

MARCH 2022 MONTHLY MESSENGER



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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Knightly News from the Principal!

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone had a nice long weekend and found themselves ready to come back to school on Wednesday. During our meetings with teachers on Monday and Tuesday, refining aspects of BIST as well as other components of homework and discipline policy, I wanted to make you aware of a discussion. Teachers like to handle behavior issues in a timely manner and most often that means addressing them as close to the actual occurrence as circumstances allow. What that might mean is a call or email letting you know that something that happened later in the day may need to be rectified before the student(s) leave for the day. Please know that contact will be made with parents when that happens, but that is up to the teacher's judgement, depending on the gravity of the situation. Just as we value having students complete homework on the day it is due and sometimes need them to stay for late work, so we want to wrap up any behavioral issues on the day they happen, if possible.

On a different behavioral note, I strongly encourage you to make a point of attending our upcoming SFA meeting on March 8 at 7:00 pm. The anxiety and stressors that are affecting our students these past two years continue to be evident and I'm looking forward to the tips that our speaker will share on how to help manage anxiety in our homes and thus, bring a greater peace for our children.

As we enter Lent, we are reminded of the need to renew our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As a staff, we are planning a service outing in March in support of Catholic Social Services and will be reciting the Litany of Trust in the church on Thursdays of Lent at 3:40 pm. You are more than welcome to join us. Another opportunity you are welcome to join is the tradition of praying Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:55 pm with the student body, and the Living Stations put on by the 4th grade at 2:30 on April 13. Many of our classrooms will also be wearing cross necklaces during Lent as a reminder of Jesus' love and sacrifice.

In the middle of the month, we will celebrate our patronal Feast of St. Joseph a bit early. Due to March 19 falling on a Saturday this year, with Confirmation in the morning and a Confirmation retreat day on March 18, we will celebrate as a whole school on Thursday, March 17. We know St. Patrick won't mind sharing his special day with St. Joseph! That day will include dressing in our Walk for Christ t-shirts and special activities such as Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, all-school BINGO, and Student Council Mission Carnival to raise funds for children in mission lands.

May God bless our school and parish family during this prayerful time of Lent, and instill in us the desire to ask Jesus to heal any wounds of division that we have experienced. Thank you for your encouragement and support this month, as we move into spring and eventually the celebration of Christ's resurrection power!

Yours in Christ,
Kevin Naumann
Principal



BIST Tip:

Let the Adult Be in Charge

A common question of BIST that we ask students when they are choosing not to follow directions or have a hard time with compliance is, "Can you let the adult be in charge?" At the beginning of the year, teachers go over many procedures and routines. All of these help the classroom and the learning environment to run smoothly for everyone. On occasion, there are times when a child simply doesn't feel like doing what he/she is asked. (Does that ever happen at home?) When it is evident that a child is struggling to comply, we ask the question, "Can you let the adult be in charge?" Most of the time, the answer is yes. This means the child acknowledges that the adult is the one responsible for the setting and their job is to follow what is asked. This goes a long way toward avoiding a power struggle. If the answer is no, the adult gives the child cool-down time, usually in the safe seat, until he/she is ready for compliance. Next time your child doesn't want to do what is asked, try the question. They might be surprised that you are in on the secret!

SFA MEETING MARCH 8

Build Your Self, Build Your Children, Build Your Life

Erin Hammond, a recovering Catastrophizer, a mental habits coach, Strategist for The Woman School, and student of the School of Life will be engaging with our School Family about keeping that very important organ (your brain) tuned, trained, and ready for life. Because, let's face it, things happen that throw us off and make us feel like our life is spiraling out of control or down the drain. She will encourage you in very practical and easy methods to reframe your experience from feeling like you're failing at life to accepting the challenges and seeing them as open doors. All that we do radiates to the people around us- even our thoughts! It's important that we teach ourselves and our children how to maintain hope, persevere, and have an attitude that will help you and them make it out of even the darkest of times. We drill how to live life into our children by our thoughts, words, and actions. It's crucial to learn how to navigate life by asking the right questions, thinking better thoughts about ourselves and others, and proactively training ourselves every day to become better than the day before. Erin will help you identify defeating thoughts, how to increase your resilience, and how to become more of who you need to be each day – for yourself, your children, and the world.



