

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MONTHLY MESSENGER

November 2023



Knightly News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As we approach the holidays of Halloween, All Saints Day and All Souls Day, it is amazing to me the predominance of the former, over the life of the nation. Radio stations count down to Halloween now, and displays in yards far exceed anything at Christmastime or Easter. I guess it is a sign of the times. As Catholics, however, the Feast of All Souls holds a special place in the lifeblood of the Church into antiquity. Sadly for us, the practice of

praying for our beloved dead, or more generally for the souls in purgatory, has diminished since the Second Vatican Council, although nowhere in the documents do the Fathers and bishops of the Council exhort the people of God to no longer pray for the deceased. One hard and fast rule of Church councils: Never contradict anything that has come from previous councils.

The belief that some souls need to be cleansed or purged after death is scriptural and has been a part of Church teaching since it's earliest recorded history. We know that some souls need purification after death in order to attain the "Beatific Vision" (Heaven) and these souls benefit greatly from our prayers and good works performed on their behalf. We owe it to these deceased family and friends to help them to move closer and closer to the glory of Heaven. Our students can participate in this as well. The offering of Holy Mass is paramount, followed by the recitation of the rosary, or part of it, on their behalf. Finally, offering of small sacrifices throughout the week on the behalf of a loved one, or even a forgotten soul, are all ways for our students to connect with this tradition. It is certain that our dead brothers and sisters, known or unknown, want, need and deserve our prayers and offerings on their behalf. We pray that their gratitude will not be forgotten when one day we embrace those whose journey to Our Lord was aided by our faithful efforts and those of our children. May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Kevin Naumann, Principal

Important Dismissal Notice

If you pick up your child in the back of school, please **DO NOT** move the cones from the parking lot entrance. We know that earlier in the year, there were some glitches with getting these moved, but we need them to stay across the entrance for the safety of students who have recess in the late afternoon and run to line up by the school doors. **Please do not enter the parking lot before 3:10.** If it is after 3:10 and you notice they have not been moved, please call the school office at 402-489-0341. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

MEDICATION ALERT!

If you use prescription or non-prescription medication for your children, please be extra careful to purchase it from a reliable pharmacy and not other online vendors. Unfortunately, imitation medications laced with deadly Fentanyl are on the increase, even in Nebraska. In January of this year, Nebraska Law Enforcement seized enough Fentanyl on I-80 to kill every Nebraskan. From 2018 to January of 2023, Nebraska State Patrol has seized 267 pounds of Fentanyl. With the increase in deadly Fentanyl being

discovered in the 58.4 million fake pills seized by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in 2022 and the continued opioid crisis, we are looking into keeping doses of Narcan on hand at school. This drug can temporarily reverse the overdose effects of legal and illicit drugs like Adderall laced with Fentanyl, Xanax, Oxycodone, and Fentanyl. We are not so much concerned that our students are taking illegal drugs, but the sad fact is that legal medications laced with Fentanyl are being sold to unsuspecting customers, with deadly effects. We pray for St. Michael's protection for our children, but also want to be prepared in the case of an emergency. For further information, see this informative link ([One Pill Can Kill | DEA.gov](#)) from the DEA.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, November 1

No School (All Saints Day)

Thursday, November 2

4B Class Mass

Monthly School Rosary 2:50

Friday, November 3

Mission Collection

Monday, November 6

Student Confessions

Wednesday, November 8

Melodic Knights Mass

Thursday, November 9

Mission Club Mass

Friday, November 10

2A Class Mass

1:00 Dismissal (Faculty Mtg)

Pius X JH Honor Choir 12:30

Thursday, November 16

Youth Choir Mass

Service Awards after Mass

Friday, November 17

2B Class Mass

Monday, November 20

Melodic Knights Mass

Tuesday, November 21

Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, November 22

No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Thursday, November 23

No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Friday, November 24

No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Sunday, November 26

Solemnity of Christ the King

Wednesday, November 29

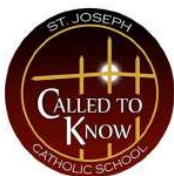
Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Band Concert Rehearsal @ Pius 6:30

Thursday, November 30


3A Class Mass

Band Concert @ Pius 6:30






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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO SCHOOL All Saints Day Day 3	2 4B Class Mass Monthly School Rosary, 2:50 pm Day 4	3 Mission Collection Day 5	4
5	6 Student Confessions Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Melodic Knights Mass Day 3	9 Mission Club Mass Day 4	10 2A Class Mass 1:00 pm Dismissal (Fac. Mtg.) Plus X JH Honor Choir, 12:30 pm Day 5	11
12	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Youth Choir Mass Service Awards after Mass Day 4	17 2B Class Mass Day 5	18
19	20 Melodic Knights Mass Day 1	21 Thanksgiving Mass Day 2	22 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	25 
26 Solemnity of Christ the King	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 3A Class Mass Day 4		

