

# MARCH 2023 MONTHLY MESSENGER



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# KNIGHTLY NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good Morning Friends and Families,

Let me take this moment to welcome you to the season of Lent. I pray that you may be able to walk with us on this journey throughout the season. One of the blessings I have at our Ash Wednesday Mass, is to be allowed to assist in the distribution of ashes. Christ calls each of us and marks us with the ashen cross, as his own, in life and in death. It is truly a sobering yet amazing marking, as we contemplate our relationship with our Father, as His adopted sons and daughters. I pray that the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation, that many of our students will be celebrating for the first and/or only time in the coming weeks, will serve as an invitation to all of our parish community, to join our school family in the gift of these benchmarks.

I would also like to invite you, if possible, to join our school family for daily Masses this Lent. On Thursdays during Lent, Fr. Johnson is providing a “teaching Mass” for us. Each week, he will take a different part of the Mass and explain more of its meaning so that we can participate with fuller understanding. Today he began with the preparation and how we get ready for Mass like we get ready for a special meeting with a good friend. He has a gift for putting things in language the students (and all of us) can understand.

Our Mission Carnival for the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 20), weekly Stations of the Cross, and our Living Stations (April 5) also, I hope will be seen as invitations for our larger faith family to join us in our Lenten journey. I was touched today when I visited a classroom where they were studying a character in a book described as “Having eyes that see and ears that hear.” One second grade student shared that while many live on the earth, few really “see” what Christ’s will or plan is for us, as His creation. When I asked if it was the character’s eyes that told him this, he said it was his heart that told him. I pray that I may be graced with the wisdom of this second grader as I strive to serve the students of our school in a deeper and more intentional way. Have a blessed Lent.

Yours in Christ,  
Kevin L. Naumann  
Principal

## Ash Wednesday



## **2023-2024 Online Registration is Now Open!**

We are excited to announce that St. Joseph's online enrollment is now open!! Online Registration is like last year: you **MUST** have a Parent Portal Account in order to enroll your child(ren) for next year.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

We are changing how we distribute our important documents: Tuition Agreement and ACH, Emergency Contact Form (for 23-24), and the Computer Acceptable Use Policy (for 23-24). **Once your online registration has been done for your WHOLE family you will then receive your copies of the important documents mentioned previously.** Tuition Agreements and Emergency Contact Forms will be prepopulated with the information we have on file. It is up to you to make the necessary changes on those forms so we have information that is as accurate as possible. We will use PowerSchool and these forms to make sure our School Directory and class distribution lists for teachers for next year are accurate. These forms will be distributed once a week to the families who have finished their registration process for the whole family.

**This year it is VERY important to register your child(ren) online. Without registering your child(ren) you will not receive the important documents for the 2023-24 school year. Without registering online, and returning the completed important documents, your family will not be on our posted class lists this August. Please make sure to register your family online as soon as you can to help with a smooth transition into summer.**

**Online Registration is due by April 28.**

**Tuition Agreements are due by May 19.**

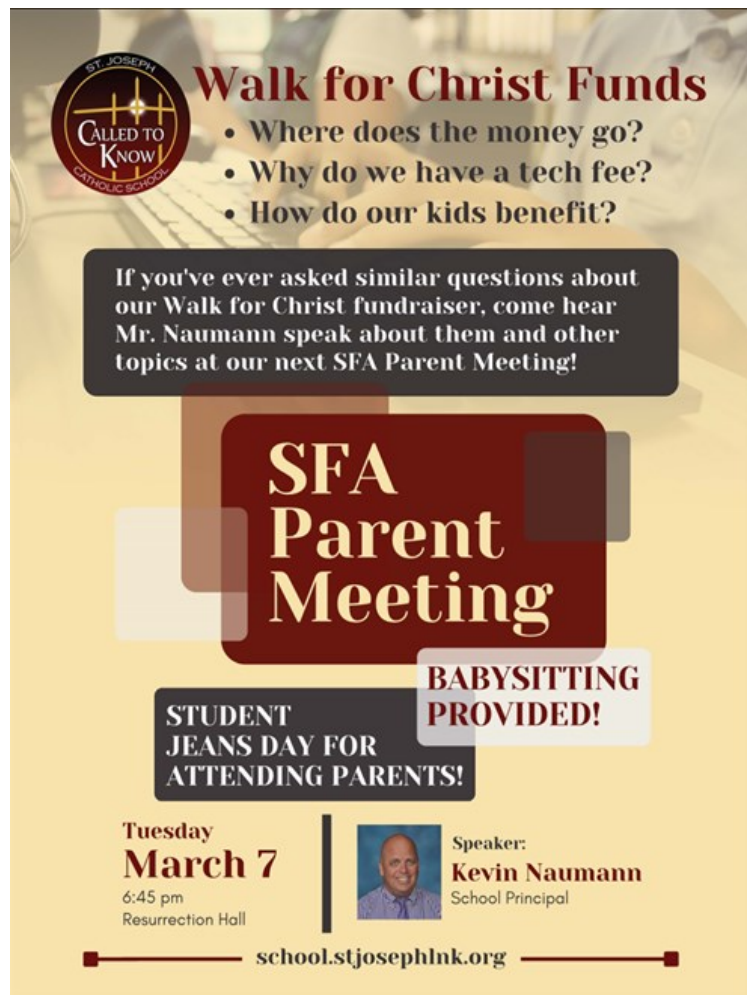
For returning student enrollment instructions click [HERE](#).

