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MONTHLY MESSENGER

May 2026

Knightly News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Spring is always a sign of change; in weather, nature, and yes, especially school life. As our students prepare to move onto the next year, and we adjust to the change in pastor at St. Joseph's and all that that might entail, I wanted to make you aware of our staffing situation at present. Our two full-time teaching Sisters are moving on, as they live their vow of obedience, to be replaced by Sister Mary Maximilian in 2nd grade and Sister Mary Guadalupe in 5th. Mrs. Tracy Smith is retiring from 5th grade and we are still in search of a replacement for her. Miss Isabelle Bertrand is moving to a Junior High social studies position at Cathedral and we have Miss



Madysen Hudson taking her position in 4th grade. Mrs. Lisa Farmer is retiring from 3rd grade and we welcome Ms. Claudia Almazan, who will be taking her classroom. Mrs. Margaret LeDuc is retiring from teaching the Quest program, and our own Mrs. Sara Budell will be moving into that position in the fall. Her computer teaching assignment will be taken by Miss Dorothy Clement. Earlier in the year we learned of Mrs. Diane Swinscoe's move to Crete to teach, leaving our Kindergarten position open, which will be taken by Mrs. Megan Vasa. Mr. Raphael Pepino will be moving to Iowa to teach, and will be replaced by Mrs. Karen Rhodes in Junior High Science. Additionally, one of our part-time nurses, Tracey Johnson, is moving on and we are still in the process of looking for her replacement.

And then finally, in our Pre-school/Pre-K department, Mrs. Amanda Milburn will be moving on to a new job, and Mrs. Niki Schnabel will be taking her position, full time, with Mrs. Sarah Schafer continuing on as the full-time para in PreK. Mrs. Jane Kreifels will be coming back to take Niki's 4-5 yr.-old morning program. These shifts have further opened up some para time to fill. Pray for us as we continue the interview process. We have been abundantly blessed by those who have given beautiful service to our school for so many years and wish them all the best in their next endeavors. We also look forward to what our new teachers and staff will bring to our school family as we pray:

Father, not our will, but Your will be done. We thank You for sending just the perfect individuals, called and anointed of You, to fill these positions. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin Naumann
Principal of St. Joseph's

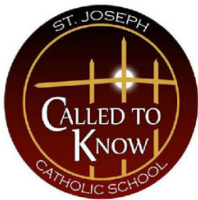
BIST Tip:

Using BIST "language" can help create a common vocabulary both at home and at school.

Statements of Purpose and Intention – (to reduce resistance and increase trust)

- Some statements that help students accept your intervention include:
- “I don’t want YOU to be in trouble.”
- “I don’t want to punish you, I just want to help you look at yourself so you can change.”
- “When you do something to get yourself in trouble, I will let you know.”

It’s good to talk about these when your child is calm. Then, when something is hard for your child, you can bring in the statement that resonates best. By doing so, your child will see that you are actually an advocate to help them regulate their behavior.



May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PENTECOST					1 1B Class Mass Mission Collection BIST Vision Team Mtg Monthly School Rosary, 2:50 pm Day 5	2
3	4 Melodic Knights Teacher Appreciation Wk Student Confessions 8th Grade Scholarship Interviews Day 1	5 Teacher Appreciation Wk Vocal Music Program, 7:00 pm (Gr. 5, 6, JH Elective) Day 2	6 Mother's Choir Teacher Appreciation Wk May Crowning/Mother's Mass, 8:15 am Day 3	7 Teacher Appreciation Wk Service Awards after Mass Preschool T/Th Spring Program, 10:00 am Day 4	8 Teacher Appreciation Wk Teacher Anniversary Mass PreK M/W/F Spring Program, 10:00 am 1:00 pm Dismissal (Faculty Mtg) Day 5	9
10	11 Mother's Day Day 1	12 8th Grade ONLY- Noon Dismissal Vocal Music Program 7:00 pm (Gr. 1-4) Day 2	13 Youth Choir Mass 8th Grade Mass at Cathedral, 10:30 am 8th Grade Last Day Day 3	14 NO SCHOOL Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Day 4	15	16
17	18 Day 1	19 Last Day of Preschool 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 7:00 pm Day 2	20 Kindergarten Mass & Spring Program, 8:15 am Day 3	21 Last Day of School/ Field Day K-7 Full Day PreK 11:30 am Day 0	22 Teacher Workday Day 5	23
24	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 Day 0	29 Day 5	30
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Pretzel Bites w/Cheese Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
4 Meal in a Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Roll, Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	5 Walking Taco Corn Fruit Choice Milk	6 Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	7 BBQ Pork Nachos Mixed Veggies, Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	8 1:00 DISMISSAL Cheese Pizza Peas Fruit Choice Milk
11 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	12 Chicken Soft Taco Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	13 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Peas, Breadstick Fruit Choice Milk	14 NO SCHOOL	15 Cook's Choice
18 Cook's Choice	19 Cook's Choice	20 Cook's Choice	21 FIELD DAY	22 Cook's Choice
25 Cook's Choice	26 Cook's Choice	27 Cook's Choice	28 Cook's Choice	29 Cook's Choice

*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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				1 St. Joseph the Worker (m) Mission Collection 1B Class Mass
4 Easter Weekday Melodic Knights	5 Easter Weekday 3A	6 Easter Weekday May Crowning Mother's Choir	7 Easter Weekday 3B	8 Easter Weekday Quiet Mass
11 Easter Weekday Quiet Mass	12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus (m) 2A	13 Our Lady of Fatima (m) Youth Choir Class Mass	14 NO SCHOOL The Ascension of the Lord	15 St. Isidore (m) 6A
18 St. John I (m) 6B	19 Easter Weekday Quiet Mass	20 St. Bernadine of Siena (m) Kindergarten Mass 5A	21 St. Christopher Magallanes (m) Teacher Choir	22 NO SCHOOL TWD

May Crowning- May 6th

Dear Parents,

Each May we honor Mary, our Mother and Queen, by crowning her with flowers and praying for her intercession. This year our May Crowning ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, May 6,** before the 8:15 Mass. The children will wear their uniforms on this special day and each child will carry a flower to place in a vase in front of the statue of Mary. Two First Communicants will be chosen to carry the crown of flowers and place it on the statue of Mary.

Mothers are invited to sit with their children for Mass and carry up flowers with them. Students need to meet their mothers in the narthex of the Church then go inside to sit together in the reserved sections.

Please have your children bring a flower on Wednesday, May 6, for this ceremony (long stems are helpful). The flowers will come to the classrooms for the students to carry to Mass.

Thank you and God bless you!

2026-2027 Registration!

If your family has registered ALL your child(ren) as of today, April 30th, you will be receiving your continuing registration packet. This packet contains your Tuition Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. **The packet is due back by Friday, May 29th.** If you are unsure if you have registered your child(ren), please email Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net.

****If you know that you HAVE NOT registered your family for next year, please follow the steps provided below.**

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](#).

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

Thank you for a great school year!

As we approach summer, please review a couple of health office-related reminders. Students entering Kindergarten or 7th grade in the fall must have an annual physical on file in the health office and dated within six months of the first day of school. All students participating in school sports are required to submit an annual sports physical clearing them for participation. If you have an incoming pre-K/Kindergarten student, a 7th grade student, or a new student who will be joining us in the fall, please send an up-to-date immunization record to the school office (or e-mail JHEL-schoolnurse@cdoli) by the first day of school. Turning in this documentation ensures that we have record of state-required immunizations that allow for school participation. You are always welcome to reach out to [JHEL-](#)

-Nurse Katie



Final Notes for Spring Concerts

5th/6th/Jr. High Drama and Behind the Scenes Electives
Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, 7-8 pm
“Frozen Jr.”



Concert Dress

5th and 6th graders without parts:

Bottoms: Jeans, jean capris, jean skirts (no shorter than 2” above knee), school shorts, or their school khaki or navy pants.

Tops:

5th- A mostly **plain** colored yellow or orange T-shirt/polo (long or short-sleeved, though it gets hot in the gym). They are representing summer.

6th- A mostly **plain** colored blue, white, or purple T-shirt/polo (long or short-sleeved, though it gets hot in the gym). They are representing winter.

If you don't have a T-shirt, Hobby Lobby on 66th and O St. has them for around \$3.00.

5th/ 6th characters:

A separate email went home with specifics. If you have any questions don't hesitate to email Mrs. Krinke.

