



*We are a faith-filled Catholic community called by God  
to teach, nurture and guide our children  
to achieve their God-given potential on life's journey to heaven.*

*Faith    Community    Academic Excellence*

January 10, 2018 - First Week in Ordinary Time

Dear Parents,

The focus of this newsletter about Our Lady of Fatima is summed up by Pope Benedict, who said, "Learn the message of Fatima! Live the Message of Fatima! Spread the message of Fatima!"

The following advice for how to live the message of Fatima is from Fr. Andrew Apostoli's book *Fatima for Today* (p. 230)

1. **Strive to live good Christian lives.** We do this by obeying God's commandments and fulfilling the duties of our station in life. We also do this by growing in virtue, avoiding sin and being quick to confess our faults.
2. **Pray daily, especially the Rosary.** We are nothing without God, so we must pray if we are to have the strength we need to live as good Christians. In all of her apparitions, the request made most frequently by our Lady was to pray the Rosary every day.
3. **Observe the Five First Saturdays.** Our Lady asked for this devotion in order to bring about the complete conversion of Russia, peace in the world, and the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. Our Lord asked that we observe five first Saturdays more than once. Because this devotion requires great commitment, it combines prayer with sacrifice into a powerful means of grace.
4. **Make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and accept suffering patiently in reparation for our sins and those of others.** There is no better way to grow closer to Christ than to unite our sacrifices and sufferings with His. By His Passion and death He has brought man back to God. By uniting our sacrifices and sufferings with His, out of love for God and love for souls who are far from Him, we can participate in God's salvation of the world. There is no greater power than the sacrificial love of God, and we are called to share in it.

As we strive to live the message of Fatima, may we be blessed with peace in our hearts and homes. God bless you!

In Christ our Infant King,  
Sister Mary Faustina, C.K.

**DATES for: January**

- 10 Wed. Report Cards issued      Grades 4 & 6 Confessions      Leadership Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.  
11    Happy ½ Birthday, Mrs. Hraban!      Gr. 3 Confessions  
12    PK-B Day  
13 Sat. Winter Band Rehearsal, Grade 5: 2:00-2:45 p.m., Grades 6-8: 2:45-3:30 p.m., Pius X gym  
14    Winter Band Concert, 1:30 p.m., Pius X gym  
15 Mon. **No School** / Faculty Meeting & In-service  
17    Gr. 5 Confessions  
18    Gr. 8 Confessions  
19    PK-A Day  
20    Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, Boys & Girls, Ages 9-14  
21 Sun Happy Feast Day, Sr. Mary Agnes!  
25    Happy ½ Feast Day, Fr. Hottovy & Bishop Conley, and Happy Birthday, Miss Volkmer! Gr. 7 Confessions  
26    PK-B Day  
28    Catholic Schools Week (CSW) begins! Happy Birthday, Mrs. Arens!  
29    PK-Gr. 5 movies      Grades 6-8 Cook Pavilion  
30    Religion Quiz Bowl 10 a.m.-11 a.m.      Staff Luncheon 1 p.m.  
31    Happy ½ Feast Day, Fr. Raminedi!      Grades 6-8 Catholic Author/K-Gr. 5 Read & Feed      2 p.m. Volleyball

**DATES for: February**

- 1    Patriotic Program after Mass      Gr. 8 Sandhills Publishing  
2    First Friday Eucharistic Adoration and Procession      PK-A Day

**PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS:** Robert Froeschl, Philip Hanigan, and Caleb Hile

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:** That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

**THINGS BEING SENT HOME:** Class Reservation form; Gr. 6 Field Trip form; Grades 5 & 6 CSW Choir flyer; Gr. 8 Graduation Info letter; Gr. 8 Bake Sale form; Page One Registration form, Grades 3-8; Class Photo Composites; Scrip form; Lunch & Library notices; Quarter 2 Report Cards; St. Teresa Annual Trivia Night flyer; Band Concert Info flyer

**ATTACHMENTS:** Bishop's Book Club registration; Reading Center flyer 2018; Reading Center Application 2018; Jeff Veley Antbullying (2); Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest poster

**SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED** on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-noon. If you are available, please contact the school office.

**THANK YOU:** The teachers/staff received a very nice Christmas monetary gift! Thanks to the many families that contributed to make such a gift possible. We are blessed by your goodness to us in many ways!

