St Joseph Catholic School
Pilot Grove, Missouri

Choose Joy, Spread Joy **September 25, 2026**

Seeds of Joy

Joy grows when we include others!
This week, look for someone who may need a friend or an invitation to join in. A simple "Come sit with us!" or "Do you want to play?" can make someone feel welcomed and included.
"Welcome one another, as Christ welcomed you." – Romans 15:7
This Week's Challenge: Invite someone new to join you at lunch, recess, in a game, or during an activity. Small acts of kindness are a great way to spread joy!

Mass Schedule

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

No School:

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

Testing Week:

Iowa Assessments
Students in grades 1–8 will take the Iowa Assessments the week of October 6. 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. Please help your child do their best by getting a good night's sleep, eating a healthy breakfast, and arriving at school on time!

Mid-Quarter:

Last Friday was the first quarter mid-quarter. Progress reports for K-8th grades are being sent home today along with updates to AR goals for 1st-8th grades. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

Upcoming Events:

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
10/11-All School Mass
10/16-School Pictures/End of Quarter
10/17-Home & School Auction

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.

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!

Picture Day:

Picture Day will be Friday, October 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.

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