



CRUSADER CONNECTION



WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR: We love seeing all of the familiar faces and it's a joy to welcome the new ones! This year, we have 224 Crusaders joining us; 36 preschoolers and 188 students in grades K-8....how exciting!



UPCOMING AT ST. JOE

August 28: Middle School Parent Meeting @ 7pm in the Parish Hall

August 29: NO SCHOOL

September 1-2: NO SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Theme for the School Year: Our staff chose to focus on Venerable Emil Kapaun this year with our theme being, **“Pray hard, receive the sacraments, and be a good example.”**

Additional Helpings Opportunity: Students in grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to purchase additional helpings, if available, at an additional cost of \$1.00. (Students must finish all of their first helpings in order to get additional helpings). The additional charge will be assessed on the student’s lunch account on PowerSchool. Regardless of the number of times they go back for more helpings, the cost is a one time charge. Priority for additional helpings will rotate by grade on a weekly basis. If you do NOT wish for your student to have additional helpings, please have that conversation with your student. We will not be responsible for monitoring who has permission to partake in this opportunity. Parents will be responsible for all charges added to their students’ accounts. This additional charge will be assessed regardless of a student’s lunch status (i.e. free/reduced/full pay).

Middle School Parent Meeting Reminder: There will be a Middle School Parent Meeting Thursday, Aug. 28th from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Hall. At least one parent of middle school students should plan to attend.

Uniform Shorts: Just a friendly reminder, especially on these hot days, that students may wear navy blue uniform shorts to school during the months of August, September, and May. A belt is required for students in 1st-8th grades.

Remind App: If you are new to our school family you should have received an email with an invitation to accept the Remind App’s “Parent” and/or “Bus” Group. This app is used by Mrs. Charles to notify parents of sudden changes to the school day, usually due to inclement weather. The notification comes in the form of a text message through the Remind App. If your children ride one of the St. Joseph buses, you will also be in the bus group to ensure that you receive notifications related to bus transportation issues or changes. If you are an existing family you may need to rejoin the group that was created last school year. Please be sure to email or call Mrs. Charles (lcharles@sjost.com) if you have any issues.

Bus Loading and Unloading: With two buses this school year we are asking that you do NOT use the west gravel parking lot for loading or unloading your children if you are bringing them to school or picking them up. A huge number of students are bus riders and we want to ensure their safety as they are loading and unloading the buses. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all students safe.

Uniform vs Spirit Wear: We would like to clarify the difference between uniform wear vs spirit wear. Uniform wear can be a navy blue crew neck or navy blue quarter zip but MUST have the logo embroidered on the left shoulder. Spirit wear is anything that has the logo screen printed on it. Please let Mrs. Charles know if you have any questions regarding the difference.

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Peanut Free Campus: With several new families, we thought it might be a good idea to reiterate that we are a peanut free campus. Please avoid sending items to school for birthday parties, class parties, et. that contain peanuts. With this being said, if you send your child to school with a lunch from home, we do have a peanut table in the lunchroom that your child may sit at during lunch. We have several kids who have a peanut allergy and we want to ensure the safety of all our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bierock Baking: The first bierock bake of the year is on August 30. We are accepting orders for bierocks currently, and they will be available for sale on August 30 as well. There is also the opportunity for students to earn JCYM points at all bierock bakes. Parents and students can be signed up to volunteer, using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45ABAC2FABFBCE9-57552786-bierock>

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Gorges at (316)215-2848!



Prayer for the

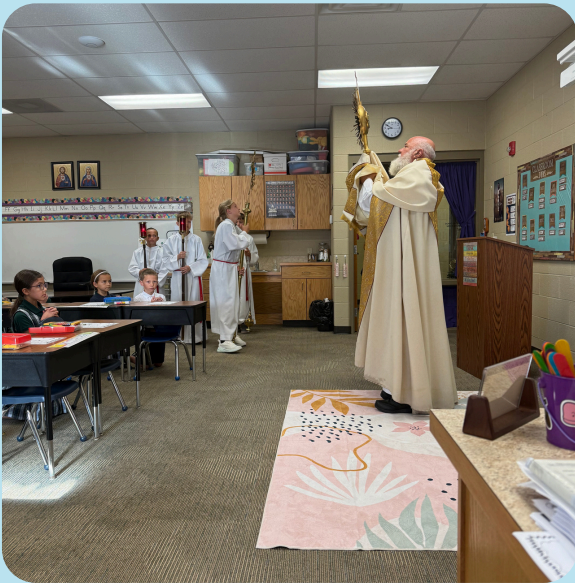
INTERCESSION OF FATHER KAPAUN

FATHER EMIL KAPAUN GAVE GLORY TO GOD BY FOLLOWING HIS CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND THUS SERVING THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS AND THOSE IN THE MILITARY. FATHER KAPAUN, I ASK YOUR INTERCESSION NOT ONLY FOR THESE NEEDS WHICH I MENTION NOW . . . BUT THAT I TOO MAY FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE OF SERVICE TO GOD AND MY NEIGHBOR. FOR THE GIFTS OF COURAGE IN BATTLE AND PERSEVERANCE OF FAITH, WE GIVE YOU THANKS O LORD.



ACTIVITIES

from this week



Blessing of the Classrooms



Music on the lawn



Crusader crews getting to know each other and making posters

