

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MONTHLY MESSENGER

April 2026

Knightly News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I hope that this email finds you well. I wanted to address a situation that is occurring at the back of the school with drop-off some mornings. When vehicles pull up at 8:05 or after, and parents, you do not see a staff member at the door, please pull around to the front of the building and walk your child in. If you see a staff member at the door, they will certainly open the door for your child, even if the bell has rung, but staff will not be waiting past that time to let students in. We wanted to fine tune this process to take the uncertainty out of it, for those dropping off as well as for those welcoming your students to school. We understand that some



mornings can be difficult, but are grateful for the majority of you who make an effort to get your students to school on time so they can start their day well and peacefully.

I would also wish you and your families a very Blessed Holy Week and Easter Octave. We appreciate your support in our card campaign to keep the remodeling project front and center, if you will, while the parish phase has been in progress. We are indebted to the SFA board who offered the incentives and did an outstanding job promoting this process. The financial sacrifice being asked for is considerable, but we hope our mission here at St. Joe's and the equally important partnership between home and school, is also considerable and something to be truly grateful for, as related by Deacon Hecker in his testimony letter. Always feel free to stop by and see me about anything that may be on your mind. I'm called forth to listen in humility and thanksgiving. May our Lord bless you this Holy Week and Easter Season.

Yours in Christ,

Kevin Naumann

Principal of St. Joseph's



BIST Tip: Gateway Behavior #1

A gateway behavior “opens the gates” to negative thoughts, words or actions. When a child rolls his eyes, turns her shoulder away when you are speaking or sighs, this indicates a deeper attitude. Asking children about what constitutes these behaviors can be very revealing. Children identify them better than we can! Having an honest conversation about how these behaviors can lead to getting in trouble is the first step to making children aware of their impact. The next step will be noticing and taking action.



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4th Grade Living Stations, 2:30 pm Day 3	2 Easter Break No School Day 4	3 Easter Break No School Day 5	4
5 	6 Easter Break No School Day 1	7 Easter Break No School Day 2	8 Mission Club Mass School Resumes Students may wear uniform shorts Day 3	9 7B Class Mass Day 4	10 7C Class Mass Easter Classroom Parties, 2:30 pm Day 5	11
12 	13 Student Confessions Monthly School Rosary, 2:50 pm Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18
19	20 BIST Consultant Visit Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Youth Choir Mass Service Awards After Mass First Holy Communion Retreat Day 4	24 Melodic Knights Mass 1:00 PM Dismissal (Faculty Mtg) Day 5	25 First Holy Communion, 10:00 am
26	27 Day 1	28 SFA Picnic at the Zoo, 5:30-8:00 pm Day 2	29 1A Class Mass Day 3	30 Day 4		

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>1 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>2 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>3 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>6 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>7 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>8 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Breadstick, Peas Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>9 Chicken Tender Snack Wrap Fries Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>10 Cheese Pizza Broccoli, Brownie Fruit Choice Milk</p>
<p>13 Hot Dog on WG Bun Baked Beans, Chips Rice Krispy Bar Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>14 Chicken Taco Tortilla, Corn, Churro Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>15 Fiestada Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>16 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>17 French Toast Sticks Cheese Omelet, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk</p>
<p>20 Orange Chicken Brown Rice, Broccoli Links, Tri Tater Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>21 Beef Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>22 Chicken Alfredo Peas, Breadstick Cookie Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>23 Cheeseburger WG Bun, Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>24 1:00 DISMISSAL Garlic Cheesy Bread Marinara, Mixed Veggies Goldfish Crackers Fruit Choice Milk</p>
<p>27 Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, Tri Tater Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>28 Beef Soft Taco Corn, Scooby Snack Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>29 Breaded Chicken Patty WG Bun, Baked Beans Chips Fruit Choice Milk</p>	<p>30 Pasta & Meat Sauce Breadstick, Peas Fruit Choice Milk</p>	

*Student lunch \$3.50
*Adult lunch \$4.60

*Milk \$0.60
*Second entrée or sandwich \$1.75

*Turkey or ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday
*Peanut butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday

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6 NO SCHOOL Monday within the Octave of Easter	7 NO SCHOOL Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	8 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter (S) Mission Club Class Mass	9 Thursday within the Octave of Easter (S) 7B Class Mass	10 Friday within the Octave of Easter (S) Mission Collection 7C Class Mass
13 St. Martin (m) 2A	14 Easter Weekday Quiet Mass	15 Easter Weekday 2B	16 Easter Weekday 6A	17 Easter Weekday 6B
20 Easter Weekday 5A	21 St. Anselm (m) 5B	22 Easter Weekday Quiet Mass	23 St. George (m) Youth Choir	24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (m) Melodic Knights
28 Easter Weekday 4A	28 St. Peter Chanel (m) Quiet Mass	29 St. Catherine of Siena (M) 1A Class Mass	30 St. Pius V (m) 4B	

