



CRUSADER CONNECTION



UPCOMING AT ST. JOE

- October 10: Spirit Day
- October 16: 6th-8th WSU Future Maker Lab
- October 17: No School - Teacher Work Day
- October 19: St Joe Turkey Shoot @ 1pm

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service Hours Due: The first quarter of the school year ends tomorrow, **October 10**. Service hours are due this week, and should be turned into homeroom teachers for credit.

End of Q1: Please be on the lookout for Q1 grade cards after **Oct. 15th**. You'll receive an email from St. Joseph Catholic School with your child's grade card attached in pdf format. The document will be password protected and the password will be in the body of the email you receive. Please note that the document will expire after 7 days. If you need it after the 7 days, please contact Mrs. Spexarth or Mrs. Osborn for assistance.

Trunk or Treat: Trunk or Treat is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 25th** from 5:00pm-7:00pm. We would LOVE to have our gravel parking lot full of trunks so if you are interested in providing a trunk to hand out candy please contact Alice Gorges. Her email is: alicegorges@gmail.com Thank you!!!

Fall Parties: Fall parties will be held on **Thursday, Oct. 30th** at 2:15. (Preschool will hold their class parties on **Oct. 29** and **30** during their normal class times.) We are still in need of a volunteer to coordinate the Fall party for 1st grade (Miss Kenneday) and 2nd grade.

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 Fall Party Classroom Coordinator. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA4DA4A82BABFAC34-59100611-fall>

Costumes: Preschool students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school on the day of their Fall parties. (The MWF classes will be holding their parties on **Wednesday, Oct. 29th** and the Tu/Th classes will have their parties on **Thursday, Oct. 30th**.) Students in Kindergarten- 5th grade are welcome to wear saint costumes to school on **Thursday, Oct. 30th**. This is an optional activity and not an obligation. Students not in saint costumes should be in their school uniform.

Chick-fil-A Results: We had a fantastic turn out and stellar results for our first Chick-fil-A Spirit Night of the 2025-2026 school year! Thanks to your participation, our school earned \$592.74 to apply towards our Academic Fund. This fund covers the cost for class field trips, entry fees for Battle of the Books, Religion Bowl, Scholar's Bowl, etc. Please mark your calendars for our next spirit night on **Tuesday, Dec. 2nd!**

Clergy Conference: The Clergy Conference is **Oct. 20th-24th**. Please pray for Fr. Bernie and all of our Priests throughout this week. We will have all school rosaries said at 8:00am in the church Tuesday-Thursday. All are welcome to attend.



St. Joseph Ost Catholic Church

St. Joseph Catholic School



Dearest Parents,

Though it may feel early to be discussing matters relating to Christmas, I nonetheless wish to communicate some very important details to you all about our Christmas program this year at St. Joe Ost. As it says on the Academic Calendar, the Christmas program is **Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 PM**. This year, the program will be held in the Church at St. Joseph in Andale, and the format will be Lessons & Carols.

It is also important to note that **ALL grades, K-8**, will be singing in the program this year. After some discussion with Mrs. Charles and Fr. Bernie, we would ask the following dress code be observed. It is my hope to share this early enough for ample time to make sure your students have what they need:

- Gentlemen may wear black pants with a white shirt. Jackets and ties are optional.
- Ladies may wear a black dress, or a black skirt with white shirt. A splash of color is optional.

Why at St. Joseph in Andale?

The church itself is notable for its restoration after the fire in the roof, and is spacious enough to accommodate the student body, their families, and others who wish to join us. More importantly, the acoustic in St. Joseph is exquisite for singing, and it is a critical part of our students' musical education and formation to have these experiences of singing in beautiful spaces, and especially in sacred spaces. If we are pursuing Truth, Goodness, and Beauty, we must actually engage with Beauty in order to know that which is True and Good. St. Joseph Andale is only about ten minutes away from St. Joe Ost. Our many thanks to Fr. Jim Weldon for graciously hosting us!

What is Lessons & Carols?

Lessons & Carols is a self-descriptive title; there are Lessons from Scripture (readings) coupled with Advent/Christmas Carols (and some other pieces of music) that tell the story of salvation through the Fall of Man, the Prophecies of a Savior, the Nativity, culminating in the reading of the prologue from St. John's Gospel, which summarizes the Mystery of the Incarnation. Some of the Carols will be "performed" by certain grades alone, some will be congregational, led by the students. The important thing to know is that the program is not one of performance, but one of prayer and meditation in preparation for Christmas. The duration will be approximately forty-five minutes to an hour.

Why K-8?

There is no more joyful noise than a full church singing the praise of Almighty God, especially when young and old alike are combined. (Cf. Nehemiah 8:2-6) It is my hope that students can both demonstrate the *Labora* (work) they have put in this semester, while also having a chance to offer it as *Ora* (prayer) with their classmates, schoolmates, and family, as one larger family at St. Joe Ost.

It continues to be an immense pleasure to teach our students at St. Joe. I am very pleased with their work and how they are advancing, both in comprehension and quality. Please continue to pray for me, and pray that our work be fruitful in order to be well-prepared come December 11!

In Christ,
Mr. Aidan Hill

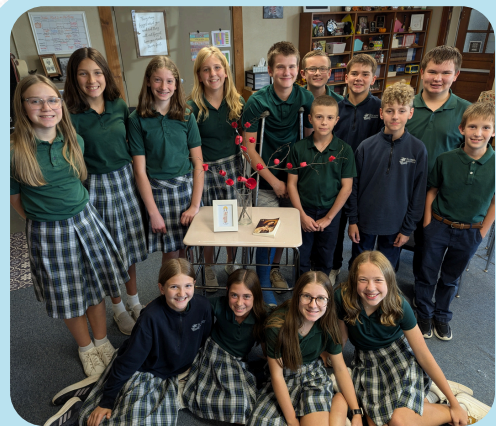


ACTIVITIES

from this week



Sister's 1st grade class learning about the organs of the body from our school nurse Mrs. Ely Gorges.



The 7th grade honored St Therese (and showed some perseverance) by making paper roses.



7th graders made posters to inspire the school to have a growth mindset!