

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## MONTHLY MESSENGER

May 2024



## Hiring Updates

We are pleased to announce the following hires for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Monica Bird – Reading and Math Interventionist
- Christa Lux – Kindergarten teacher
- Maggie McDermott – part-time para

Welcome to our St. Joseph School Family! An overview of our new staff for next year will be available in an upcoming newsletter.



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Hot Dog on WG Bun Fries Fruit Choice Milk	2 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick, Peas Fruit Choice Milk	3 <b>1:00 DISMISSAL</b> Cheese Pizza Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
6 Chicken Patty on WG Bun Corn Fruit Choice Milk	7 Mini Corndogs Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	8 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	9 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Ascension Thursday)	10 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Peas Fruit Choice Milk
13 Soft Shell Beef Taco Corn Fruit Choice Milk	14 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	15 Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Beans Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	16 Chicken Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	17 Cook's Choice Fruit Choice Milk
20 Cook's Choice Fruit Choice Milk	21 Cook's Choice Fruit Choice Milk	22 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans, Roll Ice Cream Sandwich Fruit Choice Milk	23 <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!</b> (Field Day)	24
27	28	29	30	31

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

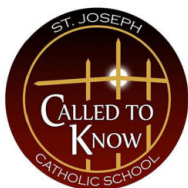
\*Milk \$0.40  
\*Second entrée or sandwich \$1.25

\*Turkey or ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday  
\*Peanut butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday

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May Spring Semester 2024 Liturgy Singing Schedule – May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 – St. Joseph the Worker (m) <i>Melodic Knights</i>	2 – St. Athanasius (M) <i>1A Class Mass</i>	3 – Sts. Philip and James (F) <i>1B Class Mass</i>
6 – Easter Weekday <i>5B</i>	7 – Easter Weekday <i>4A</i>	8 – Easter Weekday <i>*Quiet Mass*</i>	9 – NO SCHOOL (Ascension of the Lord) (S)	10 – St. Damien (m) <i>Mothers' Choir</i>
13 – Our Lady of Fatima (m) Advent Weekday <i>4B</i>	14 – St. Matthias (F) Advent Weekday <i>3B Class Mass</i>	15 – St. Isidore (m) Advent Weekday <i>Youth Choir</i>	16 – Easter Weekday <i>*Quiet Mass*</i>	17 – Easter Weekday <i>3A</i>
20 – Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church <i>3B</i>	21 <i>*Quiet Mass*</i>	22 <i>2A</i>	23 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL <i>2B</i>	24 – NO SCHOOL (TEACHER WORKDAY) <b>HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!</b>



**May 2024**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Melodic Knights Mass May Crowning, 8:15 am, Mass following Monthly School Rosary, 2:35 pm Band Concert Rehearsal @ Plus, 6:30 pm <b>Day 3</b>	<b>2</b> 1A Class Mass 2nd Grade Field Trip- Norrell Hall 3rd Grade Field Trip- Spring Creek Audubon Band Concert @ Plus, 6:30 pm <b>Day 4</b>	<b>3</b> 1B Class Mass Mission Collection M.F/MWF Pre-K Spring Program, 10:00 am 1:00 pm Dismissal (Faculty Meeting) <b>Day 5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Day 1</b>	<b>7</b> Service Awards after Mass T/Th Pre-K Spring Program, 10:00 am Vocal Music Program (5th, 6th, JH), 7:00 pm <b>Day 2</b>	<b>8</b> 1st Grade Field Trip <b>Day 3</b>	<b>9</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>ASCENSION OF</b> <b>THE LORD</b> <b>Day 4</b>	<b>10</b> Mother's Choir/Mass Teacher Anniversary Mass	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> Student Confessions <b>Day 1</b>	<b>14</b> 3B Class Mass Vocal Music Program (1st-4th), 7:00 pm 8th Grade Noon Dismissal <b>Day 2</b>	<b>15</b> Youth Choir Mass 8th Grade Mass @ Cathedral, 10:30 am 8th Grade Last Day of School <b>Day 3</b>	<b>16</b> SFA Picnic, 6:00-8:00 pm <b>Day 4</b>	<b>17</b> 5th Grade Wax Museum 4th Grade Field Trip- SAC Museum <b>Day 5</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Day 1</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Day 1</b>	<b>21</b> T/Th Preschool Last day 8th Grade Graduation, 7:00 pm <b>Day 2</b>	<b>22</b> Kindergarten Mass & Spring Program, 8:15 am Beyond the Bell Last Day <b>Day 3</b>	<b>23</b> Last Day of School & Field Day Pre-K 11:30 am dismissal; K-7 Full Day <b>Day 0</b>	<b>24</b> <b>HAVE A GREAT</b> <b>SUMMER!!</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	



## 2024-2025 Registration Open!

**\*\*Please be on the lookout for a reminder email to those families who have not registered their child(ren)**

Saint Joseph's online enrollment is now open for grades K-8!! Online Registration is like last year: you **MUST** have a Parent Portal Account in order to enroll your child(ren) for next year.

\*We are changing how we distribute our important documents: Tuition Agreement and ACH, Emergency Contact Form (for 24-25), and the Computer Acceptable Use Policy (for 24-25). **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 2024-25 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 29th.**

**Tuition Agreements are due by May 20th.**

For returning student enrollment instructions click [HERE](#).

For access to your Parent Portal Account follow the link provided [HERE](#).

If you have an incoming kindergartner, who is not currently a preschooler here, please fill out the Pr-Enrollment form [HERE](#).

If you have any questions please contact Emily Klein, [Emily-Klein@cd](mailto:Emily-Klein@cd).

## May Crowning

Dear Parents,

Each May we honor Mary, our Mother and Queen, by crowning her with flowers and praying for her intercession. This year our May Crowning ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, May 1**, before the 8:15 Mass. The children will wear their uniforms on this special day and each child will carry a flower to place in a vase in front of the statue of Mary. Two First Communicants will be chosen to carry the crown of flowers and place it on the statue of Mary.

Please have your children bring a flower on Wednesday, May 1, for this ceremony (long stems are helpful). The flowers will come to the classrooms for the students to carry to Mass. Also, if any of you can come and help arrange the flowers that would be very helpful. If you are available to do so, please email Sister Marie Jacqueline at [sr.marie-jacqueline@cd](mailto:sr.marie-jacqueline@cd).

Thank you and God bless you!



*First Holy*  
**COMMUNION**  
*Retreat*



# Final Notes for Spring Concerts

## 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/Jr. High Drama and Behind the Scenes Electives

Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 7-8pm

"The Little Mermaid Jr."

### Concert Dress

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders without parts:

**Bottoms** – Jeans, jean capris, jean skirts (no shorter than 2" above knee), school shorts or their school

khaki or navy pants.

**Tops – 5<sup>th</sup> graders:** Any bright plain colored T-shirt (long or short-sleeved, though it gets hot in the gym).

**6<sup>th</sup> graders:** Any dark (black, navy, dark purple, dark green, etc.) plain colored T-shirt (long or short-sleeved, though it gets hot in the gym).

*\*\*If you don't have a T-shirt, Hobby Lobby on 66<sup>th</sup> and O St. has them for around \$3.00.\*\**

**Jr. High and 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> characters:**

**Seagulls** – We have most of their costumes here at school. They just need to come in white/gray

sweatpants and a light-colored T-shirt or tank top.

**Sailors** – We have most of their costumes here at school. They just need to come in navy pants or navy school shorts, shoes and a light-colored T-shirt or tank top.

**Pilot** – Please have him wear navy school shorts or navy pants, shoes and a plain white T-shirt.

We have the rest of his costume here.

**Carlotta** – Please have her come in shorts, a tank top and dress shoes. We will have the rest of her

costume here.

### Arrival Time

**Jr. High** - 6:30 in Mrs. Stewart's room

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Characters** - 6:45 in Mrs. Stewart's room

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Singers** - 6:50 in the school cafeteria

**1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2023, 7-7:40pm**

**“Superheroes!”**

### Concert Dress

1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> graders may wear modest, superhero costumes (Batman, Superman, Spider-Man, Fireman, Policeman, Doctor, Nurse, Saint, Soldier, Ninja Turtle, Super Mario, Star Wars character, etc.). If they do not have the previous, they are to dress up nicely. No tank tops, gym shorts or skirts/dresses shorter than 2” above the knee, please. We will have a few extra masks and capes at school they can wear.

