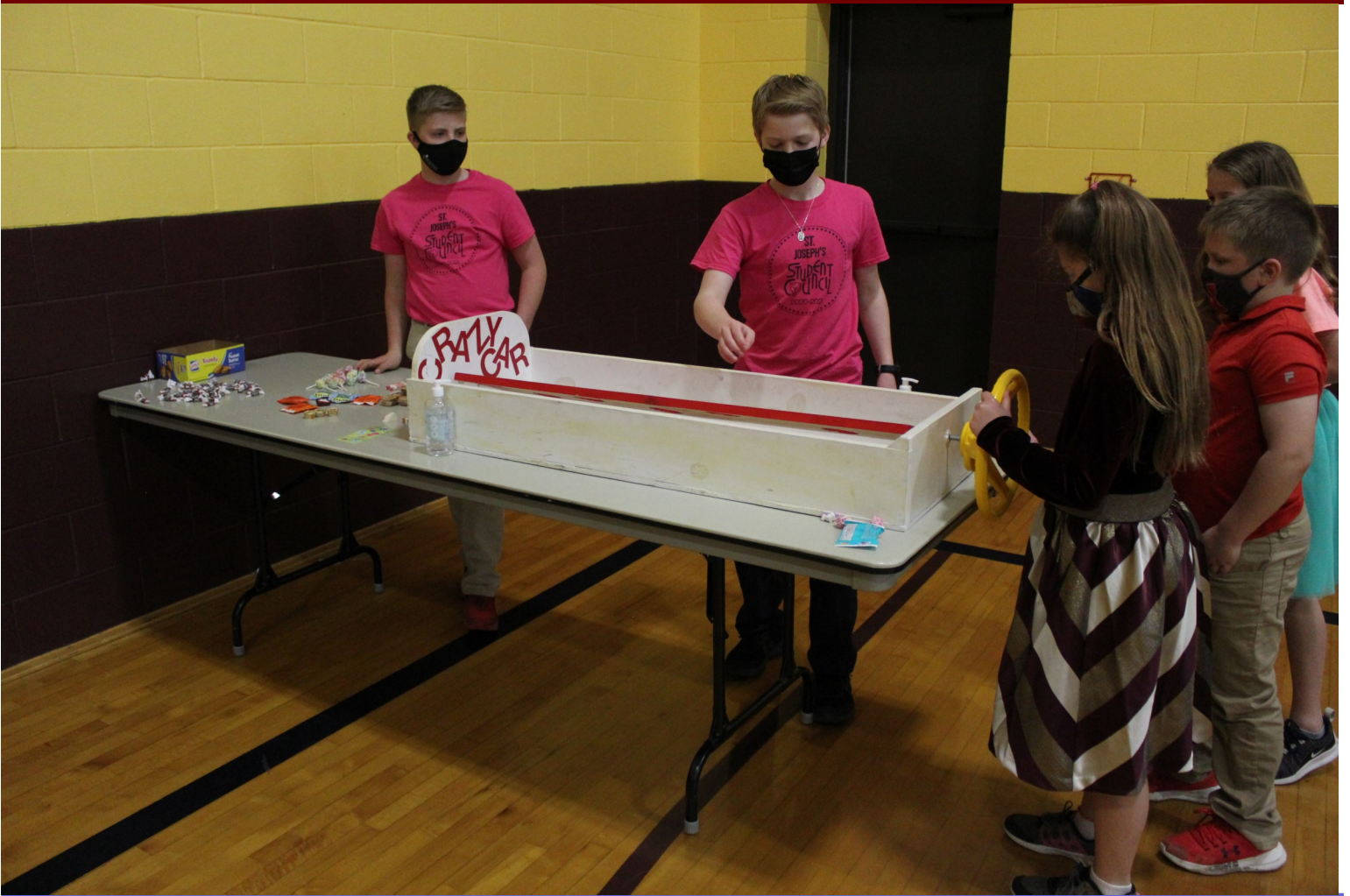


APRIL 2021 MONTHLY MESSENGER



Knightly News from the Principal!

'A Wonderful Time of Year': <https://stjosephknightsprincipalpage.home.blog/>

PRINCIPAL: MR. KEVIN NAUMANN

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: SR. MARY ANGELA, C.K.

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1-6, 2021—THURSDAY-TUESDAY

NO SCHOOL—Easter Break

April 7, 2021—WEDNESDAY

School Resumes
Students may wear uniform shorts

April 9, 2021—FRIDAY

2:30 pm Classroom Easter Parties

April 12, 2021—MONDAY

Student Confessions

April 16, 2021—FRIDAY

NOON DISMISSAL (Faculty Meeting)

April 22, 2021—THURSDAY

First Communion Retreat Day

April 24, 2021—SATURDAY

10:00 am First Holy Communion

BIST Tip – Avoiding Power Struggles

When we get caught in power struggles, we often tell the child:

“You will do as I say!”; “You will stay here until you get this done!” By saying these things, **we** become part of the problem! We cannot take the child’s behavior personally. It is their way of dealing with conflict and regaining some form of control. One way to avoid a power struggle is to defer processing until the child’s emotions have calmed down. *“I can tell this is hard for you. I’ll give you a little time to think about it and come back.”* Another method is to offer options. *“I know you don’t want to pick up your room, but you can do something hard even if you don’t want to. You can either do it now or you can do it during play time. I’ll let you choose.”*

Summer Solutions

It's time to order your Summer Solutions books! They made it as easy as possible for schools to offer *Summer Solutions* books this year! Parents place orders online, and ALL books are now delivered directly to parent homes. For more information see the [attached](#) flyer.

2021-2022 Enrollment

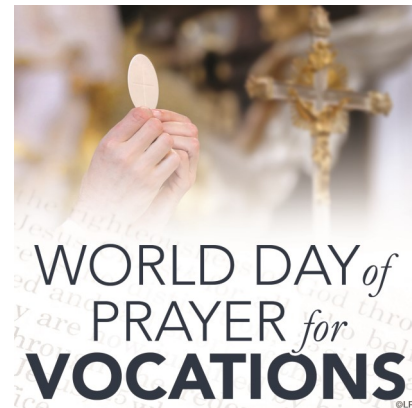
Are you planning on having your child(ren) attend Saint Joseph’s next year? Now is the time to enroll your family for our 2021-22 school year! **Every family must register their child(ren) online if they are attending next year.** We would like to have everyone enrolled by **April 1st** in order to get out the tuition agreements in a timely manner. If you are unsure if you have already enrolled your family or are in need of your child(ren)’s snapcodes please contact Emily Klein, Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net.

Kindergarten Enrollment

The due date for 2021-2022 Kindergarten enrollment was Friday, March 12. If you missed it, please register as soon as possible. Contact Emily Klein at emily-klein@cdolinc.net with any questions.

Kindergarten Come and See!

Parents of upcoming Kindergarten parents, mark your calendars for **May 12 from 2:00-3:00 pm!** Our committed teachers, after having put in so much effort to prepare a remote Kindergarten Preview, have decided to also host a short Come and See opportunity for the children to meet teachers and see the classrooms. Further details will be sent out to parents of registered Kindergarten students after Easter. If you have not completed the [Flipgrid Recording](#) portion of the Kindergarten Preview, please do so as soon as possible, since this will be required for attendance at the Come and See.



Boy Scout Popcorn Sales

The St. Joseph Boy Scouts will be selling popcorn again this weekend, **March 27-28**, outside the main church entrance after all Masses. They are raising funds for a high-adventure trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in August. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details.

NEWS

4th Grade Living Stations

Our 4th grade students have been working hard on preparing for Living Stations! **4th grade parents are welcome to attend the Living Station performance on Wednesday, March 31st at 2:30 pm.** Due to spacing, we will not be able to have other adults present.



Holy Thursday Eucharistic Procession

In thanksgiving for the tremendous gift of Jesus, there is a special liturgy prepared for Holy Thursday that includes a Eucharistic Procession. Children in **Grade 3** this year have been asked to be a part of this procession. Please see the full letter and permission form from Sr. Marie Jacqueline [attached](#).

