



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear St. Joseph School Family,

Every Wednesday this school year we have exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during the school day. Students alternate weeks in taking time for adoration with their classes. The office staff and specialty teachers often fill in the gaps between classes. Yesterday I was filling in one of those gaps. I was spending some time reading *The Shepherd Who Didn't Run* by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda, a biography on Blessed Stanley Rother. These lines in the foreword, written by Bishop Coakley of Oklahoma City, really stood out to me:

“Saints are local. They come from ordinary families, parishes, and communities like Okarche, Oklahoma. But their impact is universal. They belong to the whole Church. They remind us that holiness is our fundamental vocation. Saints represent the full flowering of the grace of our baptism.”

We could exchange Lincoln, Nebraska for Okarche, Oklahoma and it should be applicable to us! Let's take a moment to look a bit deeper. The children in our school, the children in your families, the adults in our school, the adults in our families, we are all being asked to be saints. We're ordinary people. We're not the type of people to stand out and have everyone say “look at me – look at how wonderful I am”. We have some students who have the gifts to be able to become holy in that type of limelight. Yet most of us are called to the quiet, ordinary family, parish and community living. Sainthood starts locally. It starts in the home, in the parish, in the neighborhood, in the school. It doesn't need to start big and flashy. It starts small and then grows as God asks it to grow. When I think of Mother Teresa I don't think she thought of the entire worldwide Missionaries of Charity when she picked up the first dying man in the streets of Calcutta. I'm pretty sure that she picked him up because she felt she needed to in order to continue to serve Jesus. She took the next little step.

What is the next little step that Jesus is asking of us to become the saints of St. Joseph School Family? For some he's asking to be more docile, more flexible. For others he's asking to spend a little more time with Him in prayer. There may be some that He's asking to find a new way to minister to Him through the suffering in our own parish or city. I can't answer that question for you; I can only answer it for myself. I do know, however that He's asking us to become saints. There's not a doubt in my mind that He wants that. He's probably asking to start small, but to be faithful to that which He's asking.

When I have my next adoration time on a Wednesday during the school day, I will be asking the Lord to help make our St. Joseph School Family saints, for that is what we're called to as our fundamental vocation.

In Christ,
Sister Mary Cecilia

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

7 Fri Melodic Knights Mass
Mission Collection

10 Mon Student Confessions
Stu Council Mtg 3:30

13 Thu 6A Class Mass

14 Fri 6B Class Mass **NOON
DISMISSAL**

21 Fri Walk for Christ

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 helps 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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DILLON SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY: 1. Meet Free or Reduced Meal requirements 2. Maintain C+ GPA 3. Maintain a satisfactory attendance and discipline record 4. Pay at least 20% of tuition/fees. *The application is attached.* If you meet the criteria you may print the application or request one from the office. **Deadline: Sept 20, 2018** to Sister Mary Faustina. click Dillon

WALK FOR CHRIST VOLUNTEERS: 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

THE SCHOOL FAMILY ASSOCIATION is excited to host Walk For Christ 2018! Teachers will be sharing information with students on September 7th, and your youngest child will be bringing home the Walk For Christ White Envelope with more information.

Sept 15 and 16th is a service opportunity for the entire family (meets Wednesday Goal)! Sign up to represent St. Joseph School as a greeter, door holder, or carrying gifts at the weekend Mass during our Walk For Christ. You may wear your school uniform or dress nicely for church. Click for a Mass time: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aeab2aa2fe3-september3

HEIRS OF GRACE will be starting up next week. Heirs of Grace is a middle school girls morning group that focuses on building community and friendship. The group will meet on Thursday or Saturday mornings in the Brides Room to enjoy some breakfast and fellowship. The first two meetings will be on September 13th @ 7am and September 22nd @9am. All middle school girls are welcome. chloe-kreikemeier@cdolinc.net

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR will be starting up next week. Knights of the Altar is a middle school boys morning group that focuses on building community and friendship. The group will meet on Wednesday or Saturday mornings in the Brides Room to enjoy some breakfast and fellowship. The first two meetings will be on September 12th @ 7am and September 22nd @9am. All middle school boys are welcome. zachglass@cdolinc.net

FATHER/DAUGHTER DAY RETREAT Saturday, Sep 22 8:30-4:00 Girls Age 7-11 click Father/Daughter

CK SISTERS OUTDOOR FALL WORKDAY – SAT., OCT. 13, 1:30-4:30 P.M. We will be doing a fall clean-up of our garden as well as cutting down trees. Helpful items to bring include gloves, pruning shears, clippers, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, pickups, chain saws and energy! 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. Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park. (no rain date)

S.T.A.G.E. STUDENT THEATRE will begin fall classes September 11. Please visit our website to learn more about these classes in Art, Theater, and Creative Writing, plus information on our One Day Theater Camp set for October 8. Space is limited so register early! Classes are for ages 7 and up! http://www.stage4kids.com/upcoming-events.html

SCIP SEP NEWSLETTER SCIP is a program designed to bring together families, school and the community to support student behavioral and emotional health. Click SCIP

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. 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 Meetings begin in September! Registration fee is \$25.

SACRED HEART ANNUAL SEPTEMBER FEST will be held Saturday, September 22nd from 2:00-6:30 pm, on 31st Street S to T. Come and enjoy BBQ pork sliders, tacos, egg rolls and more. Raffle (1st prize \$350 Walmart gift card & five other great prizes), silent auction, cake walk, country store, jewelry boutique, entertainment at 2:00 & 3:00 pm, bounce house and other games for the kids.