

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

Principal's News – January 3, 2024

Calendar Dates

Jan. 5 - Mass – Gr. 2
Blessing of Classrooms
Jan. 9 - Mass _ Gr. 1
Jan. 10 - End of Second Quarter
Jan. 12 – Mass – Kdg.
Jan. 15 - No School –Dr. Martin
Luther King Day
Jan. 16 - Mass – Gr. 7
Eighth Grade Retreat
Jan. 17 - Report Cards sent home
Jan. 19 – Mass - Gr. 8
Speech Meet in Linn
Jan. 23 – Mass – Gr. 6
Show Me Players for
Grades 4 & 5
Home & School Mtg.
6:30 pm
Jan. 26 – Mass – Gr. 5
Jan. 28 – CSW Mass 10 a.m.
Jan. 29 – Feb. 2 Catholic Schools
Week
Jan. 30 – Mass – Gr. 4
Feb. 2 – Mass – Gr. 3

St. Joseph's SAINTS:

Carter Fennewald for always holding the door open for Mrs. Holterman when coming into school. Jude Plassmeyer for asking a fellow classmate if she was okay when she fell going up the stairs.

Help Needed!

Mark your calendars for the Spring Chicken Dinner on March 10th, 2024. Our school receives all proceeds from this event. Currently, we are in need of someone to organize the raffle, including gathering raffle prizes, and another family to co-chair the event with us. If you are interested in either of these, please let me know at rlkliethermes@gmail.com

Dear SJS Parents,

Welcome to the new year of 2024! Many thanks to all the parents and students who gave a scrip card or a gift to me for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness means a lot to me and I am very grateful for your kindness! I was able to attend Mid-night Mass at my home parish in Illinois with Sister Claret and her family. I had not been there in seven years. I even got to talk with a couple of classmates that I had not seen in many years!

Friday, the Three Kings (from our Christmas program) will be blessing each of our classrooms. I am including the "Home Blessing" for you, too, to bless your home doorways.

The end of Second Quarter will be Wednesday, January 10th. Report cards will be coming home in the Wednesday Folders on January 17th.

In looking over the Parent Handbook there are two sections that were not printed in the new book. I have enclosed these two sections in the Wednesday Folder. Please put them with your Handbook. We will make sure they are in the printing of next year's Parent Handbook. The third section is a new policy that has been developed from the Superintendent of Catholic Schools and I have enclosed that new policy, too.

The faculty and I will be finalizing Catholic Schools Week activities for 2024 at our faculty meeting next week. Below is an outline of what themes will be for the week. More details will be in the Newsletter on January 17th.

Sunday, January 28th – 10 a.m. Mass
Monday, January 29th – Nation / Westphalia Community Appreciation
Tuesday, January 30th – Vocation Appreciation
Wednesday, January 31st – Trivia and Olympics
Thursday, February 1st - Student's Day / Faculty & Staff Appreciation
Friday, February 2nd – Mass, Breakfast and games with our parents.

Please mark Friday as a day that you will be able to come to Mass, have breakfast with your child(ren), play a game in the classroom with them, and then they will be able to go home with you.

Great news! \$910.00 was made on the Bake Sale before and after the Christmas program. WCU gave \$400.00 making our total \$1,310.00. Many thanks to Mrs. Jessie Stuckenschneider for heading this event. Thanks to all the parents for their bake goods!

Principal's News continued.....

No school on Monday, January 15th as it is Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. The Google calendar has been updated through May 2024.

The next Principal's newsletter will be January 17th

God's blessings,
Miss Kirk

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**St. Joseph School,
Westphalia**

St. Joseph Scrip Update.

Thank you for your support!

Scrip will be on sale:

January 6 & 7

January 20 & 21

Profit to date: \$20,272.00

Since May 1st we have sold \$651,107.00 worth of Scrip.

We are behind \$2,486.00 in profit from where we were last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program.

Megan Gentges

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 all the parents for the gifts they brought for our Christmas Parishioner Gift Project this year.

When they gifts were delivered the smiles and some tears in the eyes were signs of how much your giving meant to them.

You made an elderly parishioner of St. Joseph feel thought of and loved this past Christmas and I am sure God will bless you with His love and goodness to you for your giving.

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*