

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 12, 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pro-Life Meeting

All who are interested in learning more about our Pro-Life group are welcome to attend a short meeting in the church basement, November 19 after 8:30 mass.

### Pilot Grove Craft Show

Sunday, Nov. 26 9:00-3:00

Pilot Grove C-4

Lunch available

Sponsored by: PG Community Building Committee

## Stewardship News

You will find Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR) packets in the back of church. In the packet you will find:

1. A ministry guide that lists all our parish ministries with a description of the ministry.
2. A time and talent commitment form to make your outwards commitment to the parish family to give back through active participation in the life of the parish.
3. A tithing commitment form to make your outward commitment to the life of the parish by sacrificially giving of your material goods.
4. A confidential envelope to return your both forms to the parish office.

We are asking you to return your commitment forms by December 17, 2023.

Thank you for your prayerful commitment to the life of our parish family.

BE THANKFUL  
BE GRATEFUL  
BE BLESSED

## CONTACT US

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Bulletin Items Deadline - Noon Wednesday

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are updating our bulletin, please contact the office for those you wish to add to the prayer list.

Avery Beach and John Templeton

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Confession offered 20 minutes before each mass and by appointment.

### Saturday, November 11

4:00 PM: Tom Gerke

### Sunday, November 12

8:30 AM: In Thanksgiving Herb & Mary Zeller Family

### Tuesday, November 14

8:05 AM Dan & Mary Twenter family

### Thursday, November 16

8:05 AM Earl & Ted Twenter

### Saturday, November 18

4:00 PM: Willard & Roberta Wolfe

### Sunday, November 19

8:30 AM Kenny & Pat Lammers

## GIFTS AND GIVING REPORT

ENVELOPES	\$5,234.00
LOOSE	342.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	20.00
MISSION SUNDAY	45.00
ALL SOULS	241.00
ALL SAINTS	71.00
TOTAL	\$5,953.00

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

With the growing population of our student body the need for additional space has also been a growing concern. Alongside a long-term planning committee, the school advisory board has been working on plans to gain additional classroom space. It is our goal to maintain the low teacher to student ratio St. Joseph has always flourished under. According to the Show Me Institute the average class size in Missouri is 11.3 students per teacher. Our current student to teacher ratio is 13.1 and in the upcoming years some of our lower grade levels will exceed 27 students per double graded classroom. Not only will this present a challenge for physical space, but it will also affect the ability for the classroom teacher to provide individualized instruction. The next steps coming forward in the months ahead will be sharing more information at Mass and holding informational meetings. These will be open to all parishioners and parents, and we ask anyone with any ideas, suggestions, or that would like to be involved to contact a committee member listed below. As we go through the process of exploring the best options for our school and parish, we ask that you pray for those charged with coming up with solutions for our greatest blessings, the current and future St. Joseph's Cougars and God's little disciples.

Brain Kliethermes, Jennifer Martin, Dustin Schuster, Nichole Watring, and Fr. Smith



## SCHOOL NEWS

**Principal - Mrs. Nichole Watring**

**Web site: [www.stjosephcougars.com](http://www.stjosephcougars.com)**

### **Mass Schedule**

Mass next week will be on Tuesday and Thursday the 7th & 8th grades will have parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome join us!

### **Soup Supper and Bingo**

Thank you to everyone that supported the Student Council Soup Supper & Bingo night last weekend! Fun was had by all that attended and \$2,322.50 was raised to go towards the spring field trip and a service project to be determined by student council.

### **Speech Meet**

Congratulations to our speech meet participant's last weekend. They all did a great job!

Duets: Emma & Willa Wolfe: Red Ribbon  
Aria Kliethermes & Lila Imhoff: Blue Ribbon  
Levi Wolfe & Cole Weber: Red Ribbon  
Jackson Inskeep & Bennett Schuster: Blue Ribbon  
Catherine & Miles Schuster: Blue Ribbon

### **Christmas Lighting Help**

We are looking for individuals that would be willing to help put up Christmas Light on the school Sunday, November 19th. If you can help, please contact Patrick Skain at 660-621-0938.

**Advent Mass Reading  
booklets and  
2024 Catholic Inspiration  
calendars  
are available in the cry room.**

*Formation Fun  
for Families*

Tis the season...Advent is almost here!!! There is such beauty in the waiting and preparing that this season brings. The easiest thing you can do is have an advent wreath in your home. Light the candles each night at dinner and read along with an advent devotional for kids. Traditions are important and starting them young will help your family continue to grow in faith for generations to come! Dec 3rd is the first Sunday of Advent!

### **Upcoming School Events**

**11/15- PSR**

**11/22-11/24-Thanksgiving Break**

**11/30-Home & School Meeting**

**12/19-Christmas Program**

**12/21-1/3-No School**

