

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## MONTHLY MESSENGER

January 2025

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### Knighly News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As we enter into the Christmas season next week, one is tempted to be “way over the speed limit of life. We need to slow down”, as Matthew Kelly tells us. St. Paul reminds us to run the good race, but life itself should not be seen as such.

We hear this all too important lesson many times in our lives. Enjoy the journey, we hear. “Got it.” But we don’t. We often continue to rush around and of course, what we model, our children are prone to emulate. We know that every step we take is truly a part of life, whether that be a step forward, a step to the side, or a step back. We are reminded that life is a dance, not a race.



Great dancers never rush but rather look for rhythm in which to settle in. They experience the exhilaration and pure joy of the dance. How often during the Christmas season do we feel that? Simply slowing down improves much in our daily lives. I hope to take Mr. Kelly up on some of this advice, myself. I invite you to consider it as well, if it applies. We wish you a most blessed Christmas season and grace-filled New Year...and I hope you enjoy the dance.

Yours in Christ,

Kevin L. Naumann, principal

## December 20 – special notes

- **Reminder, TOMORROW, December 20 is a NOON DISMISSAL day!**
- **Special Dress** – Children are welcome to wear red and green non-uniform attire (be mindful of appropriate wear for Mass).
- **Lessons and Carols** – Join our students in the GYM at **10:45** for a special prayer service, “Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary” in Scripture and song. All grades, K-8, will have roles in telling the story as we prepare for Christmas on this last school day in Advent. See flyer below.

# **Lessons and Carols**



Held in the Gym  
due to a Funeral

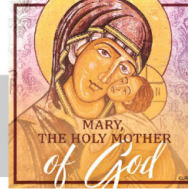
**“Christmas  
through the eyes  
of Mary”**

**December 20,  
2024  
10:45 a.m.**

**All are welcome to join the school children  
for our prayer service to celebrate the  
coming of Jesus at Christmas. We will be  
reflecting on Christmas through the eyes  
of Mary in Scripture and song. If you are  
available Friday morning, we would love to  
have you join us!**



# January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <b>Teacher Retreat/Faculty Meeting</b>	7 <b>School Resumes</b>  Day 2	8 <b>All Parish Adoration 7:00 pm</b>  Day 3	9  Day 4	10 <b>Mission Collection</b> <b>Epiphany Classroom Parties 2:30 pm</b>  Day 5	11
12	13 <b>Student Confessions</b>  Day 1	14 <b>Melodic Knights Mass</b> <b>BIST Consultant Visit</b>  Day 2	15  Day 3	16 <b>Youth Choir Mass</b> <b>Service Awards after Mass</b> <b>Report Cards Issued</b> Day 4	17 <b>2A Class Mass</b>  Day 5	18
19	20 <b>No School MLK Day (Faculty Meeting)</b>  Day 1	21 <b>5A Class Mass</b>  Day 2	22  Day 3	23 <b>Monthly School Rosary 10:30 am</b>  Day 4	24 <b>2B Class Mass</b> <b>No Preschool/Pre-K</b> <b>Preschool/Pre-K P/T Conferences</b> <b>JH Science Fair</b> Day 5	25
26	27 <b>Catholic Schools Week</b>  Day 1	28 <b>Melodic Knights Mass</b> <b>Catholic Schools Week</b>  Day 2	29 <b>5B Class Mass</b> <b>Catholic Schools Week</b>  Day 3	30 <b>3A Class Mass</b> <b>Catholic Schools Week</b>  Day 4	31 <b>3B Class Mass</b> <b>Catholic Schools Week</b>  <b>1:00 pm Dismissal</b> Day 5	



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Christmas Break)	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Christmas Break)	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Christmas Break)	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Christmas Break)	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Christmas Break)
<b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Christmas Break)	Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Roll, Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Peas, Garlic Breadstick Fruit Choice Milk	Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	Cheese Pizza Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk
Walking Tacos Com, Ice Cream Sandwich Fruit Choice Milk	Egg, Sausage and Cheese Croissant Sandwich Tater Tots Fruit Choice Milk	Chicken Tacos Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	Garlic Cheesy Bread Marinara Sauce, Peas Cookie Fruit Choice Milk
<b>NO SCHOOL</b> (MLK Day)	Chicken Patty on WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	Beef Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	Chicken Alfredo Pasta Green Beans, Garlic Breadstick Dirt Pudding Cup Fruit Choice Milk	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup, Peas Fruit Choice Milk
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Peas, Garlic Breadstick Rice Krispy Treat Fruit Choice Milk	Beef Soft Taco Com, Churro Fruit Choice Milk	Orange Chicken Brown Rice, Broccoli Fortune Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	BBQ Pork Nachos Com, Cupcake Fruit Choice Milk	<b>1:00 DISMISSAL</b> (Faculty Meeting) Cheese Pizza Green Beans, Cookie Fruit Choice Milk

\*Student lunch \$3.25  
\*Adult lunch \$4.60

\*Milk \$0.40  
\*Second entrée or sandwich \$1.25

\*Turkey or ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday  
\*Peanut butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday  
\*Rotating salad option as a choice daily

# January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 NO SCHOOL Teacher Retreat/TWD	7 St. Raymond of Penyafort (m)  5B	8 Christmas Weekday  4A	9 Christmas Weekday  3A	10 Christmas Weekday  *Mission Collection* 3B
13 St. Hilary (m)  2A	14 Weekday  Melodic Knights	15 Weekday  Quiet Mass	16 Weekday  Youth Choir	17 St. Anthony (M)  2A Class Mass
20 NO SCHOOL Faculty Mtg/TWD	21 St. Agnes (M)  5A Class Mass	22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  2B	23 St. Vincent (m)  Quiet Mass	24 St. Francis de Sales (M)  2B Class Mass
27 St. Angela Merici (m)  6A *CSW*	28 St. Thomas Aquinas (M)  Melodic Knights Class Mass *CSW*	29 Weekday  5B Class Mass *CSW*	30 Weekday  3A Class Mass *CSW*	31 St. John Bosco (M)  3B Class Mass *CSW*

## BIST Tip: Statements of Purpose and Intention – (to reduce resistance and increase trust)

Using BIST “language” can help create a common vocabulary both at home and at school. Some statements that help students accept your intervention include:

1. “I don’t want YOU to be in trouble.”
2. “I don’t want to punish you, I just want to help you look at yourself so you can change.”
3. “When you do something to get yourself in trouble, I will let you know.”

