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WEEKLY WATCH

Drills

I'm not a fan of fire alarms, especially when they go off in the middle of the night.

Having a new addition at the Motherhouse is a great gift, but there are still some kinks to work out, and the fire alarm system being one of them. Being roused from a deep sleep and groggily trudging to the front hall where the fire panel is located is not my idea of a good time! However, I am grateful we have a fire alarm.

In the same way, I'm not a big fan of other emergency drills. Yes, they are a necessary part of our world, but I feel like a somewhat unfortunate one. I do believe strongly that it is important to practice for emergencies because building muscle memory definitely saves lives, but they are not something to look forward to.

Today, we did a 3-for-1 drill in that we practiced a lockdown, a fire drill, and then an evacuation drill to Aldersgate Church. We do each of these on a regular basis (fire drills monthly), but not always together. Part of the intent was to maximize learning time and lessen multiple disruptions. At the same time, drills can cause different layers of anxiety in our students. Thankfully, teachers do a great job of calmly going over procedures and mitigating fears, but we know it still can cause jitters. The students responded so well, and we are proud of them, especially for their ability to be silent and follow directions all the way to Aldersgate. On such a beautiful day, we are glad that they then have a chance to chat on the way back to school as they continue their day. Today, we also had Joe Cowan, the Diocesan school security consultant, onsite to watch our procedures and provide feedback. He was very pleased with all we had in place and only had a few further tips for us to consider.

So, like many aspects of life, there are things we enjoy and things that we don't but simply need to get done. Drills are one of those things. Please God, we may never need to experience a real emergency, but if we do, there is greater peace in knowing that we have some good methods of responding, and then we entrust ourselves to the Lord to take care of the rest.



May God bless you!

In the Heart of the King,

Sister Mary Angela, C.K.

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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.

NO SCHOOL 10/23!

This is a reminder that there is no school tomorrow, October 23rd. We’ll see you back on Monday!

Preschool Openings!

We are happy to announce that our Tuesday/Thursday (3-4yr old) 8:00-11:00 am Preschool class is **expanding!** This class will be an initial preschool experience to help your preschooler learn new social skills, discover how a classroom works, and build early faith and academic foundations. Activities encourage movement from parallel play to increased interaction with peers. If you would like to sign up, please click [HERE](#) to print off and fill out a preschool application. It can be returned to the school office during normal school hours or via mail.

*****If you were waitlist for this class to begin with and ARE STILL INTERESTED, please email Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net.***

Trunk or Treat is TOMORROW!



- **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!

SFA Dine-Out with Taco Inn!



St. Joseph
SFA Presents

TACO INN

70th & O

DINE-OUT NIGHT!

November 12 | 5-8 PM

Mention
St. Joseph
School
when you
order!

Dine in
- OR -
Drive-thru!

Easy meal night
+ 20% to St. Joe's
= **WIN-WIN!!**



Calling all parishioners!!!

HOST A TRUNK! OR VOLUNTEER TO HELP

October 23 | 6-8 pm | St. Joe's back lot
Set up begins at 4 pm.

HOST A TRUNK!
It's EASY!
• Decorate your trunk
• Get dressed up
• Bring lots of candy
• Have a great time!

LEND A HAND!

SCAN THE QR CODES OR EMAIL
SARA-RACICOT@CDOLINC.NET TO SIGN UP!

tinyurl.com/TrunkTreat26-Host
-Host

tinyurl.com/TrunkTreat26-Help
-Help

CANA



One Home. One Family. One Shared Future.

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

What makes St. Joseph Parish 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 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!

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