MARCH 2022 EVENTS

- 1** ITBS Testing Week
Lenten Food Drive
Mission Club, 3:20 pm
- 2** **Ash Wednesday**
ITBS Testing Week
Lenten Food Drive
4A Class Mass
- 3** ITBS Testing Week
Lenten Food Drive
1A Class Mass
- 4** ITBS Testing Week
Lenten Food Drive
Melodic Knights Class Mass
Mission Collection
Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm
- 7** Student Confessions
- 9** 4B Class Mass
- 10** BIST Consultant Visit
- 11** **End of 3rd Quarter**
Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm
- 14** **NO SCHOOL (Teacher Workday)**
- 15** **NO SCHOOL (Faculty Meeting)**
- 17** Youth Choir
Celebrate St. Joseph Feast Day
Report Cards Issued
- 18** Melodic Knights Class Mass
Confirmation Retreat
- 21** **CONFIRMATION, 10:00 AM**
- 25** 1B Class Mass
Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm
- 29** Mission Club, 3:20 pm



**Don't forget to set your clocks
one hour ahead before you go
to bed on Saturday, March 12!**

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.

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:

- **Sixth Grade** –Scotty Sullivan will be our third 6th grade teacher next year.

If you are aware of anyone qualified or interested in any of our open positions in Jr. High Science or Jr. High English, please have them email 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](#))

Job Opening: Part-Time Cook

This position involves cooking in a school cafeteria 3-4 days a week. Hours will be 6:00 or 7:00 am-2:00 pm. Contact Dorothy Urbanovsky at 402-560-3192 or Dorothy-Urbanovsky@cdolinc.net.

Thank You

We are SO BLESSED by the generosity of our SFA and the parents who provided such wonderful breakfast items, snacks and a delicious HyVee burger luncheon over our workdays this week. May God bless you all abundantly!

ITBS Testing Week

For students in grades 3-8, next week is our ITBS standardized testing week. Although these tests are just one small piece of your child's educational record, they are helpful for knowing how they perform on a national scale and give indicators of ways for us to continually improve instructional strategies. Please do your best to avoid scheduling appointments for your child next week during school hours and make sure they get sufficient sleep and a good breakfast each morning!

Lenten Food Drive

Beginning the week of Monday, **February 28–March 4** our school family will be collecting food and supplies for the Catholic Social Services food pantry. The flyer below and [attached](#) lists the items they are in most need of. God bless your kindness and generosity!

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

St. Joseph School Family

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February 28 – March 4, 2022

Dear Parents,

May the peace of Christ the King be yours! Beginning the week of Monday, February 28 – March 4 our school family will be collecting food and supplies for the Catholic Social Services food pantry. Below are listed the food items which they are in most need of:

- fruit cups
- granola bars
- peanut butter
- jelly
- spaghetti sauce
- canned tomatoes
- tomato sauce
- rice
- Ramen noodles
- toilet paper
- shampoo
- laundry soap
- toothbrushes

You may also give a monetary donation by visiting their website at csssus.org, clicking on the DONATE button and choosing Food Pantry as your designation, or mail cash/check to CSS, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510.



*Thank you
for helping
us to feed
the hungry!*

God bless your kindness and generosity!

Sacraments



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

First Penance – February 26, 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation – March 19, 10:00 a.m.

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

Special thanks to Sister Fiat Marie and Sister Regina Marie for all their work in partnering with parents to prepare them for these graces!



CONFIRMATION

Urgent Educational Proposal

The state of Nebraska is receiving one billion dollars in federal American Rescue Plan dollars. A current proposal for using \$60 million of this resource is being discussed to offset the educational deficits due to COVID. See this [link](#) on how you can help make sure that this funding is provided for all students in need!