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

If you have an incoming kindergartener, who is not currently a preschooler here, 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).

## SFA Parent Meeting



**Walk for Christ Funds**

- Where does the money go?
- Why do we have a tech fee?
- How do our kids benefit?

If you've ever asked similar questions about our Walk for Christ fundraiser, come hear Mr. Naumann speak about them and other topics at our next SFA Parent Meeting!

**SFA Parent Meeting**

**BABYSITTING PROVIDED!**

**STUDENT JEANS DAY FOR ATTENDING PARENTS!**

**Tuesday March 7**  
6:45 pm  
Resurrection Hall

**Speaker:**  
**Kevin Naumann**  
School Principal

[school.stjosephlnk.org](http://school.stjosephlnk.org)

## Lunch and Recess Volunteers

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

Kindergarten Recess: [Click K](#)

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

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

5th and 6th Recess: [Click 5&6](#)

7th and 8th Recess: [Click 7&8](#)

## March 2023 Events

- 1** ITBS Testing
- 2** ITBS Testing
- 3** ITBS Testing  
Melodic Knights Class Mass  
Mission Collection  
Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm
- 6** Lenten Food Drive  
**Student Confessions**
- 7** Lenten Food Drive  
SFA Parent Meeting, 6:45 pm
- 8** Lenten Food Drive  
*End of 3rd Quarter*
- 9** **NO SCHOOL—TEACHER WORKDAY**
- 10** **NO SCHOOL—BISHOP'S DAY OFF**
- 13** **NO SCHOOL—FACULTY MTG/PROF. DEVEL.**
- 15** Melodic Knights Class Mass
- 16** Youth Choir Class Mass
- 17** **Confirmation Retreat Day**  
4th Grade Field Trip
- 19** **CONFIRMATION, 2:00 PM**
- 20** **Celebrate St. Joseph Feast Day**  
**Mission Carnival**
- 23** BIST Consultant Visit
- 24** **Father's Mass**  
Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm
- 28** Mission Club, 3:20-4:30 pm
- 31** Melodic Knights Class Mass  
Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm

**THANK YOU**  
*for your generosity*

Special thanks to those parents who provided the amazingly delicious breakfast items, veggies and afternoon treats for our recent faculty meeting. We are so grateful for your support!

# NEWS

## Nursing Notes

**\*\*Updated Medical Forms can be found on the school website located under the Forms tab for the 2023-2024 school year.\*\***

- Incoming Kindergarteners and Incoming 7th graders are required to have physical exams completed within 6 months of the first day of school as well as updated immunization records. Forms can be turned into the office now through the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
- 8th graders participating in sports will also need an updated physical exam (7th grade physicals do not count for this requirement).

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding health requirements for the 2023-2024 school year.

**\*\*It is school policy that your child needs to be symptom free (NO FEVER OR VOMITING) FOR 24 HOURS** without the aid of fever-reducing medication **BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL** and/or participating in school organized events.

**Thank you for your help and support!**

# CALENDAR Updates

## 2023-2024 School Dates

### **August 16, 2023**

1st Day of School  
1/2 day—NOON dismissal

### **December 20, 2023**

1/2 day—NOON dismissal  
Christmas break begins

### **January 4, 2024**

School resumes

### **March 28-April 2, 2024**

Easter Break

### **May 23, 2024**

Last Day of School (full day)

## Bishop's Day Off

Bishop Conley recently wrote a letter thanking the teachers and staffs of our Catholic schools for the excellent work they have done in keeping up a solid educational program through the pandemic years. In gratitude, he offered a "Bishop's Day" to all the schools in the diocese, taken at their discretion this second quarter of school. Thus, St. Joseph School will observe the following calendar adjustments in March:

**March 8** End of 2nd Quarter

**March 9** NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day

**March 10** NO SCHOOL - Bishop's Day off

**March 13** NO SCHOOL – Faculty meeting/  
Professional development

## **School Job Opportunities**

St. Joseph Catholic School has been seeking faith-filled, dynamic individuals to fill several positions for the 2023-2024 school year. God has blessed us with many solid hires so far (see below). We have also interviewed for 2nd grade and currently have an offer out to a candidate. Our remaining position is Special Ed Resource.

