

St. Joseph Catholic School Newsletter

September 15, 2026

Growing in faith and knowledge to serve God and community.

St. Joseph Catholic School Mission

Confirmation Date Set Parents of 7th and 8th grade students, please mark your calendars! We have been notified by the Diocese that our Confirmation date has been scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Parents Please remember to 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. Please be sure you have completed this survey. These were due September 11, 2026.

Lunches A Quick Lunch Reminder: If your child brings lunch from home, please remember that we are not able to warm up lunches. Our lunch staff is very busy during serving times and unfortunately doesn't have the time to heat individual meals.

We're sorry for any inconvenience and truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

Homework Homework can be an important part of your child's education. At St. Joseph, our teachers work to ensure that assignments can be completed during the school day whenever possible. Occasionally, however, a student may not finish an assignment and may need to complete it at home. Thank you for partnering with us and helping your child stay on track!

Parish Picnic Our Parish Picnic is this Sunday, September 20, at the Parish Hall! We're looking forward to an evening filled with good food, fun, and fellowship!

Cake Wheel: We could still use a few more baked items! If you would like to donate a cake or other baked item for the Cake Wheel, please contact Gaila Demel at 620-617-3392.

Bingo: The Flickas have Bingo planned for the evening, so be ready for some fun and friendly competition!

We can't wait to gather together for a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun! See you Sunday!

We Invite All Our Parents to our Parish Mission As parents and educators, we spend so much time helping our children grow in their faith. This Parish Mission is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in your own Catholic faith, deepen your relationship with Christ, and reflect on what it means to continue maturing as an adult Catholic.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to step away from the busyness of everyday life, strengthen your faith, and grow closer to Christ. We hope you will join us! See the schedule below for more information.

The Freedom to Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic

Parish Mission with Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap

September 21–24, 2026 7:00–8:30 PM - St. Joseph Catholic Church

We warmly invite you to join us for a special **four-day Parish Mission** led by **Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap**.

Cardinal St. John Henry Newman once said: **“The only evidence of life is growth.”**

Our life of faith is also a journey of growth. This Parish Mission will invite us to reflect on the challenge of **growing and maturing in our Catholic faith** and discovering the freedom that comes from a deeper relationship with Christ.

Drawing upon **Sacred Scripture, the Twelve-Step Recovery tradition, and the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola**, Fr. Simeon will explore the themes of **freedom and spiritual growth**.

Evening Mission September 21–24 | 7:00–8:30 PM St. Joseph Catholic Church

For those unable to attend in the evening, **the same talk will also be offered following the daily Mass in the Parish Hall**, with **light refreshments served**.

Come as you are. Bring a friend. Give yourself these four days to **listen, reflect, pray, and grow in faith**.

Everyone is welcome!

Dates to remember:

- **Annual Church Picnic- September 20**
- **Parish Mission- September 21-24**
- ***Confirmation for 7th & 8th Grade April 10, 2027***

Weekend Mass Weekend Mass times are at 5:00pm Saturday and 9:00 am Sunday. Mass servers for Saturday, September 19 are Lauren Rugan and Jackson Joiner, Sunday, September 20 servers are Emmitt Gosser and Mason Panning. Scrip sellers for Saturday night are Danielle Zink/ Megan Martinez , Sunday is Jessica Williams. 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 help get you signed up for being a volunteer.**

May God bless us!

Laurie Kolling

Principal