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WEEKLY WATCH

Your Valentine

I loved seeing the children bringing in their creative Valentine boxes today!

Do you know the story behind giving Valentines?

In the 3rd Century, when it was still illegal to be a Christian, St. Valentine was a priest that was imprisoned for his faith. Many stories are attributed to him. Some say he was arrested because he married couples, even though the emperor decreed that marriage was illegal for young men so they could serve in his army. While in prison, St. Valentine befriended his jailer, who had a daughter that was blind. At one point, St. Valentine cured her of her blindness. Before he was executed, he wrote the girl a note that was signed, "From your Valentine." His acts of love have become immortalized ever since.



Regardless of the legends, celebrating the beauty of love is a good thing. To tell someone, "I love you," is perhaps the most powerful statement one can make. As Catholics, we know that this runs much deeper than romance. Love is seen in the sacrifice you make when your child is cranky and doesn't want to go to school. It's seen in the nights you stay up with a child who is sick. It's seen in the sacrifices you make to pay for a Catholic education. And, it's seen in your child's response of a hug, or a handmade card, or a thank you when you least expect it.

Deeper yet, love is actually personified in Jesus Christ, who took on human flesh and gave up His life out of love for us! As Scripture reminds us, "Greater love has

no one than this, to lay down his life for his friends." But St. Paul reminds us that God goes even further, "God proved His love for us that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." So, even when we were God's enemies

(sinners) He was still willing to die for us. St. John follows upon this with a challenge, "If God so loved us, then we must love one another."

Genuine love – which wills the good of another – is not necessarily easy. And it's not often surrounded by chocolates and roses. But real love, which we all long for, IS possible by the grace of God. I pray that you may know and live this love this St. Valentine's Day!

In the Heart of the King,

Sister Mary Angela, C.K.

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BIST Tip: "I can make good choices, even if I am mad (or have an overwhelming emotion)."

This BIST Goal for Life really gets down to the nitty gritty of involving the will over the emotions. Children, and even some adults, think that what they feel makes their reality. However, it can be very freeing to realize that a difficult emotion like anger or sadness does not need to paralyze me or cause me to react in negative ways. Coupled with this goal is giving the child options and tools for dealing with the strong emotion, such as deep breaths, a quiet place to calm down or simply a couple minutes to process what is going on. By teaching children to work with their emotions and still choose what is right, we are empowering them to regulate their behavior and respond to difficulties in life; something that we all need at times!

NO SCHOOL Reminder!

This is a reminder we have no school tomorrow, Friday 2/14; Monday 2/17; and Tuesday 2/18. We will see you on all on Wednesday 2/19!

Preschool Preview Tonight!



PRESCHOOL & PRE-K PREVIEW!

*Get ready for Preschool & Pre-K
at St. Joseph School!*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 5:00-7:00 PM

- ✓ Meet your teachers!
- ✓ See your classroom!
- ✓ Play with friends!

Contact Emily Klein at Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net
or 402-489-0341 to RSVP!



Mission Collection

God bless all efforts to promote MCA! We collected \$271.52 last Friday with February's mission collection!

A Valentine Treat? Get SCRIP!

Treat your Valentine to a special Mexican treat! We sell gift cards to La Paz \$10/3%. Send your order with your student in the morning and we will return it with them the same day! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416. [DOWNLOAD THE ORDER FORM!](#)

SAVE THE DATE

SFA Parent Night

Tuesday, March 11

6:45-8:00 pm | Resurrection Hall

Refreshments Provided

“What I Wish Parents Knew”

Join the SFA for the spring Parent Meeting, where we will learn what a Priest, Catholic Psychologist, Teacher, and Experienced Mother wish you knew.

- Emcee: Sara Racicot
- Priest: Fr. Ben Holdren
- Psychologist: Dr. Peter Martin
- Catechist/Teacher: Jacob Cortright
- Educator/Mother: Ann Kotopka

Possible Topics:

Self-perception lies kids believe

Common habits & vices

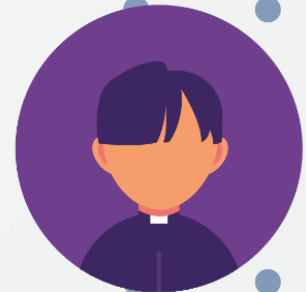
How do we model God's love?

Traits of well-formed youth

Keeping our kids Catholic



Childcare provided by the Christ the King Sisters in the School Library



Special Conference for Adults

Join us for a wonderful event held at St. Joseph Parish – Renew the Bride, the Church – on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**. **Father John Burns**, nationally-renowned speaker (featured on EWTN and Catholic Conferences like SEEK), will focus on renewing the Church through the flourishing of religious life, by means of the beauty of family life. Please invite your friends, families and coworkers to attend and/or pray for the spiritual success of this day. We hope to see you there! See the attached flyer for a

link to register for this great opportunity. You may want to check out the website of Father Burns' ministry: [Friends of the Bridegroom, renewreligious.org/](https://www.renewreligious.org/)



Renew the Bride, the Church
A Conference for Adults with Father John Burns
and Women Religious of the Diocese

Convinced of the indispensable role of women religious for the whole Body of Christ, Father John Burns founded Friends of the Bridegroom whose mission is to renew the Church through the healing, renewal and expansion of women's religious life in America. Friends of the Bridegroom seeks to establish a strong culture of vocational discernment among young women and within the family.

March 1, 2025
9:30 - 2:30

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Lincoln, NE

Parish Mass will be offered at 8:15,
followed by a light breakfast
Lunch will be provided

Every member of the Church has a part to play in the work of renewal.
Join us!

Registration



<https://forms.office.com/r/9tZSQr2PiM>



FRIENDS of the
BRIDEGROOM
<https://www.renewreligious.org/>



School Sisters
of Christ the King

St. Michael School - Camp Archangel 2025

St. Michael School is excited to host our annual summer camp, Camp Archangel!

Friday, February 7 – Camp Registration Opens

Camp registration will open at 8am on our school website. You will be able to access the appropriate webpage using the link below.

[2025 Camp Archangel](#)

Career Opportunities

Spanish Teacher

St. Joseph Catholic School, Lincoln, NE, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic Spanish teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Part-time position with potential to expand. Must have a solid working knowledge of Spanish (fluency preferred) and age-appropriate means of promoting language development for all grades PreK-8. Strong skills in communication, collaboration and relationship-building are essential. The position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive Catholic learning environment. Start date August 2025. Salary based on educational background and experience. Please send resume, and references from educational supervisors, to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.

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