

# Sacred Heart School Newsletter

## ISASPS

Students in third and fourth grade at Sacred Heart School recently completed the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) tests. These tests are mandated by the state legislature and are taken in the spring by all students in public and accredited nonpublic schools across the state. Preliminary results show that 93% of Sacred Heart students in third and fourth grade were proficient in math and 86% of Sacred Heart students in third and fourth grade were proficient in English/language arts.

The final test reports, with comparisons to the student's previous scores, will be available in the fall. Parents will receive a letter with instructions to access the reports online as well as a printed copy of the reports.

The ISASPs and the FAST tests are what is referred to in the ESA assurance statements about state testing. Sacred Heart School uses the required state assessments. These assessments are the same as what students take in the public schools.

## ESA SIGN UP FOR ALL K-4 STUDENTS FOR 25-26

If you haven't already done so, please sign up now for ESA for the 2025-26 school year. All K-4 families are eligible.

<https://iowa-households.withodyssey.com/login/>

The process is fast and easy. The deadline is June 30.

Our goal is to have everyone signed up by the end of the school year. Please sign up this weekend!



## GIFT FOR FATHER PAUL

Shhhh, don't tell him, we'd like to plan a going away/thank you gift for Father Paul. If your family would like to contribute towards restaurant gift certificates for Father Paul in his new assignment in the area of Edgewood to Elkader, please send the contribution to the school office. We will purchase gift certificates to present to Father Paul at the final school Mass on May 22. Please tell of us of your favorite place to eat around Edgewood, Colesburg, Strawberry Point, Volga, and Elkader. Thank you for helping with this gift.



## Important Dates

May 5

Deadline for applying for STO  
<https://online.factsmgt.com/SigInIn.aspx>

May 7

12:55 Early Dismissal

May 8

10:00 Grandparents Day, May  
Crowning, School Mass,  
program, lunch

May 9

K-4 Field trip to Swiss Valley  
Nature Center

May 14

2:55 Early Dismissal

May 15

10:00 Birthday Mass and lunch  
for May and June birthdays

May 19

Olympic Day at the Track, rain  
date May 20

May 21

Full day of school; K-4 prays  
Rosary at 2:30 at church

May 22

10:00 School Mass honoring  
4<sup>th</sup> grade students


May 23

Kindergarten graduation

May 28

12:55 Early Dismissal, Last Day

## Upcoming Local Events




### Youth Volunteers WANTED:

#### Jones County Youth Conservation Crew



**Are you 12-18?**

Here's your chance to volunteer with the Jones County Conservation Department.



**Volunteer: Thursday Mornings in June**  
9 AM — Noon: **June: 5, 12, 19, & 26**

Please register, as a crew member, by May 30 at <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Jones>

## MAY IS BEEF MONTH

1. This challenge begins on May 1st and ends on May 31st.
2. Sign up using the google form by April 30th.
  - a. <https://forms.gle/QpfCHRDnyiks7NJ76> or scan the QR code below.
3. Download the reading log and track your minutes.
  - a. Books do not have to be beef-related.
4. At the end of the month, turn in your log to be entered into the prize drawing on June 8th!
  - a. Jr. Beef Readers (Pre-K - 6th): Amazon Fire Tablet
  - b. Int. Beef Readers (7th - 12th): Amazon Kindle
  - c. Sr. Beef Readers (Adults): Beef Bucks

For questions contact the Jones County Beef Producers at [jonescountybeefproducers@gmail.com](mailto:jonescountybeefproducers@gmail.com) or message us on Facebook.




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## FORAGING SERIES

WHERE YOU'LL LEARN TO SAFELY IDENTIFY, HARVEST, AND ENJOY NATURE'S WILD BOUNTY HERE IN MONTICELLO AND CENTRAL PARK!

**WHAT TO BRING**

- Water Bottle
- Comfortable Clothes
- Sunscreen & Hat

**Led by Interpretive Naturalist Michele Olson**

- Spring – April 30th 4pm – Willow Park, Monticello (Meet at the Shelter)
- Summer – July 9th 4pm – Riverside Garden, Monticello (The Pond)
- Fall – October 15th 4pm – Central Park, Amber (Nature Center)

## Upcoming School Events

### MAY AND JUNE BIRTHDAYS

We will be celebrating both May and June birthdays with Birthday Mass and Lunch on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be held at 10:00 with lunch at 12:05.

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

Please return the RSVP for Grandparents Day! We hope your family can join us!

When: May 8<sup>th</sup> @10:00am

What: May Crowning followed by Mass and our Spring Concert. After, we ask that you join us in Newman hall for lunch around 11:45.

Please let the office know if you need a copy of the letter with the RSVP.

## PARISH + MASS SCHEDULE

**Monticello: Sacred Heart**

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday Jan. 1-June 30: 8:30am

Sunday July 1-Dec. 31 10:30am

Tue: 7:30am

Thur: 10:00am School Mass

**Hopkinton: St. Luke**

Sunday Jan. 1-June 30 10:30am

Sunday July 1-Dec. 31 8:30am

Wed: 8:00am

Fri: 8:00am

*It is our mission to provide for preschool and elementary children of Sacred Heart School, Monticello, an exemplary Catholic School that is Christ centered; is a joyful, educational faith community in which students, faculty, staff, and leadership integrate religion, truth, and Catholic values with the rest of life; uses research based and innovative educational programs that meet the needs of each student; and has the support of Sacred Heart parish as well as a partnership with parents and the community.*