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MONTHLY MESSENGER

October 2026

Knightly News from the Principal



Dear Parents,

As we near our "Walk for Christ" fundraiser, I'd like to thank our SFA committee for their hard work and planning for the event. As you can imagine, so much goes on behind the scenes for such an endeavor, and no doubt other volunteers will be needed as well. I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your donations of time and money in this annual community event. We hope to continue to work to pay off the playground resurfacing that was made over the summer. It is so rewarding to be up to code on our play surface once again.

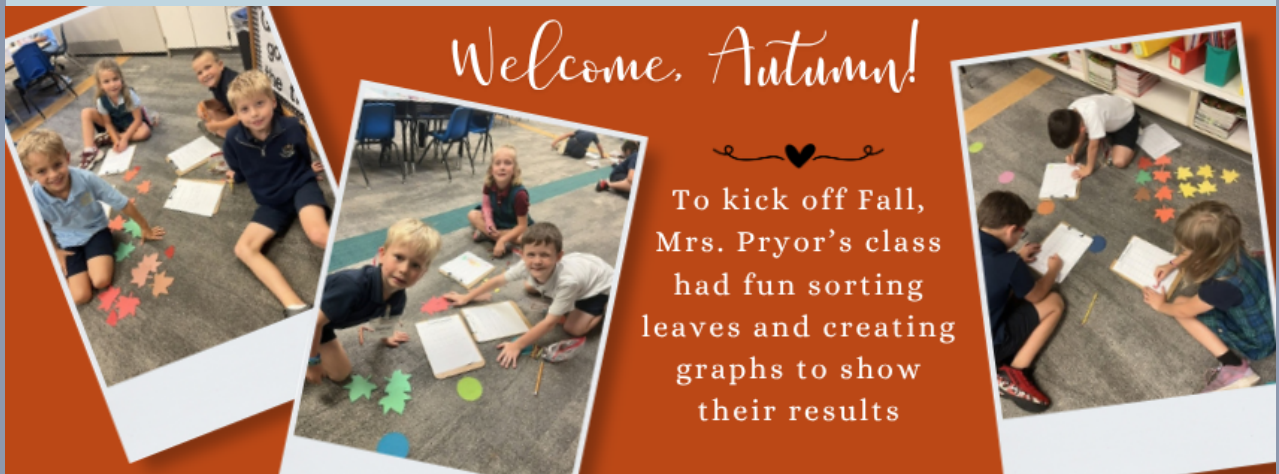
I came across this prayer for love and service that I think could serve as a great template for us as we prepare for this task. It begins, "Lord, You created us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Please show us how to love You will all our hearts and our neighbor as ourselves. Teach us to be practical about loving one another in you and for you and as you desire. Show us our immediate neighbor today; the need of others is your call to our attention. Remind us that you count as done to you what we do for one another; and that our turning away from one another is really turning our backs on you. Make us know, love, and serve you in this life and be happy for ever in the next in union with all our sisters and brothers,

children of a common Father. To serve you is to reign. Amen."

We are so blessed at St. Joseph School. We pray that our partnership with our parents may deepen and that trust may flourish according to God's will for us. Please know that my door is open to you, and I ask for your prayers that I may become a better and more humble faith-filled servant to our community of parents, students, and teachers. Have a great weekend.

Your servant in Christ,

Kevin Naumann, Principal



BIST Tip: Ask, Don't Tell

When a student has made a poor choice or hasn't followed directions, we adults are good at telling them what they should have done! Sometimes this leads to nagging. "I told you to walk silently. You need to keep your hands to yourself. How many times have I said..., etc." A helpful alternative is to engage the student with a question, which helps them to verbalize and take ownership for their actions. The two most common questions to ask are, "Are you okay?" and "What do you think I'm concerned about?" By answering questions, the student is more likely to acknowledge and think about the behavior. This can look like:

"Are you okay?" "Yes."

"Oh, I wondered if you understood what I asked you to do." "I did."

"Good. Are you going to do it?" "Yes."

For older students, the second question tends to work well.

"What do you think I'm concerned about?" "I don't know."

"Did I give you an instruction?" "Yes."

"Did you follow it?" "No."

"Can you do what I asked you to do the first time?" "Yes."

By engaging in questioning, you avoid a power struggle and the student is more likely to follow through. It's a win-win!