**CLASS RESERVATION FORMS** are **due Friday, January 19**. The information contained on this form allows us to begin planning for next school year. Thank you and God bless!

**WINTER BAND CONCERT:** Rehearsal on Sat., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 2-2:45 p.m., 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 2:45-3:30 p.m. in the Pius X gym. Concert on Sun., **January 14<sup>th</sup>**, 1:30 p.m. in the Pius gym. Students should be there by 1:10. **Wear:** school uniform **Bring:** your instrument, music stand, and music, all labeled with your name. Don't come if you have been sick or had a fever in the previous 24 hours, or if you don't feel well.

**REPORT CARDS TO KEEP:** Please remove your students' report cards from the Report Card Envelope each quarter, sign the Report Card Envelope, and return only the envelope to school.

**REPORT CARDS AND OUTSTANDING FEES:** A reminder of fees owed, overdue library books, or lunch accounts in the negative was sent home last week with your students. Report cards will be released to you as soon as all fees are paid, library books returned or renewed, and lunch accounts settled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Report cards are scheduled to go home in the Communication Envelope today, Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please try to settle all accounts ASAP.

**PAYMENTS/FEES:** It is important that **all** payments/fees be placed in a separate smaller envelope labeled with the student's name, amount of payment, and what the payment is for, before sending the payment to school in the larger Communication Envelope. This ensures that the student is properly credited for the payment.

**ILLNESSES/DISEASE REPORT:** When you call in your student's absence because of illness, it is very important that you tell us your child's symptoms (stomach, respiratory, etc.), or if a physician has diagnosed an illness, let us know the that this was diagnosed by a doctor. The office is required to send in a weekly report to the Health Department with this information, and it needs to be accurate.

**FREE THROW COMPETITION:** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>; Check-in 12:30-12:45 p.m., at St. Teresa School gym, for boys & girls ages 9-14. This is a free event. **Please bring identification for proof of age!** Entrants may only compete in one local competition. See attached poster.

**UNIFORM SHOP AT PIUS:** Parents with students at St. Teresa School can purchase items from the Pius Uniform Shop if the colors and items comply with their school dress code. Prices are reasonable. Sizes start at girls/boys size 12 for shorts/pants and size Youth Medium for banded polos. The Pius Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays on regular school days from 3:30-4 p.m., and on Saturdays, Jan. 6 and Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11 a.m.

**DENNIS UNIFORMS:** St. Teresa's DENNIS web store is tailored to our unique uniform program. Browse a user-friendly catalog arranged by gender and grade level, complete with high-definition photos, detailed product information, and infographics so it's easy to find the products you need to purchase. The link to our school's web store, <https://www.dennisuniform.com/schools/PQY> ,will be posted on the school website.

**THE SCHMOKER READING CENTER** will provide one-on-one and small group tutoring for students in grades 1- 6. The reading instruction is designed for students who are reading one or more years below grade level, and whose primary school difficulties result from reading problems. Completion of the application does not guarantee acceptance into the upcoming session. A \$10 non-refundable processing fee must be included for all NEW applicants to the program. This is a one-time only fee. If you have previously applied to any session, you do not have to send this fee with your application.

- 60-minute sessions (two days a week); Tutoring provided by UNL education students under supervision of literacy faculty
- Tuition is \$225; limited scholarships available (lowers tuition to \$150) See attachments for registration and dates.

### WAYS TO SERVE

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** General Mills offers **10 cents** for each box top from any of the 330 participating General Mills products. Send them to the school office. You wouldn't throw away a dime, would you? What a great way to make money for our School Family!

**AMAZON SMILE:** #StartWithaSmile at [smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0393174](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0393174) Amazon donates to St Teresa Catholic Church of Lincoln. Use Scrip or Propelr on Amazon Smile for double the profit!

**SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS:** New year, new \_\_\_\_\_! Fill in the blank with "create new habits" and let one of those habits be using Scrip. You may think that your use of Scrip won't amount to much. Check out the back of the current Scrip form to learn what kind of an impact you can make when you use Scrip and then encourage those around you to do the same. We were around \$4,000 short of our goal in 2017. Let's work smarter instead of harder to reach our \$25,000 goal for 2018.