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Dear St. Joseph School Family,

I want to share with you a reflection on the Second Reading for the First Sunday of Advent that we will hear this coming weekend. This reading is taken from the First Thessalonians 3:12-4:2.

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

What stands out for me with this reading are two things:

1) The Lord increases our love for each other so that we may be stronger in our holiness as we stand before God. The more that we truly love each other as Jesus loves the stronger we will be. Yes, we are all called to be holy. Every one of us – no exceptions – and we are all called to the heights of holiness. There aren't separate expectations of holiness for sisters than there are for the laity. We are all called to holiness. Blessed Chiara Luce, who died when she was 18, made statements such as: "I try to love Jesus as much as I can". Saint Gianna Molla said: "The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day". These are two lay women who reached the heights of holiness in their daily lives, and others noticed their deep love for Jesus and wanted to be near them, just to bask in the joy with which they lived.

2) We should conduct ourselves according to the instructions that we receive from Jesus. This is one of the important thoughts from scripture that we work on with the students. We want them to think and act as Jesus would throughout their lives, no matter the situation. This also holds true for each of us. I think Saint Gianna says this best: "Our body is a cenacle, a monstrance: through its crystal the world should see God."

As we prepare to enter into this Advent season I encourage you to spend time reflecting on the scriptures the Church presents to us for Advent. There are many sources that can assist you, from Bishop Barron to Matthew Kelly, and everything in between. They would provide you with a daily advent reflection right in your inbox. Don't be afraid to enter into this Advent with the expectation that something will change for you. If you truly desire it, it will happen. Jesus does want us to draw closer to Him, and as Blessed Chiara said: "If this is what you want, Jesus, so do I".

God bless you.

In Christ,

Sister Mary Cecilia

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

30 Fri 2B Class Mass

DECEMBER

2 Sun ADVENT Begins

5 Wed Preschool Programs
10:15 & 2:30; Band Rehearsal

6 Thu Melodic Knights Field
Trip; Band Concert Pius 7:00

7 Fri 3B Class Mass; Mission
Collection; NOON Dismissal,
NO Uniform

Christmas Break

12/21 Noon Dismissal

1/7 School Resumes

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLICK LUNCHROOM DUTY

LUNCHROOM DUTY VOLUNTEERS help the kitchen staff and Lunchroom Monitors.

CLICK K-1-2 RECESS

K-1-2 RECESS Duty: aid teachers and paras in supervising students during recess.

CLICK 3-6 RECESS DUTY

3-6 RECESS DUTY: aid teachers and paras in supervising students during recess

HAITI:

New or gently used Tennis Shoes for school children in Haiti. All sizes.



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Click [DECEMBER CALENDAR](#)

[DECEMBER MENU](#)

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK: Caleb Hile, Theology 3, St Charles Borromeo, St Joseph Parish, Lincoln

CHRISTMAS MUSICALS Please be watching my PowerSchool Learning site for upcoming updates on the Christmas musicals! Mrs. Krinke



THANK YOU to all the parents, students, staff and community members who made our BOOK FAIR a success! If you weren't able to attend or still have shopping to do, there is still time to order **ONLINE**. All purchases will help our St. Joseph's Library. Online ordering is available THROUGH Monday, December 3rd. Visit the website BN.com/bookfairs. At the very end of your ordering process there will be a box that says "check here if this is a Book Fair order". You will then need to enter our **BOOK-FAIR ID Number: 12382412**. Thank you for your support!

SPIRITWEAR STORE SIGN UP: SFA will be having Spiritwear store at a boy's home games, December 4th. We are asking our student-athletes to help run the store during the 3 games each night. This is a great service project. SFA is proud to provide new uniforms this year for the Cross-country / Track teams, Volleyball teams, and Basketball teams this year. Please consider having your student athlete volunteer one game at the Spiritwear Store so that we may continue giving back to our students. Spiritwear store for girls' season will be announced in the future. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AEAE2BA1FA7-spiritwear>

COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT ON STRESS AND ANXIETY SCIP is partnering with Lincoln Public Schools, Bryan Independence Center and the Lancaster Prevention Coalition to put on a series of valuable presentations. We are fortunate to have the video and handouts from the latest presentation on Stress and Anxiety. Video: Click <https://youtu.be/hq006lms3wc> ; Handouts: Click [Handouts](#)

10th ANNUAL HOMEMADE COOKIE AND CANDY SALE sponsored by Sacred Heart Altar Society will be held Saturday, December 8th from 4:00-6:30 PM and Sunday, December 9th from 8:00 AM-12:30 PM in the Sacred Heart Rectory basement, 3128 "S" Street. Enjoy free hot cider, coffee, and cookies while you choose the cookies you would like to buy for your holiday events, gifts, or your own sweet eaters. All proceeds go to the Parish Hall Building Fund. [Cookie Sale](#)

BLESS THE BABY JESUS! Join Bishop Conley for a special time of family prayer before Christmas, and receive a blessing upon your family and the baby Jesus from your manger scene. In these hectic days before Christmas, we gather for a kid-friendly Advent Liturgy to quiet our hearts, hear from our shepherd, and receive his blessing. The short liturgy will be followed by a festive cookie reception. Don't forget to bring your gifts of "swaddling clothes" to donate to Birthright for babies in need (new or gently used baby clothes, blankets, lotion, soap, and diaper creams are especially needed). Mark your calendar for **Sat., Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral!** Questions, contact Emily Villa 432-9814.

LINCOLN MOTHERS ON A MISSION (MOMS) "Fostering Emotional Intelligence in Your Children" with Justin Hannemann - December 1. Rev. Justin Hannemann is the CEO of Grace Point Institute for Relational Health. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist with practice interest and research in: Couple Relationships, Attachment Theory in Children and Adults, and the Integration of Faith and Psychology. Justin and his wife have three children, and he is an assistant pastor at Christ Lutheran Church who loves baseball, football, and anything Lincoln Mothers on a Mission (MOMs) is a group of Catholic mothers Contact us at lincolnmoms@outlook.com or our Facebook page.

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