

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MONTHLY MESSENGER

February 2024



Dear Parents,

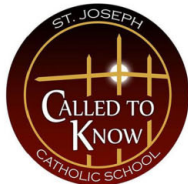
Below is the first of what I hope and presume will be several letters of apology, to the Parish and School community for the vandalism that occurred last week on the grounds of St. Joseph. I sincerely hope that this will help facilitate our healing from the event. Restitution will be forthcoming and all families are being most cooperative and pray, as we do, that this will be a learning lesson, and not the defining event in the lives of these children of God. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we move forward.

Your friend in Christ,

Mr. Naumann



Dear Mr. Naumann,


I'm not sure how genuine a person could be, but whatever the most is that's what this is. I am extremely sorry to you and to whom these recent events may concern. I am sorry for vandalizing St. Joseph's property including parts of the playground, the library box in the front, the handicapped sign, the moving of the table, and the words and images written on the snow near the playground on those nights. I am sorry for ruining the experiences of the kids who actively use that playground equipment. I am sorry for the SFA members who spent years designing the new equipment, and resulting in us destroying it. I am sorry to the faculty who feel threatened because of our actions. I am sorry to the parents who are worried about the safety of their children because of these events. I am sorry to Fr. McCabe who manages the parish and school to be the recipient of our inappropriate actions. I am sorry to the law enforcement who had to be involved with this. And I am sorry to the parish body as a whole, who had to have witnessed this. None of the actions that happened these nights should go excused. All deserve the correct punishment. All of the consequences will be recognized and follow through by us. I believe I speak on behalf of the four of us that were there those nights and that I apologize to all who were affected and actions like this or any negative actions toward the parish will never happen again.



February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Day 4	2 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 6A Class Mass Mission Collection 1:00 PM Dismissal Day 5	3 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SFA Morning at the Movies, 8:45 am 
4	5 Student Confessions Plus X New Student Open House Day 1	6 8C Class Mass BIST Consultant Visit Day 2	7 Kindergarten Preview, 3:45 pm Day 3	8 4A Class Mass Day 4	9 Monthly School Rosary, 2:50 pm	10
11 	12 Day 1	13 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm Preschool Preview, 5:00-7:00 pm Day 2	14 Ash Wednesday 4B Class Mass Day 3	15 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm Day 4	16 NO SCHOOL (Comp Day) Day 5	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL (Faculty Mtg/PD) Day 1	20 Day 2	21 Youth Choir Mass Day 3	22 Mission Club Class Mass Day 4	23 Stations of the Cross, 2:50 pm Day 5	24 First Penance, 10:00 am
25	26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29		

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 BBQ Pulled Pork Nachos Corn Cake Slice Fruit Choice Milk	2 1:00 DISMISSAL (Faculty Meeting) Mac & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk
5 Cheeseburger WG Hamburger Bun Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	6 Meal-In-A-Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Gravy & Roll Fruit Choice Milk	7 Mini Corn Dogs Fries, Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	8 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Peas Fruit Choice Milk	9 Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
12 Beef Soft Taco Flour Tortilla Corn Fruit Choice Milk	13 Orange Chicken Brown Rice, Green Beans Pudding Cup Fruit Choice Milk	14 ASH WEDNESDAY Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Peas Fruit Choice Milk	15 Chicken Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	16 NO SCHOOL (Comp Day)
19 NO SCHOOL (President's Day)	20 Fiestada Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	21 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	22 Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortilla Bell Peppers & Onions Raspberry Fluff Fruit Choice Milk	23 Cheese Pizza Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
26 Pulled Pork Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	27 Hot Dog on WG Bun Baked Beans Chips Fruit Choice Milk	28 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Sugar Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	29 Walking Tacos Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	