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SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 WFC WEEK	2 WFC DAY	2
				Day 4	Day 5	
4	5 STUDENT CONFESSIONS 3rd Grade Field Trip	6 P/T Conferences 4:00-7:30pm	7 3B Class Mass Picture Retake Day 8:00-11:00am 3rd Grade Living Rosary, 2:30 pm	8 1 PM DISMISSAL (Uniform Day) P/T Conferences 1:30-7:30	9 NO SCHOOL (Comp Day)	10
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4		
11	12 NO SCHOOL (Dioc. Teacher Institute)	13 5th Grade Field Trip	14	15 2A Class Mass Don & Millie's Night (84th & O), 4-9pm	16 Melodic Knights Mass Mission Collection 1st Grade Field Trip	17
		Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
18 World Mission Sunday	19 Fall Food Drive	20 Fall Food Drive Preschool, 1st-4th Health Screen Recchecks	21 Fall Food Drive Kindergarten Field Trip 2nd Grade Field Trip	22 Youth Choir Mass Fall Food Drive End of 1st Quarter	23 NO SCHOOL (Fac. Mtg & WORDS PD) Trunk or Treat, 6-8 pm	24
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4		
25	26	27 Confirmation Parent Meeting, 7pm	28 2B Class Mass	29 1st Quarter Report Cards Issued	30 Melodic Knights Mass 1st Grade Saints Presentation, 2:30pm Last Day for Uniform Shorts	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	

MY SCHOOL BUCKS PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE MySchoolBucks.com LUNCH OCTOBER 2026 St. Joseph Catholic School USDA is an equal opportunity employer & provider All menu items are subject to change without notice				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Roll, Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk 2 Mac & Cheese Peas, Scooby Snack Fruit Choice Milk	3 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk 4 NO SCHOOL	5 Orange Chicken Brown Rice, Broccoli Fortune Cookie Fruit Choice Milk 6 1:00 DISMISSAL Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans, Roll Fruit Choice Milk	7 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans, Roll Fruit Choice Milk 8 NO SCHOOL	9 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Roll, Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk 10 Mac & Cheese Peas, Scooby Snack Fruit Choice Milk
11 Beef Soft Taco Corn, Cookie Fruit Choice Milk 12 NO SCHOOL	13 BBQ Pork Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk 14 NO SCHOOL	15 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread, Peas Fruit Choice Milk 16 NO SCHOOL	17 Chicken Patty on WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk 18 NO SCHOOL	19 Fiesta Pizza Green Beans Rice Krispy Treat Fruit Choice Milk 20 NO SCHOOL
21 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans, Roll Fruit Choice Milk 22 NO SCHOOL	23 Chicken Rice Bowl Corn, Churro Fruit Choice Milk 24 NO SCHOOL	25 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick, Peas Fruit Choice Milk 26 NO SCHOOL	27 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk 28 NO SCHOOL	29 Soft Pretzel Bites Cheese Sauce, Broccoli Dirt Pudding Cup Fruit Choice Milk 30 NO SCHOOL

*Student lunch \$3.75
*Adult lunch \$4.75

*Milk \$0.60
*Second entrée or sandwich \$1.75

*Turkey or ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday
*Peanut butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday
*Salad offered as entrée choice daily

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus (M) 4B	2 Guardian Angels (M) Melodic Knights Class Mass
5 Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos (m) Quiet Mass	6 St. Bruno (m) 3A	7 Our Lady of the Rosary (M) 3B Class Mass	8 Weekday 3B	9 NO SCHOOL Comp Day
12 NO SCHOOL Pius Institute	13 Weekday Quiet Mass	14 St. Callistus I (m) 6A	15 St. Teresa of Jesus (M) 2A Class Mass	16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (m) Mission Collection Melodic Knights
19 Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions (M) Quiet Mass	20 St. Paul of the Cross (m) 6B	21 Weekday 5A	22 St. John Paul II (m) Youth Choir Class Mass	23 NO SCHOOL Teacher Workday
26 Weekday Quiet Mass	27 Weekday 5B	28 Sts. Simon and Jude (F) 2B Class Mass	29 Weekday 4A	30 Weekday Melodic Knights

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WALK FOR CHRIST

OCTOBER 2, 2026



Walk for Christ is St. Joseph School's annual direct donation fundraiser and takes place next week! The week begins Monday, September 28th with Loved Ones Mass & Donuts and the Walk Day is Friday, October 2nd. Donation envelopes were sent home with youngest/only students **TODAY**. Please check inside for important information and water bottle stickers for your students!