Due to April 1 being the last school day of Holy Week, the school calendar had uniform shorts starting when we come back after Easter. However, with the unusually warm weather, students will be allowed to wear their uniform shorts beginning **Monday, March 30** this year. Of course, parental discretion is always encouraged when temperatures drop again, as they invariably do. Please remind your children to also continue to be prepared for cold weather when they come to school. Windy days can especially be tricky because it feels much cooler than the actual temperature. Also, if your child is missing a jacket or other apparel, it may be in lost and found.

2026-2027 Open Registration!

K-8th Online Student Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open at St. Joseph School!

Please visit cdolinc.net/en to get started.

Returning Students:

If your child currently attends **St. Joseph Lincoln** or one of the other **Diocese of Lincoln Schools**, you must complete the **Annual Student Information Review** using your **PowerSchool Parent Portal account**.

- Log in to your Parent Portal at: powerschool.cdolinc.net
- Follow the enrollment steps listed at: cdolinc.net/enrollment

Already have a Parent Portal account? You do not need to create a new one. **Forgot your username or password?** Use the *Forgot Username* or *Forgot Password* links on the Parent Portal login page. **Not sure if you have an account or need help?** Please contact the school office at 402-489-0341. **New to the diocese or never created a Parent Portal account?** Contact the school office for additional directions.

New Students:

If your child is new to **St. Joseph Lincoln** and has not attended another **Diocese of Lincoln school**, please follow the Pre-Enrollment Form instructions at: cdolinc.net/enrollment Once the form is approved, you will receive an email with next steps.

***We are changing how we distribute our important documents: Tuition Agreement and ACH, Emergency Contact Form(for 26-27), and the Computer Acceptable Use Policy(for 26-27). **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 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.*

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 2026-2027 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 17th.

Tuition Agreements are due by May 15th.

If you have any questions please review the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** located at the bottom of the enrollment page:cdolinc.net/en

If you still need assistance, contact the school office at **402-489-0341**, and ask for Emily Klein or email Emily-Klein@cd.

Key Dates for 2026-2027 School Year

August 18 - First day of school (half day)

November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break

December 21-January 5 - Christmas Break

March 25-30 - Easter Break

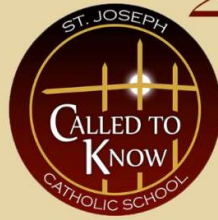
May 25 - Last day of school

A Note From the Nurse

Hello! We have a volunteer dentist who has graciously offered to perform school dental screenings on **Friday, April 17th**. If you have a student in pre-K through 4th grade or in 7th grade and have not yet sent in proof of examination within 6 months of the screening, please send paperwork to the school office. If we are missing dental documentation, a form should have been sent to you via email. If your child(ren) have not been seen by a dentist within 6 months of April 17th or if you have not submitted the required paperwork, your child(ren) will receive a brief oral screening during the school day. Feel free to reach out to JHEL-schoolnurse@cdoli with any questions, and one of the school nurses will assist you. Thank you!



CONFIRMATION 2026



Mission Carnival

We want to take a moment to shout out our students and school families for making our Mission Carnival a success last week! We raised **\$2194.68** to support Sri Lanka!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Dear Volunteers,

Field Trip season is upon us again and your help plays a big role in their success, whether it be chaperoning a group of students or providing transportation when it is needed. Thank you for signing up for the many activities occurring this fall. To help keep everyone safe, please take moment to log on to your CMG account and check your volunteer training status. Attached are [guidance pages](#) to help you do that. Check your trainings to determine if you are current by checking expiration dates. Then read through the Guidance page and follow the instructions by the number that describes your situation. If you have any questions please let me know.

If you are planning to drive for a field trip please make sure your SE and BGC are current. Then log onto your account and complete the Defensive Driver Training under Optional Trainings. You only need to do this once—one and done. Then complete and return the **Volunteer Driver Form**, including a copy of front and back of your Driver's License, Vehicle Registration, and Insurance Liability Limits of \$100,000, \$300,000, \$100,000 found in your statement—not your insurance card. This information is kept on file for 3 years. Again if you have any questions let me know.

Thank you for volunteering your time and talents to assist our teachers and students with fun learning activities.

Gloria Jundt, Gloria-Jundt@cdolinc.n

Lunch/Recess Volunteers!