Tentative 2021-2022 Calendar

At the bold link you will find our most updated [tentative calendar](#) for the upcoming school year. Major dates from the Diocesan Education Office, such as start and end of school year, Christmas and Easter breaks, etc., are included. Other than the first half day of school, our early dismissal days will be at 1:00 pm so that lunch can be served to all students prior to dismissal. Dates for events like sacramental meetings, music concerts, etc. are still to be finalized. We hope this will be helpful for your future planning and we will let you know when further updates are added.

Volunteer Playground Helpers

We are able to have volunteers in school again! Please come and help monitor recess for the St. Joseph grades K-6. Simply check in at the school office and then head out to the playground to help monitor the students at recess. Check in with a recess duty staff member once you are outside to get updated on the daily playground class assignments. You will stay out on the playground until they are done with recess (30 minutes). Each grade's recess slot is linked below.

[Kindergarten Playground Helpers](#)

[1st & 2nd Grade Playground Helpers](#)

[3rd & 4th Grade Playground Helpers](#)

[5th & 6th Grade Playground Helpers](#)

Summer-themed Catholic Math Booklets

Visit goldenrodpublishing.com to get information on Catholic Summer Math Booklets that include 10 summer-themed activities designed to do just once a week. In addition to the 10 themes, students are motivated to practice their math facts daily with the Thumb-ertime Flashcard page. Check out the website to view the themes, activities, and concepts. Fight summer brain-drain, but let summer be summer. The booklets are for grades K-6.

2021-2022 Staffing

As enrollment projections come in and teachers finalize their plans, the following are items we wanted to share with you, our school families.

- Parish finance committee has approved supporting three Kindergarten classes and three Fifth Grade classes for the coming year. Mrs. Courtney McCarville, currently in First Grade, will join Mrs. Brandy Chandler and Mrs. Lisa Bales as part of our Kindergarten team next year. We are currently seeking a Fifth Grade teacher to join Mrs. Tracy Smith and Sister Regina Marie in Fifth Grade.
- Mrs. Kim Evans and Mr. John Rotter will not be returning next year. Mrs. Evans will be retiring and Mr. Rotter is moving to Arizona. We have been blessed to have them as part of the fiber of St. Joseph School for so many years! We ask God's blessings upon them as they move to this next stage of their lives. Mrs. Kathy Donlan will be teaching Junior High science next year and Miss Katelyn McClure will be teaching Junior High Language Arts next year.
- Mr. Cody Wallinger has accepted a position as principal of McCool Junction Public School. He and his wife, Mrs. Lily Wallinger, will thus be moving at the end of the school year. We will miss their presence in our Junior High as well and wish them all the best in this exciting venture. Mr. Matthew Sestak will be joining us to teach Junior High social studies.

Please join us in thanksgiving for our current hires and pray to the Holy Spirit for our continued interview process!

St. Joseph Spiritwear

The St. Joseph Spiritwear store is **officially open now through March 31st**. Shop the link below!

[St. Joseph Spiritwear 2021 | Tag Ink and Thread | powered by OrderMyGear \(itemorder.com\)](#). Also, new and available are decals with the St. Joseph logo! These can be applied to your car window, water bottle, etc. The price is \$5 per decal. Please send your cash or check payable to St. Joseph SFA in an envelope and the decals will be sent home with your child in an envelope. **Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Catholic School!**

Alarming Nebraska Health Standards Draft

As you have seen in the recent news, the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) recently released a first draft of Health Standards. These standards are meant to guide curriculum for all Nebraska schools, including public and non-public schools. The Health Standards are a deeply flawed, ideologically driven document. Should such standards be adopted by schools, children will be placed in peril, many educators will find their professional judgment and conscience under attack, and the culture will move toward a further normalization of child sexualization.

To quote the Omaha World Herald, "Kindergarteners would be taught about different kinds of family structures, including "cohabitating" and same-gender families. Fourth-graders would be taught the difference between sex assigned at birth and gender identity. Fifth-graders would be taught that gender expression and gender identity exist along a spectrum. Sixth-graders would learn what sexual identity is and learn about a range of identities related to sexual orientation, among them heterosexual, bisexual, lesbian, gay, queer, two-spirit, asexual and pansexual."