Lenten Resources

Real Life Catholic has several “do it yourself” retreats for the season of Lent. Topics include Joy, Searching for Truth and living life to the fullest. <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/>

Simply Catholic

True to its name, the “Simply Catholic” Lent page offers simple answers to many questions about the season of Lent and Catholic traditions and practices. [http://simplycatholic.com/your-guide-to-a-catholic-lent\[1\]everything-you-need-for-a-more-spiritual-lent/](http://simplycatholic.com/your-guide-to-a-catholic-lent[1]everything-you-need-for-a-more-spiritual-lent/)

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

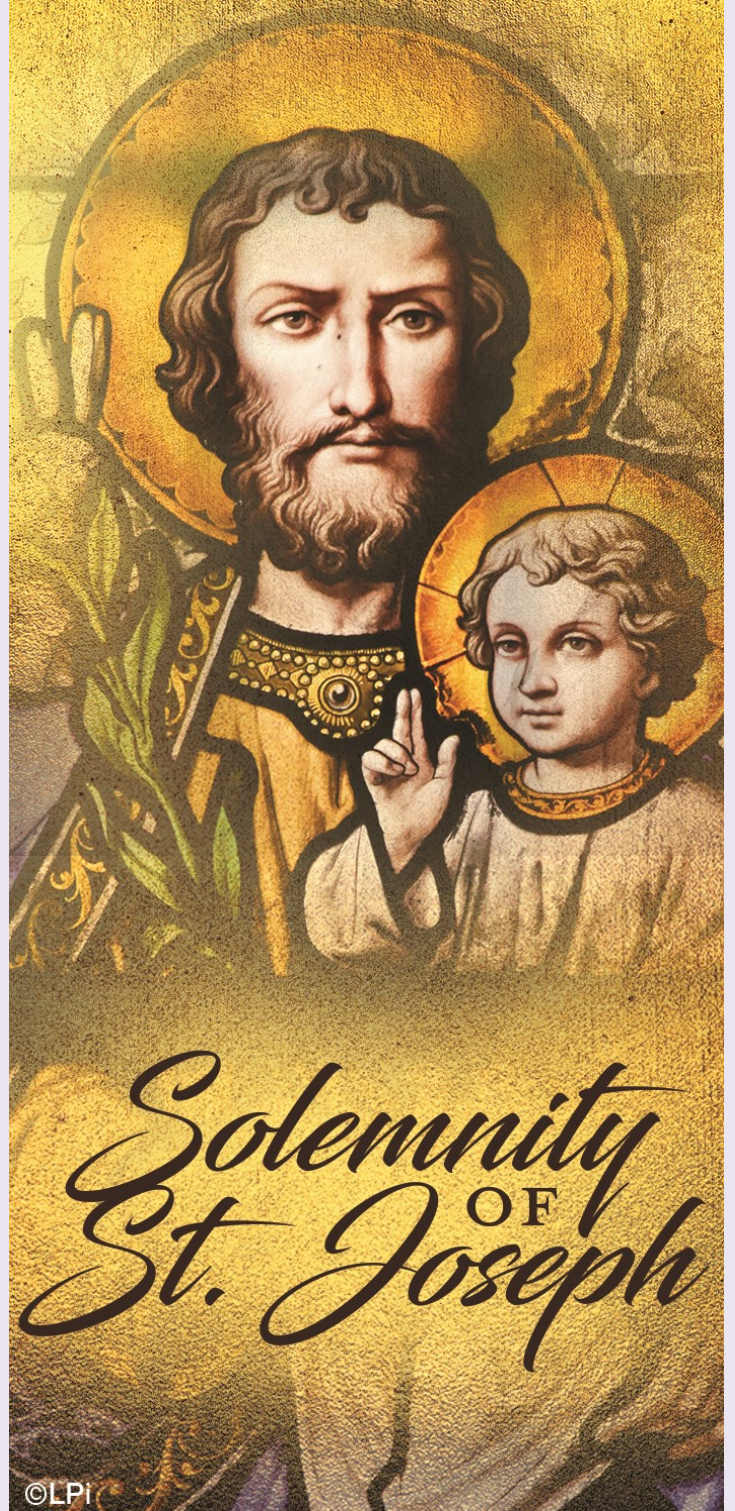
Click [Recess 5 & 6](#)

7th & 8th Grades

Click [Recess 7 & 8](#)

Feast of St. Joseph!

