

# APRIL 2022

## MONTHLY MESSENGER



*St. Joseph Catholic Church*  
*Confirmation*  
*March 19, 2022*

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# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Knightly News from the Principal!

Dear Parents,

As we settle into our 4th Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the prodigal son. How often do we encounter sin and come to realize that it is better to dwell in the house of the Lord, as the lowliest one of His, versus to be outside His gates? The sacrament of confession offers that to us and it is truly a gift. We know that the way of the Lord can be hard, and that what God wants for us to be happy, although true and good and beautiful, is also hard and at times quite difficult to do in our daily struggles.

So it is at our school. We hope that the lessons of youth, and the daily formation of humility and service, serve to embolden in our students the certainty of absolute truth in God's love amidst a world of pessimism and a relativism that even seeps into Holy Church when left unchecked. My prayer for this Lent is that our students are prepared to be that voice in the wilderness of our world, calling our brothers and sisters to the truths of Jesus, and that their example may serve as a leaven for our nation and beyond. Then, when Easter comes, may they experience the joy and hope of a glorious world to come. Mary, queen of apostles and help of Christians, pray for us!

Your Servant in Christ,

Kevin Naumann

### Pius X Spanish Students

#### Read to Kindergarten

A group of Spanish students from Pius X recently visited one of our Kindergarten classes to read to them... in Spanish!



# NEWS



## **BIST Tip:**

### **Rethinks**

“Rethinks” are quick time outs to help students refocus and get back on track. When a child is off-task, they are asked to put their head down and hide their eyes. The child must be able to identify what got them into trouble in the first place, make a plan of what they can do differently next time, and then demonstrate the appropriate classroom behavior. When the student has finished a “rethink,” they let the adult know by giving a thumbs-up signal.

## **LB933 Pro-Life Holy Hour**

Help us storm Heaven with prayers for pro-life legislation at the **Holy Hour for Life**, hosted by the Nebraska Catholic Conference and Diocese of Lincoln at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ (Lincoln) on **Tuesday, April 5**. This special Holy Hour begins at 7:00 pm. The intentions will include our vulnerable neighbors, preborn children, our elected state senators, and the successful passage of LB933. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more information.

## **Prolife Club Book Drive**

St. Joe's Junior High Prolife Club (JH4L) will be sponsoring a children's book drive **April 25-May 5**. NEW books will be accepted and donated to St Elizabeth's "Pediatric Place." More details coming soon.

## **APRIL 2022 EVENTS**

- 1** Melodic Knights Class Mass  
Mission Collection  
Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm  
Students may wear uniform shorts
- 4** Student Confessions  
BIST Consultant Visit
- 7** Student Council Class Mass
- 8** 1:00 pm Dismissal  
Faculty Meeting
- 13** 4th Grade Living Stations, 2:30 pm
- 14** Holy Thursday  
NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)
- 15** Good Friday  
NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)
- 18** NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)
- 19** NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)
- 20** **SCHOOL RESUMES**  
Mission Club Class Mass
- 21** Youth Choir  
First Communion Retreat Day
- 22** Melodic Knights Class Mass  
Classroom Easter Parties, 2:30 pm
- 23** **First Holy Communion, 10:00 am**
- 25** **5A Class Mass**
- 26** Mission Club, 3:20 pm
- 29** 2A Class Mass

## **Lunch and Recess Volunteers**

St. Joseph School is in need of Lunch and Recess volunteers. Below are links to the sign-up forms.

### **LUNCHROOM**

All Grades Click [Lunch K](#)

### **RECESS**

Kindergarten Click [Recess K](#)

1st & 2nd Grades Click [Recess 1 & 2](#)

3rd & 4th Grades Click [Recess 3 & 4](#)

5th & 6th Grades Click [Recess 5 & 6](#)

7th & 8th Grades Click [Recess 7 & 8](#)

# NEWS

## **2022-2023 Online Registration Now Open!**

We are excited to announce that Saint Joseph's online enrollment is now open!! **As stated in previous emails you MUST have a Parent Portal Account in order to enroll your child(ren) for next year.**

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

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

If you have an incoming kindergartener please fill out the Pre-Enrollment form [HERE](#).

