

APRIL 2023 MONTHLY MESSENGER



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KNIGHTLY NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I'm writing to you on the eve of Holy Week and wish to impart two values that have been on my mind as of late. I recently attended the funeral of a family friend, and as his oldest son read the eulogy, he mentioned that his dad felt gratitude and humility are all you really need when forming relationships. This gentleman oozed charm and had many, many solid relationships as a result of following that maxim. I'm tempted here to draw a parallel between these values and our Lord's experience as he moved from public ministry into His passion and death, and knowing what was to come.

His humility in enduring death on the cross and obedience to the Father's will was certainly extreme. Yet, even in all of that, His gratitude was also present in his encounter with Simon of Cyrene, or with the good thief, as well as the women of Jerusalem. Those qualities are best lived and shown by example and modeling, as opposed to many words. If we, as the teachers and staff of St. Joseph's, can instill in our children these traits, embedded in the faith that we share, will they not be prepared to make the change the world so desperately needs? Please know that this is something that I wish to work toward in all that I do as your principal and servant in the Lord.

Many have also brought up the continuing need for information and resources regarding social media and the role that it plays in our children's lives. We hope to have more for you along these lines as we work with neighboring parishes, as well as our SFA, to have a program for parents to help support the formation of our children in this area. Sadly, humility and gratitude don't seem to permeate social media in many ways, certainly not the extent to which our Catholic faith calls us. Please watch the newsletter for upcoming information regarding this presentation.

Lastly, on behalf of the staff of St. Joseph's, I wish you a very Blessed Holy Week, Easter, and Easter Octave for your family. May you have a safe and peace-filled respite, and may you and your students come back ready for a strong close to an amazing school year.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin L. Naumann
Principal

March 2023 Service Awards



2023-2024 Online Registration is Now Open!

We are excited to announce that St. Joseph's online enrollment is now open!! Online Registration is like last year: you **MUST** have a Parent Portal Account in order to enroll your child(ren) for next year.

PLEASE NOTE:

We are changing how we distribute our important documents: Tuition Agreement and ACH, Emergency Contact Form (for 23-24), and the Computer Acceptable Use Policy (for 23-24). **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 2023-24 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 28.

Tuition Agreements are due by May 19.

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.

Tentative 2023-24 Calendar

At the bold link you will find our most updated [Tentative Calendar](#) for the upcoming school year. Major dates from the Diocesan Education Office, such as start and end of school year, Christmas and Easter breaks, etc., are included. Other than the first half day of school, our early dismissal days will be at 1:00 pm so that lunch can be served to all students prior to dismissal. Dates for events like sacramental meetings, music concerts, etc. are still to be finalized. We hope this will be helpful for your future planning and we will let you know when further updates are added.

Lunch and Recess Volunteers

St. Joseph School is in need of Lunch and Recess volunteers. Below are links to the sign-up forms.

Lunchroom: [All Grades](#)

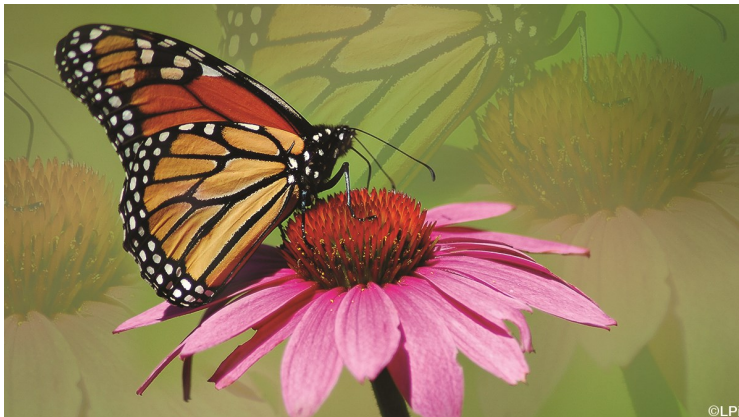
Kindergarten Recess: [Click K](#)

1st and 2nd Recess: [Click 1&2](#)

