



CRUSADER CONNECTION



UPCOMING AT ST. JOE

December 8: No School - Holy Day of Obligation

December 11: Christmas Program @ St Joseph Catholic Church, Andale

December 12: Spirit Day

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. Joseph Ost Catholic Church
St. Joseph Catholic School

Lessons & Carols

Thursday, December 11 | 7:00 PM

sung by the K-8 students of St. Joe Ost,
hosted at:
St. Joseph Catholic Church
318 Rush Ave, Andale

St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost
sjost.com | 316-444-2548

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Program: This year's Christmas Program is **Thursday, Dec. 11th** at 7:00pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Andale. The program will feature our Kindergarten-8th grade students. Please note that 3rd-8th grade students will need to report to the Parish Hall at 6:30pm. Kindergarten-2nd grade can go directly to their assigned seat in the church at 6:45pm. The K-8th grade girls should be dressed in black dresses or black skirts with white blouses. The K-8th grade boys should be dressed in black pants with white shirts. Additionally, we ask that your children leave their coats with their parents before heading to their assigned location. Please join us for a light reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the program.

Reception Cookies: Thank you to the parents who are baking 2 dozen cookies for our reception following the K-8th grade Christmas concert. The cookies may be dropped off in the Parish Hall at St. Joseph in Andale prior to the program. Again, thank you for your kind generosity.

Spirit Day Dec. 12th: Our next Spirit Day is **Friday, Dec. 12th**. Students are invited to wear spirit shirts with jeans. Jeans must be free from rips, tears, and holes. If girls prefer, they may wear spirit shirts with their plaid jumpers or skirts.

CWS Talent Show Forms: While the Catholic Schools Week Talent Show won't be held until **Jan. 30th**, with Christmas Break, it will sneak up on us quickly! Please check out the attached Talent Show Entry Form for details. Feel free to print the form attached to the email, and, if additional copies are needed, the students can stop by the office and pick them up. Entry forms are due **Thursday, Dec. 18th**.


Extreme Christmas Friday, Dec. 19th: To celebrate the end of the 1st semester, students are welcome to wear school appropriate Christmas shirts or green and red shirts with sweats to school (no pajamas!) on **Friday, Dec. 19th**. They may also wear Christmas hats, light up items, hair accessories, and/or jewelry but the accessories may not be worn until after Mass.

GIVING TUESDAY THANK YOU: To our parishioners and alumni who donated to the recent Giving Tuesday campaign—THANK YOU! We are so appreciative of your dedication to our Catholic School. Your generosity raised over \$80,000. Donations can still be made until next **Tuesday, Dec. 9th**. These funds will be used to help with our growing pains. Again we thank you for your generosity!


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Christmas Eve Youth Choir at St. Joe 4pm

Mass: Students in grades 3-8 are invited to come sing for Christmas Eve Mass at St. Joe. Practice will be **Sunday 12/14** after 9am Mass (10-10:30am) and is highly encouraged. If you are not a parishioner at St. Joe but plan to attend this Mass, your students are welcome to join us! If not, we highly encourage your students to participate in your home parish youth choirs - check your bulletins for details!



St. Joe, Ost
Christmas Eve 4 pm Mass
Youth Choir



OPEN FOR GRADES 3-8

**PRACTICE IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED ON SUNDAY
12/14 AFTER THE 9AM MASS (10-10:30AM)**

CONTACT THERESA KREMER IF ANY QUESTIONS
316-218-2793

Scholar's Bowl: Our 7th and 8th grade Scholar's Bowl teams traveled to Resurrection this past **Tuesday, Dec. 2nd**. The 7th grade team placed 4th and our 8th grade team placed 3rd. Congratulations to both teams!

Dress Code Reminder: There's been so much growth this year, not only spiritually and academically, but also physically...and some of our student's uniforms are showing it. Please take the extended Christmas Break to look over your child's school uniform materials and assess if they are "up to snuff" in meeting our school's dress code. In particular, we're noticing some short skirts (hem must hit the top of the knee). If your child is in need of a uniform adjustment, please be sure to take advantage of the Christmas Break to make those changes. Thank you in advance.

