



**Coming Up:**

- Mar. 27th- Seven Sorrows 26:30 (followed by a meatless dinner)
- Mar. 31st- Christm Mass (8th graders)
- Apr. 2nd- Crusader Meal 11am, Seven Sorrows 12pm, 1:00 Dismissal
- Apr. 3rd- Good Friday (no school)
- Apr. 6th- Easter Monday (no school)
- Apr. 7th- Easter Parties



- ST. JOSEPH OST -  
**CRUSADERS**

March 26, 2026

## Crusader Connection Bullets

**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 8th-9th: 5th and 8th Science, 3rd and 4th ELA**
- April 14th-15th: 3rd and 4th Math, 5th ELA, 6th-8th ELA**
- April 20th-21st: 5th Math**
- April 20th & 22nd: 6th-8th Math**

**Easter Parties:** Easter parties will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 2:30. (Preschool will hold their class parties on April 7th and April 8th 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!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA4A82BABFAC34-62851128-easter>

*Miss Kelli will be sending out a separate sign up genius for the Preschool parties.*

**Our Newest Faculty Member:** After looking through applications and holding interviews, we have hired Kelly Belton for the position of our K-8 vocal music teacher as well as teaching organ to our organ students. She will be joining our staff effective Aug. 1st. Please read her bio below and help me in welcoming her to our Crusader Family!



Kelly Belton spent her formative years at Sacred Heart parish in Emporia, performing in bands and orchestras at Emporia High School and Emporia State University. She studied piano, horn, and music education at Wichita State University and then taught music at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School before staying home with her five children. Amidst the years of homeschooling adventures, she has maintained a private music studio, founded Acclaim Brass Ensemble, Clonmel Band Club and Mary Seat of Wisdom Band Club, served as cantor and music director for events at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Clonmel, taken up organ, completed a Master's in Theological Studies through Newman University, volunteered as a catechist at St. John's and as a Music Director for Lolek Theater Company. Mrs. Belton will be a great addition to our staff!

**Spirit Day:** Tomorrow, March 27th, is a Spirit Dress Day. Students are welcome to wear jeans (free of rips, tears, and holes) with a spirit shirt.



*Christ is the eternal prophet, priest and king. As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we commit ourselves to carry on His mission of teaching, sanctifying and governing the People of God.*

**Reminder: Seven Sorrows of Mary:** - Tomorrow, Friday March 27, 2026 6:30pm, Eck Family Fieldhouse (A Lenten Dinner will follow the performance.)

Per Father Bernie, all middle school students are required to participate in this performance. 6th & 7th grade students will need black clothing for this (black long sleeve shirt, pants, and black socks). 8th graders have been given specific black clothing information from Mrs. Peloquin. Practice for this will be handled during the school day. Students will need to arrive by 6pm that evening and meet in Mrs. Kremer & Mrs. Peloquin's rooms.

**Early Dismissal:** St. Joe, Ost is hosting 5th and 6th grade Battle of the Books on Wednesday, April 8th. In order to get everything ready we will be dismissing school at 3:00pm. Please mark your calendars accordingly.



Robotics Team

7th graders creating synthetic bouncy balls during Science.



JCYM helping with the CYM Breakfast.



Our 6th graders attended the Vocations Fair in Hutchinson and had the honor of singing for the Mass which was celebrated by Bishop Kemme.

