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WEEKLY WATCH

Being Little

Do you ever wish you could just be little again and have someone else take care of things?

When I've seen a mom holding a newborn baby, I just think of how peaceful and carefree that baby must be. And that's how it should be! When we become adults, sometimes the responsibilities seem to weigh so heavily that it's hard to keep perspective or to not get wearied by daily life. Then I think of the "Little Way" of St. Therese. (Now, in full disclosure, I have to admit that I've never really been a fan of St. Therese. Her "Little Way" always seemed too "big" and too hard to me! I'm slowly learning what it can really mean.)

I was reminded of this by the beautiful reflections that Sara Racicot put together for our parish adoration this month. She included a simple but powerful Litany of Littleness that just spoke to my heart. With her permission, I am including it below. I find that the more I can rely on God to be God (strong, in control, capable), I am more able to be at peace as His child (receptive, protected, loved). I pray this can resonate in your heart as well.

May God bless you!



In the Heart of the King,

Sister Mary Angela, C.K.

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Litany of Littleness

"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

Opening Prayer:

God, You are my God, I am Your Child. Thank you for your tender care and love. I desire to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Increase my understanding of you and my childlike trust and dependence on You, so I can draw closer to You and be in union with You forever.

Respond, after each line, with the words on the side of that section of the prayer:

You are God.
You are beyond all things.
You are mighty and powerful.
You made all things.
You care for all things.
You are good and loving.
You hold all creation in your hands.
You have me in Your arms.

You have made me for holiness.
You have made me good.
You see me.
You are with me.
You love me.
I don't have to do it all by myself because ...

I am not God.
I am not all powerful.
I am not all knowing.
I am not the best.
I am not perfect.
I am not in charge.
I am not big.

I am Yours. You are.

I am little.
I am in need of rescuing.
I am weak in choosing good.
I do not need all the answers.
I do not need perfect control.
I am limited.
I am poor.
I fail.
I struggle.
I need patience.
I need help.

I desire growth.
I desire holiness.
I desire union with You.
I desire You.

I need You.

I love you, Lord.
Lift me up, Lord.

Closing Prayer: Glory Be

BIST Tip: Let the Adult Be in Charge

A common question of BIST that we ask students when they are choosing not to follow directions or have a hard time with compliance is, "Can you let the adult be in charge?" At the beginning of the year, teachers go over many procedures and routines. All of these help the classroom and the learning environment to run smoothly for everyone. On occasion, there are times when a child simply doesn't feel like doing what he/she is asked. (Does that ever happen at home?) When it is evident that a child is struggling to comply, we ask the question, "Can you let the adult be in charge?" Most of the time, the answer is yes. This means the child acknowledges that the adult is the one responsible for the setting and their job is to follow what is asked. This goes a long way toward avoiding a power struggle. If the answer is no, the adult gives the child cool-down time, usually in the safe seat, until he/she is ready for compliance. Next time your child doesn't want to do what is asked, try the question. They might be surprised that you are in on the secret!

TONIGHT! Dine-Out with Don & Millies!

Join us for a SFA hosted **Dine-Out Night at Don & Millies at [8150 O Street](#) on TONIGHT, October 15th from 4:00-9:00 pm!** Dine-in and drive thru open. Be sure to mention St. Joseph School when you order! 20% comes back to St. Joseph School. Your contribution goes even further when you buy SCRIP in advance to pay for your meal! Don & Millie's SCRIP is available in \$10 cards and St. Joe's receives 20% back. Mark your calendar for future Dine-Out Nights:

- **Thursday, November 12** from 5:00-8:00 at Taco Inn (70th & O)
- **Thursday, December 10** from 5:00-8:00 at Jersey Mike's (5001 O St.)

Late Pick-up Policy

We are so blessed by all the activities, events and extra-curricular opportunities offered for our students at St. Joseph School! This can include sports, clubs, Student Council, Youth Choir, etc. While our staff works hard to provide these opportunities, it is also important to recognize that they have a limited time frame. We would be grateful for parents making efforts to pick up the students shortly after an event has ended so that our staff can have their time outside of school as well. Sometimes, students have been left in the church narthex while waiting for a ride, but this is an unsupervised area and thus is not a viable option. Therefore, starting on **October 13th**, if a student is not picked up from any after school event promptly, or you have notified the staff member in charge that you have an emergency, the student will be brought to our after-school program, Beyond the Bell, after 10-15 minutes, so that they will have adult supervision while waiting for you to come. In this case, you will be charged a \$15 fee per child. We take seriously the security of your children and thank you for partnering with us to keep our students supervised while on church/school property.

