



St. Joseph Ost Catholic Church

St. Joseph Catholic School



# ALUMNI & FRIENDS

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2025

*Ora et Labora*  
PRAY & WORK



*Christ*  
CENTERED  
EDUCATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE

## FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

May 2025

Dear St. Joe Alumni and Friends,

First, I thank you for your tremendous support for our parish and our school. It is your generosity of Time, Talent, and Treasure that allows us to function for the Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls! Because of your selfless gifts, we are able to continue the "Mission of Evangelization" envisioned by Bishop Gerber of providing Catholic Education for all students.

In the recent past, St. Joe Catholic School has received the following Diocesan Distinguished School Awards: in 2021, Full Formation; in 2023, Catholic Culture; in 2025, Academic Excellence.

**St. Joe Catholic School is Blessed by God!  
Christ Centered Educational Excellence!**

Yet, with these blessings comes challenges. We are challenged by the continued growth of our student body. Since the 2021-2022 school year (five years), we have grown 23%!

It is through your generosity that we are able to maintain a low student: teacher ratio. Please continue to help us to bring to fruition what God has begun!

In Nomine Christi,

Fr. B.X. Gorges



Another remarkable year has come to a close, filled with meaningful achievements and growth. As I sit on campus at the start of summer break, the stillness is both strange and comforting—a peaceful pause before the joyful clamor of school beginning again. This year, we proudly celebrated the graduation of 17 students, and we look forward to welcoming 25 new students in the fall. Our school is growing, and with that growth come the inevitable growing pains. That is why your support is more vital than ever. Your generosity and stewardship make everything we do possible. You help keep our school running and thriving, allowing us to grow and serve more students each year.

Thank you, sincerely, for your past support and for continuing to stand with us on this journey.

God Bless,

Betty (Helten) Seiwert-President



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May 28, 2025

Dear Alumni,

We are incredibly grateful for your generous support of St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost. Your contributions to our school have made a significant difference in the lives of our students and the overall success of our school community. We truly appreciate your willingness to share your time, talents, and resources with us.

We had a great 2024-2025 academic year. We were awarded the Diocesan School of Excellence in Academics during Catholic Schools Week. We were one of only two schools who were awarded this prestigious honor. We continue to grow in population and this growth has resulted in splitting Kindergarten and 1st Grade into two sections for the 2025-2026 school year, making our class sizes smaller. With this growth also comes challenges but because of your kindness and generosity, we are able to tackle these challenges.

We are committed to creating a supportive and nurturing environment where students can grow in faith and develop a strong foundation for living a life of purpose and service. It is because of your generous contributions that we are able to continue forming our students not only academically but, most importantly, spiritually.

In closing, thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost.

With a grateful heart,

Liz Charles



# 24-25 YEAR IN REVIEW



We're proud to announce that St. Joe was given the Academic Excellence Award during Catholic Schools Week!



## Class of 2025



20<sup>TH</sup> CLASS SINCE RE-OPENING AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN 2004-2005



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## St. Joseph, Ost

SAVE THE DATES



We have several events throughout the year to pray, build comradery and offer support. Please consider joining us!

For more information on upcoming events check out our website [sjost.com](http://sjost.com)

2  
July

**13th Annual Adoration Under the Stars**  
Church Cemetery - 8:45pm

8  
November

**St. Joseph Ost Dinner & Auction**  
Eck Family Fieldhouse (School Gym)  
Doors open at 5pm

26-27  
July

**St. Joe Ost Golf Classic**  
See below for details

1  
March

**German Dinner 2026**  
Eck Family Fieldhouse (School Gym)  
Drive Thru & Dine In from 11am - 5pm

28  
September

**St. Anne Altar Society Quilt Bingo**  
Eck Family Fieldhouse (School Gym)  
Doors open at 12:30pm

19  
October

**Holy Name Men's Society Turkey Shoot**  
Parish Hall - Doors open at 1pm

2  
November

**Blessing of the Graves**  
3pm - Chili Supper following in Parish Hall



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## GOLF FLYER



# ST. JOE OST GOLF CLASSIC



**July 26 & 27, 2025**

choose your date!

**Cherry Oaks Golf  
Course - Cheney, KS**  
**8 am start**

Price includes:  
green fees, lunch, beverages, prizes

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