

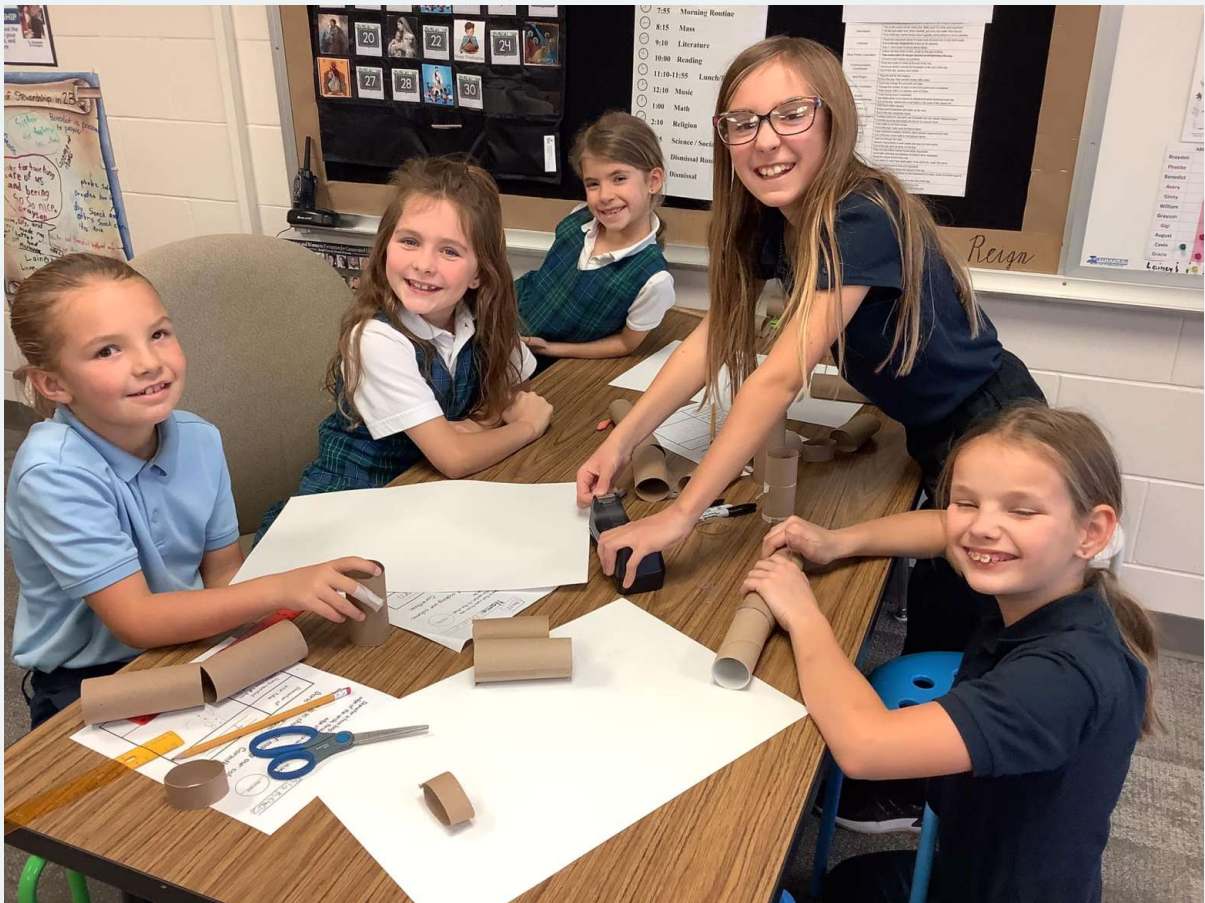
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MONTHLY MESSENGER

December 2023



Knightly News from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is the time of Advent for us as Catholic Christians, and Bishop Kimme of the Diocese of Wichita, reminds us that as we begin another liturgical year, the readings pick up right where we left off last week: focusing on the second coming of Christ. Whereas in the gospel, Mark presents Jesus issuing a stern warning (“What I say to you I say to all: Watch!”), the prophet Isaiah sets a different tone: “Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down.”

It seems as though Isaiah is reminding God of God’s attributes, as though he were telling God something new: You are mighty, you are our father, you are the potter, you are our redeemer. Indeed, Advent looks to the end times as a way of making us aware of the need for Christ to come into the world. We strive to make that reality “alive” throughout our day at school as well, and make Him real for our students.

