

NOVEMBER 2021 MONTHLY MESSENGER



PRINCIPAL: MR. KEVIN NAUMANN
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: SR. MARY ANGELA, C.K.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Knighly News from the Principal!

Dear Parents,

As we are a quarter into year three of my tenure here, I thought this might be a good time to take stock and invite your feedback, either in written form or in person, as you see fit, given what I'm going to address. Just as you and your children have gotten to know teachers and the expected routines, received report cards and completed conferences to assess how things are going with your children's learning and social growth, so this seemed a fitting time to share out how the administrative portion of our school is structured and open up further communication from you in this regard.

I feel that my role as principal and Sister Mary Angela's role as assistant principal constitutes an administrative team. We each have our strengths and weaknesses, and we've worked and will continue to work to complement each other's skill set, as well as draw from outside sources, when we feel another perspective is necessary. Obviously, Father McCabe would be our first source, in that regard. As a team, we have divided our duties, but work on many in unison, as is warranted. This approach is not as top-down or hierarchical as you may be used to, where the principal makes the decisions and the assistant basically does their bidding.

Thankfully, I've never worked in the latter sort of arrangement and although the buck stops with me on decision-making at school, our staff knows that they can talk to either Sister and/or I me about almost all matters, and that we will share with each other at day's end. Generally, if you've shared with one of us, you've shared with both. Some teachers and parents may value this approach, and others may feel that conveys weakness in the principal position and gives the impression of the assistant being in charge, or even more inaccurately..."Who is in charge over there, truly?" I did identify this way of doing business at my initial interview, as well as with all staff/faculty that cared to meet with me during my first summer here in 2019. It's a collaborative approach that I find very enriching as it values the unique gifts that each person in our school family brings to the table and doesn't exalt the leader as the sole proprietor of knowledge or experience.

These have been unprecedented times for teachers, schools, families and society as a whole. I am very proud of how we have rallied as a faith community and school family in many ways. At the same time, please know that we are experiencing a substitute shortage in the city, similar to what is being experienced nationwide. That and other factors have had an effect on our teachers. I know that you support them and will continue to do so. I ask that when you reach out to express concerns or questions, which they welcome, you do so being mindful of these added stressors. Communication that incorporates kindness and dignity of the person being addressed is clearly a two-way street. I pray that we all be especially mindful of that when stress can sometimes heighten emotion shared in person, or especially via electronic means. Charity in all things is a virtue that I hope we can adhere to in all earnestness.

Again, please feel free to reach out to Sister or me with your comments and support in making us better able to serve you and the potential of our school children. We welcome it and you with open arms. God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Kevin

NEWS

NOVEMBER 2021 EVENTS

- 1** NO SCHOOL—ALL SAINTS DAY
- 2** 5A Class Mass
- 4** 5B Class Mass
- 5** Melodic Knights Class Mass
Mission Collection
- 8** Student Confessions
BIST Consultant Visit
- 9** 5C Class Mass
- 11** 1A Class Mass
- 12** PrimeTimers Veterans Day Program, 9 am, Res Hall
1:00 pm Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)
- 17** Youth Choir
- 19** Melodic Knights Class Mass
- 21** Solemnity of Christ the King
- 23** Thanksgiving Mass
- 24-26** NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break
- 28** *Advent Begins*
- 30** 4A Class Mass
Mission Club 3:20-4:20 pm

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.



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](#)

All Souls Prayer Intentions

With **November 2** being All Souls Day, we take time to remember our departed loved ones and pray for their souls to be with God in heaven. Each year, we have the children write down names of those they want to pray for on slips of paper that we keep in a basket in church during the month of November. If you would like to add names of deceased family or friends to include in our prayer basket, feel free to print off this [Poor Souls sheet](#) and send in the slips with your child. What a powerful way to support our departed loved ones by having the children lift them up in prayer!

Pilgrimage Videos

Our students celebrated the Year of St. Joseph by participating in pilgrimages. Each link below takes you to a slide show of that grade. Enjoy a recap of the graces!

[Preschool](#)

[Kindergarten-2nd Grade](#)

[3rd– 4th Grade](#)

[5th– 6th Grade](#)

[Junior High](#)

WHAT ARE YOU MOST
THANKFUL FOR?



Lost and Found

We have an abundance of water bottles, lunch boxes, sweatshirt/jackets, etc. in our Lost and Found. If you know your child(ren) is/are missing something please come and take a look to see if it is there. Lost and Found is available anytime from 7:30-3:30.



Wholesome Books for Children

Some parents have requested information about where to find wholesome books for their children. As a parent, it can be difficult to find time and energy to navigate through all the popular children's books to see if they fit your criteria for wholesome content. The following are a few options you can consider:

- ◆ **[The Good and the Beautiful Library](#)**
This website contains specific criteria for which their books are chosen, along with a large multi-age level booklist, selections for purchase and even free downloadable read-alouds for young children.
- ◆ **[Ignatius Book Club](#)**
Catholic books available for all ages
- ◆ **[Good Books for Catholic Kids](#)**
another website with various age levels and categories to explore. These additional links provide good lists and summaries of the recommended books: **[60 Classic Books For Middle Grade Boys](#)**, **[50 Classic Books that Middle Grade Girls Love](#)**, **[Good Christmas Books for Catholic Kids](#)**, **[50 Beautiful Picture Books You Will Want to Own](#)**, to name just a few!

