St Joseph Catholic School
Pilot Grove, Missouri

Choose Joy, Spread Joy October 1, 2026

Seeds of Joy

Seeds of Joy: Choose Forgiveness

Sometimes people say or do things that hurt our feelings. Holding onto anger can make it hard for joy to grow. Jesus teaches us to forgive others, just as He forgives us.

"Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you." Colossians 3:13

This Week's Challenge: If someone hurts your feelings or makes a mistake, choose forgiveness. Let go of the grudge, give them another chance, and move forward with kindness.

Mass Schedule

Next week, Fr. Greg and Msgr. Mak will be attending the priest institute. We will meet at 8:05 to say a rosary on Tuesday and Thursday. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome to join us!

No School:

School will not be in session tomorrow, Friday, October 2. Teachers will be attending a regional PD day.

Testing Week:

Students in grades 1–8 will take the Iowa Assessments next week. Please help your child do their best by getting a good night's sleep, eating a healthy breakfast, and arriving at school on time!These assessments measure student achievement in areas such as reading, language, math, science, and social studies. Results help us identify student strengths, areas for growth, and progress from year to year.

Immunization Records

If your child has had any recent immunizations, please send an updated record for our files. Thank you!

Picture Day:

Picture Day will be Friday, Oct. 16th. This will be a free dress day, please remember it is picture day when choosing outfits. Ordering can be done online at inter-state. com/order. This event's Order Code is 0510CGF. Online ordering is available before and after Picture Day. Shipping and handling charges may apply to orders placed after Picture Day.

Upcoming Events:

10/2- No School-Regional PD Day
10/5-10/9-1st- 8th Testing Week
10/11-All School Mass
10/16-School Pictures/End of Quarter
10/17-Home & School Auction
10/21-PK-2nd Field Trip
10/22-P/T Conferences & Early Out
10/23-No School

PK-2nd Field Trip:

Our Preschool–2nd grade students will be heading to the Pixie Pumpkin Patch in Knob Noster on October 21! More details will be coming soon, but we wanted to give families the date now so you can mark your calendars. We're looking forward to a fun fall day!

All School Mass

Our first All-School Mass will be on Sunday, October 11th at 8:30. Student parts are listed below. If your child cannot attend this Mass, please let Mrs. Watring know. Please practice any speaking parts at home.

Servers: Jed Fenical & Dean Martin
1st Reading: Eli Shadwick
2nd Reading: Hunter Perkins
Petitions: John Schuster, Caden Tavenner, Avery Fenical, and Collin Kliethermes
Baskets: Willl Kusgen, Ben Fenical, Jack Fenical, and Scarlet Twenter
Offertory: Ada Dill, Everlee Twenter, and Emree Twenter

Joy in Action:

Our first saint for our Joy in Action award is St. Philip Neri, who was known for his joyful spirit, sense of humor, and friendship. He used these gifts to lift others up and help them experience the love of Jesus.
Throughout the month, teachers watched for students who followed St. Philip Neri's example by bringing joy to others, including others, showing kindness, positively using humor, and being a good friend.
The following students were chosen for demonstrating these qualities and will be recognized at Mass. Each student may invite a special guest to join them for Mass on Tuesday, October 13.
PK: Rhett Fenical
K: Cora Twenter
1st: Haven Aguado
2nd: Scarlet Twenter
3rd & 4th: Nora Stark
5th & 6th : Boone WIlliams
7th & 8th: Aria Kliethermes
Congratulations to our Joy in Action recipients! Thank you for showing us how simple acts of friendship and joy can help others experience the love of Jesus. Keep spreading joy!

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