3rd and 4th Recess: [Click 3&4](#)

5th and 6th Recess: [Click 5&6](#)

7th and 8th Recess: [Click 7&8](#)



April 2023 Events

- 3** Student Confessions
BIST Consultant Visit
Uniform Shorts Allowed
- 5** 4th Grade Living Stations, 2:30 pm
- 6-11** NO SCHOOL—Easter Break
- 12** School Resumes
Student Council Class Mass
- 14** 3A Class Mass
Mission Collection
Classroom Easter Parties, 2:30 pm
- 20** First Communion Retreat Day
- 21** Youth Choir Class Mass
1:00 PM Dismissal—Faculty Meeting
- 22** *FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, 10:00 AM*
- 25** 4A Class Mass
Mission Club, 3:20-4:30 pm

Easter Egg Hunt

The Parish Easter Egg Hunt is just over a week away! If you're planning to join us, please be sure to RSVP to Sara Racicot at sara-racicot@cdolinc.net. See the [FLYER](#) for more information. We'd be so "hoppy" to see you there!



The flyer features a light blue background with several colorful Easter eggs in shades of yellow, green, and blue. The text is centered and reads:

**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH'S
EASTER EGG
HUNT!**

The Easter Bunny is visiting Saint Joseph's on Holy Saturday- April 8th!

There will be an activity bag to take home to practice the liturgical waiting of Holy Saturday as well!

9 AM
Light breakfast and coloring activity in the cafeteria

10 AM
The Hunt begins in the Saint Joseph South East Field

RSVP by emailing Sara-Racicot@cdolinc.net how many children will participate and their ages.

Children from 1 year up to 3rd grade are welcome!

This is a free event!

Nursing Notes

- **Dental exams** are recommended **yearly** for all students. There is a [form](#) available on the school website that may be used to submit documentation or a form from the provider's office can be used too. Please turn in by the **END OF MARCH** (can be e-mailed to christina-wahlmeier@cdolinc.net, dropped off or faxed to 402.489.3260). Dental screenings will take place on April 14. Although dental exams are recommended for all students, only those students in preschool, and grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 will be screened. If you would like your student not in those grades to be screened, please contact the school nurse.
- Please reach out if you have any questions regarding health requirements for the 2023-2024 school year. Updated medical forms can be found [here](#) as well as a list of [health requirements](#).

Summer Catholic Math Booklets

Help St. Joseph send each student home with a Summer Math Booklet by sponsoring a classroom today! Classrooms can be sponsored for just \$5 a student, or make a general donation of any amount. Classrooms that need sponsorship include all 1st-6th grades. Visit www.goldenrodpublishing.com for more information.

Sponsor a St. Joseph School classroom-Catholic Summer Math Booklets!!!

Classrooms can be sponsored for just \$5 a student or make a general donation of any amount.

Help us send every student in Kindergarten-6th grade home with a Catholic Summer Math Booklet!!!

If you can help with any size donation:
Contact Ann Kotopka at mkotopka@gmail.com

Visit goldenrodpublishing.com for more information

The graphic features a blue background with a pink diagonal stripe. It includes illustrations of a red cross character, a yellow cross character, and a red cross character. There are also speech bubbles with text like 'HELLO!', 'I've got to finish your list!', 'It's time to see a girl summer!', and 'Let's get started!'.

Uniform Review

As we are well into second semester, students are continuing to grow spiritually, emotionally, academically and **physically!** Some boys' pants and girls' jumpers/skirts are looking shorter because the children are growing. Please check your child's uniforms and visit our used uniform selection if needed. We also have a uniform fund for any of you who need financial assistance with purchase of new jumpers/skirts. Contact the school office if you are in need. If you are in doubt about anything, please check the school [dress code](#) as found on our website. Reminders will be emailed in the near future if we see children still in need. A few other dress code items for your attention include:

- **Girls Uniform:** Length must be no shorter than one inch from the floor when kneeling.
- **Solid black, navy blue, or white socks** or tights must be worn with shoes or sandals all year long; only small logos (no stripes) when worn with shorts, jumpers, or skirts.
- **Boys' hair should be relatively short** (long hair styles are not permitted). Hair should not touch the eyebrows in the front or the collar in the back. Sideburns and hair covering the ear should be no longer than halfway down the ear on the sides. Boys must be clean shaven (no facial hair).
- **Girls may wear small earrings**, one on each earlobe. For safety reasons, they may not wear hoops, dangles or earrings that hang below the earlobe.

