

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MONTHLY MESSENGER

May 2025

Knightsly News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As we bask in the glow of God's goodness in the resurrection of His only Son, please let me tell you of some highlights coming in late April and May. First of all, we have our band concert next Wednesday, the 30th, at Pius X at 7:00 P.M. We celebrate our teachers, paras and staff the week of May 5th-8th, with the help of our wonderful SFA. Our musical this year, "Alice in Wonderland," will be presented on Tuesday, May 6th, at 7:00, a beautiful May Crowning and Mother's Mass on May 7th, and our Teacher's Mass, celebrating those who have hit a milestone in their service to St. Joe's,



or are leaving us after the current term, will take place on Friday, May 9th.

On Monday, the 12th of May, we have our annual SFA picnic, which this year will take place at the Children's Zoo. The next day, Tuesday, the 13th of May, we will celebrate Confirmation at St. Joe's, at 7:00, with Bishop Conley. The following day, our graduating 8th graders will have Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral, at 10:30 A.M. The following day we will have our Spring Choral program, at 7:00 P.M. in the gym. On Friday the 16th, our 5th grade will be putting on their wax museum, of the famous Americans that make up our eclectic tapestry.

Finally, on the week of May 19th-23rd, we will have 8th Grade Graduation on the evening of the 20th, and our last day with students on Thursday, the 22nd, with our annual Field Day.

I'd like to take this time, on behalf of Sr. Mary Angela, our staff and students, to thank all of you for your support and generosity during this school year, helping to make it the success that it was, through the grace of God. I hope you enjoy the various graduations and celebrations that this Jubilee Year of Hope affords us, in the service of our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Kevin L. Naumann, principal

Welcome, 2025-2026 New Staff!



Isabelle Bertrand

Isabelle is a Lincoln native, who attended St. Peter's and Pius growing up. After graduating from UNL last May with degrees in History and Education, she spent the last year as a substitute teacher for the diocese, subbing in all grade levels across various schools. Isabelle highly values the time she gets to spend around her family (all 5 siblings, 5 in-laws, and 13 nieces and nephews!) In her free time, she loves pursuing her passion for the performing arts through dance, musical theater, and choreography! She's thrilled to be joining the St. Joseph's family, bringing students a quality education in an environment that allows them to become the saints God made them to be!

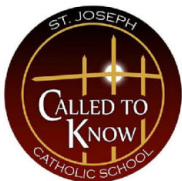
Cole Haugen

Cole Haugen began teaching in the public schools of rural northwest Missouri in 2017 after receiving his B.A. in History and M.A. in Education from Truman State University. Recently, he has taught 7th and 8th grade social studies for several years in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. He and his wife Liz were married last year. They are looking forward to moving closer to her family and becoming more involved in the St. Joseph parish-school community. In his free time, Mr. Haugen enjoys spending time outside, and with family. Mr. Haugen is looking forward to sharing his enthusiasm for social studies with his students and teaching the next generation of Catholic citizens.

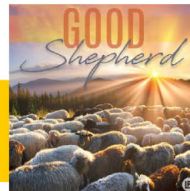


Claire Maguire

Hello, St. Joseph Family! My name is Claire Maguire, and I am so excited to be back at St. Joseph—this time as a second-grade teacher! I loved attending St. Joseph as a child and being back here is such a blessing. I graduated from Pius X High School and then Benedictine College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and an area of concentration in English as a Second Language. I then moved to Dallas, Texas and have spent the last four years teaching 2nd grade in a Catholic school. I am so grateful to be moving back home to Lincoln! I am one of four amazing siblings and in my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, Jazzercising, reading, and being a part of a Bible study. Teaching has always been my lifelong dream, and my favorite part of being a Catholic educator is getting to teach young children that Jesus is their friend and witness the Faith through their eyes. Second graders are the absolute best, and I am looking forward to a great year!



May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1A Class Mass Monthly School Rosary 10:30 am Day 4	2 1B Class Mass Mission Collection 3rd Gr Field Trip Day 5	3
4	5 Student Confessions Day 1	6 Vocal Music Program (JH, 5th, 6th) 7:00 pm 7th Gr Field Trip Day 2	7 May Crowning/ Mother's Mass 8:15 am Day 3	8 Service Awards After Mass Preschool T/Th Spring Program 10:00 am Day 4	9 Teacher Anniversary Mass 1:00 pm Dismissal (Faculty Meeting) Preschool M/W/F Spring Program 10:00 am Day 5	10
11	 12 Melodic Knights Mass SFA Picnic @ Lincoln Zoo 5:30-8:00 pm Day 1	13 6B Class Mass 8th Gr ONLY- Noon Dismissal Confirmation 7:00 pm Day 2	14 Youth Choir Mass 8th Gr Mass, Cathedral 10:30 am 8th Gr Last Day Day 3	15 5A Class Mass Spring Program 7:00 am (Gr 1-4) Day 4	16 1st Gr Field Trip 5th Gr Wax Museum Day 5	17
18	19	20 8th Gr Graduation Mass 7:00 pm	21 Kindergarten Mass & Spring Program 8:15 am Day 3	22 Last Day of School/ Field Day (K-7) Full Day Preschool/Pre-K 11:30 am Dismissal Day 0	23 Teacher Workday	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
						

