St Joseph Catholic School
Pilot Grove, Missouri

Choose Joy, Spread Joy **September 18, 2026**

Seeds of Joy

This week's Seed of Joy tells us that gratitude helps us notice God's blessings!
This week, we are focusing on being thankful for the many blessings God gives us each day, both big and small.
"Give thanks in all circumstances." – 1 Thessalonians 5:18
Challenge: Write down five things you are thankful for this week. Take time to notice the people, moments, and blessings that bring joy to your day!

Mass Schedule

Mass next week will be on Tuesday. On Thursday, we will say a rosary together at regular Mass time. The 5th & 6th grade will have Mass parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome to join us!

No School:

School will not be in session on Monday, September 21st . Teachers will be attending a diocesan wide PD day.

Grandparents Day

Tomorrow is Grandparents Day! We will begin with Mass at 9:30.Grandparents can meet their grandchildren outside in front of the church starting at 9:15. Following Mass, there will be a short program in the church and lunch in the basement after the program. When lunch is over, the students will be released to their grandparents to spend the day with them. The school will also be open for Grandparents to visit the classrooms with their grandchildren if they want to. There will be no bus service or after-school care.
This year, we will be having a dress-up day for Grandparents' Day. Students may wear their Sunday best, no jeans! If they would prefer to wear their uniform, we ask that they wear a polo and not a spirit wear T-shirt.

Mid-Quarter:

Friday marks halfway through 1st quarter! Progress reports will be sent home next Friday with updates to AR goals for students in 1st through 8th grade.

Upcoming Events:

9/18-Mid-Quarter
9/18-Grandparents Day/Early Out
9/21-No School/Teacher PD Day
9/28-No Bus
9/30-Foundation Speaker
10/2- No School-Regional PD Day
10/5-10/9-1st- 8th Testing Week

Advisory Council:

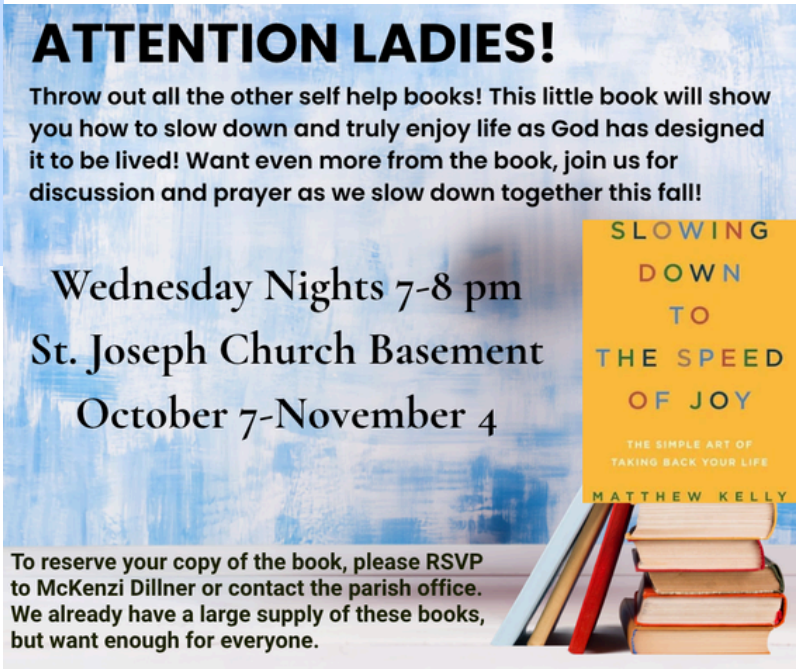
The St. Joseph School Advisory Council is looking for new members. The council works with Fr. Greg and Mrs. Watring to support the mission and continued growth of our school. Members provide input and ideas, help with long-range planning, and offer a parent and parish perspective on the needs of our school. This is an advisory role, not a governing board, and is a great way to be involved and help support the future of St. Joseph School. If you are interested in serving or would like to learn more, please contact the school office, Fr. Greg, or a current member.
Nick Fosse, Billy Inskeep, Jennifer Martin, and Dustin Schuster.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents' Day Mass parts are listed below. If your child has a speaking part, please practice with them at home.
Servers: Wade Leonard and Heath Fenical
Song Leader: Stella Reuter
1st Reading: Aria Kliethermes
Response: Willa Wolfe
Petitions: Eli Shadwick, Hunter Perkins, Carter Vollrath, and Allie Templeton
Offertory: Rhett Lorenz and Fletcher Grissum
Choir: Stella Reuter, John Schuster, Boone Williams

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!



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