



St. Joseph Catholic School

November 30th, 2022

Upcoming Events

Wed., Nov. 30th

- Mid-Quarter Ends
- 5th Grade Junior Deputy Class

Thurs., Dec. 1st

- First Thursday Celebration
- Father Schrader Visits Grades 7 & 8

Fri., Dec. 2nd

- Mass (Grade 4)
- Confessions (Grade 6)
- Benediction @ 2:50 pm
- SAINT Shirts with Uniform Pants

Sat., Dec. 3rd & Sun., Dec. 4th - Scrip**Tues., Dec. 6th**

- Feast of St. Nicholas - Mass (Grade 3)
- Fifth Grade Sings at the Capitol

Wed., Dec. 7th

- Life Runners @ 7:45 am (Wear Life Runner Shirt)
- Mid-Quarters Sent Home

Thurs., Dec. 8th

- Holy Day of Obligation - Mass (Grade 2)
- Father Schrader Visits Grades 5 & 6

Fri., Dec. 9th

- Confessions (Grade 5)
- PJ Day with Hot Chocolate and Cookies

[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

Elements of the Stewardship Way of Life

- This is a WAY OF LIFE not a program... rooted in our Catholic faith!
- The emphasis on implementing this way of life is two-fold:
 - Teaching, preaching, enculturating the “spirituality of stewardship” in our parishes and all their ministries... especially schools!
 - The “nuts and bolts” of the model according to the 3-fold, biblically based tithing model of support.

(Taken from: The Nuts and Bolts of Stewardship: How Does Sacrificial Giving Work in the Stewardship Way of Life)

Principal's Letter

Dear SJS Parents,

Upon returning to classes after Thanksgiving break, the faculty, staff and students began their day with the blessing of their classroom Advent wreath. Each day during Advent we say the following prayer as we begin our day:

O Holy Child of Bethlehem

Come to us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and entry in, Be born to us today.

O Lord, may our preparation for Christmas Give you Glory.

May the Christmas Spirit of unselfishness and sharing be with us.

May the Spirit guide us to greater faith and surer trust in You.

May your love and peace be always among us.

Amen

Principal's Letter Continued

I have attached a website for Advent that I would like to share with you. ([Lighting the Way](#)) It has the Advent readings for Mass, thoughts on the readings, different Advent prayers, Advent songs, and Advent activities that you could do as a family. Hope it will make your Advent a special time before Christmas.

Thank you for the Christmas items that have been coming in for our parish people for Christmas. There are 36 items left. If you have not had a chance to view the items, the link for them is on FACTS. If you are having trouble getting to the link, please contact Mrs. Helton. Gifts are due to school December 12th. Again, thank you for your generosity with this project. Students will be wrapping the gifts and enjoying hot chocolate and cookies afterwards.

With Blessings,

Miss Patricia Kirk
Principal

Message from Our School Nurse, Mrs. Sallin

EVERFI Lessons

Don't forget to complete the first Everfi lesson before the end of December.

K-2: Compassion Project Lesson 1: What is compassion? (20 minutes)

3-5: Compassion Project Lesson 1: Compassion and Empathy (20 minutes)

6th Grade: Ignition Lesson 1: Connections and Community (20 minutes)

7th Grade: Character Playbook Lesson 1: Self-awareness (20 minutes)

8th Grade Honor Code/Action Matters Lesson 1: Relationships (10 minutes)

Registration codes are on the homeroom teacher newsletter and FACTS.

Having trouble setting up a student account, contact Mrs. Sallin

V. Sallin, RN

St. Joseph School - Westphalia

573-455-2339

Rosaries Said

Thank you for the number of Rosaries you have said so far. To this date we have prayed 106 Rosaries. Rosary Boxes are sent home each Wednesday and are to be returned by the following Tuesday. That way we can get them ready for the next family.

St. Joseph Can Drive

We received a check for \$570.00 for the Can Drive that we had. Congratulations and thank you for your support. This amount has been deposited into the Home and School Account.

Happenings in SJS Classrooms

The Fifth grade students were very attentive to Captain Travis Schaffer this morning in class.



SJS Student Artwork

The First Grade art version of their Tree Frog



After School Practices for Three Wee Kings

Wednesday, Nov. 30

After school practices for Lambs. Costume creation /blank white t-shirt required. Bag of cotton balls required. Students picked up at 4 P.M. Send Note to school.

Thursday, Dec. 1

All Cast – Students picked up at 4 P.M.
Send Note to school

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Sound Team – Students picked up at 4 P.M.
Send Note to school

Monday, Dec. 12

All Cast – Students picked up at 4 P.M.
Send Note to school

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Face painting practice (for painters to practice the designs)
Send Note to school

Thursday, Dec. 15

Sound Team – Students picked up at 4 P.M.
Send Note to school

Scrip

Scrip will be on sale every weekend until Christmas!

New: We now have \$500.00 Visa scrip cards available!

The contest is on! For every \$100 of scrip bought, you get your name in the drawing to win a \$25 scrip card!

Congratulations to Elaine Schulte. She was last week's winner.

Profit to Date: \$16,805.00

Since May 1st we've sold \$556,116.00 worth of Scrip.

We're behind \$371.00 in profit from where we were last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program!

Jill Schulte

Snow Routes

We sent home a couple of weeks ago in the Wednesday Folder a copy of the Osage County R-III 2022-2023 Approved Snow Routes

There have been some questions about snow routes. I have included it again.

Snow Routes Continued...

St. Joseph @Westphalia – (For **Snow Routes**): Before School Care will be offered to SJS Students. SJS Students that do not normally attend, there is a \$3.00 Drop-in Fee due that day. Before School Care hours 7:00 am – 7:30 am located in the Cafeteria.

LATE START OPTION

Osage County R-3 will continue the option of having a late start in case of inclement weather. This is for days when temperatures are very low in the morning, or there is snow in the area in the morning with a forecast of clearing out by mid-morning. *Regular Routes* will be run morning and evening. Buses will run approximately 2 hours later than normal in the morning, and regular time in the evening.

****St. Joseph School @ Westphalia** – (For **Late Start**): Before School Care will be offered to SJS Students. SJS Students that do not normally attend, there is a \$3.00 Drop-in Fee due that day. **Before School Care hours (for late start) will begin at 9:00 am located in the Cafeteria.**

Remember:

1. If Fatima, Osage R-III is closed St. Joseph is closed.
2. If Fatima, Osage R-III is on Snow Routes, St. Joseph is on Snow Routes.
Normal drop off time for Before Care – 7:00 a.m.
3. If Fatima, Osage R-III is on Late Start, St. Joseph is on Late Start
Drop off for Before Care will be at 9:00 a.m. Classes will begin at 9:30 a.m.
4. If Fatima, Osage R-III closes during the day because of snow or ice, St. Joseph will close, too.
You will get a text message from me as soon as I know we are closing.

(Please NOTE: I usually get the information from Fatima after they put their information out first. That is why some of you may know about it before the text comes from me. I do the text as soon as I get off the phone with Mr. Woody.)