St Joseph Catholic School
Pilot Grove, Missouri

Choose Joy, Spread Joy **September 4, 2026**

Seeds of Joy

This week's Seed of Joy reminds us that something as simple as a smile can spread joy to those around us!

Food for Thought: A smile is one of the easiest ways to spread joy.

Scripture: "A glad heart makes a cheerful face." — Proverbs 15:13

Challenge for the Week: Smile and greet everyone you meet! Let's see how much joy we can spread throughout our school with something as simple as a smile.

Mass Schedule

Mass next week will be on Tuesday and Thursday, with the 3rd & 4th grade having Mass parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome to join us!

No School:

School will not be in session on Monday, September 7th, in honor of Labor Day!

Joy in Action

Each month, we will focus on a different saint who chose joy and spread joy throughout their life. At the end of the month, one student from each classroom will be recognized for showing the joyful characteristics of that saint.

Our first Saint of the Month is St. Philip Neri, the Apostle of Joy! St. Philip was known for his cheerful spirit, sense of humor, kindness, and ability to bring others closer to God through joy. We can't wait to see our students following his example and choosing joy and spreading joy throughout our school!

Blood Drive

St. Joseph Church and School will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, September 10, at the Community Building from 1-6. Appointments can be made online through the American Red Cross. Thank you for supporting this important event!

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day will be held on Friday, September 18th. Please fill out the form included in folders last week and return to school by Friday, September 11th.

Upcoming Events:

9/7-No School-Labor Day
9/9-9/13-Steam Engine Show
9/10-Blood Drive
9/17-AR Family Night/ Home & School Meeting
9/18-Mid-Quarter
9/18-Grandparents Day/Early Out
9/21-No School/Teacher PD Day

Spirit Wear:

Spirit Wear order forms were included in folders last week. Online ordering is encouraged. Please turn in all orders, online or paper, by Tuesday, September 8th.

Steam Engine Show:

Steam Engine Show work passes are being sent home in student folders today. Please be sure to keep your pass, as you will need it to enter the grounds for your scheduled work shift.

AR Family Night:

We will be hosting AR Family Night on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6:00 in the new library. This will be an opportunity for parents new to AR, or those that have questions, an opportunity to understand the program so we can help our students be successful!

Independence Day

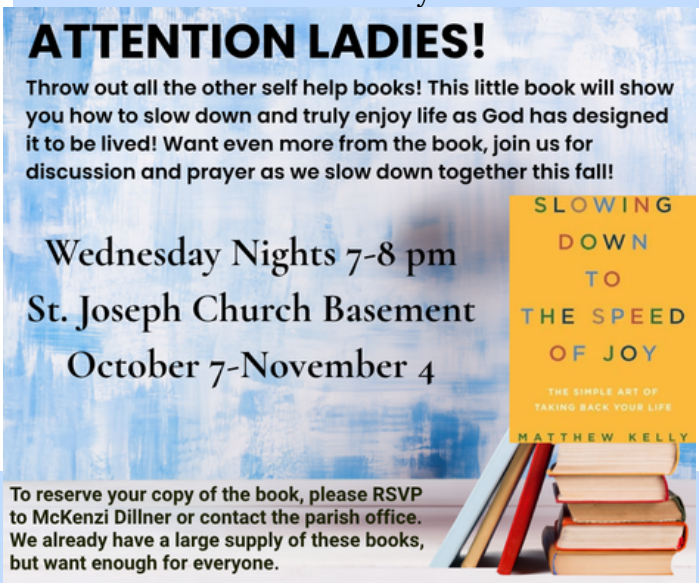
Many thanks to all parents, grandparents, and family members who are making drop-off go so smoothly! The students are doing a great job walking in on their own in the mornings! On Tuesday, Sept 8th we will celebrate "Independence Day" to recognize the students and encourage them to walk in on their own for the rest of the school year!

Payments & Lunch Bills

Registration fees, tuition, lunch bills, and monthly tithing may be paid by cash, check, or Venmo.
Please remember to keep lunch payments separate from all other payments. When sending or submitting any payment, be sure to clearly indicate what the payment is for so we can apply it to the correct account.
August lunch bills will be sent home next week.

StuCo:

Students in grades 3rd-8th running for a student council position will give their speeches on Wednesday, September 9th. Elections will also be held on Wednesday.



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