SAVE THE DATE!



St. Joseph School Book Fair

Wednesday, December 1, 9 am-9 pm
at Southpointe Barnes & Noble.

A percentage of all purchases will go directly to the St. Joseph School Library.

Photo Directory Reminder

Sign-ups for our new Parish Directory are underway, and we need as many people as possible to participate. This is a vital resource for our priests, and there have been a lot of changes since the last directory was done in 2017. To reserve your photography session, visit <https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php> and click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login." Our church code is **ne145** and the password is **photos**. *(Please note that this password only works Monday through Friday.) Also families of 6 or more should register for 2 consecutive sessions.*



Cub Scouts for Kindergarteners

Cub Scout Pack 45 would like to invite you and your St. Joseph's Catholic kindergartener to join our Pack. On **Saturday November 6 from 12:00-4:00 pm** at the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

Every new Scout and their parent that join Cub Scouts at <https://scoutingevent.com/324-Zooexperience> will get free access to the Zoo during our event on November 6, an animal encounter and... the first 30 new Scouts to join between now and November 6 will get a Special Tiger Training Experience with Real Tigers. **WOW!!!**

As a parent of a Student and Scout at St. Joseph's Catholic, I can tell you Scouting brings parents and their children closer together through a highly enriched program designed to be age and grade specific. Your kindergartener can enjoy the wild outdoor adventures as a Lion Cub Scout in our Pack

Scouting in 2021 has never been safer, more fun, and relevant for growing today's youth into even better versions of themselves. Start your adventure of a lifetime today... Join Cubs Scouts!

Pack Leadership: Steve Gawrick, sgawrick@gmail.com, 402 432-2594





St. Joseph Scouts, Troop 45

St. Joseph Scouts would like to invite any boy in grades K-8 to join our scouts. We meet on Tuesday evenings and are hosting an event at the Cornhusker Council Outdoor Education Center on **Tuesday November 2**. If you cannot make it this Tuesday feel free to stop by any Tuesday and ask for Steve Gawrick.

Location: 600 S. 120th St. Walton, NE

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Date: Nov 2, 2021

Activities:

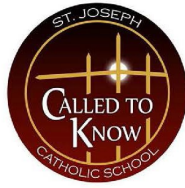
- ◆ Campfire
- ◆ Flag Ceremony
- ◆ Climbing Wall
- ◆ Games

If you have any questions contact Steve Gawrick at 402-432-2594 or sgawrick@gmail.com.

Children and Screens

Dr. George Williams will address the impact of screen time on children from the angle of pediatric psychology. What an opportunity to hear from a local Catholic who is an expert in the field! Find out how to avoid the pitfalls that are impacting so many children and adolescents. It is **November 2 at 7:00 pm** in the St. Peter Gym.

CALENDARS



November 2021



November Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO SCHOOL All Saint's Day	2 5A Class Mass First Penance Parent Meeting 7:00 pm Day 1	3 Day 2	4 5B Class Mass Day 3	5 Melodic Knights Class Mass Mission Collection Day 4	6
7	8 Student Confessions BIST Consultant visit Day 5	9 5C Class Mass Day 1	10 Day 2	11 1A Class Mass Day 3	12 1:00 pm DIMISSAL (Faculty Meeting) Day 4	13
14 	15 Day 5	16 Day 1	17 Youth Choir Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Melodic Knights Class Mass Day 4	20
21 CHRIST THE KING Solemnity of Christ the King	22 Day 5	23 Thanksgiving Mass Day 1	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break Happy Thanksgiving!	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	27
28 Advent Begins	29 Day 2	30 4A Class Mass Mission Club 3:20-4:20 pm Day 3				

November Lunches

NOVEMBER 2021 LUNCH				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL ALL SAINTS DAY (Holy Day of Obligation)	2 Hotdogs, WG Bun French Fries Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	3 Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	4 Chicken Strips Roll, Corn Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	5 Mac & Cheese Broccoli Florets Fruit Choice Milk or OJ
8 Chicken Taquitos Salsa, Corn Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	9 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	10 BBQ Pulled Pork WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	11 Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortillas Green Peppers & Onions Brownie, Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	12 1:00 Dismissal Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ
15 Breaded Chicken Patty WG Bun, Cucumber Slices Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	16 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Bread Stick Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	17 Fiestada Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	18 Chicken Noodle Soup Roll, Sweet Peas Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	19 Pretzel w/Cheese Broccoli Florets Fruit Choice Milk or OJ
22 Cheeseburger, WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	23 Soft Shell Beef Taco Corn & Bean Salsa Cookies Fruit Choice Milk or OJ	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday
29 Sloppy Joes WG Bun French Fries Fruit Choice Milk	30 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk or OJ			

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