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*Saint Teresa School*

*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*



November 28, 2018 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Dear Parents,

Since we are still in the month of November, I pray for the poor souls in purgatory and in particular for the most forgotten ones! This then reminded me about the All Saints Parade. After each third grade student presented their saint, I heard a younger student behind me say, “I love this part!” This is when the students march around the gym while we sing, “When the Saints Go Marching In”. I can imagine God, our loving Father, saying this to the souls when they die and come to Him! I know life on earth is a battle and there are so many distractions that take us away from our Heavenly Father. One such distraction that comes to mind is Fortnite. I know it is all the rage and some of our students are playing it. Sister Mary, from the Tech Office, rarely sends us email articles but asked us to share this with you. [https://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2018/09/fortnite\\_minecraft\\_join\\_other\\_platforms\\_where\\_pred.html](https://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2018/09/fortnite_minecraft_join_other_platforms_where_pred.html) I hope you take time to read it and pray about whether or not to allow your child to play it or other video games. This isn't saying all video games are bad, but we need to be vigilant. We want to help our children be safe and get to Heaven. It would be good to ask ourselves about this and other things, “Will this help me or my children get to Heaven?” I know I ask myself this question daily! Let us strive to be saints one moment at a time. I pray for you daily.

In the Heart of the King, I am,  
Sister Anne Joelle, C.K.

**DATES for:** November

28 Midterm – check PowerSchool  
30 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class Mass (St. Andrew) Rada Cutlery Kitchen Fundraiser Deadline (see below)

**DATES for:** December

3 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip  
5 4 pm School Family Leadership Board meeting  
6 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class Mass  
7 First Friday – MCA collection; Adoration; 3:00 pm Benediction Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6 Confessions  
12 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Mass  
13 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. in the Church; 2 pm Dress Rehearsal (If you can't make it in the evening, you may attend at 2 p.m.)  
14 JH Retreat Grades 7 & 8 Confessions **12:30 Dismissal**

**THINGS BEING SENT HOME:** Textbook Loan forms to sign; Library notices; Christmas Donation Reminder; Grade 2 Field Trip form; JH Retreat form; Photo Retakes and Composites

**ATTACHMENTS:** Dec. School Calendar; Dec. Hot Lunch Menu; Office Depot fundraiser; Advent Series poster

**PRAY FOR SEMINARIANS:** Robert Froeschl, Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Theology 3, Falls City  
Philip Hanigan, St. Gregory, College 4, Cathedral of the Risen Christ

**THANK YOU**

- To Raphael Pepino and John Stratman for helping to finish sanding the banisters before Thanksgiving and a BIG thank you to Carrie Stratman for all of her work sanding and staining them. They look amazing!
- To all who helped make the bazaar a success! To all those that set up, worked a game and stayed around to clean up, I truly appreciate all your help! The bazaar was a success and I hope everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you to the following businesses that were so generous in providing supplies and prizes; Hy-Vee, Runza, Lincoln Peps, McDonalds and St. Teresa's Thrift Store. We are so grateful for your support!! Thanks again! Jill Zimmer

**\$25 HYVEE GIFT CARD WINNERS!** Many thanks to the 82 respondents who took some time to complete the parent surveys for Paving the Little Way, and also to the 3 CCD families that answered questions from a separate parent survey. That is approximately 2/3 of our school families, and we are much appreciative of your help. As promised, your names

were entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of three \$25 HyVee gift cards, and the winners are: Kendra Schmid, Beth Ruhl, and Nikki Shasserre. Congratulations!

**HEALTH SCREENING** – Thank you to all of our volunteers: Annata Sullivan, Jen Sager, Gary Harper, Rex Mulholland, Jody Degenhardt, Linda Nagle, Juanita Stell, Kim Theisen, Jean Brigham, Laurie Clark, Wendy Guzman De Cruz, Cheryl Wesolowski, Janice Cook, Janice Swanson, Sarah Tlamka, Veronica Cordry, and Lisa Butler.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR FACULTY/STAFF:** Please prayerfully consider contributing toward the monetary Christmas gift for our teachers and staff. Our goal is for donations to be collected by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support! **See reminder letter enclosed in CE.**

**WALKIE TALKIES:** We are selling our used walkie talkies for \$5 apiece. We have 8 sets. 1<sup>st</sup> come/1<sup>st</sup> serve.

**ADVENT SERIES:** St. Teresa's is pleased to announce an Advent scripture study taught by renowned Biblical scholar, Vern Steiner. As a professor of exegetical studies, Dr. Steiner will explore the rich and beautiful light shed by the Old Testament on the meaning and significance of each of these names. An expert in scripture study, Dr. Steiner will help us come to know and love the Word more intimately and deeply through this Advent journey.

