



*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

February 21, 2018

Dear Parents,

Resilience. What does this mean? Here is the definition from the Thorndike Barnhart dictionary that we have at the convent. (Yes, believe it or not we still have a dictionary!) 1. the power of springing back 2. *Figurative*, the power recovering readily, buoyancy, cheerfulness. I believe that there are many opportunities to teach resiliency to our students in everyday life and in the classroom. How do the students respond to when things are tough or when things do not go their way? We want them to be trouble shooters, think through things, ask God for the grace to overcome obstacles, etc. However, the only way to do this is if things are hard. I think of learning how to ride a bike as a way to learn resiliency. We lived out in the country and I remember dad helping me go down this steep hill (it was hardly anything but as a child it seemed steep) on the bike and letting me go. I was so proud when I could go on my own. It wasn't easy, but I knew it was worth the effort. Do we teach our students how to stick with a project in school or do we come to their rescue and fix things when it does not turn out the way "we" want them to be? Or when your child complains about homework. Do you fall into the trap of agreeing (granted there needs to be a balance, too) with them or do you help them to see this will help them in the long run. It is like riding that bike. You are there to help guide and nurture the ride on this journey of faith. I hope you all will attend Jeff Veley's presentation next Tuesday in the gym, after the 7:00 pm St. Therese devotions. He will have some tips on helping our students to be resilient. God bless you all!

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

DATES for: February

21 Grade 5 Confessions
22 Grade 3 Class Mass Grade 7 Confessions Grade 8 Pius Registration, 9:15 a.m.
23 PK-A Day Stations of the Cross, 2:45 a.m. Dodge Ball Tournament, 6-8 p.m.
24 First Penance, 10 a.m.
27 School Family Meeting, 7 p.m., Jeff Veley Presentation We would like 100% participation.
28 Grade 5 Field Trip

DATES for: March

2 PK-A Day MCA Collection/Lunchtime Adoration/Stations of the Cross 2:45 p.m.
5-9 Iowa Assessment Testing
7 Leadership Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.
9 **12:30 Dismissal**/Faculty Meeting/End of 3rd Quarter PK-B Day
12 **No School**-Teacher Workday

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist the future of corruption.

PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS: Louden Redinger & Augustine Reimers

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: Lunch & Library Notices; *PreK Registration Forms

ATTACHMENTS: Summer Vet Camp flyer

TESTING WEEK: March 5-9 is our annual Iowa Assessment Testing Week. Please try not to schedule appointments or be absent during this week. The tests are difficult to make up. If students can be here, ready to test during the scheduled testing times, it is much better for their overall education, as they don't miss regular instruction in their classroom in order to make up the tests. If you know that you have appointments scheduled for this week, please contact your child's teacher to let them know of the possibility of needing a make-up test time. It may happen that the appointment doesn't interfere with testing at all.

LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: St. Teresa's Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration on the Tuesdays of Lent from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. St. Therese Devotions begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by adoration, with benediction at 8:45

p.m. Spend more quiet time with Jesus by signing up for an hour of adoration for the next few weeks of Lent. Please see the attached link to Signup Genius to sign up for an hour of adoration. If the hour that works for you is filled, please feel free to come anyway. Jesus will love your company! <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignup/508054eafaa2ba46-lenten> (SignUpGenius hours are 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

***PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** We are sending home registration forms to those who inquired on the reservation forms for next school year. If you do not receive one please let the office know and we will get one out to you. Our Pre-Kindergarten program is for children who are four years of age by July 31st. We would like to offer three options for 2018-2019. All three programs will cover the same content. However, the afternoon class will expound in more detail on the key concepts. The students in all three sessions would be prepared for Kindergarten the following year. Tuition increased this year in order to come closer to making the program self-sustainable. At the new rate it costs less than \$3 an hour for your child to attend preschool with a professional teacher in a Catholic environment. Register soon, before we advertise in the parish at large in March and then it will be open to “outside of the parish” students in April.

MWF 8:00-11:00	\$100/Month (\$900/year) (99 classes - 297 hrs. of class)
T/Th 8:00-11:45	\$90/Month (\$810/year) (72 classes – 270 hrs. of class)
M-F 12:30-3:15	\$150/Month (\$1,350/year) (163 classes – 448 hrs. of class)

(No afternoon session on early dismissal days. This was taken into account.)

MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition Results: Congratulations to the St. Teresa students who represented St. Teresa School at the Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition this past Saturday: **Team members**-Abby Vacek, Tess Timmerman, Clare Bauman, and Lillian Johnson / **Individual members**-Clare Clark, Annie Casady, Noah Potter, Sophia Timmerman, and Karl Butler. We were the highest placing Catholic school and came in 4th place overall. This is a very strong ranking for our small school. Clare Bauman and Abby Vacek placed in the top 25%. MATHCOUNTS is a national math enrichment program and is coached by Ann Kotopka, Christy Nauman, and Lisa Krueger with considerable assistance from Pius math mentors, including Andrew Kotopka and Joe Vacek who served as coaches this Saturday.