As mentioned in the Principal’s article, we will celebrate our patronal feast day as a whole school on Thursday, March 17. (We know St. Patrick won’t mind sharing his special day with St. Joseph!) Student dress will include our **green** Walk for Christ t-shirts and special activities such as Eucharistic adoration and Benediction, all-school bingo and Student Council Mission Carnival to raise funds for children in mission lands.



Summer Art Camp Registration



Art Camp (June 6-10) registration will begin on **Monday, February 28**. 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](#). Please note: these links will not be live until Monday morning. For those needing or wanting a physical registration form, one is coming soon! If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Finson at 402-473-5790, ext. 52921 or email carrie-finson@cdolinc.net.

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. Totus Tuus is taking place **June 13-17, 2022**. Please see the [attached](#) registration form for more information.



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. **We had a great turnout for First Semester, but could still use participants for Second Semester!** 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



CHRIST BE WITH ME.
CHRIST WITHIN ME.
CHRIST BEHIND ME.
CHRIST BEFORE ME.
CHRIST IN... FRIEND
AND STRANGER.

2022-2023 School Calendar Dates

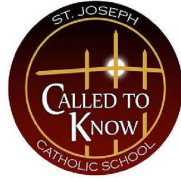
Aug. 16: 1st Day of School (1/2 day)

Dec. 22-Jan. 2: Christmas Break

Apr. 6-11: Easter Break

May 25: Last Day of School

CALENDARS





March 2022



March Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	(2/28) ITBS Testing Week Lenten Food Drive Day 3	1 ITBS Testing Week Lenten Food Drive Mission Club 3:20-4:30 Day 4	2 Ash Wednesday ITBS Testing Week Lenten Food Drive 4A Class Mass Day 5	3 ITBS Testing Week Lenten Food Drive 1A Class Mass Day 1	4 ITBS Testing Week Lenten Food Drive Melodic Knights Class Mass Mission Collection Stations of the Cross 2:55 Day 2	5 
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20	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 1B Class Mass Stations of the Cross 2:55 Day 5	26 
27	28 Day 4	29 Mission Club 3:20-4:30 Day 4	30 Day 4	31 Day 4		

March Lunches

MARCH 2022  LUNCH				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Sausage Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 1	ASH WEDNESDAY Breaded Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 2	Chicken Nuggets Smiley Potatoes Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 3	Garlic Cheesy Bread Marinara Sauce Sweet Peas Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 4
Soft Shell Beef Taco Flour Tortilla Corn & Bean Salsa Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 7	BBQ Chicken Breast WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 8	Pepperoni Pizza California Blend Veggies Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 9	Chicken Strips Roll Green Bean Casserole Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 10	Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Broccoli Florets Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 11
NO SCHOOL Teacher Workday 14	NO SCHOOL Faculty Meeting 15	BBQ Pulled Pork WG Bun Curly Fries Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 16	Chicken Alfredo Breadstick Broccoli Florets Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 17	Cheese Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 18
Cheeseburger WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 21	Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir-Fry Veggies Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 22	Mini Com Dogs French Fries Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 23	Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortilla Green Peppers & Onions Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 24	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 25
Hot Dog WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 28	Meal-in-a-Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Com, Gravy, & Roll Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 29	Chicken Taquitos Salsa, Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 30	Italian Dunker Seasoned Carrots Fruit Choice Milk or OJ 31	

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

All items are subject to change without notice