



St. Joseph Catholic School

September 21st, 2022

Upcoming Events

- September 21st** - Mid-Quarter
- September 22nd** - Father Schrader visits Kdg.
- September 23rd** - Mass (Gr. 8)
Confessions (Gr. 4)
- September 27th** - Mass (Gr. 7)
- Dr. Vader Visits St. Joseph School
- September 28th** - Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm
- Buses Will Run (No After School Care)
- Mid-Quarters Sent Home
- Confirmation Parent Meeting
(School Cafeteria at 6 pm)
- September 29th** - Spirit Shirts
- Father Schrader Visits Gr. 7 & 8
- September 30th** - Mass (Gr. 6)
- Grandparents Celebration 10 am
- Dismissal after Grandparents Celebration
(No After School Care)
- Sunday, Oct. 1st** - Scrip
- Confirmation Enrollment Mass at 5:30 pm

[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

Fundraising? What is right or wrong with fundraising?

As disciples of Jesus we believe everything we have is from God. Our life, those whom we love, our talents, family, vocations, etc., everything is a gift from the Lord. Therefore, we respond by developing and sharing our gifts: sacrificially, generously, and proportionally. The spiritual difference between contributing to a fundraiser or donating and tithing on one's income is dramatic. When asked to donate or contribute, we give something and receive a product or an experience in return. I give, I get. In the case of donations, we give and then leave. Often our "donations" are what we no longer need, or what is left-over. Not so with a tithe of our income. In living the stewardship way of life, we have learned when we tithe as part of the Stewardship Way of Life, we are saying, "Lord everything I have is yours. Everything! Therefore I will give back to you, through my parish, the first fruits of your gifts. It is very hard Lord to give you the first portion of my paycheck, but by giving it to you first, I place my trust in you. I'm not giving you leftovers, nor am I getting a food product or gambling experience in return of my money."

(Taken from: *What I Have Learned About Stewardship*)

Principal's Letter

Dear SJS Parents,

For those that are dropping their child off at school you might have noticed a person with a large stop sign and a vest on. These are our new adult Patrols: Mrs. Darlene Massman, Mrs. Janice Wieberg, Mrs. Darlene Woehr, and Mr. Doug Evan who watch over the students crossing the street from the school bus. I have always been concerned for the safety of our students getting off the bus and crossing the street by themselves so this year in the parish bulletin I asked for help and these wonderful persons have volunteered to help keep our students safe. Please, if you see any of them thank them for their kindness and generosity. They are examples of stewardship for us.

Principal's Letter Continued

Now I am seeing that parents are dropping off students on the street. PLEASE do not do this. The adult patrols are not for that purpose. If you are dropping off your child by way of car or van PLEASE drop-off by the Middle School. It does not take that long. If parents would please pull up to the first student patrol we are able to get four cars stopped and four students out. If you only pull up to the middle student patrols we can only get two students out of the cars or van. Please help us with this process. Pull up to the first student patrol if there is not car in front of you. Patrols stop at 7:45 A.M. My watch is set with our school bells. So if you pull up and the Patrols are gone your child is late.

Yesterday at Mass we were very proud to be able to present to Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Fennewald and Chris Fennewald a check for over \$17,000.00 to help with the fire they experienced. What a wonderful act of Stewardship from the parish and the community. Many thanks to anyone who gave to this need.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Home and School meeting last night. The Kindergarten class won the double popsicle treat.

Many thanks to the families that have turned in their Handbook Signature Form. We have all but two families. Hopefully, by the time of Dr. Vader's visit I will be able to say. "Yes, I have all parents' Handbook signatures."

Keeping you in my prayers,

Miss Patricia Kirk

Principal

Happenings in SJS Classrooms

The First grade class took a field trip to the Westphalia Post Office to mail their letters that they wrote to their grandparents. Postmistress Angel explained how letters were stamped and then sent to the different places. She showed them the various types of stamps that people could purchase for their letter. They all had a great time.



SJS Student Artwork

After reading *Elmer, the Patchwork Elephant* the kindergarten students in Sister Claret's art class created their own patchwork and environment for Elmer.



St. Vincent De Paul Feast Day

As in the past we will celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent De Paul on Tuesday, September 27th. We are so fortunate to have all the necessary items that we need but there are families that do not have that.

To help the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry in Linn, each student needs to bring in the following items:

- Kindergarten – Diapers
- First Grade – Baby Wipes
- Second Grade – Toilet Paper
- Third Grade – Dish Soap
- Fourth Grade – Tooth Paste and Tooth Brush
- Fifth Grade – Laundry Soap
- Sixth Grade – Bar Soap
- Seventh Grade - Paper Towels
- Eighth Grade - Kleenex

Mrs. Kliethermes, Director of the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry in Linn is always so grateful for what we bring to the pantry. Thank you, parents, for making Stewardship come alive with your generosity to others. All items need to be at school by Monday, September 26th. We will bring them up as a part of our Offertory at Mass.

Scrip

Scrip will be on sale October 1st & 2nd , 15th & 16th

Profit to Date: \$11,216.00

Since May 1st we have sold \$ 381,281.00 worth of scrip.

We are ahead \$61.00 in profit.

Many thanks to all!

St. Joseph Annual Blood Drive

Thanks to all who gave blood or asked someone to participate in our blood drive. Our results are: 97 Total

Number of Donors

13 First Time Donors

99 Units Collected

297 Potential Number of Lives Saved

At our October First Thursday meeting we will have a drawing to see which activities will be chosen for the winners of the class competition. Will let you know in October. Again thanks for giving blood!

Fall Festival - Drive-Thru Only

Please put October 16th from 11 A.M. – 6 P.M. to drive-thru for a delicious German Pot Roast & Fresh Pork Sausage dinner. The worklist and a flyer have been posted on FACTS. A hard copy of the worklist and raffle tickets will be available soon. Please help us make this another great event for our parish. Any questions please contact Father Schrader/ Caleb & Stephanie Dake/ Brent & Jill Schulte / Logan & Alora Gentges / Brent & Meghan Gentges.

Fall Festival Pie and Bread Orders

If you would like to order your 2 pies and 2 loaves of bread, the cost will be \$25.00. Please make your check to St. Joseph Parish or cash in an envelope marked "pie order" and put it in the collection basket or give to Jennifer Oliver. Thanks.

No After Care - Wednesday, September 28th and Friday, September 30th

On Wednesday, Sept. 28th due to the Faculty and Staff training on Active Shooter there will be no After Care.

On Friday, September 30th there will be no After Care. Students should go home with their grandparent or arrangement for picking them up should be made.

Christmas Program

CHANGE in DATE

Due to the Latin Mass being on Sunday, we are not able to have the Christmas program this year as scheduled on the school calendar. Last night at the Home and School meeting I gave a date and some parents have informed me of work parties on the date I gave.

I know I will not be able to satisfy everyone but Mrs. Orscheln has made a survey for us to use to try to select a date for our Christmas program. The December 20th in my mind would be the best as we would have our Christmas parties the next day for the students. Please use the

Survey to make your choice. I inform you next week of the new date for “Wee Three Kings” performance.

[St. Joseph Christmas Program Survey](#)

Mr. Horvath is searching for all Christmas loving students! He will be holding tryouts during school hours on October 13th for this year’s upcoming Christmas pageant SPECTACULAR “Wee Three Kings” which will include the entire school students. Please encourage your child (boys and girls – all grades) to try out for a particular part in our pageant this year. Cast members will be expected to attend practices before and or after school as the pageant draws closer. All participating cast members will also be rewarded with a cast party sometime after the pageant. Mr. H is seeking a parent who is skilled in face painting. If you are able to help in this area please contact him. Many cast members are animals of manger scene and will be expected have a costume or use a costume loaned from school. Mr. Horvath is hoping to make this Christmas pageant the best ever at St. Joseph School.

In the Wednesday Folder

1. Fall Festival Flyer
2. Box-Top Information
3. Grandparents Forms