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WEEKLY WATCH

Weeds Among the Wheat

It gets to be that time of year.

We've been in school for 7 months. Teachers and students know one another well. Students know one another well. We've been together for a long time. Buttons get pushed. We rub one another the wrong way pretty easily. Now is the time for perseverance!

Today, I used the parable of the Weeds and the Wheat to pray with the 5th and 6th grade classes for my monthly reflection with them. If you recall the story, the farmer sowed good wheat in his field, but when he was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds. When they began to grow, the servants asked the farmer if they should pull up the weeds, but he replied, "No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest..."

Now, I must admit, coming from a farming family, I don't care for that advice. After all, the weeds take valuable nutrients and moisture away from the good plants! But Jesus had a deeper message in mind. I asked the students to think of someone that seems like a "weed" to them (someone who irritates them in some way). I asked them to picture bringing that person to Jesus and seeing how He responds. Jesus hugs that person and loves them. He knows it is hard for us to love, but, unlike weeds, sometimes when we treat others with love and respect we may find that they don't bother us as much. We may even start to see the good in them, and possibly can even become friends.

Sometimes, taking a step back and praying for someone who bothers us is the antidote to our irritation. Bringing them to Jesus helps to put them, and our own thinking, into perspective. I don't know about you, but at this time of year I find that to be very helpful!

In Christ's Love,

Sister Mary Angela, C.K.

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Jelly Bean Winners

Above are our Jelly Bean guessing winners: Casey Kumro, Levi Peed, Cooper Selig, Owen Streff, Jacob Hansen, Francis Duero, Sebastian Gengler, Liam Killeen, Mackenzie Schaefer, Logan Dodd.

2024-2025 Registration Open!

Saint Joseph's online enrollment is now open for grades K-8!! Online Registration is like last year: you **MUST** have a Parent Portal Account in order to enroll your child(ren) for next year.

We are changing how we distribute our important documents: Tuition Agreement and ACH, Emergency Contact Form (for 24-25), and the Computer Acceptable Use Policy (for 24-25). **Once your online registration has been done for your WHOLE family you will then receive your copies of the important documents mentioned previously. Tuition Agreements and Emergency Contact Forms will be prepopulated with the information we have on file. It is up to you to make the necessary changes on those forms so we have information that is as accurate as possible. We will use PowerSchool and these forms to make sure our School Directory and class distribution lists for teachers for next year are accurate. These forms will be distributed once a week to the families who have finished their registration process for the whole family.

This year it is VERY important to register your child(ren) online. Without registering your child(ren) you will not receive the important documents for the 2024-25 school year. Without registering online, and returning the completed important documents, your family will not be on our posted class lists this August. Please make sure to register your family online as soon as you can to help with a smooth transition into summer.

**Online Registration is due by April 29th.
Tuition Agreements are due by May 20th.**

For returning student enrollment instructions click [HERE](#).

For access to your Parent Portal Account follow the link provided [HERE](#).

If you have an incoming kindergartener, who is not currently a preschooler here, please fill out the Pre-Enrollment form [HERE](#).

If you have any questions please contact Emily Klein, Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net.

Notes from the Nurse's Desk

PRE-K PARENTS & 6th GRADE PARENTS:

Students entering Kindergarten and 7th grade are required to have a physical exam completed within 6 months of the first day of school as well as an up-to-date immunization record on file. A copy of the physical and immunization record is due in the school office by the first day of school.

7th GRADE PARENTS:

Students entering 8th grade that are planning to participate in school organized sports are required to have a sports physical on file. These may be completed after May 1st for the upcoming school year.

MEDICAL FORMS:

These can be found on the school website located under the [Forms](#) tab for the 2024-2025 school year. Non-prescription medication authorizations can also be filled out on PowerSchool.

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding health requirements. Thank you for your cooperation!

Summer Tutoring

Miss Sara Denning will be offering tutoring this summer for any students entering 2nd-5th grade in any subject area. Email sara-denning@cdoling.net if you are interested and we can set something up!

Service Hours

As part of the mission of St. Joseph School, we encourage students to do loving service for God and neighbor. All students in grades K-8 have a service log to keep track. These are due by **the last school day in April, which is April 30 this year**. We look forward to students who go above and beyond (30+ hours for grades 5-6 and 40+ hours for grades 7-8) and will have our final service certificate presentation for students in grades 5-8 on Tuesday, May 7, after Mass.

