



*"Go And Make a Difference"* **November 21, 2025**

## Manners & Virtues

Our weekly focus is on showing mercy by choosing to forgive others. When someone apologizes, we challenge our students to kindly say, "I forgive you," just as Jesus teaches us to be merciful and loving. This week's scripture reminds us, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). Let's work together to practice forgiveness in our words and actions each day!

## Mass Schedule

Mass will be on Tuesday next week. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades will have Mass parts. Parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome to join us!

## Advent Family Night

Thank you to everyone who came to our Advent Family Night! We had a great turnout and enjoyed having families stay for the Home & School Meeting as well. We hope to have another event during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Look for more information to come about the next family night.

## Art Room Request

Thank you to everyone who donated more glue sticks to the art room. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## Happy Thanksgiving!

Next week, there will not be a Cougar Tracks, and folders will not be sent home. School will not be in session Wednesday through Friday. The faculty and staff wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you enjoy the holiday and the time spent with family and friends. We are so thankful for each of our students and their families you are a blessing to our school!

*Mornings with*  
**MOTHER MARY**

All 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Students are  
invited!

**Join Rosary Group  
Wednesday  
Mornings at 7:30  
in the Library!**

"The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results." -St. Josemaria Escriva

# Upcoming Events:

11/22- All School Mass  
11/26-11/28-No School Thanksgiving Break  
12/1-Church New Year Party  
12/10-Picture Retakes  
12/18-Christmas Program  
12/22-1/5-No School-Christmas Break  
1/6-School Resumes

## Cougars Making a Difference

Congratulations to our Cougars Making a Difference for this week!

PK: Calla Twenter      3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: William Schuster  
K: Lorian Templeton      5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: Hunter Perkins  
1<sup>st</sup>: Scarlet Twenter      7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>: Savannah Watring  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Leo Williams

## All School Mass

Our next all-school Mass will be on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00. Students with Mass parts are listed below. If your child will be unable to attend, please let Mrs. Watring know.  
Servers: Garrett Hodges and Wade Leonard  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Allison Wolfe  
Response: Jackson Inskeep  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Penny Hoff  
Petitions: Boone Williams, Preslee Scott, & Charlotte Leonard  
Baskets: Oliver Sommer, Maverick Fosse, Boone Williams, & Leo Williams  
Offertory: Bennett Sommer, Josie Fosse & Lena Leonard

## Iowa Assessments

This fall, our 1st-8th-grade students took the Iowa Assessments, a standardized test that measures academic performance compared to nationwide expectations. We received the results this week, and we are excited to share that our students performed very well! While this is just one tool we use to understand student learning, it is a helpful snapshot of growth and achievement. We are happy to report that our students' overall composite scores (the average of all tested areas) were higher than both the state and diocesan averages!

Student profile reports are being sent home this week so families can review individual results. You will also find an overview of each grade level's class average in the complete composite score over the last two to three years — a great way to see the continued growth happening here at St. Joseph School.

We are incredibly proud of our students' hard work and the dedication of our teachers. Thank you for partnering with us in helping your student succeed!

## Open House

After the weekend Masses on Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th, we will be hosting an Open House for all parishioners and community members. Both our original school building and the new addition will be open for tours. We are so grateful for the incredible generosity that made these new classrooms possible!

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