

St. Joseph Catholic School Newsletter

September 1, 2026

Growing in faith and knowledge to serve God and community.

St. Joseph Catholic School Mission

Make a Difference Eagle Media in Great Bend is once again challenging Barton County elementary students with its Make a Difference Contest. The goal of the contest is to get kids to make a difference in their communities, schools, homes. Forms for the 2026 - 2027 school year have been sent home with students. Please help your child(ren) describe how they made a difference in their community, school, or home. Please sign and return the form to school by Friday, September 4, 2025. A new student winner will be drawn each month through May.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC! There will be something for everyone at our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 20 at 5:00pm! Join us for an evening of delicious food, fun activities, and time spent with friends and fellow parishioners.

Enjoy a Cake Walk, Bingo, and plenty of fun for the whole family!

Please help us plan by signing up in the Gathering Space by September 14, or email jkomarek@stjosephellinwood.com

Last names A-M: Please bring a dessert.

Last names N-Z: Please bring a side dish.

We hope you and your family will join us for this special parish tradition. Come enjoy an evening of food, fun, and fellowship with your parish family!

Illness Even though we are just getting the school year started, we are already seeing some illness. Please remember that your child cannot return to school until they have been fever free (without medication) for 24 hours.

RaiseRight Did you know that you can book travel with RaiseRight? Save and earn by booking hotels and car rentals directly through RaiseRight! For more information go to RaiseRight.com/How-It-Works/Book-Travel

Kindergarten Parents Please remember you received a letter asking you to log on with your child and do a couple short tests. It should only take about 10 minutes. It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that you do this, as it is part of our State Accreditation. If you have questions, or trouble logging on, please let me know. I have to have the results by September 11th.

Scrip A reminder to SJCS families who have committed to purchasing \$300 of scrip (certificates/gift cards/RaiseRight) monthly. If you have not yet purchased EFF, Wal-Mart, Amazon, or EPPI scrip, please find your way into the school or church office to purchase scrip. Please continue to purchase scrip before you shop!

Weekend Mass Weekend Mass times are at 5:00pm Saturday and 9:00 am Sunday. Mass servers for Saturday, September 5 are Jeslyn Klepper and Jackson Joiner, Sunday, September 6 servers are Lexi and Remi Thomas. Scrip seller Saturday night is Melissa Doll or Tania Wirtz, Sunday is Karina Delgadillo. If you cannot fulfill your obligation, please find another person to switch with. **We are needing more volunteers to help with scrip and greeting parishioners. Please contact Jamie Komarek or myself to volunteer.**

Dates to remember:

- **No School- Labor Day- September 7**
- **4th Grade Ag Day - September 9**
- **Dismiss at 1:00pm - September 14**
- **Annual Church Picnic- September 20**

May God bless us!

Laurie Kolling

Principal