



St. Joseph Ost Catholic Church

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St. Joseph Ost Bus Service

Admission

Bus service is available to students enrolled at St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost who live in Andale, Colwich, Garden Plain, and along 29th Street from 167th to St. Joe. *IF SEATING IS AVAILABLE*, the service will also be offered to families who reside on 21st street between 295th & 343rd, and those that reside along Maple Grove Road between 295th & 343rd.

Bus schedule

Andale families: Loading/Unloading will be located in the parking lot south of the church. Final times will be determined after online enrollment is complete. Estimated times are as follows: be in parking lot by 7:10 AM. The bus will leave no later than 7:15 AM. The bus will arrive back in Andale after school and ready for you to pick up at around 3:55 PM.

Colwich families: Loading/Unloading will be located in Sacred Heart Church's west parking lot. Final times will be determined after online enrollment is complete. Estimated times are as follows: be in parking lot by 7:05 AM. The bus will leave the parking lot at 7:10 AM. Following the school day, your children should be back in that same parking lot for you to pick up at around 4:00 PM.

Garden Plain families: Loading/Unloading will be located in the St. Anthony Church's west parking lot (behind the church). Final times will be determined after online enrollment is complete. Estimated times are as follows: be in parking lot by 6:45 AM. The bus will leave the parking lot at 6:50 AM. Following the school day, your children should be back in that same parking lot for you to pick up at around 3:50 PM.

29th Street families: If you sign up for this service, pick up/drop off will be at your driveway. Times will be finalized after online enrollment is complete and will be communicated with parents.

21st Street families (between 295th and 343rd): If you sign up for this service, pick up/drop off will be at your driveway. Times will be finalized after online enrollment is complete and will be communicated with parents.

Maple Grove Road families: If you sign up for this service, pick up/drop off will be at your driveway. Times will be finalized after online enrollment is complete and will be communicated with parents.

**The bus should arrive at St. Joe Ost by 7:40 AM in time for our school start time of 7:45 AM. School dismissal is at 3:30 PM and the bus departs the school parking lot at 3:40 PM.*

**The State of Kansas does not allow us to back out of a driveway and turn around. If your home is directly on our bus route, we will pick up your children at your driveway. However, we do not have the flexibility to wait on students and cannot block traffic. The bus driver will not be able to wait on students! Students should be ready to board when the bus arrives at the communicated time.*

Preschool students are invited to ride the bus, but please note that we do not provide mid-day transportation. AM students can ride the bus to preschool, but will need to be picked up at 11:00 by parents. PM students may ride the bus home from preschool, but will continue to need parents to provide transportation to school at 12:30.

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Fees

\$500 per family per year for tags/taxes, insurance, maintenance on the bus, driver's wages, and fuel. Families are welcome to pay in full at time of registering or can pay half at registration in August, and the remaining half in January. For families with only preschool students, the fee is \$250 per family per year.

Guest Riders

Unregistered students are welcome to utilize this service for a small "visitors" fee. These are the requirements for guest riders:

- For consistency and your child's safety, if your child needs to ride the bus, you must notify the school office.
- We will charge \$5 per day per family for the transportation service. The fee is payable to the school office as soon as possible before or after your child has utilized the service. We will not be invoicing for this service.
- A punch card may be purchased for \$25 for 5 family rides. This can be purchased from the school office.

As a reminder for all parents of bus riders, if your plans change, please be sure to let the school office know! Communication regarding your children's afterschool plans is essential in ensuring their safety!

Conduct

The following bus rules will be observed at all times:

1. Obey the driver
2. Observe classroom conduct
3. Keep voices at an inside level
4. Be courteous: no profane language
5. Do not eat or drink on bus
6. Nothing in the aisle (feet, coat, book bag, etc.)
7. Keep the bus clean
8. NO throwing anything inside the bus, or out the windows
9. Do not damage the bus or equipment
10. Remain seated, with your feet on the floor, while the bus is moving
11. Keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus
12. No fighting, pushing, shoving or horseplay
13. No items from home (including toys, trinkets, cell phones, etc.) are allowed to be used on the bus. Students may bring a book to read during transportation.
14. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats
15. Be courteous and do your part to ensure everyone has a safe bus ride

Consequences for not following bus rules:

1. 1st offense - verbal warning given (and documented);
2. 2nd offense - written warning given and it will need to be signed by a parent and returned to the bus driver; Mrs. Charles will be informed of the offense.
3. 3rd offense - parents will be notified that the student will no longer be able to ride the bus until a meeting is held with Fr. Bernie, Mrs. Charles, at least one parent, the student involved, and the driver, to discuss the issue and determine whether or not the family will need to make other transportation arrangements for the child.

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