Donations can also be made online at the [event page](#). **Please help us reach our \$40,000 school family goal!**

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WALK FOR CHRIST

Knights of Christ

20
26
EPIPHANY 6:00-8:00



Loved Ones **MASS & DONUTS**

9/28
8:15 am



The 2026 Walk for Christ "Loved Ones Mass & Donuts" is coming up! Students are encouraged to invite loved ones (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) to join us for this special Mass and stay for a donut and coffee afterward! Students will go directly to Mass with their loved ones - no need to stop by classrooms. Follow the signs to drop off backpacks in the Narthex.

SCREENSHOT & SHARE!

Invite other loved ones to join us!

**DONATE TO
THE CAUSE!**



[BIT.LY/WFC26-DONATE](https://bit.ly/WFC26-DONATE)

LEND A HAND!

It takes many hands to make this event possible! If you're willing to lend a hand, we'd love to have you join us. We need volunteers in the following areas:

LOVED ONES' MASS

WALK DAY ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 28

OCTOBER 2

Help serve coffee & donuts after the
Loved Ones' Mass!

Help with various activities throughout
Walk Day!



[https://bit.ly/WFC26-
LovedOnes](https://bit.ly/WFC26-LovedOnes)



[https://bit.ly/WFC26-
WalkDayActivities](https://bit.ly/WFC26-WalkDayActivities)

***THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR
SCHOOL & STUDENTS!***

A Note from the Nurses

Parents of Kindergarten, 7th, and 8th grade students, please turn in health physicals to the school office as soon as possible if you have not already done so. We also need up-to-date immunization records for all students who are new to St. Joseph or are in Pre-K/Preschool, Kindergarten, or 7th grade. Thank you for your help in keeping our records current.

Katie Beck and Mary Ellen Hook, School Nurses

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Guidelines & Forms

Dear Volunteers,

Lunch & Recess Volunteers!

Field Trip season is upon us again and your help plays a big role in their success, whether it be chaperoning a group of students or providing transportation when it is needed. Thank you for signing up for the many activities occurring this fall. To help keep everyone safe, please take moment to log on to your CMG account and check your volunteer training status. Guidance pages can be found [HERE](#). Check expiration dates on your trainings to determine if you are current. Then read through the Guidance page and follow the instructions by the number that describes your situation. If you have any questions please let me know.

If you are planning to drive for a field trip, please make sure your SE and BGC are current. Then log onto your account and complete the ***Defensive Driver Training under Optional Trainings***. You only need to do this once—one and done. Then complete and return the [Volunteer Driver Form](#), including a copy of front and back of your Driver's License, Vehicle Registration, and Insurance Liability Limits of \$100,000, \$300,000, \$100,000 found in your statement—not your insurance card. This information is kept on file for 3 years. Again if you have any questions let me know.

Thank you for volunteering your time and talents to assist our teachers and students with fun learning activities.

Gloria Jundt, Gloria-Jundt@cdolinc.net

If you are up to date on your Safe Environment training, please consider signing up to volunteer for lunchroom and/or recess duty! Links are below. We appreciate any help!

Lunch

K-2 Recess

3-4 Recess

5-6 Recess

JH Recess

Play Dates with School Pets!

Our school Guinea Pigs, Leroy (brown) and Jasper (black) love to be held! They are available to be taken home Friday after school and brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to adopt Leroy and Jasper (together) for a weekend send in a letter with your child, email the office staff, or give us a call at 402-489-0341 and we will put you on our list!

Welcome to Fall!

Love,
Leroy & Jasper



October Family Rosaries

You may have heard the saying coined by the late Fr. Patrick Peyton, "The family that prays together stays together." Fr. Peyton also advocated praying the family Rosary. St. Joseph has a tradition of sending home a glow-in-the-dark Rosary to each school family during October, the month of the Holy Rosary. We encourage you to pray it together and then return to school so it can pass along to another family. If you cannot pray the Rosary on the day you receive it, please try to do so by the next day and then return it. Mary understands, even if this means praying it in the car on the way to a ball game or recital! We want Mary to wrap her mantle of love and protection around all our school families and intercede for all your intentions during this month. The school rosaries will be sent home with youngest and only beginning on **Monday, October 5th**

Help SCRIP!