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

## **Staffing Updates**

Thank you for your continued prayers as we undergo the interview process for our open staff positions. We are pleased to report the following:

- Jr. High Social Studies– Anne Reifenrath
- PE – Jessica Slattery

If you are aware of anyone qualified or interested in any of our open positions in Jr. High English, Special Ed para or part-time cook please have them email [kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net](mailto:kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net).

Please join us in praying daily for these positions, and for all our staff, that we will trust more and more in our loving Father to provide exactly what we need for the good of our children! The following is a prayer you might use:

*Heavenly Father, I come to You concerning the positions available in our school. I believe that for every individual You created You have a perfect will and plan and purpose. Lord, please send the right person for each job, a person who, at this time in his/her life, is Your perfect choice to fill the vacant positions in our midst. I thank You, Lord, that in the interview process Your Holy Spirit will reveal to us the precise individual for the position that is open. Father, not our will, but Your will be done. I thank You for sending just the perfect individual, called and anointed of You, to fill this position. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen. (Adapted from [Prayers that Avail Much](#))*

## **Preschool Updates**

We are excited to share an update with you regarding our three- (and young four-) year-old preschool class. This coming school year, 2022-2023, we will be offering a variety of class times with two-day-a-week or three-day-a-week classes. The two-day programs will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays or Mondays and Wednesdays. The three-day program will be on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays. Classes will run from 8:00-11:00 AM. Your child needs to be 3 years of age by July 31 and able to use the restroom unassisted. If you are interested in enrolling, please call St. Joseph School at 402-489-0341, or email Emily Klein at [emily-klein@cdolinc.net](mailto:emily-klein@cdolinc.net) to put your name on the list that you prefer. If you were able to come to the Preschool Preview and have already put your name on the list, please contact the school so we can be certain your child is placed in the program you prefer.

## **Last Spirit Wear Reminder!**

The St. Joseph Spirit Wear store **closes tomorrow, April 1**.

You are able to shop the online store to order both uniform approved and non-uniform approved apparel. Don't miss out on your last opportunity to order something before our current school year is over!

<https://stjoseph2022.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>.



## **Tentative 2022-23 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.



## Sacraments



Tis the season for sacraments! Please keep in your prayers all our children preparing for the following sacrament in the coming weeks:

**First Holy Communion** – April 23, 10:00 a.m.

Special thanks to Sister Fiat Marie for all her work in partnering with parents to prepare them for this grace!

## Urgent Pro-life Appeal from Nebraska Catholic Conference

Dear Advocates,

The first round of debate for LB933 is coming up *next week*. Pro-choice advocates are pulling out all the stops to defeat this bill. Have you contacted your state senator yet to urge their support for the bill?

During the debate on the "pull motion" for LB933, several pro-choice senators vowed to do everything in their power to stop LB933. This bill would save 2,000+ preborn lives from abortion next year in Nebraska, and each year after. This bill would halt the still-growing death toll, sitting around a staggering 200,000 preborn lives taken. Pro-abortion activists inside and outside the legislature are working to keep our embrace on abortion. What can you do about it?

We ask because you do have the power to do something about it. For your vulnerable neighbors, for current and future generations, for the preborn, please use your voice today to advocate for LB933 so our state can save 2,000 lives a year, and so we can once-and-for-all stop the abortion toll in Nebraska. Please contact your senator today, and urge them to support LB933 in the first round of debate.



## Summer Fun Punch Tickets

KFOR/KFRX Summer Fun Punch Tickets are on sale again this year! **They will be sold from April 15-May 25th and each ticket is \$5.** All proceeds will go back to the school. Some of the participating locations on this year's ticket include Lincoln Children's Zoo, Sun Valley Lanes & Games, Lincoln Children Museum, Lincoln Salt dogs, and Paint Yourself Silly. Each ticket is valued at over \$100.