### Arrival Time

1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:50 in their home room

## Kindergarten

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 8:15-9:40am**

**“Western Cowboys and Cowgirls”**

### Dress

Kindergartners are to dress up in their Sunday best – dresses, slacks and a nice shirt, etc. If they have Cowboy/girl boots/clothing, they are encouraged to wear them!

### Arrival Time

7:55-8:05 - in their home room

Looking very forward to all our spring concerts! If you have any questions, please ask. Remember these are mandatory performances. Only sickness, emergency situations or weddings/funerals/etc. are excused. Have a great rest of the school year!

Mrs. Krinke and Mrs. Blumenstock (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

[kathy-krinke@c](mailto:kathy-krinke@c)

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## NOTES FROM THE NURSE: Health Requirements

**PRE-K PARENTS & 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS:** students entering Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have a physical exam completed within 6 months of the first day of school as

well as an up to date immunization record on file. A copy of the physical and immunization record is due in the school office by the first day of school.

**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS:** students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade that are planning to participate in school organized sports are required to have a sports physical on file. These may be completed after May 1<sup>st</sup> for the upcoming school year.

**MEDICAL FORMS:** can be found on the school website located under the Forms tab for the 2024-2025 school year. Non-prescription medication authorizations can also be filled out on PowerSchool.

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding health requirements. Thank you for your cooperation!





## Plan Ahead, Use SCRIP!

Start planning ahead! The end of the school year is rapidly approaching! Scrip can help you with all your thank you gifts! We sell small dollar cards to thank coaches and teachers! 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!](#)**

## Service Hours

As part of the mission of St. Joseph School, we encourage students to do loving service for God and neighbor. All students in grades K-8 have a service log to keep track. These are due by **the last school day in April, which is April 30 this year.** We look forward to students who go above and beyond (30+ hours for grades 5-6 and 40+ hours for grades 7-8) and will have our final service certificate presentation for students in grades 5-8 on Tuesday, May 7, after Mass.

Miss Sara Denning will be offering tutoring this summer for any students entering 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade in any subject area. Email [sara-denning@cdoling.n](mailto:sara-denning@cdoling.n) if you are interested and we can set something up!

## Tuition Scholarships for New Students

Do you have a student entering Kindergarten or 9<sup>th</sup> grade next year? Do you know of a family who is considering sending their child to Catholic school? If so, then the Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska may be of help! **In order to be eligible to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship to a qualified school, like St. Joseph's, a family must have a student entering Kindergarten, 9th grade, or transferring into any grade from a public school.** Parents may apply to see if their eligible student qualifies for an Opportunity Scholarship. Check out this [LINK](#) for more details

ST. JOSEPH  
SFA  
PRESENTS

# JEN FULWILER MATERNAL INSTINCT

FRIDAY,  
4/26

Discover the world of Catholic comedy, a genre rooted in rich traditions and relatable humor. Headliner Jen Fulwiler, a renowned Catholic comedian, brings a fresh perspective to Catholicism through laughter. Bishop Conley highly recommends her, praising her quick wit and relatable anecdotes that connect with National audiences.

Meet Father Jake Martin, a Catholic priest and stand-up comedian who blends humor and spirituality to offer a unique take on faith and life. Through his relatable narrative, he fosters unity and understanding through laughter, celebrating the lighter side of spirituality.

Your ticket purchase also supports a great cause! A significant portion of sales benefits our School Family Association, directly contributing to our school community's growth and well-being. Your participation is an investment in our school's success. Thank you for your support!

## THE ROCOCO THEATRE

TICKET PRE-SALE  
FROM 10:00 AM 1/27/24 - 9:00 AM 2/5/24  
USE PASSCODE "KNIGHTS"  
AT WWW.ROCOCOTHEATRE.COM



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

## Father - Daughter Day

SPONSORED BY THE SERRA CLUB OF LINCOLN  
WITH THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF CHRIST THE KING

APRIL 27, 1:15-4:15

Dads and Girls (2nd-5th grade)

The afternoon includes:

- Games
- Faith Formation
- Time with the Sisters

Villa Regina  
Motherhouse  
4100 SW 56th St.  
Lincoln, NE

RSVP:

[fatherdaughterlincoln@gmail.com](mailto:fatherdaughterlincoln@gmail.com)



After our wonderful presentation from Heart of a Child Ministries about the beautiful gift of human life, we would love to give students an opportunity to support newborn babies and their mothers with a

## BIRTHRIGHT Baby Basket COLLECTION

Many mothers who come to Birthright can't afford to buy things their babies need, so Birthright puts together baby baskets to share with new moms. These are some of the supplies they need most:

- INFANT TOWELS
- DIAPERS
- BABY WIPES
- PACIFIERS (SMALL)
- OUTFITS UP TO SIZE 2 (NEW OR GENTLY USED)
- NEW BOTTLES
- ONESIES
- BABY WASH
- BABY LOTION
- SLEEPERS
- BABY WASHCLOTHS
- SMALL TOYS
- BOOKS
- THE BEST GIFT OF ALL: PRAYER!

