



January 23, 2025

Coming Up:

- Jan. 26th-Jan. 31st: Catholic School's Week
- Jan. 27th: Adoration led by 6th-8th Graders @6:30pm
- Jan. 27th: State of the Parish Meeting @7pm
- Jan 28th: 7/8th Grade Religion Bowl
- Jan. 29th: 8th Grade March for Life (Topeka)



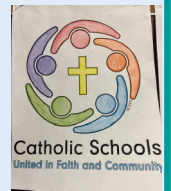
- ST. JOSEPH OST -
CRUSADERS

Crusader Connection Bullets

Catholic Schools Week is NEXT WEEK!

January 26th - January 31st

Please see the detailed schedule attached, but a few reminders



- **Monday, Jan. 27th—State of the Parish Meeting at 7:00PM.** School information will be shared as well. All parents and parishioners are invited and encouraged to join us in the Church at 6:30PM as the Middle School Choir kicks off Catholic Schools Week by leading us in Adoration.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 28th— CSW special Mass with our supporting parish pastors at 10:30AM.** Parents are invited to join us! (There will not be an 8:00AM Mass that day.)
- **Thursday, Jan. 30th—Guests are welcome to join us for the 8:00AM Mass, followed by a special Adoration with the burning bush in the Eck Family Fieldhouse.** Our middle school choir will be leading us in songs of praise and worship.
- **Friday, Jan. 31st— VIP Cookies, Coffee, and Water.** Students are encouraged to invite a VIP in their lives to join us for cookies, coffee, and water at 12:30 in the Eck Family Fieldhouse. Parents and guests are encouraged to join us for our Talent Show beginning at 1:00PM. See attached flyer for more information.
- **Hygiene Drive—During CSW we will be collecting hygiene items to be donated to Simple Hygiene.** They are in specific need of body wash, conditioner, men's deodorant, shampoo and toilet paper but will take any and all hygiene items. Items can be brought to the school office beginning Friday, Jan. 24th-Friday, Jan. 31st. Thank you!!

State of the Parish Meeting: On Monday, January 27th, Father Bernie will be holding a State of the Parish meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:00PM. School information will be shared as well. If you are a St. Joseph, Ost Parishioner and have a child in the school, at least one parent should attend this meeting. Parishioners without school children and parents of students from feeder parishes are welcome and invited to attend! Pre-Enrollment Packets for the 2025-26 school year will be distributed at this meeting.

Prior to the State of the Parish Meeting please join us in the Church where our 6th-8th grade students will lead us in a special Adoration with music. This will begin at 6:30pm.

BLESSED BE GOD



Join our community in celebrating Catholic Schools Week at a special adoration with music led by the 6-8th grade students of St. Joe!



Monday January 27th
6:30-7 pm
St. Joseph Ost Catholic Church



Christ is the eternal prophet, priest and king. As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we commit ourselves to carry on His mission of teaching, sanctifying and governing the People of God.

Prayer Request: Father Bernie, Mrs. Kremer, Mrs. Charles, and several parents will be headed to Topeka with our 8th graders to March for Life at our state's capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 29th. Please join us in praying for them, the safety of their pilgrimage, and the pro-life mission...

Father God, our Creator, all life is in your hands, from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege we have in sharing in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless and protect all of the pilgrims who are traveling to our nation's capital to defend life; may they transform the hearts of those who fail to love as you love. Amen.

Reminder! Parent/Teacher Conferences are Required for all Third Grade Parents: Due to new state legislation, Parent/Teacher Conferences for all 3rd graders must take place during both the fall and spring. Additionally, for all other grades, with the exception of PK, spring conferences may be either parent or teacher initiated. We have Thursday, Feb. 13th reserved for conferences. PK students will meet with Ms. Bauman either Thursday, Feb. 13th or Friday, Feb. 14th. More information will be coming soon.

Andale Knights of Columbus: The Andale Knights of Columbus will be hosting a local Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 26th at 1PM in the Andale Middle School Gymnasium (AKA, Gym B). Ages 14 and under will be allowed to compete. Ages 8 and under will shoot on 8.5' goals at various distances depending on their age. Ages 9-14 will shoot on 10' goals. Ages 12-14 will shoot from the regulation distance of 15', while ages 9-11 will shoot from 12'. Finally, boys, ages 12-14, will use a men's regulation-size basketball.

