#### **MONTHLY MESSENGER**

February 2025

## Knightly News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As we come to our last day of Catholic Schools Week, we know that it has been quite an adventure. We've had some great lunches with visiting parents and a fantastic talent show. We were able to have a morning procession of the Blessed Sacrament and some amazing dress up days and service projects. It has also been a lesson in patience and flexibility. As I write this, the crew is working on repairing the multiple leaks in our water line and we pray that we'll be able to open again on Friday. Life sometimes doesn't work to our plan, but allows us to build virtue at the same time.



It also sometimes does us well, as we contemplate the meaning behind Catholic Schools Week, to look at the source documents and philosophy that underpins our work in our schools. We have a robust confidence that the human mind, regardless of our limitations, can come to a knowledge of truth. This is too important for us as Catholic Christians to be confused about. Unlike a skeptic or a relativist, our Catholic educators share a belief about truth: not only that it can be attained and communicated to others, but also that the Truth is a Person, Jesus Christ.

St. Joseph's and our sister schools take up this task of freeing our students from what Pope Benedict XVI called the "dictatorship of relativism;" one that cripples all genuine learning. Our role, in partnership with you our parents, the primary educators of their children, is to cultivate in ourselves a passion for truth that defeats this moral relativism, so profound in our culture.

As principal of St. Joseph School, thank you for your support as we promote those virtues and truths that culture deems archaic or frivolous. The pressure of culture is strong, and we are all weak at times to its influence. Together though, through our strong and truth-seeking schools, we can help our children become "lamps on the hill" of our modern society.

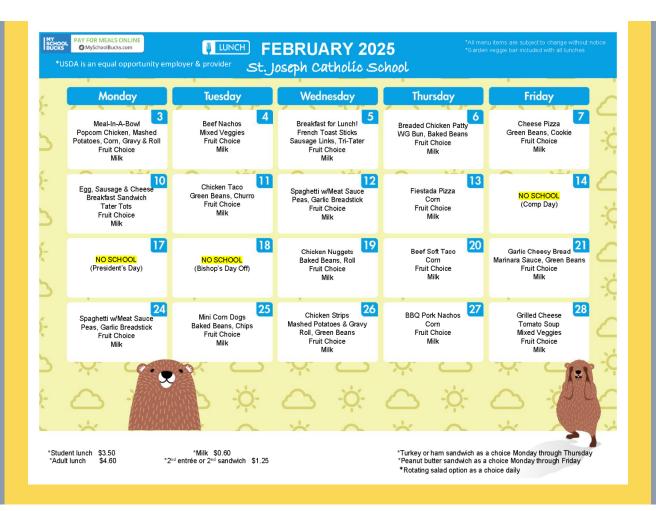
Yours in Christ, Kevin L. Naumann, principal



## February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Kindergarten Preview, 3:45-5:00 pm	5 4A Class Mass	6 48 Class Mass	7 Mission Gollection	8 SFA Morning at the Movies, 8:45 am
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
9	108B Class Mass	11 Melodic Knights Mass	12 BIST Consultant Visit	13 1:00 pm Dismissal	14 NO SCHOOL (Comp Day)	15
	Pius X New Student Open House, 7:00 pm		Pius X Choirs/Band 2:30 pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-8:00 pm	Hanny	E'S DAY
			All-Parish Adoration, 7:00 pm	Preschool/Pre-K Preview, 5:00-7:00 pm	4 4 4 4	6 6
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
16	NO SCHOOL (President's Day)	18 NO SCHOOL (Bishop's Day Off) (Faculty Mtg/PD)	19	20 Youth Choir Mass Service Awards after Mass	21	22 First Penance, 10:00 am
				Monthly Rosary, 2:50 pm		
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
23	24	25	26	27 Melodic Knights Mass	28	
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### February 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	St. Blaise (m)	4 Weekday	5 St. Agatha (M)	6 St. Paul Miki & Companions (M)	7 Weekday
	6B	Quiet Mass	4A Class Mass	4B Class Mass	*Mission Collection* 5A
10	St. Scholastica (M)	Our Lady of Lourdes (m)	12 Weekday	13 Weekday	NO SCHOOL (COMP DAY)
	8B Class Mass	Melodic Knights	5B	Quiet Mass	
17	NO SCHOOL President's Day	NO SCHOOL (Bishop's Day Off) Fac. Mt./PD	19 Weekday	20 Weekday	21 St. Peter Damian (m)
			Quiet Mass	Youth Choir	4A
24	Weekday	25 Weekday	26 Weekday	27 St. Gregory of Narek (m)	28 Weekday
	4B	3 <b>A</b>	3В	Melodic Knights	Quiet Mass

BIST Tip:
"I can do
something
even if it's
hard or I
don't want
to."

As one of our BIST Goals for Life, this one hits home with children and adults alike! We all have times that we don't want to do things, but we need to do them anyway. At school, when children are facing challenges, this is a helpful reminder that God gave us the power to choose to do what needs to be done. For children who are hesitant, this is a confidence builder. For children who get easily frustrated, this is a helpful reassurance. For children who get angry, this is a calming reminder. We suggest using this same language at home with your children when circumstances warrant. An effective way to do so is to use a calm voice to remind, then give a little space for the child to think about it. They might be surprised to hear it coming from you, but it will be a great tool to show them that, whether at home or in school, God gives us the tools to make good choices.