It’s good to talk about these when your child is calm. Then, when something is hard for your child, you can bring in the statement that resonates best. By doing so, your child will see that you are actually an advocate to help them regulate their behavior.



# A-K Christmas Program 2024, Grades K-3



## **Preschool Registration**

Please be aware that we are pushing back Pre-K/Preschool registration to **January 20th**. We are exploring the possibility of offering further opportunities within our programs and will keep you updated. Thank you for your continued support of the Preschool programs and St. Joseph Catholic School. Feel free to call the school office with any questions or contact our registrar at [emily-klein@cdolinc.ne](mailto:emily-klein@cdolinc.ne).

## **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT: SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TRAINING**

**The annual recertification process for safe environment compliance is changing in January of 2025**

**Beginning January 1, 2025, all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers who work with minors will be required to renew their training during the month of January.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO  
CONTINUE PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S  
PRECIOUS CHILDREN!**

**SOUTHERN NEBRASKA  
CATHOLICS**





# Lunch and Recess Volunteers

5th & 6th Recess

7th & 8th Recess

Lunchroom(all grades)

Kinder, 1st, & 2nd Recess

3rd & 4th Recess

# A-K Christmas Program 2024, Grades 4-6



## **Play Dates with School Pets!**

Our school Guinea Pigs, Leroy (brown) and Jasper (black) love to be held! They are available to be taken home Friday after school and brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to adopt Leroy and Jasper (together) for a weekend send in a letter with your child, email the office staff, or give us a call at 402-489-0341 and we will put you on our list!





Leroy &  
Jasper  
wish you

a very  
Merry  
Christmas!





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## **SCRIP Pizza Party Update**

KC is in the lead for the pizza party contest! BUT...it is not over yet! Send any and all orders in! Think stocking stuffers! Teacher/Coach gifts! Scrip can help you with any needs you have!

Use SCRIP to help with all your holiday shopping needs! Use SCRIP to give back to your church and school! 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!**

## **Calendar Changes – Days Off School**

Please note that we have two dates that have recently changed on the school calendar:

- **February 18 – NO SCHOOL** (Date chosen by faculty for Bishop's Day Off) – granted as a gift from Walk for Christ.

Thank you for planning accordingly.

## **Scratch Paper**

We need scratch paper! If you have any paper already printed on one side and looking to get rid of please send it our way! God bless you for your generosity!

## **Thank You!**

Special thanks to all the parents who provided snacks for the faculty meeting. We are so blessed by your generosity and are very grateful for your support!

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## **ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

Every Wednesday we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. All parents are welcome to join us in spending time with Jesus. We also invite you to Benediction at 2:55pm. If you would like to take a regular adoration time weekly or monthly, please contact Sr. Mary Angela at [sr.mary-angela](mailto:sr.mary-angela).

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## **Monthly School Rosary**

As a means of praying for the needs of our students and school families, St. Joseph School will be offering a monthly school rosary this year. Parents are welcome to join us as you are able. The dates and times are listed on the finalized **school calendar** posted on our website, with our next one being **January 23rd at 10:30!** Times alternate between 10:30 am and 2:50 pm so different classes can join. Classes will participate as they are available, so be aware that some classes may be absent on a given month. May our Blessed Mother intercede for us and lead us closer to her Son, Jesus!

## Christmas Confessions

Since we did not have student confessions in school during December, be sure to take advantage of the confessions offered in the parish before Christmas! A clean soul is the best preparation for the Baby Jesus!

### *Advent Evening Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration*

**Sunday, December 22**

6:30 p.m.: Many Priests will be available for Confession

### *Additional Confession Times*

**Thursday & Friday, December 19 & 20,  
& Monday, December 23**

12:00-1:30 p.m. daily



COMING SOON...  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025  
THE TALENT SHOW!

#### Who performs in a talent show?

*Students in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, teachers and any staff!*

#### What talents do we want to see in a talent show?

*People who take:*

*Gymnastics*

*Piano lessons*

*Cheer*

*Voice lessons*

*Dance*

*Instrumental lessons*

*Taekwondo*

*Any skill you are WORKING on getting better at!*

*\*\*\*No lip-syncing, made-up skits or dances, songs sung at church, etc.\*\*\**

*\*\*Questions? See Mrs. Krinke \*\**

*... \*Be watching for specifics when we are back in January!\**



# L-Z Christmas Program 2024, Grades K-3





## AROUND THE DIOCESE



PIUS X BOOSTER CLUB  
PRESENTS  
**JUNIOR HIGH  
GAME DAYS**  
**Saturday, January 11th**  
PiusX Freshman Basketball vs. Southeast  
Girls - 9:30am  
Boys - 10:30am  
**FREE**  
**Admission** With a current school ID





# L-Z Christmas Program 2024, Grades 4-6



**Pastor:**

Fr. Michael G. McCabe

**Assistant Pastor:**

Fr. Loudon Redinger

**Principal:**

Kevin Naumann

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