



Coming Up:

- Apr. 3rd- Good Friday (no school)
- Apr. 6th- Easter Monday (no school)
- Apr. 7th- Easter Parties 2:30
- Apr. 8th- Battle of the Books @St. Joe, Ost, 3:00pm Dismissal
- Apr. 11th- CSAL Track Meet
- Apr. 12th- First Holy Communion 11:00am



- ST. JOSEPH OST -
CRUSADERS

April 2, 2026

Crusader Connection Bullets

State Assessment Testing Schedule: State Assessments begin next week! 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 (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED): Easter parties will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 2:30pm. (Preschool will hold their class parties on April 7th and April 8th during their normal class times.) We are still in need of a classroom coordinator for 1st grade (Miss Kennedy), 2nd grade, and 7th 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 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.

Battle of the Books: Our Battle of the Books teams competed in Hutchinson on Wednesday, March 25th and both teams did exceptionally well. Our 5th grade team placed third and our 6th grade team placed 1st. Congratulations to both teams!



5th grade team



6th grade team



St. Joe, Ost is hosting Battle of the Books on Wednesday, April 8th. In order for us to prepare the spaces that we will need to use for the competitions, we will be dismissing school at **3:00pm** Wednesday, April 8th and Extended Day will **NOT** be available. Buses will run so please make arrangements to be at the bus stops 30 minutes earlier. Thank you!



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.

First Holy Communion: Our 2nd graders will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 12th at 11:00am. They have been preparing for this special day and they are ready! Please continue to keep our 2nd graders in your prayers.

Youth Choir at First Holy Communion Mass (from Mrs. Kremer): Hello parents! What an exciting time for your 2nd grader! I just wanted to extend an invitation that siblings 3rd-8th grade are welcome to come join me in the choir loft and help sing for 1st Communion Mass Sunday April 12th at 11am. Practice is not required, but will be at 10:15am in the choir loft. Please let me know if you have any questions, thank you!

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night: Tuesday, April 14th will be our final Chick-fil-A Spirit Night for this school year! This year's proceeds have gone 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 see attached flyer with all the details. Thank you for supporting this cause!



Bishop Carroll Art Camp: Bishop Carroll is bringing back their summer art camp. Please see attached flyer with the details.

Chrism Mass: The 8th grade class was very honored to attend the Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Wichita this past Tuesday, Mar. 31st. The music, the many priests, and the beauty of the Mass were truly a blessing to see and participate in along with hundreds of others from around the Diocese. We also snagged St. Joe, Ost alumni Deacon Peter Bergkamp, Deacon Isaac Hilger, and second year seminarian Isaac Peloquin for a quick picture and to reminisce about their days as St. Joe, Ost students.



St. Joe, Ost students were asked to carry the gifts for the Chrism Mass.

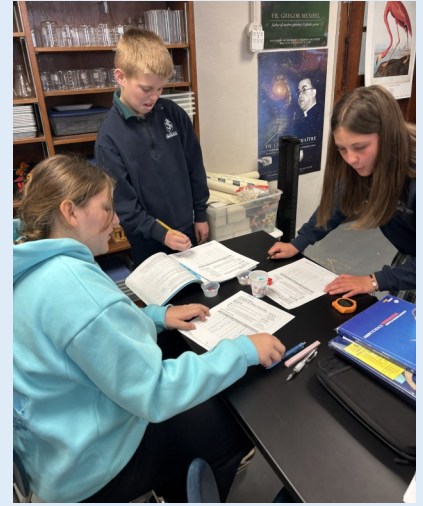


Imagine our surprise seeing Fr. Bernie join in kickball at recess!

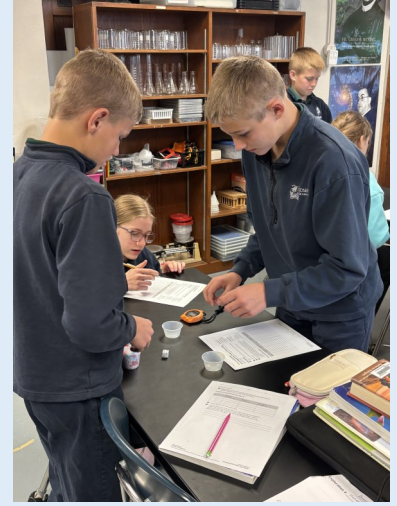
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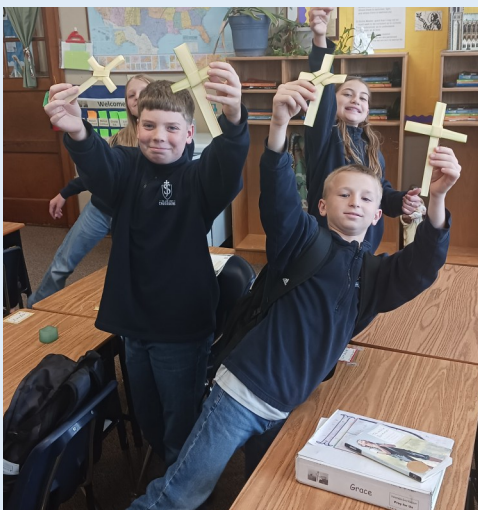
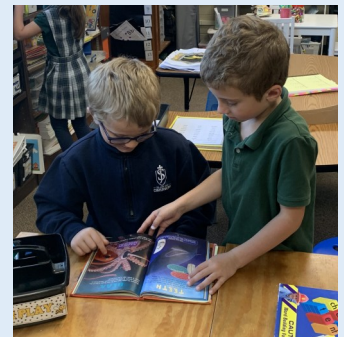
Our Middle School Students presented the Seven Sorrows this past Friday and Holy Thursday. They did a fantastic job!!



Science experiments are always exciting! Our 7th graders created polymer goo worms and our 6th graders investigated landfills and recycling.



Our 5th graders made crosses out of palms.



Mrs. Schneider's kindergarten class planted seeds and took some time to buddy read.

