



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

On most evenings when the Sisters come home from school we have a holy hour from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We are grateful for the time that our schedule allows for prayer and community. Immediately after our holy hour we eat dinner together and enjoy sharing stories of the day. Now that school has started we have had more interesting stories—children are such a joy to work with and are full of surprises!

These stories remind me of the value of our Catholic Schools in imparting the faith and illustrate how the simplicity of children can help us realize the deeper mysteries of our faith.

One of the Sisters introduced a lesson on the Queenship of Mary by asking kindergarteners if they knew who Mary was. Sister was pleased by their responses, “Our Queen,” “Our Mother,” “Jesus’ Mother.” Then one little child asked pensively, “Isn’t she the one who was looking for sheep?” I think he was confused by the nursery rhyme *Mary Had a Little Lamb*. And, yet, symbolically, he was right. Mary is a loving Mother who searches out lost lambs to bring them back to the flock of the Good Shepherd, Jesus, her Son. Right on, little one!

Preschool twins were excited to tell their parents yesterday that they had seen Jesus in the glass. You might wonder what that means. Yesterday was our first day this year for adoration and half of the school spent time with our Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar in the monstrance. They may be young, but they know Jesus!

At another school a kindergartener said he saw Jesus! When asked where he saw Jesus he said with confidence, “in church.” The rest of the dialogue went something like this: “What did he look like?” “He was tall... wore black...was bald” “That wasn’t Jesus. That was Father Major.” “Who is Father Major?” We might laugh at his innocent mistake, but really, he was right. When the priest celebrates Mass, he is in the person of Jesus, offering the gift of himself. Something mystical is happening, but our adult, analytical eyes can’t always see it.

Sr. Peter Marie was explaining to the 5th graders that the first weeks of school will feel slow, and it is helpful to know that in advance. It takes time to be awesome! To which a student responded, “What if we already are awesome?” What a comeback! Yes, they are already awesome, because they are children of God.

We are blessed and thank God for the opportunity to teach your beautiful, awesome children how to be the good, holy, and giving people God created them to be. Thanks for allowing us to share in your mission as parents.

In Christ our King,

Sister Mary Faustina, C.K.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

3 Wed NO School Labor Day

4 Tues Volunteer Training
6:30

7 Fri Melodic Knights Mass
Mission Collection

21 Fri Walk for Christ
PICTURE DAY
October 5, 2018

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLICK [LUNCHROOM DUTY](#)

LUNCHROOM DUTY VOLUNTEERS help the kitchen staff and Lunchroom Monitors manage the students in the cafeteria. They help students with milk, trays, salad, spills, and report behavior to the staff.

CLICK [K-1-2 RECESS](#)

K-1-2 RECESS Duty Recess helpers aid teachers and paras in supervising students during recess. Just check in with the school office and get a volunteer badge then head down to the kindergarten hallway to help escort the children to the playground.

CLICK [3-6 RECESS DUTY](#)

3-6 RECESS DUTY Simply check in at the school office and then head to the 3rd grade classrooms to escort the students out to the playground. You will stay out on the playground until 6th grade is done with recess.

HAITI:

We collect school supplies. We are collecting new or gently used Tennis Shoes for school children in Haiti. All sizes.



HEALTH OFFICE NOTES:

Paper work required by the health office **ASAP** [Paperwork](#)

To meet these requirements, there are medical forms on our website [click Medical Forms](#)

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EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM: PLEASE RETURN THE YELLOW EMERGENCY CONTACT form that was sent in the mailing. Note: Please fill in both sides of the Emergency Contact sheet and fill in the directory information.

This form enables us to: Contact you quickly in the case of an emergency, Complete our directory, Build Community by sharing our contact information with each other

MEALS FOR THE SISTERS: Perform a work of mercy and provide a meal for the Sisters at St. Teresa Convent. Please see the attachment for details and sign up <https://tinyurl.com/y76x4nv4>

WALK FOR CHRIST VOLUNTEERS: SFA has a volunteer opportunity for **your student!** If you would like 1 hour of service have your child meet in Resurrection Hall after school on *Tuesday, September 4th*. They will be ready to be picked up by 4:20 pm. We will be stuffing and labeling packets for Walk for Christ 2018!

In addition, SFA is looking for **adult volunteers** to help with the Walk on *Friday, September 21!* If you would be interested in helping please sign up using the link below. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849aeae2ba1fa7-walk> For WfC Tentative Schedule. *see attached*

ST. JOSEPH NURSERY VOLUNTEER Form We are looking for adults and 5th through 8th grade student volunteers to staff the St. Joseph Parish nursery during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

VOLUNTEERS are a vital part of St Joseph School!

ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS plan to attend the NEW Volunteer Training **September 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm** in the Library. This is for NEW volunteers who have never volunteered at St. Joseph School before and want to start, and for any volunteer who has never completed any volunteer paperwork or online volunteer training for the school. Please RSVP to gloria-jundt@cdolinc.net

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE is part of the School/Family Association. This committee is responsible for providing treats for the faculty meetings and providing food for three faculty luncheons during the year. If interested contact gloria-jundt@cdolinc.net

VOLUNTEER HEAD ROOM PARENT COORDINATOR. The duties are as follows:

Supply teachers with volunteer sign-up sheets for Back to School night.

Type up lists from Back to School sign-up sheets.

Each classroom will have a Room Parent (approx. 22).

Arrange a Room Parent meeting at the beginning and end of the school year.

Consult Sr. Mary Faustina about appropriate snacks for parties.

Using school fund, buy snacks for parties and field day.

Distribute the snacks on party days to classrooms or to Room Parents.

Continue communicating with Room Parent volunteers and teachers regarding classroom activities.

contact Gloria Jundt at gloria-jundt@cdolinc.net

ST JOSEPH CUB SCOUT PACK 45 Back to Scouting Night will begin scouting **Thursday 8/30 starting at 7pm** in the school cafeteria. Our Cub Scout Pack program includes boys in grades 1 - 5. If you have any interest please contact our cub master Steve Gawrick at 402-432-2594.

GIRLS—Do you want to have fun, explore nature, science and theater, earn badges and be challenged to be the best you can be? Then you should try **Girl Scouts!** We have troops for all ages—Daisies are K-1 and Brownies are Grades 2-3. We would love to form new troops for these age levels if we have at least three girls that are interested. Juniors are Grades 4-5, and are currently meeting on Wednesday evenings, and Cadettes are Grades 6-8 (troop meets every other Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.). If you are interested, call Michele Chambers at 402-489-3733, or email michelebrianc@aol.com for more information. Troops will begin meeting in September! Registration fee is \$25.