Registration and warmup for the event will start at Noon. Trophies will go to the winners and medals to 2nd and 3rd place participants in each age group. Ages 9-14 are competing for a chance to move on to the District competition to be held in February.

Google Workspace for Education Permission: If you have not done so already, please complete the google form Mrs. Spexarth sent via email in early January in regards to acquiring permission for the continuation of using Google Workspace for Education. We need one form completed from every family please. Thank you!!

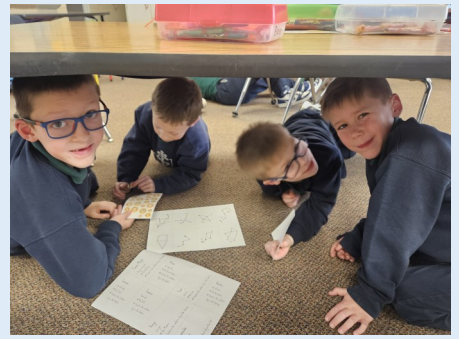
St. Katharine Drexel Walk in Sister's Shoes Campaign (WISS): The Walk in Sister's Shoes campaign is a Diocesan-wide fundraiser that encourages financial support from our own Catholic school community to help other local children receive a quality Catholic education. Across the Diocese, WISS will kick off on January 7th, 2025. We plan to continue our successful school-wide fundraising efforts from years past by offering "Two for \$2 Tuesdays!" Therefore, beginning Tuesday, January 7th and running through March 1st, students will have two options for spirit dress each Tuesday (with the exception of Jan. 28th). They may wear jeans and a St. Joe spirit shirt to school for a \$1 donation to the St. Katharine Drexel Fund, or they may donate \$2 to be a little cozier in their sweat pants and St. Joe shirts!

Be Watchful and Careful: Just a reminder that we have both student walkers- and also children who are dropped off/picked up near the church- crossing the drive just west of the church. Please be extra vigilant in watching out for kiddos who are crossing the narrow drive between the church and the preschool/SPED building in the mornings/afternoons. Thank you!

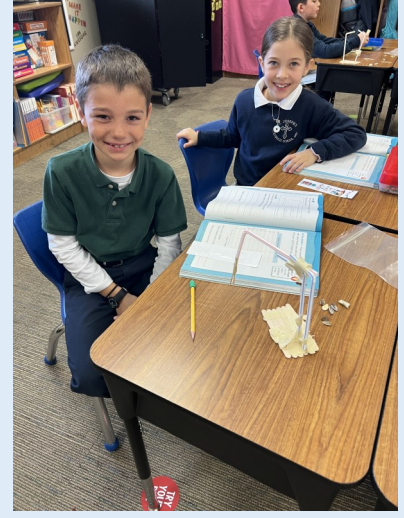
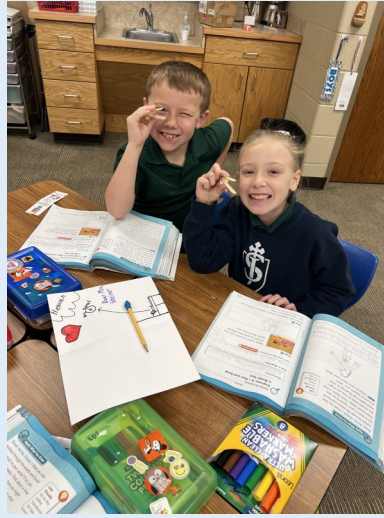
Bishop Carroll Pancake Feed: Join Bishop Carroll for the 27th annual Pancake Feed, which benefits student activities and the school's general needs. Enjoy fellowship and an all-you-can-eat breakfast to gear up for the Super Bowl! Adults: \$7, Kids (2-12): \$5, Family: \$25 (immediate family only). This breakfast will take place on Sunday, February 9, 7:30 am-1:00 pm, at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. Enter through door 13.

Lolek, Catholic Theatre Company: You're invited to support the youth of Lolek Theatre Company by bringing a team to Trivia Night on Saturday, February 8th at 7pm at Newman University Dugan-Gorges Conference Center. Get tickets at lolekwichita.com or feel free to scan the QR code which will take you straight to the website.





1st graders creating constellations under their desks!



2nd graders picking up seeds with objects they created!



Soccer fun in P. E.