Tuition Scholarships for New Students

Do you have a student entering Kindergarten or 9th grade next year? Do you know of a family who is considering sending their child to Catholic school? If so, then the Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska may be of help! **In order to be eligible to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship to a qualified school, like St. Joseph's, a family must have a student entering Kindergarten, 9th grade, or transferring into any grade from a public school.** Parents may apply to see if their eligible student qualifies for an Opportunity Scholarship. Check out this [LINK](#) for more details

Mother's Day with SCRIP

Mother's Day is coming up! Shower mom with her favorites! We sell Bath and Body Works, Dillard's, Barnes and Noble, Von Maur, Buckle, Ulta and Sephora! She would love a gift card for Mother's Day! Consider taking SCRIP to help your school and church! Send your order with your student in the morning and we will return it with them the same day! (See THE [ORDER FORM](#)! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416.

Meals for the Bohaty Family

Please consider [signing up](#) to provide a meal for the Bohaty family during this difficult time.

Father-Daughter Day



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Father - Daughter Day

SPONSORED BY THE SERRA CLUB OF LINCOLN
WITH THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF CHRIST THE KING

APRIL 27, 1:15-4:15

Dads and Girls (2nd-5th grade)

The afternoon includes:

- Games
- Faith Formation
- Time with the Sisters

Villa Regina
Motherhouse
4100 SW 56th St.
Lincoln, NE

RSVP:

fatherdaughterlincoln@gmail.com



*School Sisters
of Christ the King*

Baby Basket for Birthright

After our wonderful presentation from Heart of a Child Ministries about the beautiful gift of human life, we would love to give students an opportunity to support newborn babies and their mothers with a

BIRTHRIGHT *Baby Basket* COLLECTION

Many mothers who come to Birthright can't afford to buy things their babies need, so Birthright puts together baby baskets to share with new moms. These are some of the supplies they need most:

- INFANT TOWELS
- DIAPERS
- BABY WIPES
- PACIFIERS (SMALL)
- OUTFITS UP TO SIZE 2 (NEW OR GENTLY USED)
- NEW BOTTLES
- ONESIES
- BABY WASH
- BABY LOTION
- SLEEPERS
- BABY WASHCLOTHS
- SMALL TOYS
- BOOKS
- THE BEST GIFT OF ALL: PRAYER!

Please have items to the school by April 26.

Consider giving your child the opportunity to contribute their own money or help pick out the baby items to be donated!

Thank you for being so generous!

SFA Presents- Jen Fulwiler Maternal Instinct

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SFA
PRESENTS

JEN FULWILER
**MATERNAL
INSTINCT**

FRIDAY,
4/26

Discover the world of Catholic comedy, a genre rooted in rich traditions and relatable humor. Headliner Jen Fulwiler, a renowned Catholic comedian, brings a fresh perspective to Catholicism through laughter. Bishop Conley highly recommends her, praising her quick wit and relatable anecdotes that connect with National audiences.

Meet Father Jake Martin, a Catholic priest and stand-up comedian who blends humor and spirituality to offer a unique take on faith and life. Through his relatable narrative, he fosters unity and understanding through laughter, celebrating the lighter side of spirituality.

Your ticket purchase also supports a great cause! A significant portion of sales benefits our School Family Association, directly contributing to our school community's growth and well-being. Your participation is an investment in our school's success. Thank you for your support!

THE ROCOCO THEATRE

TICKET PRE-SALE

FROM 10:00 AM 1/27/24 - 9:00 AM 2/5/24

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AT WWW.ROCOCOTHEATRE.COM



Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program

Check out Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program! The program which provides free summer meals to kids and teens (ages 1-18) may be available in your area at select locations. The meals help ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is out for the summer. There are many open summer meal sites throughout the state of Nebraska. Call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877. For information about the program and summer meal sites, visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks> or <http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/SFSP/index.html>. Please note that the location Nebraska map showing site locations has not been updated, yet. Get updates via Twitter at *#NESummerMeals* and the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services' Facebook page.

CK Sisters Outdoor Spring Workday

Sat., May 4, 1:30-4:30 p.m. We will be planting our vegetable garden, cleaning up flower beds, mulching and cutting trees. Helpful items to bring include wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, pruning/lopping shears, hoes, pickups and chainsaws. Children are also welcome! Mark your calendars now and contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net if you would like to come and help. Please also print and complete a liability [form](#) (one per adult; children added to adult form.) Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park. (Walk-ins also welcome.)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Joseph Catholic School has been seeking faith-filled, dynamic individuals to fill recent openings below:

Kindergarten Teacher

St. Joseph Catholic School, Lincoln, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic teacher for a full-time Kindergarten teaching position starting August 2024. Strong collaboration and experience with diverse learning needs are also key qualities desired. The position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive learning environment. Please send resume, references from educational supervisors, philosophy of education and explanation of why you would like to teach in a Catholic school to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.