



CRUSADER CONNECTION



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 28: Kindergarten Screening
- April 5: CSAL Track Meet
- April 9: 5th & 6th Battle of the Books @ St. Joe Ost
- April 11: Spirit Day
- April 12: CSAL Track Meet
- April 12: Confirmation @ Cathedral 10am

LENTEN REFLECTION

As we continue through this Lenten season, the St. Joe staff is praying for both students and their families. Let this Lent be a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, meant to expand our knowledge on the faith and lead us to grow into closer relationship with our Lord.

Prayer for strength and perseverance this Lenten season: "Ask Jesus for an increase in strength and perseverance in resisting temptation, and in following God's will for you".



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Order Your Child's Class Picture:** Using the link below you have the option to purchase either a print or digital version of your child's class picture. The ordering will remain open until April 6, 2025. The class pictures will be delivered to the school office and the office will distribute them to the students.
 - Click [here](#) to view and order class pictures
- **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

- **KofC Vocations Poster:** Our students did a wonderful job again this year participating in the Andale Knights of Columbus Council #2217 Vocations Poster Contest. The posters will be on display at the Mission Breakfast this Sunday after 9:00 am Mass in our parish hall. The following are the results:

Grade 1 & 2

1st place: Faustina Kuffler
2nd place: Lucas Maus
3rd place: Samantha Gorges

Grade 3 & 4

1st place: Ellie Giefer
2nd place: Paul Werth
3rd place: Grace Linnebur

Grade 5 & 6

1st place: Noah Berning
2nd place: Jacob Dugan
3rd place: McKenna Gorges

Grade 7 & 8

1st place: Leah Linnebur
2nd place: Elliott Tate
3rd place: LilyAnn Gorges

- **Easter Parties:** Easter parties will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd at 2:30. (Preschool will hold their class parties on April 22nd and April 23rd during their normal class times.) We are looking for volunteers to sign up to be a classroom coordinator (one per class) for the Easter parties. What's expected of the classroom coordinator? Typically, the coordinator decides on one or two activities, crafts, or games for the students to partake in during the party. Then, he/she reaches out to the other parents in the class, via email or creates a Sign Up Genius, requesting materials for the activity, plus one sweet snack, one non-sweet snack, plates, and napkins. We do request, that if at all possible, the classroom coordinator, or another classroom volunteer, be at the party to run the activities/games/crafts and assist with distributing the snacks, especially for the younger grades.
 - Please click the link below to sign up as the Easter Party Classroom Coordinator. Thank you!
 - [Sign up Genius - Classroom Coordinator](#)
 - Mrs. Bauman will be sending out a separate sign up genius for the Preschool parties.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bus Driver Needed Fall of 2025:** Mrs. Brenda Depenbusch has made the difficult decision to retire at the end of this current school year. We thank Mrs. Depenbusch for her many years of service to St. Joe, Ost. She has been a huge attribute to the success of our school! She will be greatly missed. With that being said, we are currently looking for her replacement. This person must have a CDL with passenger and air breaks endorsements. If you, or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Mrs. Charles at lcharles@sjost.com or (316)444-2548. Please spread the word! Thank you!
- **Children's Annual Mission Breakfast:** Please join us for the Children's Annual Mission Breakfast March 30th after the 9 am mass. The mission breakfast surfaced in the mid 80s when Sr. Georgiana Heimerman began having 7th and 8th grade students prepare and serve breakfast for the parish. Egg casserole will be served, and the breakfast is free will donation.
- **Battle of the Books:** St. Joe, Ost is hosting Battle of the Books on Wednesday, April 9th. In order for us to prepare the spaces that we will need to use for the competitions, we will be dismissing school at 3:00pm Wednesday, April 9th and Extended Day will NOT be available. Thank you!
- **2025-2026 Kindergartners:** The Dial 4 Kindergarten Screening will be Friday, March 28th. Thank you for signing up for a time that works with your schedule. We look forward to seeing our incoming class of kindergartners!

RISE & SHINE! IT'S THE

Mission Breakfast

PROCEEDS GO TO

St. Anthony Family Shelter

MARCH 30 • 10 AM (FOLLOWING 9 AM MASS)

PARISH HALL

QUESTIONS?
JENNIFER SIMON
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SCHOOL BUS

BUS DRIVER NEEDED

STARTING FALL 2025

Must have a CDL with passenger and air breaks endorsements

If interested, please contact Mrs. Charles at lcharles@sjost.com or (316)444-2548