Arrival Time

Jr. High - 6:30 in Mrs. Daniel's room

5th/6th Characters - 6:45 in Mrs. Daniel's room then to the cafeteria

5th/6th Singers - 6:50 in the school cafeteria



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



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:

Lincoln Children's Zoo 1 Punch. Good for one FREE train ride OR Zoo admission. Ages 12 & under. One punch per paid person.	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.	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.
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.	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.	BONUS! There are extra activity, food, and miscellaneous coupons too!

These activities and coupons are valued over **\$100**, but through this special promotion with participating PTA-PTO's, 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**
Every penny stays in school! Not **Fun Punch Tickets NOW!**
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.

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 an BGC are current. Then log onto you 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

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 forms.gle/Ng7M 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 with any questions

Forward in Faith and Excellence: A Campaign for St. Joseph & Pius X High School

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Our parish campaign goal is \$10 million. To date we have raised \$7.9 million. From enhanced worship spaces to classrooms and gathering areas, the campaign projects serve children, families, and parishioners yet to come. Our parish commitment includes support for Catholic education, safety, and long-term sustainability. To move forward we need your support. Please consider a 5-year pledge to the campaign. Go to the parish web site for more information.

April 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](#).

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*

Do Mother's Day with SCRIP!

Treat mom for a delicious cup of coffee for Mother's Day. We sell Bagels and Joe, Starbucks and Scooters! ! 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!

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 delivered to the school with batch weekly.

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!

locations, which will be sometime around May 25.

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 last one being tomorrow, **May 1st!** 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!

Lincoln City Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Registration for this fun, free, and easy-to-do challenge starts on May 22nd. To sign up, visit any Lincoln City Libraries location or register online or via the Beanstack app! Just for signing up, you'll receive a free Saltdogs ticket and a free entry to any City of Lincoln pool!

The goal of the LCL Summer Reading Challenge is to keep brains healthy, active, and engaged in reading over the summer months. Simply read for 10 hours this summer (that's just 10 minutes a day), visit the library, and participate in a few simple activities like "do a good deed" and "read aloud" to earn free prizes. Completion prizes include: free ice cream, another Saltdogs ticket, free Amigos and more! Plus, join us for fun and free

Who can participate? ALL AGES!

What kind of reading counts? All reading! Really!

Reading books you have at home? That counts!

Reading a comic book? That counts! Listening to an audiobook? That counts! There are so many ways to participate in reading this summer!

Find out more at LincolnLibraries.org

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.)

Pius X Summer Camps

Summer Camp registration for Pius X Catholic High School is open at PiusX.net/camp. Camps range from the arts to academics to athletics, and from kindergarteners to high school seniors, there is sure to be a camp your child will love. First week of camps start May 26.

www.campkateri.org 402-410-0611

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2026 Summer Camp Dates
Current Grades Spring 2026

CATHOLIC ADVENTURE CAMP: (3rd - 4th Grade) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Western 1: July 6th - 7thWestern 2: July 8th - July 9th	SKY GAMES: (7th - 8th Grade) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Games 1: June 17th - 20thGames 2: June 29th - July 2nd
SKY CAMPS: (4th - 6th Grade) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Session 1: May 28th - 30thSession 2: May 31st - June 2ndSession 3: June 7th - 9thSession 4: June 14th - 16th	SKY HIGH: (9th - 12th Grade) <ul style="list-style-type: none">SKY HIGH Men's: June 2nd - 5thSKY 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!** Promo Video

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!



COME TO NAZARETH

A Retreat for the Whole Family

SUNDAY AUG 2

2PM-7PM

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
RETREAT HOUSE

ACTIVITIES & WHAT TO EXPECT

- Welcome & Opening Activity
- Breakout Sessions for All Ages
- Strength in the Family - Therese Fuller (older kids & parents)
- Mary - Josh Burks (younger children)
- Family Olympics & Snacks
- Procession & Outdoor Adoration
- Supper & Campfire

For more details, visit:
goodcounselretreat.org or
call 402-786-2705



Scan QR code to learn more!

ALL AGES
WELCOME!



5th Grade Teacher 2026-2027

St. Joseph School, Lincoln, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic teacher for a full-time 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

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@ or call 402-489-0341 with questions.

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Fr. Michael G. McCabe

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Fr. Robert Froeschl

Principal:

Kevin Naumann

Assistant Principal:

Sr. Mary Angela, C.K.

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