If you are up to date on your Safe Environment training, please consider signing up to volunteer for lunchroom and/or recess duty! Links are provided below, and we appreciate any help!

Lunchroom: Lunchroom Helpers

K, 1, and 2 Playground Helpers: K, 1st, & 2nd Grade Playground Helpers

3rd & 4th Grade Playground Helpers: 3rd & 4th Grade Playground Helpers

5th & 6th Recess Helpers: 5th & 6th Grade Recess Helpers

7th & 8th Grade Playground Helpers: 7th & 8th Grade Playground Helpers

SFA Survey Card Thanks!

A final thank you to all who returned capital campaign survey cards. The teachers and students enjoyed the fun incentives! Congratulations to our tuition credit drawing winners **Josh & Jenni Fink and Kyle & Alex Johnson!** The SFA and Campaign Cabinet deeply appreciate your support and participation.

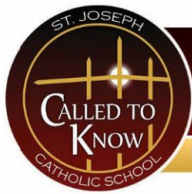
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Stewardship is an expression of gratitude for all God has given us. Our Capital Campaign invites every household to participate according to their means, trusting that God multiplies our generosity. No single gift accomplishes this work alone; it is the shared sacrifice of the parish that makes these projects possible. Please prayerfully consider you 5-year pledge to the campaign and mail your pledge card. Thank you for being part of this mission!



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March 2026

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

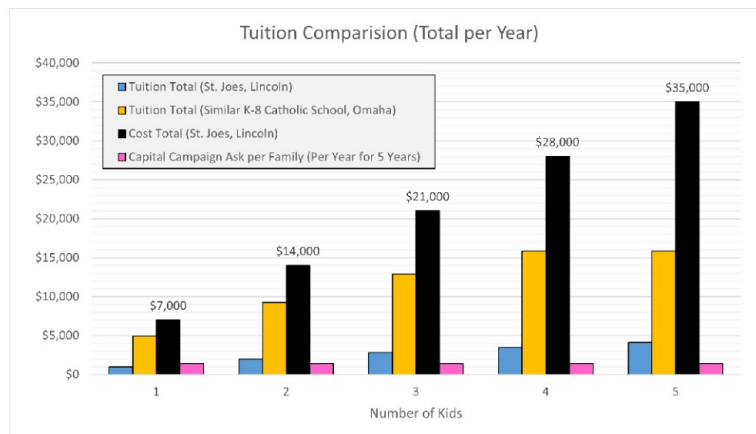
I write to you today as a fellow parishioner, a parent, and a grandfather. I also write to you as the former Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Catholic schools in our diocese.

We moved to Lincoln in 2003. Immediately, we enrolled our three children in St. Joseph's School. Each of them later attended and graduated from Pius X High School. Having previously lived in other communities, where our children were also enrolled in Catholic schools, we were greatly surprised to find such low tuition cost.

I share that with you because first, it is a very common reaction among parents who choose to send their children to our Catholic schools. But more importantly, I share it because I realize as a family, we had no part in building St. Joseph church and school. Nor did we have any part in building Pius X. Rather, we inherited the gift of our parish and our schools from the faithful generosity of others. And perhaps that's the case for many of us.

As CAO, I lost track of the number of times I received phone calls and emails from other Catholic school leaders around the nation asking how we could possibly keep our tuition costs so low. A prominent Archdiocesan superintendent referred to us as "the Disneyland of Catholic schools." He meant it as a very high compliment.

We can keep our costs low because we have been blessed by the magnificent generosity of the people of God in the Lincoln diocese. Following the lead of Bishop Flavin, our Catholic schools have been and remain the most important apostolate of the Diocese of Lincoln. Each year, a diocese of fewer than 100,000 funds upwards of \$50 million in our Catholic schools.



The results of such an investment speak for themselves. Our numbers of priests and religious women and men are the envy of the nation. We also see untold numbers of faithful, fruitful marriages that stem from relationships forged in our schools and parishes.

Our schools are not only eminently affordable, far more importantly they are faithfully Catholic. Frequently, other superintendents would question how our elementary schools could possibly have Mass every day. In many cases, their schools held an "all school Mass" once a month. Or the best case, perhaps one rotating class got to attend daily Mass, one day a week. We begin every school day with Mass. Our teachers are carefully selected for their commitment to or support of the Catholic faith. Not just in the religion class but in every classroom, in every hallway, on every playground, every day, our Catholic schools proudly proclaim, Jesus Christ is Lord!

