

*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 7, 2018

Dear Parents,

“How many of you love Jesus? How many of you would die for your faith?” These were two questions Father Fulton asked the students at Tuesday’s Mass. It was the feast day of St. Paul Miki and his companions. Fr. Miki was a Jesuit priest who suffered greatly and never denied the faith. We are so blessed to that we do not have to suffer for our faith; however, do we stand up for it in other ways by our actions? Are we honest, say only kind words, build people up, and dress modestly? It is not easy to live virtuous lives because we want to please others, we want to fit in, or we want to cover up our mistakes, etc. I suggest that we pray daily, asking Jesus to help us to do good! God bless you all!

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

**DATES for: February**

- 7 Leadership Board Meeting 4 p.m.
- 8 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confessions Grade 8 Band Student/Parent Rome Trip meeting at Pius 7:00 p.m. (see handout)
- 9 **No preschool or kindergarten classes** Kindergarten Preview 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.  
Happy Birthday, Mrs. Werner! Junior High Trivia Night
- 11 Grade 8 Band Students participate with Pius Band (see handout)
- 12 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Pius X 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Valentine’s Day celebrations
- 14 **Ash Wednesday** 8A Class Mass Grades 4 & 6 Confessions Midterms issued
- 16 **No School** (Faculty Meeting 9 a.m., Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-4 p.m.)  
Grade 8 Band Students in Pius Pep Band (see handout)
- 19 **No School** (Teacher In-Service)
- 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

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

**PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS:** James O’Neal & Liam O’Shea Creal

**THINGS BEING SENT HOME:** Scrip forms; Grade 5 Field Trip forms; Lunch & Library notices; Grade 8 Letter; Grade 8 Band Student Letter

**ATTACHMENTS:** McCracken Order Form; Mother Daughter Program Information and Registration

**PRESCHOOL 2018-19:** We are looking into adding more options for preschool. We are doing price comparisons and figuring out how to make the program self-supporting. As a result you may see an increase in cost. We will have more information to share by the end of February.

**KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW:** Kindergarten preview will be held on Friday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>** at St. Teresa School. Two sessions are available: 9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Invitations to our current Preschoolers were in your CE two weeks ago. If you have a future Kindergartener and are not in our current Preschool Program please call the school office to let us know that you are planning on attending. Also, spread the word to others that may have a kindergartener next year. Kindergarteners are required to be 5 years old by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Here is the link for Signup Genius Conferences:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44aba728a31-parentteacher1> Conferences are on **Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>** from 1-4 p.m. PK through Grade 5, Mrs. Quinto, Mrs. Schilmoeller, Miss Mohr, and Mrs. Murphy will be in their classrooms. Please log in to SignGenius to reserve a 10 minute conference. All JH teachers will be set up in the gym. No conference reservations are required.

**YMCA YOUTH SPORTS** spring registration deadline is **February 13**. Youth Sports offered are Soccer, YMCA Jr Huskers Flag Football, Cheerleading, Lacrosse, Bowling and Volleyball. Registration is also now available for Golf and Summer YMCA Jr Huskers Baseball, Softball and T-ball. The YMCA of Lincoln offers a financial assistance program and all Youth Sports information can be found at [ymcalincoln.org/youth](http://ymcalincoln.org/youth) or call 402-434-9217.

**McCRACKEN BOOKS:** If your child wants to order a book from the McCracken Series, written by Mark Adderley, who spoke to 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders last Wednesday, we have an order form in the office. The form is also attached. Please select the books you would like and send the money/check written out to St. Teresa School to the office. It is \$12 per book or 5 books for \$50. Due **Thursday, Feb. 15**. Mr. Adderley will sign the books and send them back to school for us to distribute.

### **CSW THANK YOU...**

- + for helping cover classrooms so the teachers could enjoy a luncheon together – Kristina Fitzpatrick, Sarah McMaster, Renee Cunningham, Emily Pfeifer, Voni Wesolowski, Aubrey Potter, Lori Morin, Jill Zimmer, Jody Duchesneau, Nita Stell, Laurie Clark, Michelle Johnson, Kim Theisen, Denise Knotwell, Jean Timmerman, and Kristi Casady
- + School Family for providing the delicious staff luncheon
- + Volunteers for the teacher luncheon: A special thank you to Megan Knievel and Sarah Schinstock for the beautiful table decorations and to Megan Bauman, Kristina Fitzpatrick and Lisa Butler for setting up, serving and cleaning after the lunch! Thanks to Carrie Stratman for coordinating!
- + Volunteers who watched classes during Mass on Wed. and during the volleyball game

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER DAY:** The Family Life Office will sponsor a Mother Daughter Program to promote respect and understanding of human development on **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **WAYS TO SERVE**



**BEST CHOICE:** Turn in UPS symbols from Best Choice products and we receive 3 cents per label. What an easy way to make money for our School Family.



**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!

**SHOPAROO** 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.

**SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS:** SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: January's Scrip Profit was \$1387.78. If each of the next 11 months is the same, our year end would be under \$17,000. Let's work to make each month's profit higher than the previous one and hit our \$25,000 goal. 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. Please review the front of the form as well for all of our in-stock merchants including limited time cards, and check out the hundreds of participating merchants at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) that are available to add as a special order.

Don't forget to stock up on Runza Scrip for Temperature Tuesdays!! Your Union Bank Propelr Debit card will also provide a rebate back to St Teresa's from Runza! Would you be willing to help sell Scrip? Please contact the office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL NIGHT**: All ladies are invited for a fun night of volleyball in the school gym on Friday, **February 16**, from 7:30-9:00 PM.

**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 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](http://www.JeffVeley.com)

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

**EDUCATIONQUEST**: The [Middle School College Planning](#) brochure shared homework tips for parents! [The 2018 "Why I Want to Go to College" essay contest is now open from NEST](#), Nebraska's 529 College Savings Plan. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students could receive \$2,000, \$1,000, or \$500 in a college savings plan. [Click here for a promo poster and rules](#). This is not EducationQuest-sponsored, so please contact NEST (Nebraska Educational Savings Trust) with any questions. The state treasurer's office (NEST sponsor) college savings division can be reached by phone at (402) 471-2455. The \$529 college savings drawing for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students is open through May 31, 2018! Learn more at [www.NEST529.com/middleschool](http://www.NEST529.com/middleschool).