*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

Spring Semester 2024 Liturgy Singing Schedule – February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 – Weekday *Quiet Mass*	2 – The Presentation of the Lord (F) Mission Collection 6A Class Mass
5 – St. Agatha (M) 6A	6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions (M) 8C Class Mass	7 – Weekday *Quiet Mass*	8 – St. Josephine Bakhita (m) 4A Class Mass	9 – Weekday 6B
12 – Weekday 5A	13 – Weekday *Quiet Mass*	14 – Ash Wednesday 4B Class Mass	15 – Lenten Weekday Melodic Knights	16 – NO SCHOOL (Comp Day)
19 – NO SCHOOL (President's Day) (Fac Mtg/PD)	20 – Lenten Weekday *Quiet Mass*	21 – St. Peter Damian (c) Youth Choir Class Mass	22 – The Chair of St. Peter (F) Mission Club Class Mass	23 – St. Polycarp (c) 5B
26 – Lenten Weekday 4A	27 – St. Gregory of Narek (c) 4B	28 – Lenten Weekday 3A	29 – Lenten Weekday *Quiet Mass*	

2024-2025 School Calendar Dates

Aug. 16—1st Day of School (1/2 day- NOON dismissal)

Dec. 20—1/2 day- NOON dismissal (Christmas break begins)

Jan. 7- School resumes

Apr. 17-22—Easter Break

May 22—Last Day of School – full day

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**IT'S TIME FOR
KINDERGARTEN
PREVIEW!**

- **MEET YOUR TEACHERS!**
- **MEET NEW FRIENDS!**
- **STORY TIME!**
- **FUN ACTIVITIES!**

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

3:45-5:00 PM

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

**PLEASE CONTACT EMILY KLEIN AT
EMILY-KLEIN@CDOLINC.NET
OR CALL 402-489-0341 TO RSVP!**



Catholic Schools Week

Our yearly celebration of Catholic Schools Week will be from **January 28-February 3**. Click [HERE](#) for a run-down of all the exciting events! Note the links for dress guidelines, etc.

Parent Volunteers

During Catholic Schools week we are asking for parent volunteers during recess on Thursday, February 1st. Please see the [LINK](#) and considering volunteering.

SFA Morning at the Movies

What better way to end Catholic Schools Week than with Morning at the Movies? St. Joseph SFA is hosting movies at Marcus East Park Cinema on **Saturday, February 3**. Donuts and juice will be available at 8:45 am, and movies (Migration and Trolls Band Together) start at 9:30. See the attached [FLYER](#) for more information. **Students must be accompanied by an adult*

Save the Date: March 12th - Smart GEN Society Returns!

In October, SFA collaborated with the 'Smart GEN Society' to provide valuable training for our parents and staff, focusing on making informed choices in the digital world. Due to the overwhelming demand and positive feedback, we are excited to announce that Smart GEN Society will be returning to offer their insightful presentations for our students and parents. Please mark your calendars for March 12th as we invite you to join us once again for these informative sessions. Stay tuned for more details on the specific times for presentations. In addition, we are pleased to share that we have created a dedicated resource page for parents, where you can find useful information and resources related to digital literacy and online safety.



Dress Code Items

A few dress code items have come up:

- Dennis Uniform has some helpful links for online shopping needs: We offer a selection of helpful guides, [how-to videos](#), [comprehensive size charts](#) and a library of [FAQs](#) to assist shoppers with anything they need.
- A popular brand of shoe for girls has some styles that have been brought to our attention to question if they fit dress code guidelines. Check this link for further information. (Carrie, please make a document out of the highlighted script below and

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

add to the link in the last sentence.)

- Skirts/Jumpers for girls should be examined at this time of year as the girls are growing! A reminder that these should be no shorter than 1" above the knee. If finances are a challenge, please contact the office regarding our uniform fund.

In Need of Scrip?

Help us sell down excess inventory from Christmas! We have an abundance of some gift cards that didn't sell at Christmas. Please consider buying a card or 2!

Dick's Sporting Goods \$35

Marcus Theatre \$25

Amazon \$10, \$25 and \$100

CASEY'S Gas \$100

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!](#)

BIST Parenting Series

As part of ongoing support for families, your child's school is offering a series of classes for parents and guardians through a partnership with the Behavior Intervention Support Team (BIST). These training sessions are designed to provide ways you can support your child's developing academic and behavior skills, as well as increase consistency between home and school.

Save the Date for this year's Youth Ministry Trivia Night March 2nd!

Come enjoy the fun, competition, and fellowship of Trivia Night, all while supporting St. Joseph's Youth Ministry Program!

View the attached flyer for all the details!