A Note from the Nurse

Parents of Kindergarten, 7th, and 8th grade students, please turn in health physicals to the school office as soon as possible if you have not already done so. We also need up-to-date immunization records for all students who are new to St. Joseph's or who are in Pre-K/Preschool, Kindergarten, or 7th grade. Thank you for your help in keeping our records current.

Katie Beck and Mary Ellen Hook, School Nurses



St. Joseph Grounds Clean Up Day!



St. Joseph
Church & School

GROUPS CLEAN-UP DAY

10/17 | 9-11 AM

Join members of the Forged in Faith men's group in cleaning up many overgrown areas of our church and school campus. All are welcome! Please note: children must be accompanied by at least one parent.

PROJECTS

- Trimming trees & bushes
- Cutting back perennials
- Pulling weeds

TOOLS TO BRING

- Chainsaws (regular & pole mini versions)
- Extendable pole saws
- Loppers & clippers
- Leaf blowers
- Rakes
- Lawn bags
- Gloves
- Kneeling pads
- Wheelbarrows

Dumpsters will be stationed in both the front and back parking lots for yard waste.

SIGN UP!

Visit tiny.cc/StJoe-Grounds-Oct26 with your name, number of people joining, and tools you plan to bring.

SEE YOU THERE!

Rain date: 10/24, 9-11 AM

Pius X Parent Advisory Committee Representatives

The Pius X Parent Advisory Committee serves as a contact and connection between the parish and Pius X High School. We can provide information or help with questions you may have regarding Pius X. Your St. Joseph's representatives are Christine & Mark Bergeron. Contact them at crbergeron4@gmail.com or 651-785-8798.

Trunk or Treat is Coming Up on October 23rd!



- **Cost is \$5 per child.** We take cash at check-in or you can PREPAY at tinyurl.com/TrunkTreat26-Prepay!
- **Host a trunk!** It's easy - decide on a theme, decorate your trunk, get dressed up, bring lots of candy, and have a great time! Sign up at tinyurl.com/TrunkTreat26-Host! Set-up begins at 4:00 pm.
- **Lend a hand!** It takes a lot of people to make this event work smoothly, and we appreciate any time you can offer. Visit tinyurl.com/TrunkTreat26-Help for a list of jobs you can help with!
- **Candy donations** are also a great way to help if you can't host a trunk or volunteer. Please make sure candy is individually wrapped. Look for a bin near the SCRIP counter and drop off candy by 2:00 pm on October 23rd.
- **Bring a canned food item** to help fill the CSS Food Pantry truck!



Contact Sara-Racicot@cdolinc.net with any questions or to sign up.

We can't wait to see you all there!

CANA



One Home. One Family. One Shared Future.

Save the Date for the St. Joseph CANA Dinner & Auction!

What makes St. Joseph's special? It's more than a place we attend on Sunday or a building where our children learn. It's our spiritual home—a place where people of all ages come together to worship, learn, serve, celebrate, and grow in Christ.

That sense of belonging is at the heart of this year's **St. Joseph CANA Dinner & Auction**, taking place **Saturday, January 23, 2027**, at the Lincoln Station Great Hall.

Our theme, *One home. One family. One shared future.*, reflects the community we share and the role each of us plays in its future.

CANA brings our parish family together to celebrate the relationships that make St. Joseph meaningful, support the ministries that strengthen parish life, and invest in the future of our faith community. From faith formation and youth ministry to Bible studies, fellowship, and opportunities to serve others, there are so many ways our parish brings people together and helps them grow in Christ.

And every member of our parish family has a part in that story.

As we look ahead to this special evening, we invite you to mark your calendar and plan to join us. Together, we can celebrate the home we share, the family we've built, and the future we're creating.

ST. JOSEPH'S CANA DINNER & AUCTION

One home. One family. One shared future.

Saturday, January 23, 2027

Lincoln Station Great Hall

More details about the evening will be shared soon. We look forward to gathering with you!

CK Sisters Outdoor Fall Workday

Saturday, October 17, 1:30-4:30 pm

We will be planting shrubs, cleaning up our vegetable garden and cutting trees. Helpful items to bring include shovels, work gloves, wheelbarrows, pickups and chainsaws. Children are also welcome – and can use this for service hours! Mark your calendars now and contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net 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 are also welcome.

World Mission Sunday



**OCTOBER 18,
2026**

World Mission Sunday

**Celebrating 100 years and
Blessed Fulton Sheen!**

**Join us at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ,
3500 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE
for a special Mass at 9 a.m.**

Bishop Sheen World Mission Rosary prayed at 8:40 a.m.

**There will be a special reserved section for all who come
dressed in cultural dress, and they will process out with the
ministers at the end of Mass.**

**If you have items to display from the country you represent,
you are welcome to bring a card table and set up in the
narthex at the Cathedral at 8:30 a.m.**

All are welcome to attend!