As for me and my family, now including two grandchildren enrolled at St. Joseph's school, we didn't do anything to build these schools. Instead we were the beneficiaries of generous donors who came before us. The same is true for most of you reading this letter. Even now, most probably don't realize how current tuition costs are heavily subsidized. To keep tuition affordable, nearly 80% of the annual parish budget is allocated to our two schools; St. Joseph and Pius X.

Now the time has come for our turn to fund the future for our schools. Both St. Joseph School and Pius X High School must address pressing current challenges as well as provide for the facilities needed to meet growing demands.

We stand on the shoulders of those who gifted to us our parish and our schools. And now, with profound gratitude for what we have inherited and with sincere humility for the many gifts God has given us, with prayer and petition, we ask you to be as generous to this capital campaign as God leads you to provide.

With sincere gratitude for the many ways God continues to bless each of our parish and school families, I am humbled to be,

Your servant in Christ

Deacon Matt Hecker, PhD



March Service Awards



Play Dates with School Pets!

Our school Guinea Pigs, Leroy (brown) and Jasper (black) love to be held! They are available to be taken home Friday after school and brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to adopt Leroy and Jasper (together) 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!



Free & Reduced Lunch-Does Your Family Qualify?

St. Joseph participates in Nebraska Nutrition Services. With that our school families have the ability to qualify for free and reduced lunch based on income. A regular lunch costs **\$3.50**, but a reduced price school lunch is **\$0.40**. If you are unsure if your family qualifies please feel free to fill out an application anyway. Applications can be found [HERE](#).

School Spirit Wear

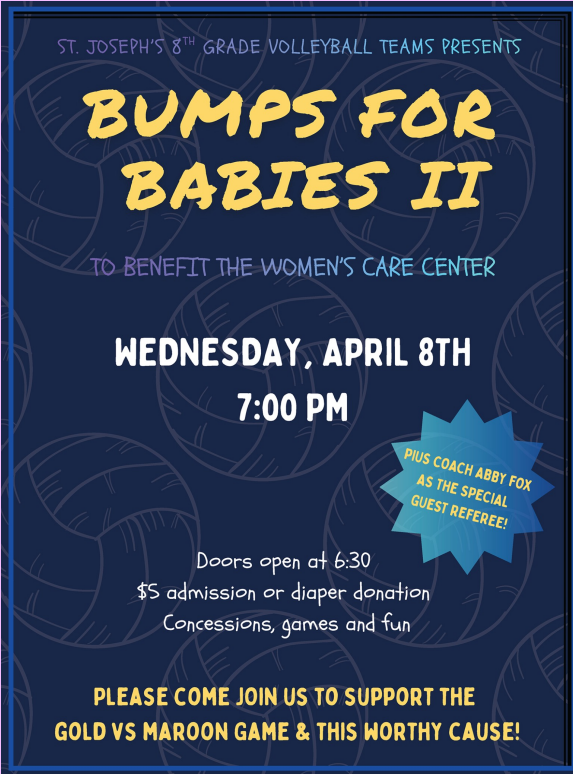
Family members can show their school spirit too! Visit [LINK](#) to shop now through the end of school! Purchasers have the option of shipping to their homes for a fee, or selecting a pickup location (i.e. the school) for free. Items

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. Parents are welcome to join us as you are able.

The dates and times are listed on the finalized [school calendar](#) posted on our website, with our next one being **April 13th!** 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

delivered to the school with batch weekly.



ST. JOSEPH'S 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL TEAMS PRESENTS

BUMPS FOR BABIES II

TO BENEFIT THE WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH
7:00 PM

PIUS COACH ABBY FOX
AS THE SPECIAL
GUEST REFEREE!

Doors open at 6:30
\$5 admission or diaper donation
Concessions, games and fun

**PLEASE COME JOIN US TO SUPPORT THE
GOLD VS MAROON GAME & THIS WORTHY CAUSE!**

some classes may be absent on a given month. May our Blessed Mother intercede for us and lead us closer to her Son, Jesus!

Scratch Paper

We need scratch paper! If you have any paper already printed on one side and looking to get rid of please send it our way! God bless you for your generosity!

Scrip tip!

Short on time? Use INSTACART to pick up your groceries at Aldi! Gives 10% back to the church and saves you an hour of shopping! Fill out an order form and send it to school with your child. We will fill your order the same day and send it home with your child. Simple! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416. **DOWNLOAD THE ORDER FORM!**

Parish Events

COME PRAY FOR THE MEN OF OUR PARISH AT THE

FATHER'S MASS

3/27/26
8:15 SCHOOL MASS

A special invitation to this Mass is extended to the fathers, grandpas, and uncles of our students.

Students will be able to sit with their special guests in the back pews at this Mass. Please wait for your child in the Narthex as they arrive for Mass.

CONTACT GRACIERAUN8@GMAIL.COM
TO SIGN UP FOR A MASS PART.

HOLY GUACAMOLE!

Catholic Summer Spanish

SING, SPEAK, PLAY, CREATE, EAT, PRAY...OLE!



WHO
Saint Joseph Students entering 1st grade through 4th grade for the 2026-2027 school year.

WHAT

- Sing Spanish Songs
- Play Spanish Games
- Create Cultural Crafts
- Pray Prayers in Spanish
- Eat Cultural Snacks

WHEN
Dates: June 8-12 2026
Session Times:

- Morning Session (incoming 3rd and 4th graders) 8:30am-11am
- Afternoon Session (incoming 1st and 2nd graders) 12pm-2:30pm

WHERE
Where: Saint Joseph School 1st floor classroom.

COST

- \$150 for registration (includes snack and all craft materials)
- \$80 for lunch supervision, if needed (see note on reg form)

REGISTER
How to Register: Scan the QR code and complete the form for each child you want to register by March 27th and turn in cash or check (made out to Saint Joseph School) to Saint Joseph's office. Following registration, each child will be required to fill out a participation waiver sent home with your child separately.

QUESTIONS? Email: Sara-Racicot@cdolinc.net

MORE DETAILS
Each camp session will have a minimum of 15 children. If this minimum is not reached by March 27th, you will be refunded your registration fee. Drop off and pick up each day at the front entrance of the school. Sara will be at the doors 5 minutes prior to the morning session's start time (8:25am).



Around the Diocese

CK Sisters Outdoor Spring Workday

Sat., May 9, 1:30-4:30 p.m. We will be planting our vegetable garden, cleaning up brush and cutting trees. Helpful items to bring include wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, pruning/lopping shears/saws, hoes, pickups and chainsaws. Children are also welcome! Mark your calendars now and contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc if you would like to come and help. Please also print and complete a liability form (one per adult; children added to adult form.) Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park. (Walk-ins also welcome.)

www.campkateri.org 402-410-0611

CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA



2026 Summer Camp Dates

Current Grades Spring 2026

CATHOLIC ADVENTURE CAMP: (3rd - 4th Grade) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Western 1: July 6th - 7th• Western 2: July 8th - July 9th	SKY GAMES: (7th - 8th Grade) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Games 1: June 17th - 20th• Games 2: June 29th - July 2nd
SKY CAMPS: (4th - 6th Grade) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 1: May 28th - 30th• Session 2: May 31st - June 2nd• Session 3: June 7th - 9th• Session 4: June 14th - 16th	SKY HIGH: (9th - 12th Grade) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SKY HIGH Men's: June 2nd - 5th• SKY HIGH Women's: June 9th - 12th
FAMILY CAMP: (All Ages) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Camp: June 27th - 28th	

Register Here  All summer camps are open & ready to be filled for Summer 2026! Experience Freedom, Joy, & Adventure! Campers will hike, zipline, ax throw, shoot archery, compete, & more in the beauty of creation. Meet campers from all over the diocese & make friends who will stay with you your whole life long!  Promo Video

Jr. Bolts Football!

Registration for Lincoln Youth Football 2026 season is now open.

Visit jrbolts.com/fo for more information and for the link to get registered. Jr Bolts tackle football is open to all Catholic school students in 3rd-8th grade. If you have any questions please contact Taylor Ashburn at jrboltsfootball.

3rd-5th Grade Teacher 2026-2027

St. Joseph School, Lincoln, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic teacher for a full-time 3rd, 4th or 5th grade teaching position for the 2026-27 school year. Strong collaboration and experience with diverse learning needs are also key qualities desired. The position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive learning environment. Please send resume, references from educational supervisors, philosophy of education and explanation of why you would like to teach in a Catholic school to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net

Quest Teacher 2026-2027

St. Joseph Catholic School, Lincoln, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic teacher for a Quest (High Ability Learner) full-time teaching position for the 2026-2027 school year. Applicant must have a current Nebraska teaching certificate with appropriate endorsements. Responsibilities include maximizing the learning experience of students that need academic challenge. This person would collaborate with teachers in grades 1-8 to provide extension lessons and curriculum support. Strong communication skills and flexibility are essential. The ideal applicant will be Christ-centered, student-focused and team-oriented. This position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive learning environment. Please send resume, references from educational supervisors, philosophy of education and explanation of why you would like to teach in a Catholic school to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.

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