



March 14, 2024

Dear parents:

We are excited to announce that *Heart of a Child Ministries* will be sharing their *Celebration of Life* presentations with our students on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024.

Heart of a Child Ministries is an Omaha-based, nationally recognized, archdiocese of Omaha approved, pro-life education ministry that brings *live ultrasounds* into schools with professional ultrasound sonographers, master's level social workers and pregnant volunteers. All students see the miracle of life in the womb, listen to the heartbeat, and hear the truth about God's love for the preborn person and for all of His children through Scripture and Church teaching.

Three age-appropriate presentations will be offered, and parent or grandparent participation is highly encouraged and welcomed. In the K-4th grade presentations, kids will sing songs with a team of musicians, address Scripture, delight in "fun fetal facts", and see the live ultrasound on the big screen – hearing the baby's heartbeat and seeing hands and feet wiggle. Grades 5th-6th will have a similar presentation – appropriate to their age level - with an inspiring adoption story included.

Junior High (7th-8th) will explore Scripture and "fun fetal facts", see a live ultrasound, hear an adoption story, and the story of how the ministry was started--inspired in prayer through the heart of a seven-year-old child. They will also hear from speaker, Sarah Howarth. Sarah was in an abortion clinic ready to have an abortion, but instead courageously walked out, found a supportive maternity home, and chose life. She speaks about how the choice to have her son Jude was the best choice she ever made.

See schedule below.

Three-minute video trailers of these beautiful presentations can be viewed at:

K-3rd: <https://vimeo.com/456049564/e14e18e7e5>

4-6th: <https://vimeo.com/456424640/9980d6ec65>

6th-8th: <https://vimeo.com/456811114/32a9da3093>

For more information about Heart of a Child Ministries, please their website at www.heartofachildministries.org.

St. Joseph's, Lincoln-Presentation Schedule:

- 9:45-10:45 K-2nd
- 10:45-11:45 3rd-4th
- Lunch
- 1:05-2:05pm 5th-6th
- 2:10-3:20 7th-8th

Presentations will be held in Resurrection Hall. All welcome!

Parents are also encouraged to write their children a letter about how they see them as children of God – made in His image (Genesis 4), with a purpose and a plan (Jeremiah 19)– and how they see God working in their lives. Parents can also add in the letter what it was like during their pregnancy with them – Did you feel them move? Did they like to kick in a certain place? Do you have any ultrasound pics that you can share? Kids love hearing about how much you love them and about who they are. We encourage you to take this opportunity to do that for your child and give the letter to them sometime after school. Celebrate your child's life with a letter of love!

We will follow up the week with a “Baby Shower” by collecting baby items to support local prolife organizations.