MATHCOUNTS Party: End of the season party this Thursday during the regular team meeting time at Kotopka's house: 1030 Aldrich Road / 6:30pm-8:00pm. All participants are encouraged to come celebrate our year. Pius math mentors are encouraged to come. We'll have food, beverages, and fun.

ADORATION FOR 6TH-8TH GRADE GIRLS: 6th-8th grade girls may join the Sisters at the St. Teresa Convent chapel on Thursday evenings for quiet adoration and Vespers. Arrive at 5:20 for a Holy Hour from 5:25-6:25. Let a Sister know if you plan to come or if you have questions.

CUSTOM ROSARIES: A perfect gift for your child making their first communion or being confirmed is a customized rosary. You can design the rosary with your choice of beads and metal parts and it can be engraved. The cost will depend on the materials chosen to make the rosary. If interested, contact Mary Lou Buss, 402 499-4573, mlbuss1@twc.com.

LINCOLN MOMS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT – March 3 Join us to discuss “**Matters of Marriage**” with the **Marriage Experts**, featuring a panel of speakers including Marriage Encounter leaders Kirk and Angie McAndrew, and Retrouvaille leaders Russ and Iva Bolling, who will each share their personal and professional marriage experiences to help inspire a stronger commitment to marriage. The Diocese of Lincoln's director of the Office of Family Life and theological advisor for IntegrityRestored.com, Fr. Sean Kilcawley, will also be available to discuss spiritual direction to support a thriving vocation of marriage. **8:30-10:30 am at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in The Guadalupe Center.** Your free-will donation helps cover the cost of speakers, reserved babysitting, and coffee/snacks (\$5 suggested). Before the talk, 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 or Facebook.

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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! March 1 is the next deadline to submit. If you have any that expire 3/1/18, please send them to the school by Feb 21 to be included in the mailing. If you don't have time to check expiration dates, just send what you have and we'll take care of it for you. It may not seem like much, but when combined with all the other box tops, it adds up for our school!

SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: Scrip sellers are needed for weekend Masses ASAP. Please let the office know if you can help at any of the Mass times. No experience needed and brief training will be provided. If you have questions please contact the office and someone will touch base with you to answer all of your questions. Thank you for your consideration! Every volunteer helps make St Teresa's the wonderful place that it is!

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

SFA MEETING - JEFF VELEY: We are hosting Jeff Veley, an international youth speaker and bullying expert on **Tues., February, 27, 2018**. He will present to students at St. Peter, Cathedral, and St. Teresa during the day, and will speak to faculty/staff after school, and present to parents at our School Family Meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Jeff's program is the recipient of the Golden Rule International Award, recognized by the United Nations for effectiveness in teaching practical conflict resolution skills. His mission is to equip students with the social and emotional skills that empower them to face adversity, grow in resilience, and solve their own social problems. Here is a link where you can preview the program... www.JeffVeley.com

SEE THE MOVIE, "CONNECT" in Theaters For Two Nights Only: Tuesday, February 27th and **Thursday, March 1st**. The Jeff Veley presentation night at St. Teresa's is on Tuesday, February 27th. Please make every effort to attend the School Family Meeting on the 27th for this important presentation and consider attending the movie on March 1st. Click [Connect](#) for more information regarding the movie and for ticket information.

40 HOURS DEVOTION: Set aside some time to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. This year, we are celebrating 40 Hours Devotion as a Parish family – March 2nd – 4th. There will be Holy Hours on Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. The closing of 40 Hours concludes with a Eucharistic procession at the end of the 10:00 Mass. Parish organizations are encouraged to take an hour of adoration as a group. Families are encouraged to come and spend time adoring our Lord. Sign up for an hour of adoration or split an hour with another family. Signup sheets are available by the Adoration station or online at: <http://bit.ly/2H67fRK>. The following is the schedule for 40 Hours Devotion:

Friday, March 2nd:

- 6:30 p.m. Opening of 40-hours with Exposition, Conference, and Benediction

Saturday, March 3rd:

- 7:45 a.m. - Confessions
- 8:15 a.m. - Mass
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. – Confessions
- 4:00 p.m. – Mass
- 6:30 p.m. – Eucharistic Holy Hour with benediction and conference

Sunday, March 4th:

- 10:00 a.m. Mass, Eucharistic Procession, and Closing of 40 Hours
“The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host”. Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DAY: The Family Life Office will sponsor a Mother Daughter Program to promote respect and understanding of human development on **Saturday, March 24th**, from 9 am -12 noon at John XXIII Center, The cost is \$20/girl or \$30/family. Paid registrations are due no later than **March 17th**. This program is directed to 10 - 13 year old girls and their mothers. The goals are to provide a basis in understanding the gifts of fertility, the value of our dignity as women, and enhance the parent-child communication. See attachment for registration.