The NDE has asked for comment on these standards and promised revisions. Please take a couple minutes to visit this [site](#) to review the [standards](#) and take a short survey to share your comments. Because the Catholic schools had no real voice in the advising of these standards, this is our best window to create change.

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through teaching, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow closer to Jesus Christ so He can lead them to the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. The program is facilitated by college students and seminarians from the Lincoln Diocese, with the hope of inspiring a true longing for holiness, a desire for conversion, and an openness to their vocation through devotion to Christ through Mary in prayer.



Youth in Grades 1-8 will meet beginning **Monday, June 14** during the day from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information and to sign up, please see the attached [FLYER](#).

Pius Summer Vocal Music Camps

Summer Guitar Camp (Once a week in June/July)

For students in **grades 7-12 (and recent alum)** in 2021-2022 who are interested in learning guitar. Check out this camp: <https://forms.gle/zKqxmEKxLsKdgdhU8>

Performing Arts Camp (July 5-9)

This camp has really evolved over the years and now we have specific **7-8th grade groups and K-6 groups** that perform popular music that get the kids singing and dancing. Mrs. Odgaard and Mrs. Sorenson are the camp directors. Registration will be posted here: <https://www.piusx.net/athletics/summer-camps/>

SUMMER MEN'S CHOIR (Once a week in June/July)

So excited to begin this chorus. We are hoping for alumni of Pius choir, along with their dads and siblings. **Ages 12-112** are encouraged to come share in this brotherhood as we prepare songs for 2 Masses as well as Harmony Explosion. Register here: <https://forms.gle/4xV4WqQ4nk8U63cS7>

Check this video out by the AcaFellas for a glimpse of what is to come: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lhksKqvlrG3q9KI_tdyvoXK0Xj83huem/view?usp=sharing

Harmony Explosion (July 19-22)

So excited to be getting through COVID-19 and this camp is in its 6th year. For kids who want to sing/learn more a cappella and barbershop music and build great friendships, you will love this camp. This camp is for **incoming 9-12** graders. Students are expected to learn music before camp. Learning tracks and sheet music provided. Here are songs from camp one year:

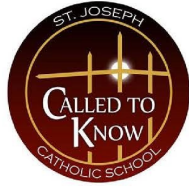
Come Fly With Me: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZG_OB7Krc8

Go the Distance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52NfQD9spXM>

Register here: <https://forms.gle/7EfMtu2mmLpuBgtz7>







CALENDARS



April 2021



April Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break) Holy Thursday	2 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break) Good Friday	3 Holy Saturday
4 Easter	5 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)	6 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)	7 School Resumes Students may wear uniform shorts Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Easter Classroom Parties 2:30 p.m. Day 5	10 
11	12 Student Confessions Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4	16 NOON DISMISSAL (Faculty Meeting) Day 5	17
18 	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21 Day 3	22 First Communion Retreat Day Day 4	23 Day 5	24 First Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. 
25	26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	

April Lunches

APRIL 2021 St. Joseph Catholic School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Easter Break	Easter Break	Easter Break	Easter Break	Easter Break
Easter Break	Easter Break	Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans, Fruit Choice Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk or OJ	Italian Dunker Buttered Corn Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	Soft Pretzel Cheddar Cheese Sauce Broccoli Florets Fruit Choice Milk or OJ
Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice Stir Fry Veggies Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Tri-Tater & Syrup Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	Pepperoni Pizza Corn Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	Cheeseburger, WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	No Lunch Noon Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)
Chicken Crisпитos Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	Fiestada Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	Chicken Strips Mashed Potato w/Gravy Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots w/Ranch Fruit Choice Milk or OJ
Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortillas Green Peppers & Onions Fruit Choice Milk	Hotdog, WG Bun French Fries Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Bread Stick, Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	Breaded Chicken Patty WG Bun & Sweet Peas Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fruit Choice Milk or OJ

Student Lunch \$3.25
Adult Lunch \$3.75
Milk or OJ \$0.40

Turkey sandwich as a choice on Monday thru Thursday
Peanut Butter sandwich as a choice on Monday thru Friday