



# St. Joseph Catholic School

## February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

### Upcoming Events

#### 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
- Station of the Cross in church @ 6 pm

#### Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

- Stations of the Cross (Grade 8) @ 8 am
- Baby Chicks coming for Grades K & 3

#### Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>

- Mass (Kindergarten)

#### Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

- Life Runners @ 7:45 am
- Mass at Nursing Home @ 9:45

#### Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

- First Thursday Celebration @ 7:50 am
- Father Schrader visits Grades 7 & 8
- Bookmobile
- Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- Parent Meetings with Fr. Schrader and Miss Kirk @ 3-6 pm

#### Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Mass (Grade 8)
- SAINT Shirts Worn
- Confessions (Grade 4)
- Benediction @ 2:50 pm

#### Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

- Back in Black
- Scrip Sold

[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

#### The Four Pillars of Stewardship

Stewardship has been understood in different ways. For decades – worried about bottom lines and broken boilers- well intentioned parish leaders have defined stewardship as being about money and time, and how much of these things one can give.

That's a tough sell in our consumer culture, which asks for all of our paycheck and each minute of our calendar. What more is there to give? And who has time to sit in small groups, talking about squeezing blood from a stone?

The mantra of “giving our time, talent, and treasure” is incomplete. Time, talent, and treasure are important in a culture of stewardship, but they are not the defining pillars upon which a culture of stewardship rests. Giving our money or our time isn't necessarily stewardship. Sometimes it is generosity, and sometimes it is transactional.

Stewardship calls for recognizing and being grateful to the one from whom we receive these gifts – primary among them being our call to holiness through Jesus Christ. This, above all, is what we are called to express gratitude for, to cultivate and to share with others.

Our minds and bodies are important gifts, as are our common home, our families, and our communities. From these we are also stewards of the blessings we have through our recreation and occupations, which includes our time, talent, and treasure.

All of this rest upon four pillars of stewardship: hospitality, prayer, formation, and service.

(Taken from [The Four Pillars of Stewardship](#))

# Principal's Letter

Dear SJS Parents,

Yesterday our students had a great time in the gym celebrating Mardi Gras and playing challenging and fun games set up by our parents. Many thanks to all the mothers and to the grandpas and grandmas who helped make the morning such a fun event.

Just before dismissal students went to church for a prayer service to “bury” the Alleluia, a reminder that Lent begins today, Ash Wednesday.

Mid-Quarters are in today's Wednesday Folder. Please sign and return to your child's homeroom teacher.

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. 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

As of today we have 196 Rosaries said. Many thanks to all the parents who are reciting a rosary and naming a baby for that remembrance.

## Message from our School Nurse

Big thanks to the Osage County Health Department for helping in screening our students last week. The kids were polite and cooperative. Most of them had funny comments like; “Easiest test ever and I didn't even study” or “Wonder why I can hear that beep but not Mom when she tells me to brush my teeth?” The majority of our students “passed” the Sweep Test. A few kids have colds and ear infections; I will rescreen those students once they are feeling better. If a concern arises, I will contact you personally. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Sallin, RN

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# SJS Student Artwork

## Sixth Grade Tempera Paint Designs



## 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.

## Scrip

Scrip will be on sale March 4 - 5 and March 18 -19

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: \$26,045.00

Since May 1<sup>st</sup> we have sold \$857,107.00 worth of Scrip.

We are behind \$710.00 from where we were this time last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program.

Meghan Gentges