



CRUSADER CONNECTION



UPCOMING AT ST. JOE

December 12: Spirit Day

December 17: Kindergarten Field Trip

December 19: End of Q2 - 1pm Dismissal

December 22 - January 5: No School - Christmas Break

KEY OF DAVID



I will place the key*
of the House of
David on his
shoulder; what he
opens, no one will
shut, what he shuts,
no one will open."
(Isaiah 22:22)

Reflect: What doors
in your heart—fear,
resentment—needs
Christ's key to
unlock?

Pray: "O Key of
David, free the
captives and lead me
from darkness."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Katharine Drexel Walk in Sister's Shoes Campaign (WISS): The Walk in Sister's Shoes campaign is a Diocesan-wide fundraiser that encourages financial support from our own Catholic school community to help other local children receive a quality Catholic education. Across the Diocese, WISS will kick off on **January 6th, 2026**. We plan to continue our successful school-wide fundraising efforts from years past by offering "Two for \$2 Tuesdays!" Therefore, beginning **Tuesday, January 6th** and running through **March 2nd**, students will have two options for spirit dress each Tuesday (with the exception of Jan. 27th). They may wear jeans and a St. Joe spirit shirt to school for a \$1 donation to the St. Katharine Drexel Fund, or they may donate \$2 to be a little cozier in their sweat pants and St. Joe shirts!

Spirit Day Dec. 12th: Our next Spirit Day is tomorrow, **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.

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. 11th—Kindergarten-8th Grade Christmas Program @7:00pm (St. Joseph Catholic Church in Andale)

Dec. 12th—Spirit Dress Day

Dec. 18th—AR Store/Talent Show Forms are Due

Dec. 19th—Extreme Christmas, 1:00pm Dismissal

Dec. 20th—Jan. 5th—Christmas Break

Jan. 5th—Mandatory Teacher Work Day

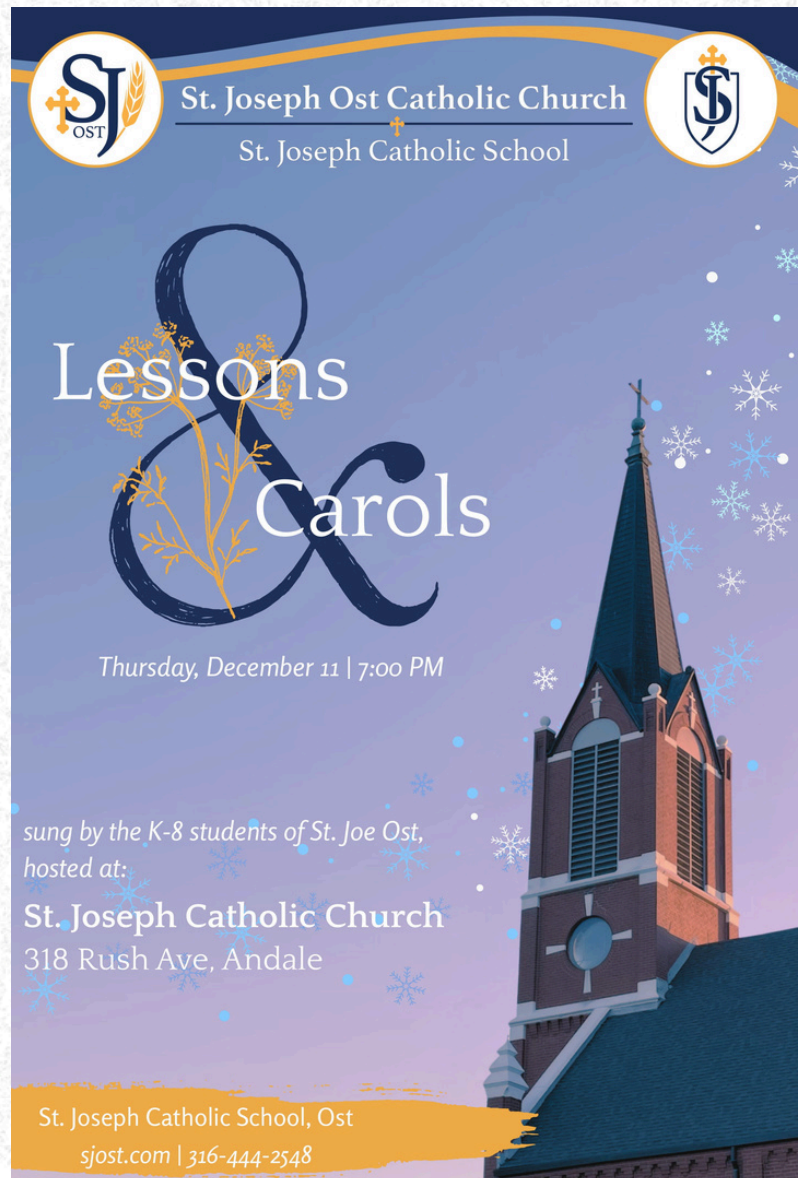
Jan. 6th—School Resumes for Students

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Christmas Program: The Christmas Program is this evening 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 the 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.

C H R I S T M A S P R O G R A M



The flyer features a dark blue background with a light blue and white snowflake pattern. At the top, there are two circular logos: the left one contains the letters 'SJ' with 'OST' below it, and the right one contains a shield with a cross and the letters 'SJ'. Below the logos, the text reads 'St. Joseph Ost Catholic Church' and 'St. Joseph Catholic School'. The main title 'Lessons & Carols' is written in a large, elegant font, with a decorative branch of holly leaves and berries behind the ampersand. Below the title, the date and time are listed: 'Thursday, December 11 | 7:00 PM'. Further down, it says 'sung by the K-8 students of St. Joe Ost, hosted at: St. Joseph Catholic Church 318 Rush Ave, Andale'. At the bottom, there is a yellow brushstroke graphic containing the text 'St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost sjost.com | 316-444-2548'. On the right side of the flyer, there is a photograph of the St. Joseph Catholic Church tower.

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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

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



Mary on the Mantle:

In the month of December, Mary is placed in a classroom or common area of the school. There is an "act of kindness" in Mary's pouch, in which the students are encouraged to demonstrate. Please enjoy the examples of Mary on the Mantle in 2nd and 3rd grade!



St Nick visiting our students!