

*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



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Dear Parents,

“Love Changes it all” was the message our students, teachers, and parents received yesterday from Jeff Veley. You probably heard your 1st-8th grade children talk about his presentation and many of you heard his message at the School Family meeting. If you were not able to attend, you missed a good one! His message was simple and scripturally based. He defined what “bullying” is, what the root of the word is, how to stop bullying, and how to teach resilience. He stated that you will have peace (peace sign) by two steps: 1) Don’t get upset, and 2) Treat them like a friend. He role-played this with the students and the parents. It was amazing how when one treats one with kindness it confuses the aggressor and it stops the aggressive behavior. This message is just as applicable to us, as adults! We will send out a separate email with his website, etc., so you can refer to it separately. Let us particularly live out this message during Lent, a season of merciful love! May God bless us all!

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

DATES for: March

- 1 Grade 3 Confessions
- 2 PK-A Day MCA Collection/All Day Adoration/Stations of the Cross 2:45 p.m.
- 5-9 Iowa Assessment Testing
- 7 Leadership Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- 8 Grade 8 Confessions
- 9 **12:30 Dismissal**/Faculty Meeting/End of 3rd Quarter PK-B Day
- 12 **No School**-Teacher Workday
- 13 Grade 3 Service Project
- 14 Grades 6 & 4 Confessions
- 15 Grade 7 Confessions
- 16 PK-A Day Stations of the Cross 2:45 p.m.
- 19 2A Class Mass Grade 4 Field Trip
- 20 Grade 6, Group A Service Project
- 21 Grade 5 Confessions Report Cards issued
- 22 Grade 2 Confessions Grade 5 Field Trip
- 23 PK-B Day Stations of the Cross 2:45 p.m.
- 27 Grade 6, Group B Service Project
- 28 No CE today
- 29-April 3: **NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK**

POPE’S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS: Alec Sasse & Matthew Schilmoeller

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: Lunch and Library Notices; Summer Reading Skills Program; CSS Food Pantry Donation bags; Grade 3 Field Trip form; Scrip form; Jeff Veley cards for lower grades

ATTACHMENTS: Monthly School Calendar & Hot Lunch Calendar; Summer Solutions flyer; JH Spectrum Invite flyer; LB295 (three documents)

FOOD PANTRY SACKS: The Catholic Social Services Food Pantry Grocery Sacks are coming home today with the communication envelope. Please fill your bag with the items listed on the bag and send back to school no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 15th. Items will be picked up by 10:15 that morning.

PARENTS *Msgr. Perkinton has asked Administrators to notify you of the following information, along with three important attachments regarding LB295.*

Dear School Administrators, we are at a *critical and urgent* moment on LB295, a legislative effort that would provide more education scholarship opportunities to low-income and working-class families. It is expected to be debated by the state legislature next week, the week of March 5th. As anticipated, the Nebraska State Education Association (i.e., the public teachers union) and others have been on a “campaign of misinformation” about LB295 and its impact on public schools and the state (see, for example, their www.notinnebraska.com website).

It is imperative that we get a message out to all of our schools. We urge all parents, school administrators and teachers to get engaged on this issue by either e-mailing or calling their state senator. Our state senators *want and need* to hear from their constituents. They can e-mail their senator by clicking [here](#). They can find out who their state senator is by clicking [here](#). They can learn more about LB295 by [visiting our website](#).
In Christ, Tom Venzor, Executive Director, Nebraska Catholic Conference

TESTING WEEK: Next week we will have our annual standardized testing for students in grades 3-8. While we spend time testing the skills of our students in various areas, this test is just one aspect of what we look at when we see how our students are progressing academically. Some students do very well on standardized tests; others have difficulty. Because it is a standardized test, teachers are not able to give assistance to the students as they progress through the test – it is a “cold” measure of what your children know without any assistance. The teachers do not teach to the test, especially since it is just one measure among many. The informal assessments teachers use every day in the classroom provide a much clearer perspective of what your children are and are not capable of knowing or accomplishing.

The teachers explain to the students to do their best, not to worry, and that there may be information they may not know on it. The children know that the tests will not count on their report cards and that they do not have to, nor can they, study in advance.

There are several ways in which you, as parents, can help us during the testing week. Make sure that your children get a good night’s sleep and have a nutritious breakfast, so that they will feel their best. **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.

COMMUNICATION ENVELOPES: Per the School Handbook, Communication Envelopes are to be returned to the homeroom teacher by Friday morning. Parents may return school fees, notes, etc. in the envelope. All payments should be enclosed in their own envelope and clearly labeled with name and what is in the individual envelope.

***PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** We sent home registration forms last week to those who inquired on the reservation forms for next school year. If you did 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. In April, Pre-K registration will be open to “outside of the parish” students.

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.)

40 Hours Devotion – Honor Guard: Any 6th – High School young lady who would like to process as the Honor Guard at the closing of 40 Hours Devotion at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 4th, please contact Theresa Kottwitz at 402-440-2417 or Theresa.Kottwitz@gmail.com. We will take the first 12 – 14 ladies who sign up. Please arrive at the rectory by 9:30 Sunday morning.

PIUS SHOW CHOIR FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN: Pius X High School is adding an additional show choir next year, and opening auditions to incoming freshmen. This weekend is the current show choir's last competition of the season, and a good opportunity for interested families to see what it's like. Flyer is attached.

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! March 1 is the next deadline to

submit. It may not seem like much, but when combined with all the other box tops, it adds up for our school!

POP CANS: Please continue to save your pop cans and put them in the fenced area by the rectory. These funds are used to purchase new library books.

SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: Need a new pair of navy uniform pants or an extra shirt to get you through the rest of the year? OLD NAVY ScripNow! has a 20% rebate through Friday, March 2nd! You can get a pair of pants for \$12 and give back over \$2.00 to St. Teresa's in the process. Check out the other Scrip bonuses [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: St. Teresa's Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration on Tues. 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. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/508054eafaa2ba46-lenten>

SEE THE MOVIE, "CONNECT" in Theaters: **Thursday, March 1st**. Click [Connect](#) for more information & tickets.

LINCOLN MOMS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT – March 3 Join us to discuss **"Matters of Marriage" with the Marriage Experts, 8:30-10:30 am at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in The Guadalupe Center**. Free-will donation (\$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)! Contact us at lincolnmoms@outlook.com or Facebook.

40 HOURS DEVOTION: March 2nd – 4th. Holy Hours on Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. 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>.

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.