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 6 Chicken Patty on WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	 7 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	1 NO SCHOOL (All Saints' Day)	2 Chicken Tenders Corn, Roll Fruit Choice Milk	3 Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
13 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk	14 Cheeseburger on WG Bun Green Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	15 Chicken Nachos Corn and Bean Salsa Churro Fruit Choice Milk	16 Egg, Sausage & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	17 Cheese Pizza Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk
20 Beef Soft Taco Corn Fruit Choice Milk	21 Turkey w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll & Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	22 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)	23 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)	24 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)
27 Pepperoni Pizza Corn Fruit Choice Milk	28 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	29 Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortilla Peppers & Onions Cake Slice Fruit Choice Milk	30 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick, Peas 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

LITURGY SINGING SCHEDULE FALL SEMESTER 2023 November 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 – Day 4 Weekday 4B	31 – Day 5 Weekday *Quiet Mass*	1 NO SCHOOL (All Saints' Day)	2 – Day 1 All Souls Day 4B Class Mass	3 – Day 2 St. Martin de Porres (m) Mission Collection 3A
6 – Day 3 Weekday 6B	7 – Day 4 Weekday *Quiet Mass*	8 – Day 5 Weekday Melodic Knights	9 – Day 1 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F) MC Class Mass	10 – Day 2 St. Leo the Great (M) 2A Class Mass
13 – Day 3 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (M) 6A	14 – Day 4 Weekday 6B	15 – Day 4 St. Albert the Great (m) *Quiet Mass*	16 – Day 5 St. Gertrude (m) Youth Choir	17 – Day 1 St. Elizabeth of Hungary (M) 2B Class Mass
20 – Day 3 Weekday Melodic Knights	21 – Day 4 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M) Thanksgiving Mass Teacher Choir	22 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)	23 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)	24 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)
27 – Day 5 Weekday 5A	28 – Day 1 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M) *Quiet Mass*	29 – Day 2 Weekday 5B	30 – Day 3 St. Andrew (F) 3A Class Mass	1 – Day 4 Weekday Mission Collection 4A

BIST Tip: “ICE” Language

No, this is not the same as a cold shoulder! Rather, it stands for, “I see...Can you...Even though...” For children who find it difficult to follow directions, or follow directions the first time, this language helps to avoid a power struggle. Instead of saying, “Start on your homework,” or “Clean your room,” you can say, “I see you’re not started yet. Can you get started, Even though you don’t feel like it?” By turning the situation into a question, children often feel more empowered rather than belligerent. Try this the next time you need to remind your children to do something they are avoiding and see how they respond.



NOTES FROM THE NURSE:

Please report absences/illnesses to the school office (illnesses are reported to the state). If your child has a fever (and/or vomits), he/she needs to be fever free for 24 hours, without

the aid of medication, prior to returning to school. Thank you for helping to keep our students healthy!

Kindergarten & 7th grade parents:

Please submit a physical and up-to-date immunization records as soon as possible if not submitted already.

Preschool parents:

Please submit an up-to-date immunization record if not submitted already.

Paperwork can be dropped off at school, faxed to 402-489-3260 or e-mailed to christina-wahl... Thank you for all of your help!

Kindergarten Pumpkin Book Reports!



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

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

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

staff, or give us a call at 402-489-0341 and we will put you on our list!



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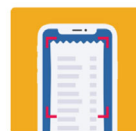
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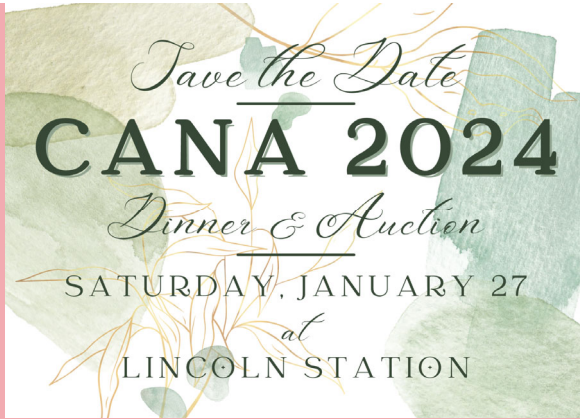


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Monthly School Rosary

As a means of praying for the needs of our students and school families, St. 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 with our next one being November 2! 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!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Breakfast with the Bolts:

Join our Pius X athletes, cheerleaders, and Thunderettes for donuts in Resurrection Hall after 9:00 Mass for the first ever Breakfast with the Bolts on **Sunday, November 5th!**

Pius X Thunderettes Barbie Dance Camp

Thunderettes are hosting their annual dance camp! It takes place on **January 6th, 2024**. Please see the attached FLYER for more information.



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Fr. Michael G. McCabe

Assistant Pastor:

Fr. Louden Redinger

Principal:

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