St. Joseph Catholic School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Fiesta Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	2 Mac & Cheese Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
5 Hot Dog on WG Bun Fries, Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	6 Beef Soft Taco Corn, Churro Fruit Choice Milk	7 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Roll, Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	8 BBQ Pork Nachos Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk	9 Cheese Pizza Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
12 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick, Peas Fruit Choice Milk	13 Chicken Soft Taco Corn Fruit Choice Milk	14 Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Ice Cream Sandwich Fruit Choice Milk	15 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	16 Cook's Choice
19 Cook's Choice	20 Cook's Choice	21 Cook's Choice	22 Last Day of School! Field Day!	23
26	27	28	29	30

*Student lunch \$3.50
*Adult lunch \$4.60

*Milk \$0.60
*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

May 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 St. Joseph the Worker (m) 1A Class Mass	2 St. Athanasius (M) *Mission Collection* 1B Class Mass
5 Easter Weekday 4B	6 Easter Weekday 3A	7 Easter Weekday Mother's Choir	8 Easter Weekday 3B	9 Easter Weekday Quiet Mass
12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus (m) Melodic Knights	13 Our Lady of Fatima (m) 6B Class Mass	14 St. Matthias (F) Youth Choir Class Mass	15 St. Isidore (m) 2A	16 Easter Weekday Quiet Mass
19 Easter Weekday Quiet Mass	20 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (M) 2B	21 St. Christopher Magallanes (m) 6A	22 St. Rita of Cascia (m) Teacher Choir	23 NO SCHOOL TWD



Today, after Mass we had our service award given. Service Awards are given out to students in 5-8th Grade. 5th-6th grade students need a minimum of 30hrs and 7th-8th need a minimum of 40hrs to receive the award.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Volunteers

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is May 5-9, and we'd like to give them a break on the 6th and 8th. Visit the [LINK](#) to sign up for recess duty! Thanks for helping make sure our hard-working teachers and staff know how much we appreciate them!

New School Uniform

Vendor!

We are pleased to announce that in the upcoming year St. Joseph School has partnered with School Belles as our primary uniform supplier. School Belles is able to replicate our current plaid for the girls jumpers and uniforms. The skirt style is almost identical with our current skirts from Dennis Uniform and the jumper is



very similar (primary difference is rounded neck instead of v-neck). Finding comparable jumpers/skirts in our plaid pattern was a challenge and we are very grateful for the moms who helped us research different options for uniform companies. Please know that we are still maintaining our status of a non-exclusive contract with School Belles and are not changing other dress code items at this time. Therefore, any used uniforms are still welcome, as well as pants, shorts and shirts from other vendors. It is only if you need to order new skirts or jumpers that you will need to use School Belles. You can check out their options at this [LINK](#) or look at their [FLYER](#) for more information. Feel free to email sr.mary-angela@cdolinc if you have any questions.

7th Grade Volume Zoo

Dog-Man



32,088.85 cm³

Kuzco the Llama



31,221 cm³

Felicia the Cow



15,870.08 cm³

Millie Bobby Brown Bear



9,581.4 cm³

Denny the Duck



192,114 cm³

Patricia the Bee: 1,900.8 cm³



Remy the Rat: 13,472.75 cm³



Trunks the Elephant



Jimmy the Capybara



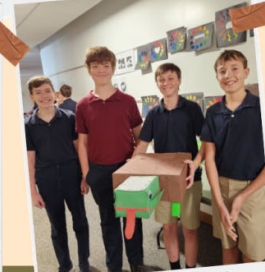
31,920 cm³

Ellie the Elephant



33,433.68 cm³

Yurtle the Turtle



22,144.8 cm³

23,793.92 cm³

ZOO



We are excited to announce that Saint Joseph's online enrollment is now open for Kindergarten through 8th grade!! 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 25-26), and the Computer Acceptable Use Policy (for 25-26). 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 2025-26 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 WAS due by April 18th.

**** If you haven't already PLEASE register your child(ren) as soon as you can. Thank you for your cooperation.**

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 Pre-Enrollment form [HERE](#).

If you have any questions please contact Emily Klein, Emily-Klein@cd.

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

Nurse Volunteers

The Nurse's Office is seeking registered nurses to join our list of volunteer substitutes. Volunteers are so appreciated when they're able to help cover the occasional times that our nurses need to be away from the office. They get to interact with students and staff that come into the office for minor ailments or first aid needs. These hours count towards the required contact hours for license renewal. If you are interested, please email Christine-Bergeron@cdo, or call the school office at 402-489-0341 to set up a time for a brief orientation.



