

St. Joseph Catholic School

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.

- St. Joseph Catholic School Mission

Calendar Dates

- March 6th – Confirmation Retreat at Folk
- March 7th First Thursday Celebration
State Tornado Drill at
11 a.m.
- March 8th – No School – Diocesan
Teacher Retreat at
Father Tolton HS
- March 10th – Spring Dinner from
11:00 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Drive thru only.
- March 11th – Stations of the Cross -
8 a.m.
- March 12th – 8 a.m. Mass – Gr. 6
- March 14th – End of Third Quarter
Father Schrader visits
Grades 1 & 2
- March 15th – 8 a.m. Mass – Gr. 5
School in session but
No Bus service

Principal's News – March 6, 2024

Dear SJS Parents,

By now you have heard that after 31 years of being a principal and 52 years of being in education, I have decided to retire and go back to Illinois. I have enjoyed the time I have been at St. Joseph Catholic School. The faculty, staff, students, and parents are just a wonderful group to work with! Thank you for your support that you have given me and I will always hold St. Joseph – Westphalia in my heart.

Father Schrader and I will begin meeting with school parents, who belong to St. Joseph and to St. Anthony for our annual stewardship check-in meeting that was discussed with you last year at our meetings. Our first meetings were to talk with you about such things as weekend Mass attendance, supporting your children's practice of the faith, and being active in the parish. These meetings in April will be to review the time/talent forms that you promised to return as part of the fall 2023's Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR) process. You will find a copy of how to sign up for the times in the Wednesday Folder today and an email was sent to you today with a sign-up form attached so that you might choose which date and time would be best for you to meet with Father Schrader and I. The dates for meeting are: April 11th, 18th, and 21st from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. These are 10 minute time slots that you can choose from. Many thanks to the parents that turned your time/talent forms in. Both Father Schrader and I look forward to meeting with you again.

Kindergarten Testing will be on Thursday, March 21st from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you have not signed up for the testing please do so now. Thanks. In order for your child to be able to be in Kindergarten they must be 5 years old BY August 1st. When bringing your child to the Kindergarten screening please bring with you the following:

Official Documentation Papers

- a. Proof of Guardianship (if applicable)
- b. Proof of Divorce decree of child (if applicable)
- c. Picture of both parents' drivers Licenses
- d. New Student records
 1. State Birth Certificate
 2. Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at St. Joseph Church)
 3. Health Record on shots
 4. Social Security Number

Once testing of all incoming Kindergarten students is complete a letter will be sent for acceptance, parent meeting date, and school information.

The Knights of Columbus has again graciously donated money to LIFE Runners to keep our Chapter active and support purchasing new shirts for next school year. We are very grateful for their generosity!

St. Joseph's SAINTS:

Cash Gentges – picking up paper towels off of the bathroom floor when everyone else walked past them.

Beckett Wieberg – for always straightening up the reading corner before he leaves the classroom.

The First Grade Class – for always being ready to lend a helping hand for Beckett B.

Will Berhorst – for volunteering to wash out the mixing paint trays for Sister Claret.

Jace Weber – for always holding the inside door for other students in the morning.

Principal's News continued.....

Don't forget about the Spring Dinner this Sunday, March 10th. Please review the worklist and come help make this event a huge success. Raffle tickets can be sent to school in an envelope marked, "Raffle Tickets". All proceeds from the Spring Dinner go to our school. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan and Robin Kliethermes at rkliethermes@gmail.com

The next Principal's newsletter will be March 20th.

God's blessings,

Miss Kirk

School Stations of the Cross Schedule

Monday, March 11th at 8 a.m. lead by the 4th graders

Monday, March 18th at 8 a.m. lead by the 8th graders

Friday, March 22nd at 6 p.m. in gym Shadow Stations –lead by
8th grade

Wednesday, March 27th (Day of Prayer) (time?) Living Stations -
lead by the 5th graders

St. Joseph Scrip Update.

Easter Gifts – with Easter coming up, purchasing scrip gifts instead of candy for the kids, is a great way to save on the dentist. There are numerous gift cards that come in smaller \$ increments. \$5.00 – Daisy Delight and Cold Stone. \$10.00 – Wal-Mart, Target, Sonic, Panera Bread, Taco Bell, and Starbucks, just to name a few.

Scrip will be sold:
March 16 & 17
March 23 & 24

Profit to date: \$24,687.00

Since May 1st we have sold \$785,102.00 worth of Scrip.

We are behind \$2,128.00 in profit from where we were last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program.

Megan Gentges

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**St. Joseph School,
Westphalia**

St. Joseph Shirt Schedule:

(Can be viewed on Google Calendar)

All first (1st) Wednesdays - **Life Runner** shirt

All first (1st) Thursdays - **Bulldog Spirit** shirt

All first (1st) Fridays - **SAINT** shirt



Many thanks to the parents who sign the Wednesday Folders and get them back the same week. We appreciate your efforts.

Our theme for this school year: Teach *Compassion*, Teach *Kindness*, Teach *Confidence*