**Thursday, November 29th:** 7-8:30 "Jesus: The Story and the Glory of the Name"

**Thursday, December 6th:** 7-8:30 "Christ: The Anointed Prophet, Priest, and King"

**Sunday, December 16th:** 7-8:30 "Immanuel: With Us-God!"

Suggested donation: \$15/person or \$25/couple

Free babysitting is available! Please come join for this fantastic opportunity! Click below to register.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CA4A92CA46-advent>

**BLESS THE BABY JESUS!** Join Bishop Conley for a special time of family prayer before Christmas, and receive a blessing upon your family and the baby Jesus from your manger scene. In these hectic days before Christmas, we gather for a kid-friendly Advent Liturgy to quiet our hearts, hear from our shepherd, and receive his blessing. The short liturgy will be followed by a festive cookie reception. Don't forget to bring your gifts of "swaddling clothes" to donate to Birthright for babies in need (new or gently used baby clothes, blankets, lotion, soap, and diaper creams are especially needed). Mark your calendar for **Sat., Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral!** Questions, contact Emily Villa 432-9814.

**PIUS X APPAREL:** Be sure and include some Bolt apparel for the Thunderbolt (or future Thunderbolt) on your Christmas list. The Booster Club has opened an apparel website that will be open 24 hours per day 7 days per week.

Hundreds of fully customizable items available in all price ranges. Click on the link below to start shopping! <https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/nebraska/lincoln/pius-x-central-high-school>

### **WAYS TO SERVE**

**OFFICE DEPOT:** We earned \$50.41 See the attachment for information you can slip into your purse or wallet for future information. Our school ID # is 70064173. We receive 5% back for qualifying purchases (not qualifying: technology/electronics that are not education related; furniture/furniture accessories; ink/toner; gift cards).

**SCRIP NEWS:** Scrip provides so many opportunities to earn money for our school and there are many ways to purchase Scrip. If you utilize your mobile phone for more than calling and texting and you're not using it for Scrip, you could be missing a huge opportunity to give back with almost zero effort! Using mobile Scrip is easy, but there is a learning curve that you don't have to figure out on your own! Help is a message away! (402) 525-5500 or [jeandreasen@me.com](mailto:jeandreasen@me.com)

Scrip will be available before and after most weekend masses Dec. 1- Dec. 23. Please be flexible and patient as selling Scrip is completely a voluntary task. Scrip will continue to be available at the school and over the break at the rectory.

You can also browse through the new 2018 Holiday Gift Guide from Scrip at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/GiftGuide>.

**SHOPAROO:** We received a \$69.90 check from Shoparoo for the School Family. It is a free mobile app that turns pictures of your shopping receipts into cash donations for St. Teresa School Family. It doesn't matter where you shop or what you buy - every receipt counts! Visit [www.shoparoo.com](http://www.shoparoo.com) for more information, or download the shoparoo app and choose to support St. Teresa Elementary School in Lincoln.

**AMAZON SMILE:** #StartWithaSmile at [smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0393174](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0393174) for your holiday gifts and Amazon donates to St Teresa Catholic Church of Lincoln.

## UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

**LINCOLN MOMS: December 1, 8:30-10:30 am** at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in The Guadalupe Center located at 2241 O Street. "**Fostering Emotional Intelligence in Your Children**" with Rev. Justin Hannemann, the CEO of GracePoint Institute for Relational Health. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist with practice interest and research in: Couple Relationships, Attachment Theory in Children and Adults, and the Integration of Faith and Psychology. Justin and his wife have three children, and he is an assistant pastor at Christ Lutheran Church. Your free-will donation helps cover the cost of speakers, reserved babysitting, and coffee/snacks (\$5-10 suggested). Before the meeting, moms and kids are also invited for 8:00 am Mass at the Gianna's Chapel. Let us know in advance if you need babysitting (available after Mass), and please bring a friend! Contact us at [lincolnmoms@outlook.com](mailto:lincolnmoms@outlook.com) or our Facebook page.

**SANTA CLAUS AND STAR WARS** fun-filled family day at the SAC Aerospace Museum, **Dec. 1, 10-2.** <https://sacmuseum.org/2018/11/santa-goes-to-space-2/>

**ST. NICK IS COMING TO PIUS X:** St. Nick is coming to Pius X on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Thurs., **December 6** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please join us for a **Baby Jesus/Nativity Blessing at 5:30 p.m.** in the Pius X Chapel. **6:00-7:30 p.m.** come on down to the **Commons** and get your picture taken with an **authentic** looking **St. Nick**, decorate a sugar cookie, color a St. Nick page, and listen to Christmas Carols! Come and show your kids your alma mater, their future high school, or where their big brother or sister attends school each day, and make some new family memories!