### **Special Education Resource Teacher**

*Applicant must have a current Nebraska teaching certificate with appropriate endorsements. Responsibilities include maximizing the learning experience of students with needs in academics, interpersonal skills, behaviors, and/or activities of daily living. This person would be primarily responsible for all grades 6-8 resource students. Strong communication skills are essential. The ideal applicant will be Christ-centered, student-focused and team-oriented. Please send resume and references from supervisors to [kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net](mailto:kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net).*

### **2nd Grade Teacher**

*Excellent classroom instruction, strong collaboration and experience with diverse learning needs are key qualities desired. Start date August 2023. Salary based on educational background and experience.*

Please join us in this [Prayer for Hiring](#) we found that is modified from a website. This, or any prayer for candidates and for the ongoing hiring process, would be much appreciated.

### **Hiring updates!**

We are pleased to announce that we have hired Mrs. Niki Schnabel as our new para who will be starting in March when Mrs. Patty Henrichsen leaves to provide daycare for her new granddaughter. We have also hired Mrs. Emily Daniel for Jr. High Math and Mrs. Amber Grosserode for part-time art. These ladies bring a wealth of experience in each of their respective areas. We will have bios and pictures in a later spring newsletter once our hiring is completed.

## **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 will be held the week of **June 12-16, 2023!** Space is limited, so see the attached [flyer](#) for more information and the registration form.

## **What's New with SCRIP?**

Think spring sports with Scrip! Scrip sells Finish Line, Foot Lockers, Scheels and Dick's Sporting Goods for all your sporting needs. Send your order with your student in the morning and we will return it with them the same day! (Click [HERE](#) for the latest order form!) Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416.

## **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.

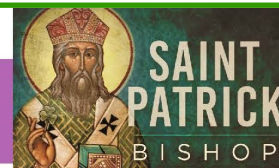
Cara Matthes,  
St. Joseph meal coordinator  
Call 402-840-1647  
Or email [caramatthes@neb.rr.com](mailto:caramatthes@neb.rr.com)

# CALENDARS

## March Events



March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> ITBS Testing  Day 4	<b>2</b> ITBS Testing  Day 5	<b>3</b> ITBS Testing Melodic Knights Class Mass Mission Collection Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm  Day 1	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Lenten Food Drive Student Confessions  Day 2	<b>7</b> Lenten Food Drive SFA Parent Meeting, 6:45 pm  Day 3	<b>8</b> Lenten Food Drive End of 3rd Quarter  Day 4	<b>9</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Teacher Workday)	<b>10</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Bishop's Day Off)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Faculty Meeting/ Professional Development Day)	<b>14</b>   Day 1	<b>15</b> Melodic Knights Class Mass  Day 2	<b>16</b> Youth Choir Class Mass Report Cards Issued  Day 3	<b>17</b> Confirmation Retreat Day (No Student Stations of the Cross) 4th Grade Field Trip  Day 4	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b> Confirmation, 2:00 pm (Bishop Bruskevitz)	<b>20</b> Celebrate St. Joseph Feast Day Mission Carnival  Day 5	<b>21</b>   Day 1	<b>22</b>   Day 2	<b>23</b> BIST Consultant Visit  Day 3	<b>24</b> Fathers' Mass Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm  Day 4	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>   Day 5	<b>28</b> Mission Club 3:20-4:30  Day 1	<b>29</b>   Day 2	<b>30</b>   Day 3	<b>31</b> Melodic Knights Class Mass Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm  Day 4	

## March Lunches

<b>MARCH 2023</b> St. Joseph Catholic School		All menu items are subject to change without notice		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>1</b> Fiesta Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	<b>2</b> Waffles Sausage Links Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	<b>3</b> Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
<b>6</b> BBQ Pork Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	<b>7</b> Egg, Sausage & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	<b>8</b> Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans, Roll Fruit Choice Milk	<b>9</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Teacher Work Day)	<b>10</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Bishop's Day Off)
<b>13</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Faculty Meeting)	<b>14</b> Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	<b>15</b> Meal-In-A-Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn & Roll Fruit Choice Milk	<b>16</b> Hot Dogs WG Bun Cucumber Slices Fruit Choice Milk	<b>17</b> Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk
<b>20</b> Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Peas Garlic Breadstick Fruit Choice Milk	<b>21</b> Chicken Strips French Fries Fruit Choice Milk	<b>22</b> Beef Nachos Corn & Bean Salsa Fruit Choice Milk	<b>23</b> Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	<b>24</b> Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Peas Fruit Choice Milk
<b>27</b> Cheeseburger WG Bun Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	<b>28</b> Chicken Alfredo Garlic Breadstick Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	<b>29</b> Mini Corn Dogs Smiley Fries Fruit Choice Milk	<b>30</b> Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir-Fry Veggies Fruit Choice Milk	<b>31</b> Mac & Cheese Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk

\*Student Lunch \$3.25    \*Milk or OJ \$0.40  
\*Adult Lunch \$4.25    \*Seconds Entrée or sandwich \$1.25  
\*Turkey or Ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday  
\*Peanut Butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday