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MONTHLY MESSENGER

March 2024



Knightly News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

You may have heard of the Peter Principle: “One Rises to their Level of Incompetence.” Often it is used in the administrative world, in Education and other fields, for people in positions just like mine. Lent does call one to a degree of self-deprecation, but today I’d like to apply this maxim to our spiritual lives as they pertain to Lent.

It is true that one achieves until they simply cannot, due to lack of experience, lack of ambition, and often due to lack of capacity. Although I find that saying somewhat pessimistic for the human condition – we are made in the likeness of our Creator, after all – it does contain an element of truth in my eyes. During Lent, we are called to stretch ourselves religiously, through penance and service and almsgiving, into areas that we are unaccustomed to and ill at ease with. Our study of our faith at this time may find us wanting in the areas of sacrifice, dying to self, and glorying in the prospect of possible martyrdom, even if be a white martyrdom. In some ways, this may be exactly the point: we aren’t going to feel perfect, accomplished, or actualized in any sense of the word during this Lent of 2024. Only in humility and a true sense of our weakness and wretchedness outside of our life in Christ, can we truly grow in our dependence on His care and love, not what the world tells us we can do on our own, as supposed masters of our own destiny if only we try hard enough, or worse yet, that comfort comes through what the world has to offer in consumerism and self-indulgence.

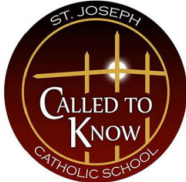
I pray that you and your children enjoy this time of penitence in what it deprives us of, and makes all the sweeter the victory, which is the Christian’s Easter. Be assured of prayers from me as I ask them of you, as I confront my own “Peter’s Principle.”

Yours in Christ,

Kevin Naumann, Principal




Kindergarten Registration

As of today we sit at the 29 of 45 mark for Kindergarten registrations that would enable us to hire a third teacher. A reminder, that we need to reach this point by April 15. After that date, we will cap registration in Kindergarten at 46, so that the two classrooms do not exceed 23 each, in number. I’ll continue to keep you updated on this metric as I know many are interested and hopeful that we may be able to have three sections going into the fall of 2024-'25.



March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>"Bloom where you are planted." St. Francis de Sales ©LPI</p>					<p>1 Melodic Knights Mass Mission Collection Stations of the Cross, 2:50 pm</p> <p>Day 5</p>	<p>2 </p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4 Student Confessions Lenten Food Drive Day 1</p>	<p>5 Lenten Food Drive Day 2</p>	<p>6 Lenten Food Drive BIST Consultant Visit Day 3</p>	<p>7 Lenten Food Drive Day 4</p>	<p>8 Lenten Food Drive End of 3rd Quarter Stations of the Cross, 2:50 pm</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11 NO SCHOOL (Faculty Mtg/PD) Day 1</p>	<p>12 SFA Parent Meetings, 5:00 pm and 6:45 pm Day 2</p>	<p>13 Day 3</p>	<p>14 Report Cards Issued Day 4</p>	<p>15 Melodic Knights Mass Stations of the Cross, 2:50 pm Day 5</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 </p>	<p>18 Confirmation Retreat Day Day 1</p>	<p>19 St. Joseph Feast Day 3A Class Mass Mission Carnival Confirmation, 7:00 pm Day 2</p>	<p>20 Youth Choir Mass Day 3</p>	<p>21 Service Awards after Mass Day 4</p>	<p>22 Fathers' Choir Stations of the Cross, 2:50 pm Day 5</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 Monthly School Rosary, 2:50 pm Day 1</p>	<p>26 Day 2</p>	<p>27 4th Grade Stations of the Cross, 2:30 pm Day 3</p>	<p>28 Holy Thursday NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>29 Good Friday NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>30 Holy Saturday </p>
<p>31 EASTER SUNDAY!</p>	<p>Day 1</p>	<p>Day 2</p>	<p>Day 3</p>			

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk
4 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Peas Fruit Choice Milk	5 Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	6 Chicken Crispito w/ Nacho Cheese Sauce Corn, Churro Fruit Choice Milk	7 Meat & Cheese Calzone Green Beans Scooby Snacks Fruit Choice Milk	8 Mac & Cheese Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
11 NO SCHOOL (Faculty Meeting)	12 Chicken Nachos Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	13 Meal-In-A-Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Gravy & Roll Fruit Choice Milk	14 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Ice Cream Bar Fruit Choice Milk	15 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Peas Fruit Choice Milk
18 Beef Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	19 Breaded Chicken Patty Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	20 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	21 Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortilla Bell Peppers & Onions Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	22 Cheesy Pull-Apart Bread Marinara Sauce Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
25 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans, Roll Fruit Choice Milk	26 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Peas, Garlic Breadstick Fruit Choice Milk	27 BBQ Pulled Pork Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	28 NO SCHOOL (Holy Thursday)	29 NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)

*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

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Spring Semester 2024 Liturgy Singing Schedule – March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 – Lenten Weekday <i>Mission Collection</i> <i>Melodic Knights</i>
4 – St. Casimir (c) 3B	5 – Lenten Weekday 2A	6 – Lenten Weekday 2B	7 – Sts. Perpetua and Felicity (c) <i>*Quiet Mass*</i>	8 – St. John of God (c) 6A
11 – NO SCHOOL (Fac Mtg/TWD)	12 – Lenten Weekday <i>*Quiet Mass*</i>	13 – Lenten Weekday 6B	14 – Lenten Weekday 5A	15 – Lenten Weekday <i>Melodic Knights</i>
18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem (c) 5A	19 – St. Joseph (S) 3A Mass	20 – Lenten Weekday <i>Youth Choir</i>	21 – Lenten Weekday <i>*Quiet Mass*</i>	22 – Lenten Weekday Fathers' Choir
25 – Monday of Holy Week 4A	26 – Tuesday of Holy Week 4B	27 – Wednesday of Holy Week <i>*Quiet Mass*</i>	28 – NO SCHOOL (Holy Thursday)	29 – NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)

First Penance 2024



2024-2025 Registration 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.

****We are changing how we distribute our important documents: Tuition Agreement and ACH, Emergency Contact Form (for 24-25), and the Computer Acceptable Use Policy (for 24-25). 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 pre-populated 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 2024-25 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 29.

Tuition Agreements are due by May 20.

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@cd.



NOTES FROM THE NURSE:

PRE-K PARENTS & 6th GRADE PARENTS:

Students entering Kindergarten and 7th grade are required to have a physical exam completed within 6 months of the first day of school as well as an up to date immunization record on file. A copy of the physical and immunization record is due in the school office by the first day of school.

7th GRADE PARENTS:

Students entering 8th grade that are planning to participate in school organized sports are required to have a sports physical on file. These may be completed after May 1 for the upcoming school year.

MEDICAL FORMS:

These can be found on the school website located under the [Forms](#) tab for the 2024-2025 school year.

REMINDER:

Dental screenings will take place in April. Please continue to turn in [dental forms](#) for your student(s).

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding health requirements. Thank you for your cooperation!

*Save the Date:

March 12 - 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 (during the school day) and parents.

Please mark your calendars for March 12 as we invite you to join us once again for these informative sessions.

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. – Toddlers and Technology in Resurrection Hall (see [flyer](#))
- 6:45-7:45 p.m. – K-8 Digital Safety for Children in the Gym (see [flyer](#))

In the meantime, check out these [S.M.A.R.T. digital safety tips](#) from the State Patrol or this [Smart Family Digital Plan](#).

***N.B. – Every grade, K-8, will have a classroom presentation from Smart GEN during the school day on March 12. We highly encourage all parents to attend**

Lenten Retreat Opportunity

The School Sisters of Christ the King are offering a **Lenten Day of Retreat on March 9** for all adults. The day will feature an explanation of “Visio Divina” by Sister Peter Marie and the opportunity to pray with this way of “divine seeing.” Mother Margaret Mary will reflect on how we see Jesus in the Eucharist and how He receives us. During your time for personal prayer, you can visit Jesus in the Villa Regina Motherhouse chapel or Epiphany House chapel, walk the trails or pray with a Sister.

An optional Mass will be celebrated at Epiphany House at 8:00 am. Sweet breads and hot drinks will be available at 8:45. Lunch will be provided. Please register by Monday, March 4, 2024. Feel free to invite your friends.



**Lenten Day of Retreat
with our Eucharistic King
for all CK Associates and friends**

Saturday, March 9, 2024
9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Epiphany House
4100 SW 56th Street, Lincoln NE

Optional Mass at 8:00 am



*Eucharistic King, consuming Fire of Love,
reigning from the throne of Your tabernacle,
You deepen our union with Yourself
that we might be nourished and strengthened
to bear Your presence to the world.*

To register or find out more information,
email sr.maura-therese@cdolinc.net

the evening parent sessions so you can have a productive dialogue with your child about what they have learned and to create a family plan.

Pro-Life Presentation

Seeking Pregnant Mothers

On Tuesday April 9, *Heart of a Child Ministries* will be sharing their *Celebration of Life* presentation with our students.

Heart of a Child Ministries is an Omaha-based, nationally recognized, archdiocese of Omaha approved, education ministry that brings these **live ultrasound presentations** to both children and adults with professional sonographers, master's level social workers and pregnant volunteers. People of all ages love to see the miracle of life in the womb, listen to the heartbeat, and hear the joy-filled truth about God's love for the pre-born person and for all of His children through Scripture and Church teaching.

We are seeking two pregnant volunteers willing to share their babies on the big screen with our students through this live ultrasound presentation. Ideal time of pregnancy is 20-30 weeks. Times needed are 9:20-11:20 am, and then again from 12:45-3:00 pm. We are blessed to have a 3D ultrasound machine, so you will get to see your baby in 3D. Spouses, siblings, and grandparents welcome to attend!

If you are interested in sharing the gift of life with our students or have any

Page One Coaches Needed

Page One is a diocesan sponsored program to encourage students to read a wide variety of books for fun. The program includes lists of award-winning and high quality books from a variety of genres. Students have a chance to read books as part of a community and share excitement about books. They also have a chance to participate in a book themed carnival, competition, and a book club with the Bishop. St. Joseph School needs coaches for 3rd-4th grade, 5th-6th grade, and 7th-8th grade. The teams could meet during lunch/recess or after school. For more information about the program check out: nepageone.org or contact Rachel Hanigan at rachel-hanigan.

Educator of the Year Nominations

The Diocese of Lincoln Educator of the Year Award Winners will be announced during Teacher Appreciation Week (this year, May 6-May 10). Recipients will still receive their awards at the Bishop's Saints & Scholars Dinner in the fall. All school personnel, including priests and religious, of Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools are eligible to receive these awards. A small committee of clergy, religious, and lay professionals will select the winners. Nominations for the awards must be submitted by noon on Friday, March 22, 2024. To nominate an outstanding educator, please go [**CLICK HERE.**](#)

questions, please contact nikki@heartofa or 402 512-1907. Please go to heartofachildm for more information or contact Director, Nikki Schaefer, at nikki@heartofa with questions.

Weekend Pet Adoption!!

If you haven't already heard, Mr. Naumann has added a couple of friends to the office! Meet our hamsters Nibbles and Harriet! Both are available to "adopt" for the weekends. They can be taken home Friday after school and be brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to adopt Nibbles or Harriet for a weekend send in a letter with your child, email the office staff, or give us a call at 402-489-0341 and we will put you on our list! Both hamsters are available starting with this upcoming weekend.

Mission Carnival 2024

The Student Council and Mission Club members are currently planning a school wide Mission Carnival on the feast of St. Joseph on **March 19, 2024**. There will be games and activities in the gym for all the students to participate. Our goal will be to raise \$3,000. The money will go to support Fr. Gil Ocampo in Northern Kenya. His Sunday collection is \$20 per week. With that \$20, Fr. Gil supports 30 communities as one priest with six catechists. Also, as we speak, the Nicaraguan government is actively persecuting Catholics and has sought to silence and imprison every voice that speaks out against their oppressive regime, especially those within the Church. There are 19 priests in exile including two bishops, Bishop Alvarez and Bishop Mora. Bishop Alvarez was imprisoned for 500 days. These holy men have been living in exile in Rome, but they will need financial support as all of their possessions were abandoned in Nicaragua.

If every child brought \$7.50, we could reach our goal. Of course, some can bring more and others less (**all students** will be able to participate in the carnival regardless of amount). We encourage the children to bring their OWN money to support this cause. Younger children can do chores to earn money. Like St. Joseph, we are called to pray, sacrifice, work hard and



2024 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

In 2022, the Diocese of Lincoln began a new tradition of honoring outstanding educators in our Catholic schools. The Diocese of Lincoln Educator of the Year Awards are now presented annually at the Bishop's Saints & Scholars Dinner, held in the fall.

In 2024, we are excited to share that we are changing the timeline for nominations and announcements. The 2024 Educator of the Year Award Winners will be announced during Teacher Appreciation Week (this year, May 6-May 10). Recipients will still receive their awards at the Bishop's Saints & Scholars Dinner in the fall (this year, Saints & Scholars will be on October 13).

The Diocesan Education Award Categories are as follows:

- St. Thomas Aquinas Award (Administrator of the Year)**
Previous Winners: Fr. Cyrus Rowan, Tam Korta
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award (Elementary Educator of the Year)**
Previous Winners: Shelly Sullivan, Heather Hull
- St. John Cantius Award (Secondary Educator of the Year)**
Previous Winners: Jared Wilhelm, Cody Waldman
- St. Catherine of Alexandria Award (Special Education/Underserved Communities Educator of the Year)**
Previous Winners: Kelly Baumgartner, Dana Gunderson
- St. John Bosco Award (Support Staff Member of the Year)**
Previous Winners: Belinda Rodriguez, Karen Shonka

Each recipient will receive a \$250 cash award plus \$250 for their school's library. Any member of our school communities (parents, teacher friends, administrators, students, etc.) may submit a nomination, so please help us share this nomination link with your local stakeholders (teachers, parents, parishioners, etc.). All school personnel, including priests and religious, of Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools are eligible to receive these awards. A small committee of clergy, religious, and lay professionals will select the winners.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWARDS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON on FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024.

USE THIS LINK, OR SCAN THE QR CODE --> TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR: <https://forms.office.com/r/3zmFYQbH>



to care for the least among us. Each class will have a money box in their room so they can begin to bring in money prior to the carnival. Thank you for your generous support and God bless you!

Mission Carnival Prize Help

We are in need of some items to hand out as prizes for the mission carnival this year. We would appreciate the help if you are able. Please review the available slots [HERE](#). Thank you!

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Joseph Catholic School has been seeking faith-filled, dynamic individuals to fill recent openings below:

Spanish Teacher

St. Joseph Catholic School, Lincoln, NE, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic part-time Spanish teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Must have a solid working knowledge of Spanish (fluency preferred) and age-appropriate means of promoting language development for all grades PreK-8th Grade. Start date August 2025.

Positions listed involve furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive Catholic learning environment. Strong skills in communication, collaboration, and relationship-building are essential. Salaries based on educational background and experience. Please send resume, references from educational supervisors, teaching philosophy, and why you would like to work in a Catholic school to kevin-naumann@.

SAINT JOSEPH'S YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

PARISH TRIVIA

NIGHT



MARCH 2
PIUS X COMMONS
6000 A STREET

TEAMS OF 8/TABLE!
BYOB* & SNACKS!
**Alcoholic beverages allowed*

REGISTRATION
@ 6:30 PM

TRIVIA
@ 7:00 PM

**GATHER YOUR FRIENDS FOR
A WIDE VARIETY OF THEMES
WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

\$25

**SUGGESTED
DONATION
PER PERSON**

**SCAN
TO
REGISTER!**

**BEST COSTUMES
& THEME**

Back Porch BBQ
with the Fathers
at the Rectory!



**TRIVIA
WINNERS**

Prize
TBD



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Catholic Schools Week 2024 | St. Joseph School Parents and Families Visit for Lunch!

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Fr. Michael G. McCabe

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Fr. Loudon Redinger

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