Please see the [link](#) for more information.

**KFOR/KFRX Summer Fun Punch Ticket**  
**GREAT PTA/PTO FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY!** Your school has elected to sell the KFOR/KFRX Summer Fun Punch Tickets. On the tickets you will find "punches" which are good for summer activities for kids. One ticket per child. Please note restrictions for each location. As of now, punch activities on the ticket include:

- Lincoln Children's Zoo**  
1 Punch: Good for one FREE admission to Lincoln Children's Zoo. Ages 12 & under. One punch per child/person.
- Sun Valley Lanes & Games**  
1 Punch: Good for one FREE round of Laser Tag with the purchase of one round of Lanes/Pins (prior to 10:00 p.m.). Limited to groups of 8 or less. One punch per ticket per day.
- Lincoln Children's Museum**  
1 Punch: Buy one get one FREE admission. No cash value. Buy one admission get second admission of equal or lesser value free. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- Lincoln Saltdogs**  
3 Punches: Each punch is good for one FREE admission to a Home Game. Ages 12 & under. Must be accompanied by a paying adult for each punch ticket.
- Paint Yourself Silly**  
2 Punches: Each punch is good for one FREE hour of painting. Ages 14 & under. Policy must be purchased. Party games start at \$3. One punch per ticket per day.
- BONUS!**  
There are extra activity, food, and miscellaneous coupons too!

These activities and coupons are valued over \$100, but through this special promotion with participating PTA/PTOs, your cost is only \$5 each! That's \$5 per ticket for over \$100 worth of fun for your kids this summer.

**What a value, but here's the best value of all... 100% of the proceeds of all tickets sold, go to your school's PTA/PTO. Every penny stays in school! Not only a great value, but a great cause!**

**Don't miss out! Get your ... KFOR / KFRX Summer Fun Punch Tickets NOW!**

Tickets will be available for sale at participating schools through your PTA/PTO from April 15 - May 25, 2022. Tickets are valid from May 26 through August 15, 2022. Tickets cannot be purchased after May 25, 2022. No refunds on tickets after purchase. Tickets cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or destroyed and cannot be redeemed for cash. Children cannot share a ticket - 1 ticket per child.

## Summer-themed Catholic Math Booklets

Help St. Joseph send each student home with a Summer Math Booklet by sponsoring a classroom today! Classrooms can be sponsored for just \$5 a student, or make a general donation of any amount. All Kindergarten classes, Mrs. Pohlen's class, and Mrs. Pryor's class have been sponsored! Classrooms that still need sponsorship include all other 1st-6th grades. Visit [www.goldenrodpublishing.com](http://www.goldenrodpublishing.com) for more information.

**Sponsor a classroom today!**

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Classrooms that still need sponsorship: 1st-6th grades.  
 Kindergarten classes have been sponsored!!!

Contact Ann Kotopka at [mkotopka@gmail.com](mailto:mkotopka@gmail.com) or [goldenrodpublishing@gmail.com](mailto:goldenrodpublishing@gmail.com)

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## Summer Art Camp



### Registration

Art Camp (**June 6-10**) registration has begun! It will now be for students going into 1st-8th grades. Morning session registration can be found [HERE](#), and afternoon session registration can be found [HERE](#). For those needing or wanting a physical registration form, follow this [LINK](#)! If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Finson at 402-473-5790, ext. 52921 or email [carrie-finson@cdolinc.net](mailto:carrie-finson@cdolinc.net).

### Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with all sessions of Summer Art Camp the week of **June 6-10**. Anyone in 8th grade and older is welcome to join (adults too!). Students will receive service hours for their time. Please visit <https://bit.ly/StJoeArtCamp22Help> to sign up for part of a day, a whole day, or all week!

## Meals for the Sisters

Dear School Families,

There are only a handful of spots left for the rest of the school year. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to sign up to participate in this very important ministry. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Cara Matthes: 402-477-8266 or [caramatthes@neb.rr.com](mailto:caramatthes@neb.rr.com)

## Camp Kateri: Summer Camp 2022

Registration is now open for SKY Camp, Catholic Adventure Camp, and the Tekakwitha Games. Volunteer high school counselor applications are also being accepted for the 3 camps. For more information, to register, or to apply to be a counselor, visit [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org). A flyer about the camps can be found [HERE](#).

## CK Sisters Outdoor

### Spring Workday

**Saturday, May 7, 1:30-4:30 pm**

We will be mulching, planting our vegetable garden, cleaning up flower beds 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@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net) 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.) See attached [link](#) for more information.

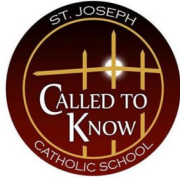


**IF YOU ARE  
WHAT YOU  
should be,  
YOU WILL SET  
the whole world  
ON FIRE!**

—St. Catherine of Siena



# CALENDARS






**April 2022**



## April Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Melodic Knights Class Mass Mission Collection Stations of the Cross 2:55 Students may wear uniform shorts <b>Day 5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Student Confessions</b> BIST Consultant Visit <b>Day 1</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Day 2</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Day 3</b>	<b>7</b> Student Council Class Mass <b>Day 4</b>	<b>8</b> 1:00 PM Dismissal Faculty Meeting <b>Day 5</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Day 1</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Day 2</b>	<b>13</b> Living Stations (4th Grade) 2:30 <b>Day 3</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Easter Break)	<b>15</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Easter Break)	<b>16</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>
<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Easter Break)	<b>19</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Easter Break)	<b>20</b> <b>SCHOOL RESUMES</b> Mission Club Class Mass <b>Day 4</b>	<b>21</b> Youth Choir First Communion Retreat Day <b>Day 5</b>	<b>22</b> Melodic Knights Class Mass Classroom Easter Parties 2:30 pm <b>Day 1</b>	<b>23</b> <b>First Holy Communion</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5A Class Mass <b>Day 2</b>	<b>26</b> Mission Club 3:20-4:30 <b>Day 3</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Day 4</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Day 5</b>	<b>29</b> 2A Class Mass <b>Day 1</b>	<b>30</b>

## April Lunches

 PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE <a href="https://www.myschoolbucks.com">MySchoolBucks.com</a>					APRIL 2022 					All menu items are subject to change without notice				
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday						
								<b>1</b> Cheese Pizza Broccoli Florets Fruit Choice Milk or OJ						
<b>4</b> Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>5</b> Pepperoni Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Cookie Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>6</b> Sloppy Joes WG Bun French Fries Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>7</b> Chicken Nachos Corn & Bean Salsa Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>8</b> <b>1:00 Dismissal</b> Garlic Cheesy Bread Marinara Sauce, Sweet Peas Fruit Choice Milk or OJ						
<b>11</b> Meat Lovers Pizza Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>12</b> Breaded Chicken Patty WG Bun Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>13</b> Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Breadstick, Corn Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>14</b> <b>Easter Break</b>		<b>15</b> <b>Easter Break</b>						
<b>18</b> <b>Easter Break</b>		<b>19</b> <b>Easter Break</b>		<b>20</b> Chicken Nuggets Smiley Potatoes Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>21</b> Soft Shell Beef Taco Corn & Bean Salsa Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>22</b> Mac & Cheese Broccoli Florets Fruit Choice Milk or OJ						
<b>25</b> Chicken Strips Roll Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>26</b> Hot Dog WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>27</b> Chicken Taquitos Salsa, Corn Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>28</b> Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk or OJ		<b>29</b> Breaded Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Sweet Peas Fruit Choice Milk or OJ						

\*Student Lunch \$3.25      \*Milk or OJ \$0.40  
 \*Adult Lunch \$3.75      \*Seconds Entrée or sandwich \$1.25  
 \*Turkey or Ham sandwich as a choice Monday thru Thursday  
 \*Peanut Butter sandwich as a choice Monday thru Friday