Yet throughout the reading the prophet also asks for mercy, forgiveness, and for a swift coming in glory. To the bishop, it sounds like he is saying: “You will always forgive us, ... right?” Or: “You are a father who wouldn’t forget his children. ... aren’t you?” It’s a curious blend of praise and petition, assurance and supplication. We see this kind of dichotomy daily, in our lives at St. Joseph’s. The balance can be beautiful to witness.

Bishop Kimme thinks that this describes our life with God quite well. We come together as a church to sing God’s praises and to adore God with all kinds of titles: Father, Redeemer, Lord, Savior, Shepherd, and as Father McCabe so often reminds the children, “Poppa.” And in almost the same breath we are so bold as to ask God to act in those ways: Be a Redeemer. Be a loving shepherd. Be patient with us.

Advent is a time of waiting, and a time of prayer. Isaiah teaches us how to do both at the same time. We and all of God’s creation cry out, “Come, Lord Jesus!” And God says to us, in effect, “I am coming. Are you ready?” Isaiah puts it best: “Would that you might meet us doing right.” Bishop Kimme hits this theme well, I feel, with the selected passages.

Yes, we watch and we wait. But we must do more. In prayer, song, worship, and service, we call upon our good God, and thus we get ourselves ready to meet the Lord at the same time. We are planning to have a Lessons and Carols service on the last day of school, Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 10:45, to bring this time of waiting and watching to mind in worship with our children. We invite you to this service, as well as any family members that care to attend. I thank Sr. Mary Angela for heading this up. May God bless you during this season of prayerful preparation

Yours in Christ,

Kevin Naumann, Principal

DECEMBER EVENTS

Friday, December 1

Mission Collection

Sunday, December 3

Advent Begins

Monday, December 4

Student Confessions

Tuesday, December 5

Melodic Knights Mass

Wednesday, December 6

1A Class Mass

Thursday, December 7

1B Class Mass

Preschool Christmas Program, 10:00

1:00 Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)

Friday, December 8

No School (Immaculate Conception)

Tuesday, December 12

3B Class Mass

Wednesday, December 13

Christmas Program (A-K), 7:00

Thursday, December 14

Youth Choir Class Mass

Christmas Program (L-Z), 7:00

Friday, December 15

Service Awards after Mass

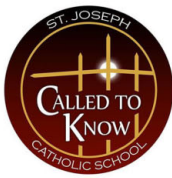
Wednesday, December 20

Noon Dismissal

End of 2nd Quarter




Thursday, December 21

Start of Winter Break



December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Mission Collection	2
					Day 5	
3 Advent Begins 	4 Student Confessions	5 Melodic Knights Mass	6 1A Class Mass Happy ST. NICHOLAS Day	7 1B Class Mass Preschool Christmas Program, 10:00 am 1:00 pm Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)	8 NO SCHOOL Immaculate Conception	9
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4		
10 2nd Week of Advent	11	12 3B Class Mass 	13 Christmas Program (A-K), 7:00 pm	14 Youth Choir Mass Christmas Program (L-Z), 7:00 pm	15 Service Awards after 8:15 Mass	16
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
17 3rd Week of Advent	18	19	20 NOON DISMISSAL End of 2nd Quarter	21 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	22 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	23 
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3			
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	27 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	28 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	29 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	30
31 New Year's Eve	NO SCHOOL Winter Break					

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>USDA is an equal opportunity employer & provider</p>				<p>1 Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk</p>
<p>4 Hot Dog on WG Bun Fries Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>5 Meal-In-A-Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Gravy & Roll Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>6 Fiestada Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>7 1:00 DISMISSAL Chicken Tenders Baked Beans, Roll Brownie Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>8 NO SCHOOL Immaculate Conception</p>
<p>11 BBQ Pork Nachos Com Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>12 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Peas Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>13 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>14 Chicken Patty on WG Bun Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>15 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans, Cookie Fruit Choice Milk</p>
<p>18 Walking Tacos Com Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>19 Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Cupcake Milk</p>	<p>20 NOON DISMISSAL</p>	<p>21 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break</p>	<p>22 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break</p>
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*Student lunch \$3.25
*Adult lunch \$4.60

*Milk \$0.40
*Second entrée or sandwich \$1.25

*Turkey or ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday
*Peanut butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday

LITURGY SINGING SCHEDULE FALL SEMESTER 2023
December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>4 – Day 1 St. John Damascene (m) *Quiet Mass*</p>	<p>5 – Day 2 Advent Weekday Melodic Knights</p>	<p>6 – Day 3 St. Nicholas (m) 1A Class Mass</p>	<p>7 – Day 4 St. Ambrose (M) 1B Class Mass</p>	<p>8 NO SCHOOL (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S))</p>
<p>11 – Day 1 St. Damasus I (m) 4B</p>	<p>12 – Day 2 Our Lady of Guadalupe (F) 3B Class Mass</p>	<p>13 – Day 3 St. Lucy (M) *Quiet Mass*</p>	<p>14 – Day 4 St. John of the Cross (M) Youth Choir</p>	<p>15 – Day 5 Advent Weekday 3A</p>
<p>18 – Day 1 Advent Weekday 3B</p>	<p>19 – Day 2 Advent Weekday *Quiet Mass*</p>	<p>20 – Day 3 Advent Weekday 6A</p>	<p>21 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)</p>	<p>22 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)</p>
<p>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!! NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)</p>	<p>26 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)</p>	<p>27 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)</p>	<p>28 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)</p>	<p>29 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)</p>

Textbook Loan Forms

Textbook Loan Forms are being sent home by today, Thursday 11/30. **If your child(ren) did not receive one please contact Emily-Klein@cd.... They are due by December 18.** Please make sure to fill out both FRONT and BACK. Thank you for your cooperation.



Our 3rd graders studied the states of matter in science by doing a fun activity of making root beer floats!

BIST Tip: Rethinks

“Rethinks” are quick time outs to help students refocus and get back on track. When a child is off-task, they are asked to put their head down and hide their eyes. The child must be able to identify what got them into trouble in the first place, make a plan of what they can do differently next time, and then demonstrate the appropriate classroom behavior. When the student has

finished a “rethink,” they let the adult know by giving a thumbs-up signal.

YOU ARE INVITED!

We welcome all parents to join us for two special activities during December:

- **December 7 - Monthly Rosary at 10:30 in church.** Join us in prayer for prolife intentions on the eve of the Immaculate Conception. With the ongoing legal battles in our country and state, our best defense for life is to come together and entrust this intention to our Heavenly Mother.
- **December 20 – Lessons and Carols at 10:45 in church.** Due to our noon dismissal, stop by early to enjoy this special prayer service entitled, “Jesus is the Light of the World.” Students will be leading Scripture readings, reflections, processing with candles and singing carols in anticipation of the birth of Jesus. We will also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time with Benediction at the end. What a wonderful way to enter Christmas break! Please join us!



Preschoolers participated in the Veteran's Day program that was held on Friday, November 10th. They waved their little flags and sang them a song!

Create an Account and Access Training

Log on to Catholic Mutual Group (CMG) site below to create an account and to access the training videos.

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Requirements for Volunteers:

Safe Environment Training

This must be completed every year. Log on to your account to see when it expires. NEW volunteers complete the Required Training*. All others complete the RENEWAL Training OR Safe Environment Training Videos ONLY.

Background Check

This must be done every 5 years. Log on to your account to see when it expires. NEW volunteers complete the Required Training*. All others complete the Background Check ONLY.

The Required Training combines the Safe Environment Training **AND a Background Check. Complete this training only if you need **BOTH** the Safe Environment and Background Check. Be sure to finish all the way to the end and submit payment. If you need only the Safe Environment, do the "Safe Environment Only." If you need just the background check, do the "Background Check Only."*

Requirements for Field Trip Drivers:

Safe Environment and Background Check (see previous item).

Defensive Driver Training

This must be completed 1 time for driving on field trips. Log on to CMG and Scroll down to "Optional Trainings."

Volunteer Driver Form

Get one from Gloria Jundt.**

This must be filled out every 3 years for driving on field trips. You must include a copy of front and back of Driver's License, a copy of your current Vehicle Registration, and a copy of your insurance Liability Limits, which must be \$100,000, \$300,000, \$100,000 (not your insurance card).

***Contact Gloria Jundt at 402-489-0341 OR [Gloria-Jun...](#) to get a Volunteer Driver Form or to ask any questions that you might have.*



Student Council members helped served breakfast items to those who were at the Veteran's Day program.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

If your child has a **fever (and/or vomits)**, he/she needs to be **fever free for 24 hours (or vomit free)**, without the aid of medication, **PRIOR** to returning to school. **Please report absences/illnesses** to the school office (illnesses are reported to the state per guidelines). If you have specific questions regarding your child's illness, please feel free to contact the office to discuss further. Thank you for helping to keep our students healthy!

