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WEEKLY WATCH

The Dichotomy of May

I don't know about you, but I find May to be a month of paradoxes.

On the one hand, the spring weather, green plants, blooming flowers, and refreshing sunshine are just good for the soul. Plus, it is traditionally the month of Mary and I can't help think that is because it is such a beautiful time of year. The newness and freshness and reminders of the Resurrection make it so refreshing!



On the other hand, anyone associated with children in school recognizes the challenges of May. School is nearing the end and children FEEL it! Irritations with one another increase, patience decreases, weather can feel like summer, and the hard work of focusing in class gets more challenging. Teachers are trying to get everything covered academically and there are additional concerts and programs and rehearsals and end-of-year this, that, and the other thing. It can be exhausting!

I was recently reading 2nd grade Diamante Poems in the hallway and was reminded of this dichotomy, so I made my own:

May
abundant, fresh
greening, blooming, cheering
bright, happy, antsy, distracted
wearying, annoying, challenging
exhausted, fatigued
May

Honestly, I'm really not surprised when I ponder that the devil hates Mary and he hates the victory of Jesus' resurrection at this time of year. So, why wouldn't he do all he can to put a damper on May? It's times like this that I take consolation in the words of Genesis that remind us that the Woman will crush the serpent's head. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen!

In the Heart of the King,

Sister Mary Angela, CK

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PS – Special thanks to our SFA for the awesome support and ways you have shown this week for Staff Appreciation. We are so grateful!!!

BIST Tip: Statements of Empathy

Problems are part of being human and are experienced by both children and adults. When a child is struggling to follow directions or complete a task that is asked of them, it can be tempting to resort to, "Because I said so!" Using empathy statements, however, help a child to know you are on their side and understand that what they are facing is difficult. This can sound like, "I know this is hard for you. I sometimes have a hard time with this myself. But you are _____ (smart, strong, capable) so I know you can do it." Empathy statements can go a long way toward de-escalating emotions and helping your child to face the task at hand.

Vocal Music Spring Program Information

1st – 4th Graders
Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, 7-7:40 pm
"Disney through the Decades!"



Concert Dress

Please dress up nicely. If they have shirts/dresses with Disney characters on them, they are encouraged to wear those. No tank tops, gym shorts, or skirts/dresses shorter than 2" above the knee, please.

Arrival Time

6:50 in their home room



Kindergarten
Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, 8:15-9:40 am
"Summer!"



Dress

Dress up nicely – dresses, slacks, and a nice shirt, etc.

Arrival Time

7:55-8:05 - in their home room

Looking very forward to all our spring concerts! If you have any questions, please ask. Remember these are mandatory performances. Only sickness, emergency situations, or weddings/funerals/etc. are excused. Have a great rest of the school year!

Mrs. Krinke and Mrs. Blumenstock (5th-8th)
kathy-krinke@cdolinc.net



May Service Award Winners



Summer Fun Passes

Summer Fun Passes are a great way to have some summer fun while also giving back to our school! Passes can be purchased in the school office until May 22nd. They cost \$5; cash only.

KFOR/KFRX Summer Fun Punch Ticket

GREAT PTA/PTO FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY! Your school has elected to sell the KFOR/KFRX Summer Fun Punch Tickets. On the tickets you will find "punches" which are good for summer activities for kids. One ticket per child. Please note restrictions for each location. As of now, punch activities on the ticket include:

 <p>Lincoln Children's Zoo 1 Punch. Good for one FREE train ride OR Zoo admission. Ages 12 & under. One punch per paid person.</p>	<p>Sun Valley Lanes & Games 6 Punches. Buy 1 admission of Combat Zone Laser Tag and get 1 round of Lucky Putt Mini-Golf (indoor miniature golf) for FREE. Limited to groups of 8 or less. One punch per ticket per day.</p>	 <p>Lincoln Children's Museum 1 Punch. Buy one get one FREE admission. No cash value. Buy one admission get second admission of equal or lesser value free. Cannot be combined with other offers.</p>
<p>Lincoln Saltdogs 3 Punches. Each punch is good for one FREE admission to a Home Game. Ages 12 & under. Must be accompanied by a paying adult for each punch ticket.</p>	<p>Paint Yourself Silly 3 Punches. Each punch is good for one FREE hour of painting (max \$7 value). Ages 14 & under. Pottery must be purchased. Pottery prices start at \$3. One punch per ticket per day.</p>	<p>BONUS! There are extra activity, food, and miscellaneous coupons too!</p>

These activities and coupons are valued over \$100, but through this special promotion with participating PTA/PTOs, your cost is only \$5 each! That's \$5 per ticket for over \$100 worth of fun for your kids this summer.

What a value, but here's the best value of all ...  **Don't miss out! Get your ...**
100% of the proceeds of all tickets sold, go to your school's PTA/PTO.  **KFOR / KFRX Summer Fun Punch Tickets NOW!**
Every penny stays in school! Not only a great value, but a great cause! 

Tickets will be available for sale at participating schools through your PTA/PTO from April 20 - May 21, 2026. Tickets are valid from May 22 through August 12, 2026. Tickets cannot be purchased after May 21, 2026. No refunds on tickets after purchase. Tickets cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or destroyed and cannot be redeemed for cash. Children cannot share a ticket - 1 ticket per child.

St. Joseph School Important Dates for 2026-2027

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



Capital Campaign

FORWARD IN FAITH AND EXCELLENCE:
A Campaign for St. Joseph and Pius X High School



Our parish campaign goal is \$10 million. To date we have raised \$9.1 million. A key focus of our Capital Campaign is strengthening our church and parish gathering spaces. Planned projects include expanding Resurrection Hall, creating a new west-side entrance, upgrading nave and sanctuary lighting, and replacing damaged windows. To move forward we need your support. Please consider a 5-year pledge to the campaign. Visit the parish web site for more information.

Beyond the Bell After-School Program

Are you in need of something to bridge the gap between school dismissal and the end of your work day? Beyond the Bell has you covered! Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. Visit <https://forms.gle/Ng7MUYAui4zN6Q1Z6> to register. Please note that due to state regulations, we are unable to accept drop-ins, so if you think there may be a time you'll need us, please be sure to register and make a note that attendance will be on an as-needed basis. Contact Carrie-Finson@cdolinc.net with any questions.

Summer Food Service Program

The USDA's Summer Food Service Program provides no-cost meals to children ages 1-18 years old at approved locations across the state. To find information about sites near you, visit the [SFSP Site Finder](#). Please note: The Nebraska SFSP sites will be available on the Site Finder after the NDE approves site locations, which will be sometime around May 25.

Summer EBT Program



SUMMER EBT IS BACK!

ARE YOU
SIGNED UP?

Nebraska Summer EBT provides **\$120 of extra grocery benefits** to children (like yours!) over the summer, when kids aren't getting the meals they usually eat at school. It is available to families who could use support buying food.

Most eligible children are automatically enrolled in Summer EBT, but some will need to apply.

Check to see if you need to apply today!

Scan the QR code!



OR



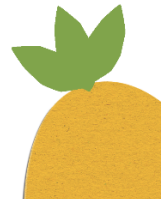
Visit

<https://bit.ly/4tB6zuz>

Have questions or need extra support?

Visit <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Summer-EBT.aspx> or call **800-383-4278** (select option 5).

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Say Thank You with SCRIP!

Hard to believe school is almost out! Consider using SCRIP for all those teacher and coach gifts! We have tons of low denomination gift cards that are a perfect way to say Thanks! Fill out an [order form](#) and send it to school with your child. We'll fill your order the same day and send it home with your child. Simple! Text Kate at 402-314-1416 with any questions.

Career Opportunities

Part-Time Nurse

St. Joseph School in Lincoln is seeking a faith-filled individual for a part-time school nurse position. The position requires compassion and skill in responding to medical needs of children in PreK-8th grades, maintenance of health records, confidentiality, strong communication skills, and a professional, positive attitude. This position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive learning environment. Please send a cover letter that includes why you want to work in a Catholic school, a resume, and references from supervisors to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.

Beyond the Bell Staff

St. Joseph School's after-school program, Beyond the Bell, is seeking support staff for the 2026-2027 school year. This part-time position is perfect for a high school student with a free period at the end of the school day or a college student. Hours are Monday-Friday from 3:00-5:30 pm when school is in session with occasional 1:00-5:30 pm days. Staff assist the BTB director with childcare, child safety, preparing snacks, actively supervising indoor and outdoor activities, and facilitating a safe, encouraging environment for students in Preschool-8th Grade. Previous childcare experience preferred but not required. Start date is August 2026. To apply, email a resume and references to Carrie-Finson@cdolinc.net or call 402-489-0341 with questions.

C.K. Sisters Spring Outdoor Workday



Who: Adults and children who like to work outdoors!

Where: Villa Regina Motherhouse

4100 SW 56th Street

****West of Pioneers Park on Van Dorn, turn south on Southwest 56th Street****



Saturday, May 9, 2026

1:30-4:30 p.m.

Projects: Planting vegetable garden, clearing brush, cleaning up flowerbeds, cutting trees, etc.

***Supplies to bring: gloves, pruning shears/saws, clippers, shovels, wheelbarrows, pickups, chain saws & energy!**

(*Please make sure all tools are marked with your name.)

RSVP via email if you can. sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net

"Walk-ins" are also welcome.

**Thank you for your generosity and
God bless you!**



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