No charge, but free will donations will gladly be accepted. Please RSVP the number of kids attending to [Kristin.heath@piusx.net](mailto:Kristin.heath@piusx.net) to help give us an idea of the amount of cookies and cocoa needed! Go to <http://piusx.net/foundation/st-nick-at-nite/> to register and for more information.

**RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER FOR KITCHEN REMODEL!** The deadline is rapidly approaching. Catalogs and order forms were sent home in your CEs on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> for our kitchen remodeling fundraiser. You also have the opportunity to order online from the link below. Fundraiser is in effect from Nov. 1st to Nov. 30th, 2018. Orders placed by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> have a guaranteed delivery before Christmas.

Our kitchen is badly in need of a makeover in order to provide a safe and productive environment with proper storage space to prepare hot meals for our students and to provide for efficient service to our children. Rada Cutlery is quality cutlery that lasts a lifetime and offers "100% made in the USA since 1948" kitchen products, including kitchen knives, cooking utensils, cutlery gift sets, quick mixes, and cookbooks! These items make wonderful Christmas gifts and are a fantastic addition to your own kitchen items inventory.

### **Important Ordering Information (Two Options):**

- Paper Order Form:**
  - On the order form please write student's name.
  - All merchandise must be pre-paid.
  - Checks payable to St. Teresa School.
  - On the check memo line please write Rada.
  - If you choose not to order, please return the catalog to school.
- Online Ordering Link:** <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1925982.0f74a4>

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT APPAREL: (5th-8th): Dec. 13, 7 p.m.** Students should wear ALL BLACK dress clothes.

Black slacks (boys OR girls)

Black polos or button down shirts or blouses (boys OR girls)

Ties (optional!) must be solid black, or just forgo the tie

Black socks and shoes

Black dresses or skirts: must be no more than 3" above the knee

Dresses with short, long, and cap sleeves are acceptable; please wear a black sweater over sleeveless dresses.

If wearing tights or leggings under a dress or tunic, they should be solid black.

Tasteful (minimal) jewelry and makeup. (Recommendation: check at the Thrift shop for black dress clothes)

**ADULT SINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** For the school Christmas program this year, our students will be singing Biebel's "Ave Maria". This piece requires two choirs who sing in complimentary motion. Mrs. Schilmoeller is inviting adults to sing the "Choir II" portion of the song with the students. Jean Timmerman will organize and direct. Especially if you have sung the piece before, please consider joining us. Even if you are not familiar, we'd love to have you join us, though we do ask that you familiarize yourself with your part before we practice. Music will be sent home to

those interested. Contact Jean Timmerman ([jeantimmerman@neb.rr.com](mailto:jeantimmerman@neb.rr.com)) if you would like to sing or for more information. Very likely we will be in special need of male voices. There will be one practice before the program. That date will be determined by best availability of those singing, sometime in December. Thank you for considering!  
Jean Timmerman

**SCHOOL INFORMATION on PSL:** Once you have a PowerSchool Learning (PSL) account, you can join the St. Teresa School Office Class by following this link: <https://cdol.learning.powerschool.com/theresa-kottwitz/st.teresaschooloffice/signup>. Your invitation code is **WL9Q5**. All newsletters, calendars, menus, attachments and volunteer forms can be found here!

**PROTECT OUR CHILDREN:** Please complete the Safe Environment Training course prior to volunteering for this year. You don't have to complete it in one sitting, but you should finish a video segment before stopping for it to track your progress. Once you've completed the program, please email Wendy your certificate ([Wendy-GuzmandeCruz@cdolinc.net](mailto:Wendy-GuzmandeCruz@cdolinc.net)). Instructions were attached to the Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> newsletter: SE Training Instructions-CMG, or on the PSL office page.

**REMIND.COM:** *Remind* is a free, safe, and easy program to reach you with important information. You can choose to receive notifications by text, email, or the app. Please click on the link to sign up. (For reference, our class code is @teresa1930.) <https://www.remind.com/join/teresa1930>. You may also text @teresa1930 to the number 81010.

**WORLD BOOK ONLINE** St. Teresa School has a paid World Book Online subscription for all students. [www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com) **Log-in ID:** StTeresaLnc **Password:** jayhawks (\*Password is case sensitive.)