Thank you to all the parents, students, staff, and community members who made our book fair a success! If you weren't able to attend or still have shopping to do, there is still time to order **ONLINE**. All purchases will help our St. Joseph's Library. Online ordering is available **THROUGH Monday, December 4**. Visit the website BN.com/bookfair.... At the very end of your ordering process there will be a box that says "check here if this is a Book Fair order". You will then need to enter our **BOOKFAIR ID NUMBER: 12661328**. Thank you for your support.



Tis the Season...to Receive

At this time of year, so many good opportunities exist to give of our time, talent and treasure. But what if your family is in a tight spot right now? What if you are struggling to make ends meet or provide presents for your own children? If that describes your family this year, please take advantage of this opportunity to RECEIVE this Christmas! This [LINK](#) has a form that is used by CSS to offer gifts for families in need. We have known families who have used it in the past during one year, but in future years were able to contribute toward helping. We understand. Circumstances change. You would remain anonymous to anyone in the school except the contact person listed on the sheet. Like Mary, thank you for being open to receiving this Christmas!

SFA Christmas Gift

Dear Parents,

As the holidays are approaching, the SFA Board is asking you to consider giving a financial gift in thanksgiving to our Saint Joseph teachers and staff. Their time, dedication, and joy of faith that they share daily with our children are immeasurable.

Your donation takes the place of individual Christmas gifts to teachers. Plus, these monetary gifts support not only your child's homeroom teachers, but also special class teachers (Art, P.E., Spanish, Library & Computer), office staff, lunchroom staff, and so many others that make Saint Joseph so special to our children.

If your family would like to donate, please send a check to school, payable to **St. Joseph's SFA** by **Wednesday, December 13**. This will allow SFA to deliver the monetary gift prior to Christmas break.

You may also make a donation online: osvhub.com/stjosephlnk...

Thank you for your support, generous giving, and volunteer efforts this school year. Our school community truly is blessed!

God Bless you and your families and Happy Thanksgiving!

St. Joseph School Family Association Board 2023

Jason & Michelle Weber

Nick & Kristin Streff

David & Sarah Karle

Jake & Libby Hoxmeier

Bryan & Lisa Sypal

Weekend Pet Adoption!!

If you haven't already heard, Mr. Naumann has added a couple of friends to the office! Meet our hamsters Nibbles and Harriet! Both are available to "adopt" for the weekends. They can be taken home Friday after school and be brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to adopt Nibbles or Harriet for a weekend send in a letter with your child, email the office staff, or

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Every Wednesday we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. All parents are welcome to join us in spending time with Jesus. We also invite you to Benediction at 3:00 pm. If you would like to take a regular adoration time weekly or monthly, please contact Sr. Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela...

Earn Cash

give us a call at 402-489-0341 and we will put you on our list!

SCRIP Makes Great Gifts!

The scrip Pizza Party Contest is started! Please send all orders to school with your children. We will return the order the same day! The class that sells the most scrip will earn a pizza party after we return from Christmas break!

CURRENTLY 6A has a HUGE lead*

NEW SCRIP ADDED!

NEW TO SCRIP this week! CASA BOVINA/MERCADO MARKET gift cards. \$50/10%

These make the perfect gift for anyone on your list

Use SCRIP to give back to your church and school! Send your order with your student in the morning and we will return it with them the same day! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416.

[DOWNLOAD THE ORDER FORM!](#)

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The kindergartners have been focusing on the virtue of stewardship during the month of November. As part of this, they each brought in one of their "first fruit" from home, gathered them all together and donated them to the School Sisters of Christ the King.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CANA Volunteer Opportunity

CANA Committee has a Volunteer Service opportunity to Saint Joseph's 8th Grade students. We will be preparing CANA invitations for distribution this **Saturday morning, December 2nd**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 in the Heritage Room. If your student is interested in helping out please contact Cara Matthes at (402) 840-1647 or email caramatthes@neb.rr.com

FORGE – FOR CATHOLIC MEN

Dads, check out this amazing new resource called FORGE. This Advent would be a great time to deepen in your spiritual identity. From their website: ***"The Most Important Job a man has is to be an outstanding husband and father. At FORGE we are convicted that the future of the Church, the nation, and the world depend upon strong families. Strong families depend on strong husbands and fathers."***





We had both 7th and 8th graders who got to participate in the JH Honor choir over at Pius!

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Fr. Michael G. McCabe

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