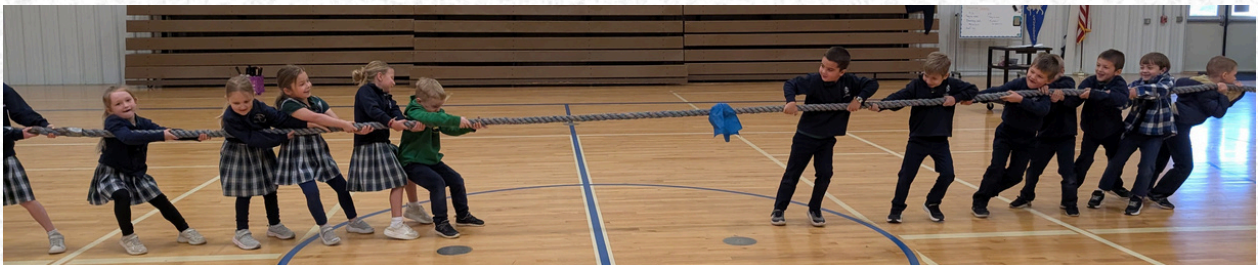


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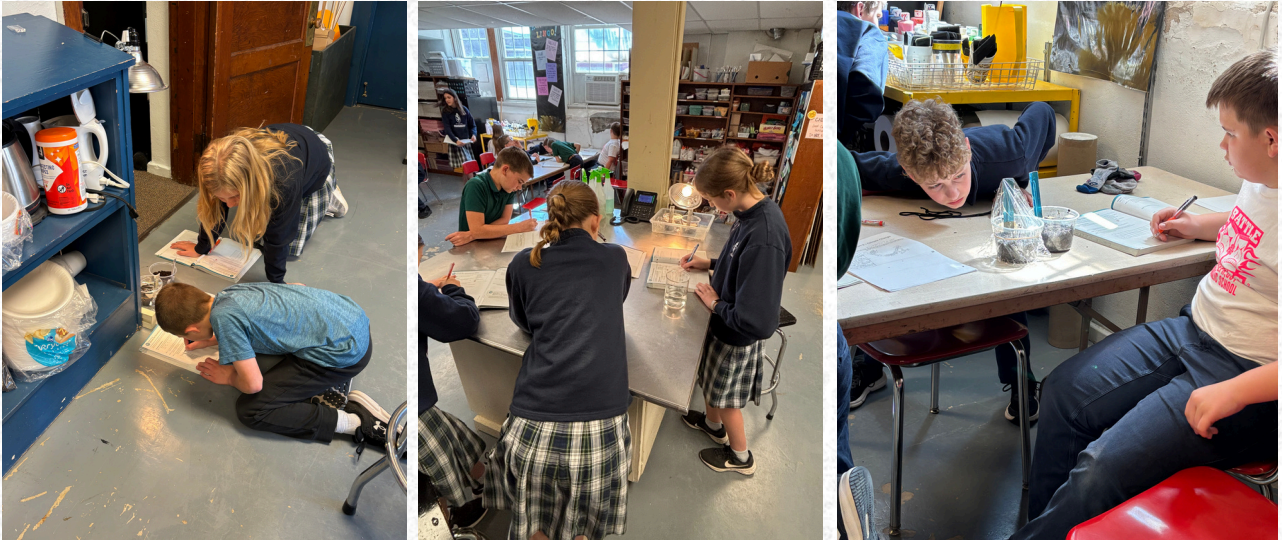
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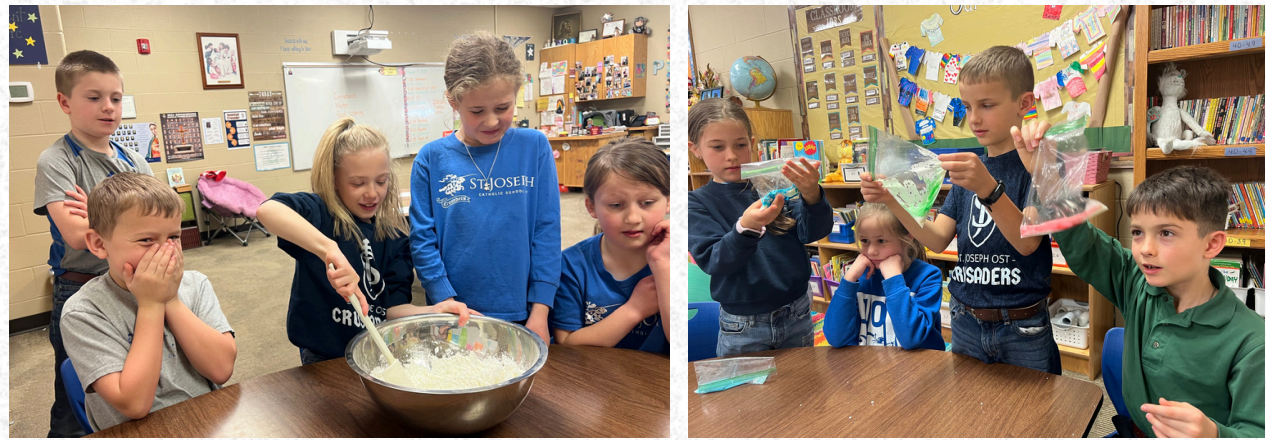
2nd Graders First Reconciliation: On March 16, our second graders were given grace through the sacrament of their First Reconciliation. The students have been preparing for this sacrament, and did a great job! Please keep them in your prayers as they continue with preparation for receiving First Holy Communion on April 27th.



Tug of war with Principal Charles



6th grade investigates the greenhouse effect in science



The students made their own oobleck