



Coming Up:

Jan. 30th-Adoration (Burning Bush) following 8am Mass

Jan. 31st-VIP Cookie Reception/Talent Show

Feb. 5th-Bishop Carroll Musical (7th/8th)

Feb. 7th-Spirit Day- Favorite Super Bowl team shirt & jeans



- ST. JOSEPH OST -
CRUSADERS

January 30, 2025

Crusader Connection Bullets

Catholic Schools Week: We've been having an amazing week celebrating our awesome catholic school! On Tuesday, our daily Mass was con-celebrated by a few of our supporting pastors, Msgr. Ivan Eck, Fr. Jim Weldon, Fr. Brian Nelson, and Fr. McKinney. Also joining us for Mass were Mrs. Janet Eaton, superintendent of the Diocese of Wichita Catholic Schools, and Mrs. Kristin Schmitz, assistant superintendent, who presented two special awards at the conclusion of Mass. Mr. Kelby Schawe, our 5th grade teacher, was awarded the St. John Neumann Award! This award is presented to a full-time teacher outside of Sedgwick County who has taught at least 5 years, 3 in the current school and who's students have demonstrated excellence in academics. Congrats Mr. Schawe!

In addition to Mr. Schawe's award, St. Joe, Ost was presented the 2025 Diocesan award for Academic Excellence! This award is presented to schools who exceed high academic achievements!



Just a reminder these are the activities going on tomorrow to finish our fantastic CSW:

- **Friday, Jan. 31st- VIP Cookies, Coffee, and Water.** We are excited to welcome all of the VIP's for a cookie reception in the Eck Family Fieldhouse (school gym) beginning at 12:30. Following the cookie reception, all are welcome to stay for the Talent Show at 1:00, put on by our amazingly talented students!
- **Hygiene Drive—Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 31st** will be the last day to collect 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. Thank you!!

Thank you so much for your help: The students and staff had a fantastic time celebrating our Catholic faith and school this week! A special thanks to the Catholic Schools Week Committee members for volunteering their time to help make our week long celebration possible. A very special thanks to Amanda Casper and Katie Gorges for co-chairing the committee. It was a lot of work and these ladies, along with the entire committee, are greatly appreciated!!



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.

German Dinner Work Shifts: The German Dinner is just a few weeks away and the committee has been working hard to make it another fantastic fundraiser for our school! Pulling off the sit down dinner, drive thru, and to-go orders is a massive undertaking and requires the help of everyone! Many parents and parishioners have committed to not only setting up for the event on Friday, but also prepping all day on Saturday, and working all day on Sunday...we are certainly blessed with such dedicated parents and supporters of our school! **Given that every K-8 student benefits from the fundraiser, as a reminder, all K-8 parents- both mom and dad- in addition to our middle school students and our staff, are expected to work at least one 2.75 hour shift on Sunday, March 2nd. Parents should use this link to sign up both themselves and their middle school student(s). If you are unable to work on Sunday, March 2nd, Fr. Bernie has asked that you please reach out to him and make him aware of your family's circumstance.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45ABAC2FABFBCE9-54472249-german>

Basket Raffle Tickets: Keep selling those tickets! If you are needing more, please the school office. All tickets and money are due back to the school office by Friday, February 28th.

Scholar's Bowl: Our 7th and 8th grade Scholar's Bowl Teams will have their final competition on Tuesday, Feb. 11th. We wish them well as they travel to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for this competition. A huge thank you to Mr. Schawe for coaching these two teams and giving us his time and talent!

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. Mrs. Fairchild will be sending out a sign up for all 3rd grade parents to select a time that works best with your schedule. 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. If you, as parents, are wanting to initiate a conference please reach out to your classroom teacher(s).

St. Katharine Drexel Walk in Sister's Shoes Campaign (WISS): Just a reminder that the 2 for \$2 Tuesdays will run through March 1st. Students 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!

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.



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.

Dental Checks: February is National Dental Health Month! Dr. Lashley will be providing visual dental checks on Wednesday, March 5th. If you provided permission for health and dental checks during final enrollment last July, your child will be included in the dental screening.

2025-2026 Kindergartners: Please save the date for the Dial 4 Kindergarten Screening on Friday, March 28th... more information to come!

Dillon's Reward Program: We have 88 households who are utilizing the Dillon's Reward Program and these 88 households have raised \$397.83 between the Oct. 1st-Dec. 31st. This money goes straight back to St. Joe, Ost Catholic School. If you would like more information on how to become part of this program, please see attached flyer. Thank you!!

Super Bowl Spirit Day! Next Friday, February 7th, our spirit day will be a "Favorite Super Bowl Team" spirit day. Students may wear either Chiefs or Eagles shirt and jeans, or their St. Joe spirit shirts and jeans.



Just a few pics of CSW. More to come!!



Spelling bee participants and our overall winner



Just a few pics of CSW. More to come next week!!



All snuggled up for our all school "Read-In"



Mass and lunch with our supporting parish's pastors



Celebrated Kansas Day by playing "Pioneer Games"