ALL HANDS IN

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

LIVING STATIONS

PRESENTED BY
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL'S 4TH GRADE
APRIL 16, 2025



SFA Picnic

The SFA invites you to **PICNIC AT THE ZOO** on May 12th! We'll have a meal together in the Zoo's Greenspace near the main entrance from 5:30-6:30 pm, and the Zoo will be open for entry from 6:00-8:00 pm. **Avoid the long lines and pay in advance!** Scan the QR code on the flyer, visit bit.ly/SFA-Pic, or send cash/check to school with your child! Advance payment due by May 9. Then just check in with your last name when you arrive at the event. Payment also accepted day of via cash/check/QR code. Want to volunteer to serve at the picnic? Sign up at bit.ly/Picnic2!

The St. Joseph SFA invites you to

PICNIC AT THE ZOO!

5:30-6:30 PM

Meal together in
Zoo's Greenspace

(Near the main entrance)

**Hot dogs & Hamburgers
catered by Hy-Vee**

6:00-8:00 PM

Zoo Open for Entry*

***Parents are responsible
for supervision of children.**



**Event is for
St. Joseph School
families only.**

MAY 12, 2025

**\$10 PERSON
\$40 FAMILY**
(includes zoo entry)

PAY EARLY!

(Highly recommended to avoid long lines!)

3 options to pay in advance*

- Scan the QR code below
- Visit bit.ly/SFA-Picnic-2025
- Send cash/check to school with your child.

**Advance payment due by May 9.*

Check in with your last name
when you arrive!

Payment also
accepted day of
via Cash/
Check/QR code.



[bit.ly/SFA-
Picnic-2025](https://bit.ly/SFA-Picnic-2025)



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!

Jasper and Leroy say
**HELLO
Spring!**



Beyond the Bell 2025-2026 Registration Open

Are you in need of something to bridge the gap between school dismissal and the end of your work day? Beyond the Bell has you covered! Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open. Visit school.stjosep to learn about BTB and find a button to the online registration form near the bottom of the page. Spots are filling up fast, so register today to secure yours. Contact us at JHEL-beyondthe with any questions.

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 **May 1 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.

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!

May our Blessed Mother intercede for us and lead us closer to her Son, Jesus!





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2025 Competition



AROUND THE DIOCESE

CK Sisters Outdoor Spring Workday

Saturday, May 10, 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 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.)

Outdoor Workday

School Sisters of Christ the King

Who: Adults and children who like to work outdoors!

Where: Villa Regina Motherhouse
4100 SW 56th Street

****West of Pioneers Park on Van Dorn, turn south on Southwest 56th Street****



Saturday, May 10, 2025
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

"Walk-ins" are also welcome.



Thank you for your generosity and God bless you!



You are invited to
Father-Daughter day

RSVP to fatherdaughterlincoln@gmail.com

Sponsored by [Serra Club of Lincoln](#)

COME FOR A DAY OF PRAYER AND FUN WITH THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF CHRIST THE KING!

When: May 17, 2025 from 1:15-4:15 PM
Who: Dads and their daughters ages 6-11
What: an afternoon of outdoor games, rosary, confessions and more!

Career Opportunities

Junior High Science

St. Joseph Catholic School, Lincoln, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic teacher for a full-time Junior High Science position. Requires a passion for formation of young people and for igniting a sense of wonder at the world of science. 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:

1. resume
2. references from educational supervisors
3. philosophy of education
4. and explanation of why you would like to teach in a Catholic school

to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.

St. Joseph & NAM School Counselor

St. Joseph Catholic School & North American Martyrs Catholic School are seeking a faith-filled, compassionate, dedicated School Counselor to share time between both schools; 3 days a week at St. Joseph and 2 days a week at North American Martyrs.

The ideal candidate will do the following:

- Maintain high professional standards consistent with the missions of North American Martyrs and St. Joseph Schools
- Adhere to ethical and legal standards in school counseling, reflective of Christian anthropology
- Collaborate with teachers, parents, and other stakeholders to address the needs of students and the school community
- Provide guidance and support to students with academic, social, emotional, or behavioral issues
- Assist students with goal setting
- Show awareness and sensitivity to unique student needs and be able to proactively plan and apply effective teaching strategies for each student's success.
- Strong team member committed to collaboration, building strong relationships, and content integration

Qualifications

- Masters in School Counseling, Psychology, or a related field
- State School Counseling Certification
- Experience working in a school setting and counseling students
- Knowledge of various counseling models, practices, and resources
- Strong communication skills and high emotional intelligence
- Experience with conflict resolution and crisis management

Start date August 2025. Please send resume and references to Kevin-Naumann@ for consideration.