We have had a smaller number than usual of school parents using SCRIP this year....and we would like to change that! SCRIP costs NOTHING yet benefits our school greatly! Please consider browsing the attached SCRIP order form. Send it with your student. We will fill it the same day! Start small: think gas and groceries! Fill it out and send it to school with your child. We will fill your order the same day and send it home with your child. Simple! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416. [DOWNLOAD THE ORDER FORM!](#)

School Adoration

We are so blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday (barring funerals) from after Mass until Benediction! Classes sign up to pray on alternate weeks. However, we would

with 6th grade. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

Back Parking Lot Request from Beyond the Bell (BTB)

Dear Parents,

In the interest of safety for students who utilize our Beyond the Bell after-school program, we have begun using cones to block off the back parking lot blacktop from about 3:45-5:30 pm when weather permits outside activities. We have a lot of young children this year in 3rd grade and under, and they often like to play kickball and basketball on the blacktop, so we would like to make sure they have the option to do so safely, without worrying about traffic. ***If you are dropping off or picking up a child for an extracurricular activity, such as volleyball or cross country, please park on the concrete section of the back lot or arrange to pick him/her up in the front parking lot.*** Thank you for being part of making Beyond the Bell safe for all.

Dine Out with Don & Millie's!

Join us for a SFA hosted **Dine-Out Night at Don & Millie's at 8150 O Street on Thursday, October 15th from 4:00-9:00 pm!** Dine-in and drive thru open. Be sure to mention St. Joseph School when you order! 20% comes back to St. Joseph School.

Mark your calendar for future Dine-Out Nights:

love to have some adults help to cover open times in the schedule (15-60 min. slots). If you can possibly commit to a time weekly or every other week, it would help us make sure there is always someone present to adore Jesus in the monstrance. Please email Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net if you have questions or would like to sign up for regular times. ***All are welcome to join any time or come for 2:55 pm Benediction.***

St. Joseph Student Crochet Club

St. Joseph School's Crochet Club, for students in 4th grade and up, will meet **every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm** in Mrs. Kings room starting in September. Beginners to experts welcome. Contact Myra Costello at stjoes.institches@gmail.com or 713-857-7868.

School Spirit Wear

Family members can show their school spirit, too! **Click below to shop now through the end of school!** You have the option of shipping to your home for a fee or selecting a pickup location (i.e. the school) for free. Items are delivered in batches to the school weekly.

- **Thursday, November 12** from 5:00-8:00 at Taco Inn (70th & O)
- **Thursday, December 10** from 5:00-8:00 at Jersey Mike's (5001 O St.)



Scratch Paper

We need scratch paper! If you have any paper already printed on one side and looking to get rid of please send it our way! God bless you for your generosity!



SHOP NOW!

PARISH EVENTS



Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat is on October 23rd from 6-8 pm!

- **Cost is \$5 per child.** We take cash at check-in or you can PREPAY at tinyurl.com/TrunkTreat26-Prepay!
- **Host a trunk!** It's easy - decide on a theme, decorate your trunk, get dressed up, bring lots of candy, and have a great time! Sign up at tinyurl.com/TrunkTreat26-Host! Set-up begins at 4:00 pm.
- **Lend a hand!** It takes a lot of people to make this event work smoothly, and we appreciate any time you can offer. Visit tinyurl.com/TrunkTreat26-Help for a list of jobs you can help with!
- **Candy donations** are also a great way to help out if you can't host a trunk or volunteer. Please make sure candy is individually wrapped. Look for a bin near the SCRIP counter and drop off candy by 2:00 pm on October 23rd.

Contact Sara-Racicot@cdolinc.net with any questions or to sign up.

Youth Ministry 26-27 Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for all St. Joseph Youth Ministry groups. Click below to sign up! Even if you've registered in the past, make sure to re-register for the new season so you get the most up-to-date information for your current age group.

YM Registration

SPARK + IGNITE: 6th-8th Grades

A large group event designed to ignite the growing faith and zeal in Jr. High students with snacks, games, lessons, small groups, and prayer.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach
4th Sundays @ 4 pm

MTKO Sign-up

Casserole Recipe



current students and staff, and enjoy a fun-filled Homecoming tradition.

Pastor:

Fr. Jay Buhman

Assistant Pastor:

Fr. Robert Froeschl

Principal:

Kevin Naumann

Assistant Principal:

Sr. Mary Angela, C.K.

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