporting the mission of the parish. Otherwise, the proliferation of unapproved second collections or fundraisers will have the effect of eroding the intentional commitment of the parishioners in their annual stewardship pledge. Many present parish special events are billed as fundraisers but need not be, as they fulfill a social and community-building need in the parish. Serious consideration should be given to eliminating the fundraising aspect of these parish social events and emphasizing their community dimension.

Therefore, a special event fundraiser may take place no more than once a year in the parish and once a year for the parish school, and the funds generated must not be used to fund the regular operations of the parish or school. The proceeds of the fundraiser may be designated by the pastor to build a restricted parish fund or endowment, such as a deferred maintenance fund to off-set the need for future capital campaigns. In the case of the school, proceeds must be used for endowed funds or a special project, not operational expenses. The proceeds of this fundraising event will be considered extraordinary income and be geared toward assisting the parishioners to rounding out their biblically-based tithe (8% for the parish offertory; 2% for a charity of their choice).

### Capital Campaigns

It is understood that from time-to-time parishes will need to undertake capital campaigns in order to accomplish major projects that expand the parish complex or significantly address critical issues beyond regular deferred maintenance and upkeep.

### Capital Campaigns & Fundraisers in the Stewardship Model

It is critical that funds given and pledged to these capital campaigns not diminish or replace the pledged tithe of parishioners but should be presented to the parish as an opportunity to give "over and above" what is sacrificially given in and through a yearly tithing pledge to support the operations of the parish. For this reason, capital campaigns in the parish should be infrequent and may only begin with the Bishop's written permission. **Deferred Maintenance** campaigns are discouraged, as the upkeep and repairs of facilities should be included in the regular operating budget of the parish. The diocesan policy governing deferred maintenance projects and campaigns must be followed, and any funds obtained for them are considered ordinary income and subject to the 10% tithe. In a well-run parish **Deferred Maintenance** campaigns will be rare and only the result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances.

The construction or substantial expansion of a church, parish hall, school, or other parish facility may qualify as a **Major Capital** campaign and not a **Deferred Maintenance** campaign. Efforts to restore and beautify existing church structures undertaken to enrich the worship and faith of the parish may also qualify as a **Major Capital** campaign.

### Major Capital Campaigns and the Tithe

Approved campaigns supporting projects of major expansion/beautification/restoration are required to tithe 5% of their campaign receipts to the diocese, in keeping with the spirituality of stewardship and the practice of sharing all our gifts. However, the pastor may apply for permission from the Bishop to divert some or all of their tithing proceeds from a **Major Capital** campaign to:

- One or more of the diocesan Special Collections (Christmas, Easter, Missions).
- A new diocesan fund to assist struggling parishes in the diocese who meet defined benchmarks of the practice of stewardship.
- Or any combination of the above.

As many campaigns combine elements of major expansion/beautification/restoration and deferred maintenance, the Bishop will determine the percentages of the tithe that will be considered **Major Capital** campaign and **Deferred Maintenance** campaign.

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What Fr. Jones confirmed for me is this:

- 1) Each parish may have one fundraiser per year, the funds of which are designated for a specific purpose and thus exempt from the 10% tithe to the diocese;
- 2) However, if a parish has a school, there may also be a fundraiser specifically for the school with similarly designated funds;
- 3) The parish *is allowed* to have other community events, even ones that charge money, and even ones that end up making money, *provided that* they are not advertised or explained as being fundraisers. The focus should be on them as community building events, not making money. Any income from these events that goes to the parish would be subject to the 10% tithe to the diocese.

I wanted to share this with you all.

Thanks for your service!

Fr. Dylan Schrader

# Principal's Letter

Dear SJS Parents,

Many thanks for the parents that Father Schrader and I met with last Friday. The meetings went well and it was good to talk with all of you. Father and I are looking forward to meeting with parents this Friday evening and Saturday morning. If you have not signed up yet please check FACTS and sign up for a time that is good for you. Thanks.

Please read within the newsletter about our Mission Carnival that is coming up soon.

Mid-Quarters will be sent home in the Wednesday Folders next week, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. How fast this third quarter is going!

Remember parents, we have a NO Bus Day this Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Before Care opens at 7 A.M. After Care will be available until 5:30 P.M.

Mrs. Sallin's "Wellness Day" for the students in grades 5 – 8 went very well. She had a doctor to speak to the students, the Osage Ambulance did a lesson on CPR, Heimlich, and Stop the Blood for the students, and a Self Defense instructor who talked to the students about being aware of their surroundings when out with friends and what to do to protect themselves. Hopefully, your child came home and talked to you about what they had learned in these activities. Thanks to all her efforts to make students aware of taking care of themselves. We plan to do this each year.

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be on Mondays in church beginning at 8 A.M. You are welcome to come and pray the Stations with us. They will begin on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Back in Black is getting closer to the date: Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. A lot of work is going into the baskets from each classroom and from what I have been told about some of them they will be AWESOME to have. Some very clever ideas. Thanks to all who are working on them. If you have not gotten your tickets yet don't forget ... it will be a great night of fun and enjoyment with each other.

Blessings,

*Miss Patricia Kirk*  
Principal

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is happening on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please call the school office to set up a time for your child to be tested. If you know of a new family that will be having a student in Kindergarten next year, please have them call or email me ([pkirk@stjosephwestphalia.org](mailto:pkirk@stjosephwestphalia.org)) and I can get them signed up for testing. Thanks.

## Blue and Pink Names for Our Rosaries

Many thanks to all the parents who are reciting a rosary and naming a baby for that remembrance. To date we have said 176 Rosaries.

## Track

If your child is interested in Track, please let Jenny Stephan know by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 4 – 8 are eligible for Track. Thanks.

# Mission Carnival

Our 2023 Mission Carnival is soon approaching. Many thanks to Jennifer Oliver and her committee who are planning this fun event for our students. As in the past each student is asked to bring \$5.00 to play the games. All money collected will be given to the School Sisters of Notre Dame's African Mission. This Mission Carnival has been going on since 1912-1913 school year. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of giving to the African Missions. Mrs. Rustemeyer's sister-in-law, Sister Roseanne, who is the Mission Director for the SSND's, is grateful for your generosity as well as Sister Claret Feldhake, our art teacher, who spent 11 years teaching at the girl's school in Kenya where our money is being sent.

Last year we collected a little over \$800.00 to send. Let's see if we can beat that amount this school year! Home and School is providing the money for the Mission Carnival committee to purchase prizes for this day. Thank you Home and School! The Homeroom teachers are collecting the student money so please have your child give their \$5.00 to their Homeroom teacher.

## Message from Our School Nurse

Pictures from Wellness Day, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023



# SJS Student Artwork

Seventh Grades "Pointillism" inspired by the artist Seurat.



## Scrip

Scrip will be on sale February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

How do the Scrip Gas Cards work? They work at the pump, or inside the store, exactly like your debit or credit card. If you purchase a \$100.00 scrip gas card, the card will work until all the funds are gone. For example, if you have \$30.33 left on the card, the pump will run until it hits \$30.33. Once you know the scrip gas card is empty, you can then toss it, and order a new one!

Profit to Date: \$25,551.00

Since May 1<sup>st</sup> we have sold \$839,356.00 worth of Scrip.

We are behind \$794.00 from where we were this time last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program.

Meghan Gentges