Looking Ahead:

Dec. 5th— St. Nick Visits

Dec. 8th—Holy Day of Obligation (no school)

Dec. 11th—K-8 Christmas Program @7pm (St. Joseph Catholic Church in Andale)

Dec. 12th—Spirit Dress Day

Dec. 18th—AR Store & Talent Show forms are due

Dec. 19th—1:00pm Dismissal

Dec. 20th—Jan. 5th—Christmas Break

Jan. 6th—School Resumes

CALLING ALL TALENTS!



The 2026 Talent Show will be on **Friday, January 30th.**
ARE YOU READY???

Prizes will be awarded to the top TWO scores in each of the following categories:

- ★ Best Musician Most Unique Funniest Most Catholic Spirit ★
★ Bravest Most Creative Best Group ★
★ ...and *new this year...* ★
one entry will win "BEST IN SHOW"!

Remember!

- Students may choose whether they want to perform their acts in person or by video.
 - Only the first FIVE video submissions will be accepted.
- Students may perform in only one solo act OR one group act (total of two acts).
EXCEPTION: Students involved in whole class acts are exempt from this rule.
- Acts must be NO MORE than 3 minutes in length.
- Lyrics, costumes and performances must be compliant with school policies and appropriate for all audiences.

Talent Show Entry Form – DUE to school office by THURS, DEC 18th

Student name(s) & grade(s): _____

Title of Act: _____

(This is how your act will be announced – make it fun! ©)

Describe your act: _____

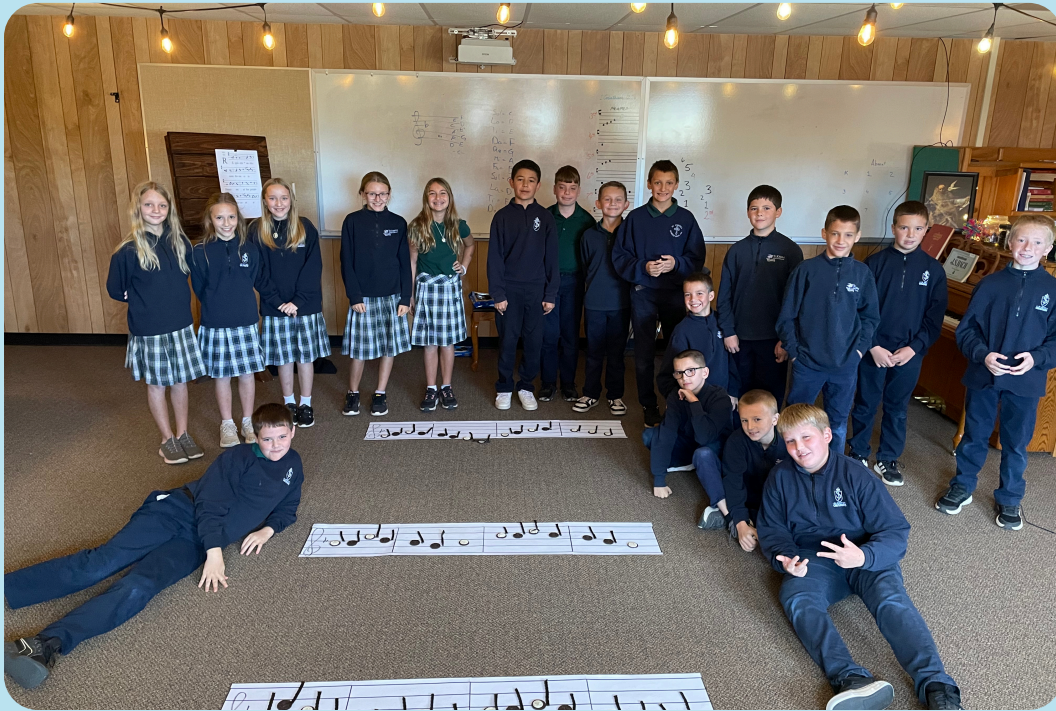
Music Title, Artist, YouTube link, supplies needed, etc. (Please attach copy of piano accompaniment if necessary):

Parent Signature: _____ Parent Phone (for text): _____



ACTIVITIES

from this week



5th grade recently completed a dictation exercise in music using Oreos and licorice to write out the music.

The 8th graders have created "stained glass" windows of symbols of their saints. Stop by and peek into our windows to see their beautiful creations!