Besides your own reflections on the benefit of wearing school uniforms, here is a site that outlines [10 reasons](#) why they are valuable and another site with links to various research studies on the [effect](#) of school uniforms.

Celebrate Easter with SCRIP!

Get ready for Easter with SCRIP!! We sell both **Gloria Deo** and **Mardel Christian**. Send your order with your student in the morning and we will return it with them the same day! (Click [HERE](#) for the latest order form!) Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416.

School Job Opportunities

St. Joseph Catholic School has been seeking faith-filled, dynamic individuals to fill several positions for the 2023-2024 school year. God has blessed us with several solid hires so far (see below for most recent). Our remaining positions are the Special Ed Resource Teacher and part-time nurse (Mrs. Wahlmeier will reduce hours). Please join us in this [Prayer for Hiring](#) we found that is modified from a website. This, or any prayer for candidates and for the ongoing hiring process, would be much appreciated.

Special Education Resource Teacher

Applicant must have a current Nebraska teaching certificate with appropriate endorsements. Responsibilities include maximizing the learning experience of students with needs in academics, interpersonal skills, behaviors, and/or activities of daily living. This person would be primarily responsible for all grades 6-8 resource students. Strong communication skills are essential. The ideal applicant will be Christ-centered, student-focused and team-oriented. Please send resume and references from supervisors to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.

Part-Time Nurse

Seeking a faith-filled individual as a part-time school nurse, beginning in August 2023. The position requires compassion and skill in responding to medical needs of children in PreK-8th grade, maintenance of health records, confidentiality, strong communication skills and a professional, positive attitude. If interested, please send a resume and references to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.

CK Sisters Outdoor Spring Workday

Saturday, May 6, 1:30-4:30 pm

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.)

Pius X Summer 2023 Soccer Camps

Summer camp season is right around the corner, and these fill up very fast so please sign-up ASAP!!

Attached you will find our Pius X summer camp information for kids of all ages and our college host camps, which we are still finalizing, but last year included Creighton, Doane, Wesleyan, and Concordia. Printable PDFs of the flyers can be downloaded [HERE](#).

You can sign up and pay using the QR codes on the flyers or at <https://www.piusx.net/athletics/summer-camps/> under the specific camp depending on what age/grade.

We will also be hosting our usual "8's on A" high school summer league in June as well at Pius X. More information will be coming out for that soon.

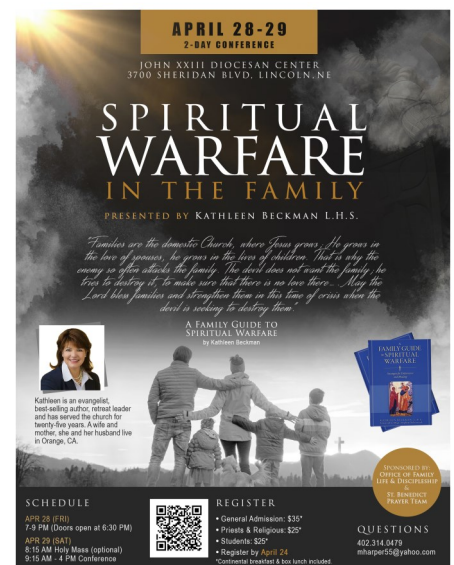
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly. We are hoping for another great turnout this year!

