St. Joseph Catholic School Newsletter

September 9, 2026

Growing in faith and knowledge to serve God and community.

St. Joseph Catholic School Mission

Confirmation Date Set Parents of 7th and 8th grade students, please mark your calendars! We have been notified by the Diocese that our Confirmation date has been scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.

This is an important milestone in your child's faith journey as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep this date in mind as you plan your family's spring activities.

More information regarding Confirmation preparation, practices, and other details will be shared as they become available.

Please continue to pray for our students as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and grow deeper in their Catholic faith!

Kindergarten Parents Please remember you received a letter asking you to log on with your child and do a couple short tests. It should only take about 10 minutes. It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that you do this, as it is part of our State Accreditation. If you have questions, or trouble logging on, please let me know. I need to have these completed by September 11th.

You're Invited to our Annual Parish Picnic! There will be something for everyone at our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 20 at 5:00pm! Join us for an evening of delicious food, fun activities, and time spent with friends and fellow parishioners.

Please help us plan by signing up in the Gathering Space by September 14, or email jkomarek@stjosephellinwood.com

Last names A–M: Please bring a dessert.
Last names N–Z: Please bring a side dish.

We hope you and your family will join us for this special parish tradition. Come enjoy an evening of food, fun, and fellowship with your parish family!

We Invite All Our Parents to our Parish Mission As parents and educators, we spend so much time helping our children grow in their faith. This Parish Mission is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in your own Catholic faith, deepen your relationship with Christ, and reflect on what it means to continue maturing as an adult Catholic.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to step away from the busyness of everyday life, strengthen your faith, and grow closer to Christ. We hope you will join us! See the schedule below for more information.

The Freedom to Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic

Parish Mission with Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap

September 21–24, 2026 7:00–8:30 PM - St. Joseph Catholic Church

We warmly invite you to join us for a special **four-day Parish Mission** led by **Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap**.

Cardinal St. John Henry Newman once said: **"The only evidence of life is growth."**

Our life of faith is also a journey of growth. This Parish Mission will invite us to reflect on the challenge of **growing and maturing in our Catholic faith** and discovering the freedom that comes from a deeper relationship with Christ.

Drawing upon **Sacred Scripture, the Twelve-Step Recovery tradition, and the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola**, Fr. Simeon will explore the themes of **freedom and spiritual growth**.

Evening Mission **September 21–24 | 7:00–8:30 PM St. Joseph Catholic Church**

For those unable to attend in the evening, **the same talk will also be offered following the daily Mass in the Parish Hall**, with **light refreshments served.**

Come as you are. Bring a friend. Give yourself these four days to **listen, reflect, pray, and grow in faith.**

Everyone is welcome!

Dates to remember:

- **4th Grade Ag Day - September 9**
- **Dismiss at 1:00pm - September 14**
- **Annual Church Picnic- September 20**

Weekend Mass Weekend Mass times are at 5:00pm Saturday and 9:00 am Sunday. Mass servers for Saturday, September 12 are Adley Ritchie and Wade Carroll. Sunday, September 13 servers are Emma Trout and Macy Williiams. Scrip seller for Saturday night is Jill Ritchie or Tenelle Nuest , and Sunday is Stacie Resner . If you cannot fulfill your obligation, please find another person to switch with. **We are needing more volunteers to help with scrip and greeting parishioners. Please contact Jamie Komarek or myself to help with being a volunteer.**

May God bless us!
Laurie Kolling

Principal