



Coming Up:

- Feb. 28th- 1:00pm Dismissal
- Mar. 2nd- German Dinner
- Mar. 3rd- No School
- Mar. 5th- Track Practice Begins: Parent Mtg 5:30 in the gym
- Mar. 5th- Dental Checks
- Mar. 5th- Ash Wednesday



- ST. JOSEPH OST -
CRUSADERS

February 27, 2025

Crusader Connection Bullets

Pies for German Dinner: Just a reminder that a minimum of three pies per family are required for the German Dinner. Pies can be delivered and stored an hour prior to the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, March 1st or following the Sunday Mass on March 2nd until the start of the dinner at 11:00am. Pies can also be delivered on Sunday, March 2nd to the concession stand located by the northwest gym doors at any time throughout the dinner but are preferred prior to 11:00am. Thank you!!

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

This Friday, February 28th: In beginning preparations for the dinner, K-8 students will dismiss at 1:00 this Friday, February 28th. There will be no afternoon preschool class and Extended Day *will not* be available. The St. Joe bus will run its normal route following the 1:00pm dismissal.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MARCH 3rd!!

Class Pictures: Kayla Tate will be taking K-8 class pictures Wednesday, March 12th in the Church. Students need to wear their school uniforms for picture day. Information about viewing the portraits and ordering will be emailed after March 12th.

Knights of Columbus Vocations Poster Contest: This year marks the 52nd year for the State Vocations Poster Contest and this year's theme is "Fuel Your Passion for Christ." The contest is open to students in grades 1st-8th. Categories are judged in five different grade levels; 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, 7th/8th, and Special Education. Criteria is as follows:

Must be drawn on Vertical (up & down) 11x14 poster paper (use only the paper provided).

Must be free hand drawn—using crayons, markers, watercolor.

The theme and title of your poster "Fuel Your Passion for Christ" must be written on the front.

Information on the back (in one of the top corners) needs to include:

Student's Name

Grade: _____

St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost

Council #2217

District #35

Diocese of Wichita

All posters due back to the school office no later than Thursday, March 6th!



First Reconciliation: Our 2nd graders are busy preparing for their First Reconciliation on Sunday, March 16th. Please keep them in your prayers!



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.

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!

Pre-Enrollment Update: We've received the vast majority of pre-enrollment forms...thank you so much, parents! If you have not turned in your pre-enrollment forms yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Andale Youth Sports Track and Field: Andale Youth Sports Track and Field registration is OPEN! Registration is available for PreK-6th grade athletes using the link below. Check out the attached flyer for more information and practice times. Registration ends Feb. 28th. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Dunbar or Stephanie Spexarth at andaleyouthtrack@gmail.com!

Register here: <https://www.andaleyouthsports.com/registration>

State Assessment Testing Schedule: State Assessments are quickly approaching! Below you will find the testing schedule for ELA (English Lang. Arts), Math, and Science. Please be mindful of the dates when planning dr. appointments, trips, etc. Thank you!!

April 1st-2nd: 3rd-5th ELA and 6th-8th ELA

April 8th-9th: 5th and 8th Science

April 15th-16th: 3rd-5th Math

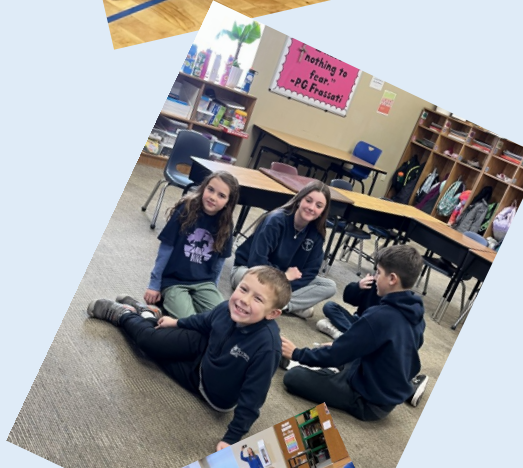
April 22nd-23rd: 6th-8th Math

Track 2025: Our track season is right around the corner. Practices will start Wednesday, March 5th after school from 3:30-5:30 p.m. All 6th-8th graders are welcome to come check it out the first week of practice. There is a parent meeting at 5:30 p.m. after the first practice on Wednesday, March 5th. Please try to attend this meeting if your middle school student(s) is going out for track. Jayden Seiwert, Sami Fairchild, Matt Sauber, & Cyndi Weber will be coaching the team again this season. They would love to have additional help. If anyone is interested in helping coach these awesome kiddos, please let Mrs. Spexarth or Jayden Seiwert know! His email is jaydenseiwert02@gmail.com. Jayden will be sending an email to all middle school parents sometime in the next week or so. Please be on the lookout for that email that will contain more information about what to expect for the season.

Hygiene Drive: WOW!!! The Hygiene Drive for Simply Hygiene was a HUGE success! Because of your generosity we were able to provide 691 hygiene essentials that will help those in need in our community. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

Lunch Balances: This is a friendly reminder to please check your child(ren)s lunch balance on PowerSchool at least once a month. The responsibility of keeping track of your child(ren)s lunch balance and ensuring there are funds available falls on you as the parents. The only time you will receive communication in regards to lunch balances is if they are negative. We are a pre-pay program, so we require that your child has funds available ahead of their purchases. If you need any guidance on how to check your balance(s), please refer to our school website by going to the "Registration" tab and clicking on "Lunch Documents". If you have any questions or concerns in regards to lunch balances, please contact Sarah Olsen at solsen@sjost.com. Thank you for your cooperation!

2025 Summer Baseball Signup: Please see attached flyer for details regarding Garden Plain Summer Baseball Sign ups.



Crusader Crews were a BIG hit!!

Our halls are filled with some creative artwork.





Congratulations to our 2nd graders who received their First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Parish in Colwich on Saturday, Feb. 23rd.



Enjoying the newspaper!



Congratulations to our boys basketball teams!! Our 6th grade team took 2nd in the post season tournament and our 8th grade team made it to the semi-finals. We are so proud of how these players represented St. Joe, Ost!!