The Youth Ministry Trivia Night raises funds for:

- Spark
- Ignite
- Blaze
- Fireside
- Torch
- SpartanCatholic
- Junior High Formation
- Junior High Discipleship
- Verso L'Alto Retreat
- Steubenville Conference
- Littles and Middles Lenten Guides
- Parish Easter Egg Hunt
- More!

Can't make it to Trivia Night, but would like to offer your support? Donate [here!](#)

Contact Sara-Racicot@cdolinc.n... with any questions!

BIST Virtual Parenting Series Dates and

Topics

January 30

Less is More: Are Kids Struggling to Manage All the Things?

February 6

I Love You Enough to Let You Fall

February 13

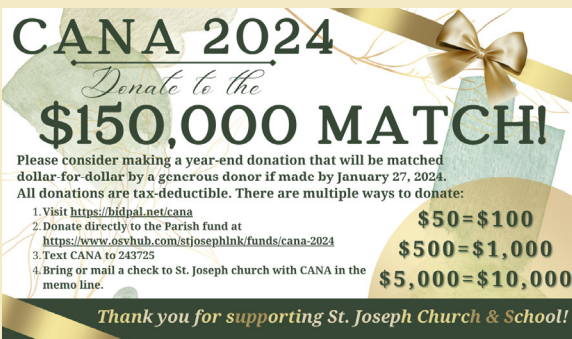
Your Words Hurt My Ears: The Art of Using Cues and Visuals to Avoid Meltdowns

Please see the attached [LINK](#) for more information and how to sign up.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Pius X New Student Open House

Pius X Open House for new students is **Monday, February 5th** at 7 p.m. in Flavin Gym. Clubs/Activities/Athletics will also be showcased. Come see what it means to be a part of the Pius X family!



CANA 2024
Donate to the
\$150,000 MATCH!

Please consider making a year-end donation that will be matched dollar-for-dollar by a generous donor if made by January 27, 2024. All donations are tax-deductible. There are multiple ways to donate:

1. Visit <https://bidpal.net/cana>
2. Donate directly to the Parish fund at <https://www.gxyhub.com/stjosephlink/funds/cana-2024>
3. Text CANA to 243725
4. Bring or mail a check to St. Joseph church with CANA in the memo line.

\$50 = \$100
\$500 = \$1,000
\$5,000 = \$10,000

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church & School!



CANA
Dinner & Auction
TO SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH
PARISH & SCHOOL


January 27, 2024

Preview auction items now at
<https://one.bidpal.net/cana/>
And be sure to register!

Authentically Catholic. Distinctly Different. Surprisingly Possible.


Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools have long been committed to ensuring that Catholic education is affordable and accessible for all families. Learn more about financial aid opportunities that make our Catholic schools surprisingly possible!

FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES



PARISH SUPPORT OF LOCAL & REGIONAL SCHOOLS


Because we believe Catholic education is essential to the mission of forming future Catholic leaders, parishes in the Diocese of Lincoln typically fund 45-50% of the total cost to educate each Catholic school student through weekly collections, gifts, and fundraisers. No application is needed to receive this financial assistance, which comes from the faithful support of Catholics to their local parish.



OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS OF NEBRASKA

The State of Nebraska now offers private school tuition scholarships. Families may sign up online to see if they qualify through Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska. Applications are due April 30, 2024. A tax credit contribution or tax deductible charitable donation to Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska empowers families to choose the best option for their children, regardless of income or zip code.

nebraskaoportunity.org



The Good Shepherd Scholarship

The Diocese of Lincoln provides scholarships covering up to 75% of tuition through the Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund to families whose income falls below 225% of the Federal Poverty Level. Applications are due by March 31, 2024. Donations to the Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund are tax deductible, can be made online, and support both currently enrolled and new students.

goodshepherd scholarship.com



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Many schools in the Diocese of Lincoln offer scholarships for tuition assistance at the local level. Check with your school to see if there are opportunities to apply for local scholarships this spring. Visit wearecatholic.org to find your school today!

wearecatholic.org

TAKE THE FIRST STEP - IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING!



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Fr. Michael G. McCabe

Assistant Pastor:

Principal:

Kevin Naumann

Assistant Principal:

Fr. Louden Redinger

Sr. Mary Angela, C.K.

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