Thanks!
Coach Warner

Spiritual Warfare Conference

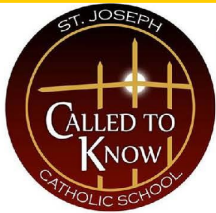
Families are the domestic church, and the devil works diligently to destroy them. A 2-day conference with author and evangelist Kathleen Beckman will be held at John XXIII Diocesan Center April 28-29. Mrs. Beckman will present on "Spiritual Warfare in the Family," exploring the ways

families can stand strong together at a time when the devil is working so hard against them. Learn more and register [HERE](#). Questions may be directed to 402-314-0479 or mharper55@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the Office of Family Life & Discipleship and the St. Benedict Prayer Team.



The flyer for the "Spiritual Warfare in the Family" conference is set against a dark, stormy background. At the top, it reads "APRIL 28-29 2-DAY CONFERENCE" and "JOHN XXIII DIOCESAN CENTER 3700 SHERIDAN BLVD. LINCOLN, NE". The title "SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN THE FAMILY" is prominently displayed in large, white, serif font. Below the title, it says "PRESENTED BY KATHLEEN BECKMAN L.H.S.". A quote from Kathleen Beckman is featured: "Families are the domestic Church, where Jesus grows. He grows in the love of spouses, he grows in the love of children. That is why the enemy so often attacks the family. The devil does not want the family, he tries to destroy it, to make sure that there is no love there. May the Lord bless families and strengthen them in this time of crisis when the devil is working to destroy them." The flyer includes a photo of Kathleen Beckman, a small image of a family, and a QR code. At the bottom, there is a "SCHEDULE" section for April 28 (7:30-9:30 PM) and April 29 (8:30 AM Mass, 9:15 AM-4 PM Conference), a "REGISTER" section with pricing (General Admission: \$35, Priests & Religious: \$25, Students: \$25), and a "QUESTIONS" section with contact information (402-314-0479, mharper55@yahoo.com). It also notes that continental breakfast and two lunches are included.




CALENDARS



April 2023



April Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3 Student Confessions BIST Consultant Uniform shorts allowed Day 5	4 Day 1	5 4th Grade Living Stations 2:30 pm Day 2	6 NO SCHOOL Holy Thursday	7 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	8 Holy Saturday
9 Happy Easter!	10 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)	11 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)	12 Student Council Class Mass SCHOOL RESUMES Day 3	13 Day 4	14 3A Class Mass Mission Collection Classroom Easter Parties 2:30 pm Day 5	15
16	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 First Communion Retreat Day Day 4	21 Youth Choir Mass 1:00 PM DISMISSAL Day 5	22 First Holy Communion 10:00 am 
23	24 Day 1	25 4A Class Mass Mission Club 3:20-4:30 pm Day 2	26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 
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April Lunches

MY SCHOOL BUCKS PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE MySchoolBucks.com

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LUNCH APRIL 2023 St. Joseph Catholic School

All menu items are subject to change without notice

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Egg Sausage and Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	4 Chicken Patty WG Bun Cucumber Slices Fruit Choice Milk	5 Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	6 NO SCHOOL Easter Break	7 NO SCHOOL Easter Break
10 NO SCHOOL Easter Break	11 NO SCHOOL Easter Break	12 Chicken Nuggets Curly Fries Double Chocolate Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	13 BBQ Pork Nachos Corn, Fruit Snack Fruit Choice Milk	14 Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce Broccoli Brownie Fruit Choice Milk
17 Soft Taco Corn & Bean Salsa Churro Fruit Choice Milk	18 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Peas Fruit Choice Milk	19 Meal-In-A-Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn & Roll Fruit Choice Milk	20 Cheeseburger WG Bun Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	21 1:00 DISMISSAL Cheese Pizza Green Beans Peach Cobbler Fruit Choice Milk
24 Fiestada Pizza Mixed Veggies Chocolate Chip Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	25 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	26 Beef Nachos Corn Ice Cream Sandwich Fruit Choice Milk	27 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk	28 Mac & Cheese Green Beans Dirt Pudding Cup Fruit Choice Milk

*Student lunch \$3.25 *Adult lunch \$4.25 *Milk or OJ \$0.40 *Seconds entrée or sandwich \$1.25 *Turkey or ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday *Peanut butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday