

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## MONTHLY MESSENGER

January 2024



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# Knighly News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

On behalf of our teachers and staff, let me first wish each of your families a very Blessed Christmas. It has indeed been a semester with both hope and opportunities for growth, both personally as well as a school. We are very thankful for your partnership. As the new year dawns, we are starting to have students reach or exceed their hours of service recommendations, and that is very reassuring for me, as principal to see. When our students take to heart our “service to others” part of our mission statement, that, for me, embodies the spirit of the season that we are preparing to celebrate. I also am well aware that the academic rigor that we have at St. Joseph’s, can at times be a source of stress for a family. I encourage you to reach out to your son or daughter’s teacher(s), to get to the bottom of what is at issue. While we know that learning comes with a curve of mild frustration or what we like to call “cognitive dissonance”, it should not be a source of hardship or gross frustration for the family.

God calls us forth to share our gifts during this season as well as throughout the year. I ask that you be open, as circumstances allow, when called upon by SFA or other agents of the school, to volunteer as you are able. Although we do anything we can for our students, it is still a sacrifice at times, but one with an amazing payout...the formation of our children. May our Lord bless you and please know that I am always here at your service.

Yours in Christ,

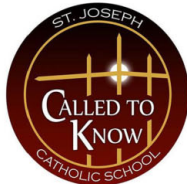
Kevin Naumann, Principal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break	3 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break	4 Beef Soft Taco Corn Fruit Choice Milk	5 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk
8 Cheeseburger WG Hamburger Bun Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	9 Meal-In-A-Bowl! Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Gravy & Roll Fruit Choice Milk	10 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Peas Fruit Choice Milk	11 Chicken Nachos Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	12 Mac & Cheese Broccoli Cookie Fruit Choice Milk
15 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (MLK Day)	16 Mini Corn Dogs Fries Fruit Choice Milk	17 Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	18 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk	19 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Peas, Pudding Cup Fruit Choice Milk
22 Hot Dog on WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	23 Pulled Pork Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	24 Egg, Sausage & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	25 Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortilla Bell Peppers & Onions Churro Fruit Choice Milk	26 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Peas Fruit Choice Milk
29 Chicken Patty on WG Bun Corn, Chips Fruit Snack Fruit Choice Milk	30 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	31 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans, Roll Cookie 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



# January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break	<b>2</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break	<b>3</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Faculty Retreat/ Teacher Workday)	<b>4</b> <b>SCHOOL RESUMES</b>  Day 4	<b>5</b> <b>Mission Collection</b> Epiphany Classroom Parties, 2:30 pm  Day 5	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8A Class Mass <b>Student Confessions</b>  Day 1	<b>9</b>  Day 2	<b>10</b>  Day 3	<b>11</b> Report Cards Issued  Day 4	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (MLK Day) Faculty Mtg./Teacher Workday  Day 1	<b>16</b>  Day 2	<b>17</b> Youth Choir Mass  Day 3	<b>18</b> Service Awards after Mass  Day 4	<b>19</b> Melodic Knights Mass <b>No Preschool/Pre-K</b> <b>(Preschool P/T)</b>  Day 5	<b>20</b> 
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Day 1	<b>23</b>  Day 2	<b>24</b> 5A Class Mass  Day 3	<b>25</b> 2A Class Mass Monthly Rosary, 2:50 pm  Day 4	<b>26</b> 2B Class Mass JH Science Fair  Day 5	<b>27</b> <b>CANA 2024, Lincoln            Station</b>
<b>28</b> <b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</b>	<b>29</b> <b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</b>  Day 1	<b>30</b> <b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</b>  Day 2	<b>31</b> 5B Class Mass <b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</b>  Day 3	<b>(Feb. 1)</b> <b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</b>	<b>(Feb. 2)</b> <b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</b>	<b>(Feb. 3)</b> <b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</b> Morning at the Movies

# January 2024 Liturgy

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL RETREAT/TWD	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (M)	5 St. John Neumann (M)  *Mission Collection*
8 The Baptism of the Lord (F)  8A Class Mass	9 Weekday	10 Weekday	11 Weekday	12 Weekday
15 NO SCHOOL Fac. Mt./TWD	16 Weekday	17 St. Anthony (M) Youth Choir Class Mass	18 Weekday	19 Weekday  Melodic Knights
22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	23 St. Vincent (m)	24 St. Francis de Sales (M)  5A Class Mass	25 The Conversion of St. Paul (F)  2A Class Mass	26 Sts. Timothy and Titus (M)  2B Class Mass
29 Weekday  *CSW*	30 Weekday  *CSW*	31 St. John Bosco (M)  5B Class Mass *CSW*		



## **BIST Tip:**

*"I can do something even if it's hard or I don't want to."*

As one of our BIST Goals for Life, this one hits home with children and adults alike! We all have times that we don't want to do things, but we need to do them anyway. At school, when children are facing challenges, this is a helpful reminder that God gave us the power to choose to do what needs to be done. For children who are hesitant, this is a confidence builder. For children who get easily frustrated, this is a helpful reassurance. For children who get angry, this is a calming reminder. We suggest using this same language at home with your children when circumstances warrant. An effective way to do so is to use a calm voice to remind, then give a little space for the child to think about it. They might be surprised to hear it coming from you, but it will be a great tool to show them that, whether at home or in school, God gives us the tools to make good choices.

# Christmas Program Kindergarten-3rd, L-Z



## Girls Uniform Reminder

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It's that time of year when growth spurts start to happen! Please check your daughter's skirt/jumper length and make adjustments as necessary to keep within uniform policy guidelines (Length must be no shorter than one inch from the floor when kneeling.). We have a nice selection of jumpers and skirts in our used uniform collection, if you need to do a trade. We also have a uniform fund if you need financial assistance. We also have a uniform fund if you need financial assistance. Also, please remember to remove nail polish before your daughter comes to school (Makeup and nail polish are not permitted. Junior high girls may wear clear or pale pink nail polish only [no artificial nails of any

## Boys Uniform Reminder

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Lest they feel left out, we also have a uniform reminder for our boys! Some boys' hair length is getting noticeable. Maybe you are waiting for a winter break haircut for your son, but please be mindful of the following: Boys' hair should not touch the eyebrows in the front or the collar in the back. Sideburns and hair covering the ear should be no longer than halfway down the ear on the sides. Boys must be clean shaven (no facial hair). If you have further uniform questions, please refer to the Dress Code. Thank you for your cooperation

kind]). This will save your child spending time in the nurse's station removing it. If you have further uniform questions, please refer to the [Dress Code](#). Thank you for your cooperation.



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## NOTES FROM THE NURSE:

If your child has a **fever (and/or vomits)**, he/she needs to be **fever free for 24 hours (or vomit free)**, without the aid of medication, PRIOR to returning to school. **Please report absences/illnesses** to the school office (illnesses are reported to the state per guidelines). If you have specific questions regarding your child's illness, please feel free to contact the office to discuss further. Thank you for helping to keep our students healthy!

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### Monthly School Rosary

As a means of praying for the needs of our students and school families, St.

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### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Every Wednesday we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. All parents



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 **2023-2024 calendar**. Most of the times will be at 2:50 pm so family members can join us. Classes will participate as they are available, so be aware that some classes may be absent on a given month. May our Blessed Mother intercede for us and lead us closer to her Son, Jesus!

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## MEALS FOR THE SISTERS

Dear School Families,  
The past few years we have been blessed with the opportunity to provide weekly meals for the School Sisters of Christ the King who teach in our schools. 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)

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## Christmas is ALMOST Here! Use SCRIP!

Scrip is available after all Mass's this upcoming weekend (23rd & 24th). Do not hesitate to give Kate a text or a call to fill any of your last minute orders! Use SCRIP to give back to your church and school! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416.

**[DOWNLOAD THE ORDER FORM!](#)**

are welcome to join us in spending time with Jesus. We also invite you to Benediction at 3:00 pm. If you would like to take a regular adoration time weekly or monthly, please contact Sr. Mary Angela at [sr.mary-angela...](mailto:sr.mary-angela...)

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## Earn Cash for Our School with BoxTops!

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make a BIG difference!*

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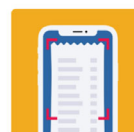
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# Christmas Program 4th-6th Grades, L-Z



## Winter Outdoor Recess Policy

It's that time of year! The following is our Outdoor Recess Policy, always subject to teacher discretion. To review other recess guidelines, see the parent handbook on pages 20-22. Thank you for sending your children properly dressed for cold weather!

### Blacktop

- When the blacktop is ice covered, students will have indoor recess.
- When the blacktop is snow covered, teachers will use discretion to determine if recess will be outdoors.

### Temperature

- Teachers always have the option to take students outside for brief periods of fresh air.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is below 10 degrees, students will have indoor recess.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is between 10 and 20 degrees, students will go outside for part of the recess. The time will be determined by playground teacher discretion.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is above 20 degrees, students will have outdoor recess.

# Christmas Program Kindergarten-3rd, A-K



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**CANA**  
*Dinner & Auction*

Your invitation to our  
 annual event to support  
**ST. JOSEPH  
 PARISH & SCHOOL**  
 is in the narthex.  
*January 27, 2024*

**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.osvhub.com/stjosephlnk/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!*

# Christmas Program 4th-6th Grades, A-K



## Pastor:

Fr. Michael G. McCabe

## Assistant Pastor:

Fr. Loudon Redinger

## Principal:

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