

St. Joseph Catholic School Newsletter

September 22, 2026

Growing in faith and knowledge to serve God and community.

St. Joseph Catholic School Mission

Parish Mission We had a wonderful first evening of The Freedom to Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic with Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap.! If you missed last night, there are still three more nights to join us! Come tonight or any of the remaining evenings, September 22–24, from 7:00–8:30 PM at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

It's a great opportunity to slow down, reflect, and grow deeper in our Catholic faith. We hope you'll join us!

German Buffet Please see the note from Megan Martinez regarding the German Buffet. The note is attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

Safety Protocol Reminder As a reminder, St. Joseph School will continue our safety practice of locking the church doors during Children's Masses. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the doors will be locked from 8:15–9:00 AM.

We appreciate your understanding as we work to provide a safe and secure environment for our students. Thank you for your cooperation!

Crosswalk Please help us keep everyone safe by using the crosswalk before and after school. With traffic and parked cars in front of the school, it can be hard for drivers to see children walking between cars. Thank you for helping keep our students safe!

Importance of Sleep Please make sure your child(ren) is getting enough sleep for their age. According to [health.gov](https://www.health.gov), without enough sleep, children and teens can have problems with attention, memory, and problem-solving. Sleep deprivation can also contribute to emotional issues and behavior problems that may affect academic achievement. Making sleep a priority is important for parents who want their children to succeed in school.

Homework Homework can be an important part of your child's education. The teachers at St. Joseph believe that the majority of the time, assignments can be completed during the school day. However, there may be times when your child is not able to complete their homework during the school day due to various activities. Please check with your child each day to see if they have homework. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Truant A student shall be considered truant if he/she misses a significant part of three consecutive days of school or five days in a semester without a valid excuse from the parent or guardian (72-1113). In such cases, the principal is required by law to contact the local Child and Family Services agency. (The student who misses a half day or more shall be considered to have missed a significant part of the day.) A valid excuse is defined as doctor appointments, illness, surgeries, or immediate family funerals.

Schedule Change Our Early Dismissal for the month of October has been changed to Monday, October 12th. Please mark this change on your calendar. Buses will not run on October 12th. Thank you for making note of this schedule change!

Upcoming dates

- Parish Mission- September 21-24
- Buses will not run on October 5th
- Early Dismissal- October 12th- buses will not run
- End of 1st quarter- October 16th
- Grandfriend Mass- October 23rd
- No School- Teacher Inservice- October 30th
- German Buffett- November 1st
- *Confirmation for 7th & 8th Grade April 10, 2027*

Ministry Schedule The ministry schedule for October has been posted on our website, <https://www.stjosephellinwood.com>, please check to see if you or your family have been scheduled for a ministry you volunteered to do. If you have a conflict with the weekend you are scheduled, please trade with someone. It is important that everyone fulfill their weekend obligation.

Weekend Mass Weekend Mass times are 5:00pm Saturday and 9:00 am Sunday. Servers for Saturday, September 26 are Chioggia and Cabrini Staton. Servers for Sunday, September 27 are Addilyn and Emalie Joiner. Scrip sellers for this weekend are: Saturday is Stacie and Joseph Wapelhorst. Sunday is Christy and Kyle Nemnich.

Mrs. Laurie Kolling

Principal

Scroll down to read the note about the German Buffet.

St. Joseph Parents

I am sending out a reminder that it is time to start thinking about our annual German Buffet. For those of you who are new to our school, the German Buffet is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It is held on the first Sunday of November, which falls on the 1st this year. The students at St. Joseph sell raffle tickets for many great prizes, and the parents combine their efforts to serve a German-themed meal to nearly 600 people.

This is a huge undertaking for our small school, but it is a success year after year due to the hard work of our dedicated students and parents. If you have served in the past, thank you for your service. If I was unable to speak with you at enrollment, I will be contacting those of you who served on committees last year to confirm that you can help again this year.

If you are new to the German Buffet, you may be contacted to serve on a committee, or a committee member may call you to assist them on their committee. You may also be asked to bake a dessert item or bring ingredients for other dishes. We need ALL parents to help out in multiple ways in order to make this a successful fundraiser.

The men will gather one evening to do sausage. The date will be determined as it gets closer. Call/Text Austin Zink at (620)708-0035 if you are willing to help.

Again, thank you in advance for your help with multiple tasks to accomplish this large fundraiser.

God's Blessings,

Megan Martinez

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