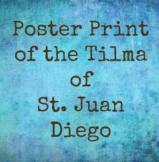


#### **Preschool & Pre-K Registration**

We are excited to announce the option of new 3-4 yr old Preschool classes! Our new <u>Preschool Application</u> available in the link provided. Please keep in mind that each new class MUST hit the minimum class requirement in order for the class to stay within our program for the 2025-26 school year.

\*\*Current Preschool families are welcome to turn in their forms starting Monday, January 20th. Any NEW preschool families will be able to start turning in their applications Monday, February 3rd.

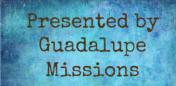












## **Catholic School's Week Update**

- Parent lunch for **K**, **7**<sup>th</sup>-**8**<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled for next week, <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Feb. 4</u>. Please use this <u>FORM</u> to let us know of your attendance that day.
- Parent lunch for **Pre-K, 3rd, & 5th** will be rescheduled for next week, **Wednesday, Feb. 5**. Please use this <u>FORM</u> to let us know of your attendance that day.



**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION** 

# ANNOUNCEMENT: SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TRAINING

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

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

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



## **Lunch and Recess Volunteers**

5th & 6th Recess

7th & 8th Recess

<u>Lunchroom</u>(all grades)

Kinder, 1st, & 2nd Recess

3rd & 4th Recess



















### **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!



## A Fan of Scooter's Coffee? Get SCRIP!

We have a surplus of Scooter's Coffee gift cards! Help us work them down! Treat someone to a coffee! \$10/10% back to 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!

### Pius X 8th Grade Open House

Pius X High School will host its annual open house for eighth-grade students and their parents/guardian at **7:00 pm on Monday, February 3.** All students in a Catholic school, another private school, public school, or home school are invited. If your son or daughter is not currently enrolled in a Lincoln Catholic school, please RSVP to Shelly.Pick@pi or

### <u>Calendar Changes – Days Off</u> <u>School</u>

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!

call 402-488-0931 to ensure a great open house experience. Visit <a href="PiusX.net/open">PiusX.net/open</a> to learn more about Pius X.

#### **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 February 20 at 2:50! 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!

## **BIST Parent Virtual Classes**

As part of its mission to support children and families, the BIST Team is offering a series of complimentary classes for parents and guardians. Classes will be presented virtually and facilitated by the BIST Team.

#### **Topics and Dates:**

- · February 4th: Powerful Tools to Sustain a Powerful Family
- · February 11th: Growing Accountability with Empathy

#### Time (Central Time):

- · 5:45 PM 6:00 PM Enter Zoom Waiting Room
- · 6:00 PM 6:45 PM Informational Session
- · 6:45 PM 7:00 PM Questions and Answers

Please share the attached informational letter with your building's families. If families wish to participate, they will need to register through our website (information is in the attached

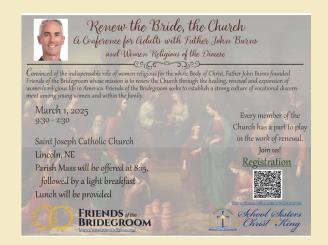
letter). We can also provide you with a recording of each session, which you can then share with families.

We look forward to helping you and your school families ensure this school year is the best yet by providing insight into the BIST philosophy and increasing the school-home partnership. We are excited to share this opportunity with your school community!

#### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

## **Special Conference for Adults**

Join us for a wonderful event held at St. Joseph Parish – Renew the Bride, the Church – on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Father John Burns, nationally-renowned speaker (featured on EWTN and Catholic Conferences like SEEK), will focus on renewing the Church through the flourishing of religious life, by means of the beauty of family life. Please invite your friends, families and coworkers to attend and/or pray for the spiritual success of this day. We hope to see you there! See the attached flyer for a link to register for this great opportunity. You may want to check out the website of Father Burns' ministry: Friends of the Bridegroom, renewreligious.org/



#### **Service Hours Opportunity!**

St. Joseph coffee shop is looking for volunteers to serve coffee and rolls after Masses.

What an easy way for your family to volunteer together and your kids to earn service hours!

(We ask at least one adult to volunteer with your child/children.) <u>Coffee and Rolls sign-</u>

<u>up</u>



## **Career Opportunities**

#### **JH Social Studies**

St. Joseph Catholic School, Lincoln, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic teacher for a full-time Junior High Social Studies position for the 2025-26 school year. Requires a passion for the formation of young people and a desire to assist students in viewing all aspects of human history through the light of Christ and the truth of His Church. Strong leadership and team-building skills 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,

#### **Spanish Teacher**

St. Joseph Catholic School, Lincoln, NE, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic Spanish teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Part-time position with potential to expand. Must have a solid working knowledge of Spanish (fluency preferred) and age-appropriate means of promoting language development for all grades PreK-8. Strong skills in communication, collaboration and relationship-building are essential. The position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a

references from educational supervisors, philosophy of education, and explanation of why you would like to teach in a Catholic school to kevin-naumann@cdolinc..

positive Catholic learning environment. Start date August 2025. Salary based on educational background and experience. Please send resume, and references from educational supervisors, to <a href="mailto:kevin-naumann@">kevin-naumann@</a>.

#### **Pastor:**

Fr. Michael G. McCabe

#### **Assistant Pastor:**

Fr. Louden Redinger

#### **Principal:**

Kevin Naumann

#### **Assistant Principal:**

Sr. Mary Angela, C.K.

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