Please have  
items to the  
school by  
April 26.

Consider giving your child the opportunity to contribute their own money or help pick out the baby items to be donated!

Thank you for being so generous!



## Outdoor Workday

School Sisters of Christ the King



**Who:** Adults and children who like to work outdoors!

**Where:** Villa Regina Motherhouse  
4100 SW 56<sup>th</sup> Street

**\*\*West of Pioneers Park on Van Dorn, turn south on Southwest 56<sup>th</sup> Street\*\***

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**  
**1:30-4:30 p.m.**



**Projects:** Planting vegetable garden, mulching, cleaning up flowerbeds, cutting trees, etc.

**\*Supplies to bring:** gloves, pruning shears, clippers, shovels, wheelbarrows, pickups, chain saws & energy! (\*Please make sure all tools are marked with your name.)  
RSVP via email if you can.  
[sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net)  
"Walk-ins" are also welcome.



Thank you for your  
generosity and  
God bless you!



## Page One Coaches Needed for 2024-2025

- Page One is a diocesan sponsored program to encourage students to read a wide variety of books for fun.
- Includes lists of award winning and high quality books from a variety of genres.

- Students have a chance to read books as part of a community and share excitement about books
- They have a chance to participate in: a book themed carnival, competition, and a book club with the Bishop.
- Coaches are needed for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The teams could meet during lunch/recess or after school.
- For more information about the program check out: [www.nepageone.org](http://www.nepageone.org)
- Email [Rachel-Hanigan@cdolinc](mailto:Rachel-Hanigan@cdolinc) if interested.

## Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program

Check out Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program! The program which provides free summer meals to kids and teens (ages 1-18) may be available in your area at select locations. The meals help ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is out for the summer. There are many open summer meal sites throughout the state of Nebraska. Call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877. For information about the program and summer meal sites, visit <http://fns.usda.gov/s> or [education.ne.gov](http://education.ne.gov). Please note that the location Nebraska map showing site locations has not been updated, yet. Get updates via Twitter at **#NESummerMeals** and the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services' Facebook page.

Join us for our

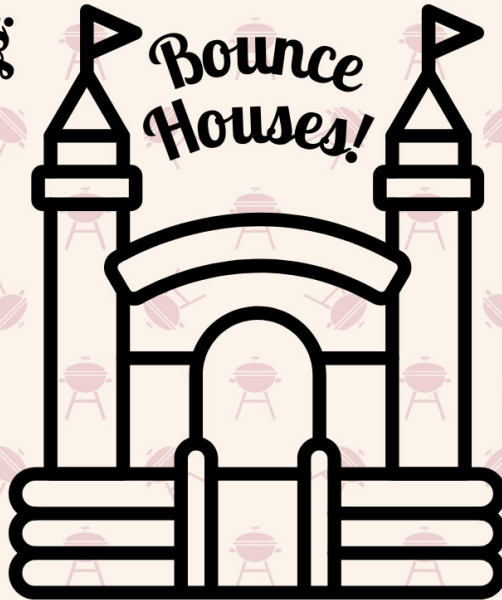
# SFA PICNIC!

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00-8:00 pm | School Back Lot



Hot Dogs!



Bounce Houses!



Burgers!



Chips!



Cookies!

\$10 per person  
or max \$40 per family

*We accept cash, check, or credit card.*

## Special Thanks

to Hy-Vee and Party Inflatos for sponsoring this event!

*In case of rain, we'll be in the cafeteria.*

# Service Awards April 18, 2024



## Pastor:

Fr. Michael G. McCabe

## Assistant Pastor:

Fr. Loudon Redinger

## Principal:

Kevin Naumann

## Assistant Principal:

Sr. Mary Angela, C.K.

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