



# St. Joseph Catholic School

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

**Statement of Mission:** Responding to God's call, we the community of St. Joseph School, dedicate ourselves with love to the spiritual growth and academic excellence of our children in order to prepare them for the journey through this life to the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Purpose Statement:** To prepare our students for a life that glorifies God.

**Enrollment:** St. Joseph School enrolls students in grades kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. (Data from our preschool program is not included in this Rule 14 report). Students attending St. Joseph School reside in the school districts of York, McCool Junction and Heartland Community. The table below shows the enrollment for the past five years.

Grade	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Kindergarten	6	11	10	10	10
First	10	10	9	12	10
Second	10	9	10	10	10
Third	9	8	9	9	6
Fourth	8	8	9	7	11
Fifth	8	11	7	11	7
Sixth	8	3	5	4	9
Seventh	3	5	3	9	9
Eighth	5	3	8	9	4
Total	67	68	70	81	76

**Staffing for K-8 Program:** 10 – FT certified staff; 1 – PT paraprofessional; 1 – Principal; 1 – Chief Administrative Officer/Pastor; 1 – FT secretary; 1 – FT cook/custodian; 1 – PT custodian

**Academic Updates:** Our curriculum is aligned with content standards of the Lincoln Diocese Education Office and the Nebraska State Standards.

MAP testing (Measures of Academic Progress) was adopted in the fall of 2021. MAP testing is conducted in the fall, winter and spring, providing teachers with data to adjust instructional needs for students. The scores below are median score with a range of 1 – 99 for grade levels 3 – 8 (Median Score – the score in the middle of a list of scores. The point where half of the scores are above and half are below. Therefore, scores above 50 are better than typical and scores below 50 are not as good as typical).

**2026 Spring MAP SCORES NPR**  
Grades 3-8 as designated by Rule 14

Grade	Language Arts	Math	Reading
Third	67	76	50
Fourth	76	70	71
Fifth	74	55	69
Sixth	79	83	76
Seventh	*	*	*
Eighth	*	*	*

\*Scores masked with classes less than five students

**Highlights:**

**Pumpkin Sale** was held in late September. The funds from the sale of pumpkins were used to support events sponsored by our Student Council and Home and School Association.

**Catholic School Week** was held the last week of January. To kick off the week, student sang at Sunday Mass and hosted coffee and rolls for parishioners. A Penny War was held again this year with proceeds going to Camp Kateri. Additional activities included an afternoon of activities, Living Rosary, Pep Rally and dress-up days. The week concluded with the ever-popular VIP Day/Breakfast and class skits.

**Intervention** support to designated students in the areas of math and reading.

**Music Highlights** included a Veteran’s Day program performance, Christmas and spring music programs featuring grades K-4 vocal music, grades 5-8 choir and grades 5-8 band. Four students qualified for district honor band.

**Learning Beyond the Classroom:**

**Service Projects:**

Service projects conducted in the 2025-26 school year included a Sock Drive for the City Mission and Blue Valley, weekly recycling of paper products, delivering cards and gifts and singing Christmas carols to residents of nursing homes as well as writing letters to seminary students and creating and delivering gifts for truck drivers to have on Christmas.

**Athletic Events:**

Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades had the opportunity to participate in cross country, football, volleyball, wrestling and track at York Middle School.

**Field Trips by Grade:**

Kindergarten – Holgoth’s pumpkin patch, Hastings Museum, Mittman’s Apple Orchard, Stuhr Museum and community visits to the library, fire department and police department.

First Grade – Hastings Museum and Stuhr Museum

Second Grade – First Communion Retreat at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, Edgerton Explorit Center

Third Grade – Wessels Living History Museum and Edgerton Explorit Center.

Fourth Grade – Morrill Hall, State Capitol, Agfest at the fairgrounds, Pollinator Day

Fifth Grade – Archway Museum and Yanney Park

Sixth and Seventh Grade – Hastings Museum, Edgerton Explorit Center

Eighth Grade – Hastings Museum, Escape Room, Amazing Pizza Machine, Prehistoric Putt

All Grades – Camp Kateri field day with activities and mass