

*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



April 11, 2018 - St. Stanislaus

Dear Parents,

Do you know where the Five First Fridays of Reparation came from? On December 10, 1925 Mary appeared to Lucia with the Child Jesus at her side and said, "My daughter, look at My Heart encircled with the thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you at least try to console Me and announce in My name that **I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary and keep Me company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to Me.**"

Lucia wrote a beautiful letter to her mother urging her to practice this devotion:

Dear Mother, as I know my letters always bring you great consolation, I am writing to you now to urge you to offer Our Lord the sacrifice of my absence. I know truly how deeply you feel this separation. However, you must realize that, if we did not separate from each other willingly, Our Lord would have taken it upon Himself to do it. Let us remember Uncle Manuel, who said that he would never allow his children to leave home, and Our Lord took them away.

This is why I wanted you, mother, to offer our separation to Our Lady generously, as an act of reparation for the offenses She receives from Her ungrateful children. I desired that you, mother, might give me the consolation of embracing the devotion which I know pleases God and which Our Lady Herself requested.

As soon as I knew it, I embraced it myself and have wanted to do everything possible to make others practice it. I expect that you will write to me saying that you have accepted it and are trying to make others take up this devotion. You can never give me a greater consolation. It consists only in what is written on the back of the enclosed little card. Confession can be made on another day. The fifteen minutes of meditation are what will puzzle you most, but it is very easy. Who is the person who cannot think upon the mysteries of the Rosary? The Annunciation of the angel and the humility of our dear Mother, who, when She was exalted, called Herself the handmaiden of the Lord? Who cannot meditate on the sufferings of Our Lord, Who suffered so much in His love for us and Our Lady near Jesus on Calvary? Who is the one who cannot spend fifteen minutes near the most tender of mothers, reflecting on these thoughts?

Good-bye, dearest mother. Console our dear heavenly Mother in this manner and do your best to get others to console Her. In this way you will give me unbounded joy. Your most devoted child, who kisses your hand.

Lucia de Jesus

Have you completed the Five First Saturdays? Perhaps you could do this with your family from May-September? Please see the attachment for more information.

In the Heart of the Risen King,
Sister Mary Faustina, C.K.

DATES for: April

- 11 Grades 4 & 6 Confessions Leadership Board Meeting 4 p.m.
- 12 Confirmation Retreat Day
- 13 **No School** Strategic Planning/Faculty Meeting
- 14 Confirmation 10:00 a.m.
- 16 Grade 1 Field Trip Grade 8 Confessions
- 18 Midterm grades issued
- 19 First Holy Communion Retreat Day
- 20 **No School** (Bishop's Day Off) St. John's Student Council JH (grades 7 & 8) Dance (flyers will be sent home in CE's next week) 7-9:00 p.m. (cost \$5 or \$4 with can(s) of food)
- 21 First Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Grade 2 Field Trip Grade 7 Confessions
- 24 School Family Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Wacky Wednesday sponsored by Student Council

- 26 Spring Program (Grades 5-8) 7:00 p.m.
- 27 PK-B Day 8th Grade Retreat
- 29 Husker Catholic Candle-Lit Rosary around UNL Campus 8 p.m.
- 30 Service Hours due (Grade 5 was due on March 13th)

DATES for: May

1. Leadership Board Meeting 4:00 p.m. Band Concert Rehearsal 7-8:30 p.m. Pius X gym
2. Band Concert 7:00 p.m. Pius X gym

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS: Daniel St. Hilaire & Keevan Statz

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: Altar Server Schedule Grades 4-8; Grades 2 & 8 field trip forms; lunch & library notices; Grades 5-8 Concert Information; Family Scrip Statistics

ATTACHMENTS: Five First Saturdays Devotion; Pius Stardust poster; Mayor's Run flyer; Altar Server Schedule Grades 4-8; Grades 5-8 Spring Concert Information

MIDTERMS for grades 5 – 8 will be going home in the April 18th Communication Envelope. Due to Easter break and only 4 weeks since the 3rd quarter report cards, we are delaying the midterms to include a few more grades.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: The new altar server schedule, which begins on April 16th, is attached and included in today's CE.

LIBRARY FINE EXPLANATION: Please read library fine notices carefully. Notices with overdue books have **estimated** fines on them. Fines accumulate \$0.05 per day until the books are returned. The fines are estimated for that day. If the book is returned the next day, \$0.05 is added to the fine for each book. When the notice has an **amount due** fine, the books have been returned and the fine is final.

WAYS TO SERVE

SCRIP & PROPELR: Scrip sales for the week of April 2-8: \$18,550.00 for a rebate of \$692.88 back to the school. YTD totals: \$141,790.00 for a rebate of \$5,086.53. 2018 Goal: \$25,000—\$2,083/month or 480.80/wk. Our goal is \$500/week for rebates to reach our yearly goal of \$25000+. If you have purchased Scrip from August 1, 2017 through April 2, 2018, you will find your family's Scrip statistics in the communication envelope this week. Please note this is only Scrip and doesn't include Propelr. We will update Propelr stats this month and combine both to evaluate our overall totals. Thank you for using Scrip and Propelr

AMAZON SMILE: Shopping on Amazon? Please go to Amazon Smile, search for "St. Teresa Catholic Church", choose the one in Lincoln, NE. Use your existing Amazon account, but when you sign-in the first time choose your charity and we will start getting 0.5% back on any purchases. Scrip can be used to increase your donation by another 3%! Amazon will automatically deposit that money into the school account. Here is the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0393174>

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UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

ST. TERESA SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS: **Part-time Secretary** – Two days a week, 7:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m. **Junior High English and Resource Teacher** – full time, must have a teaching certificate. Contact Sister Anne Joelle if interested, and submit a resume and references, 402-477-3358.

ATTENTION: CURRENT 4TH GRADE BOYS will be offered altar server training after school on **May 4th** and **May 11th**, from **3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, starting immediately after school is dismissed. On arrival, boys should sit quietly in the front pews of the church. Boys must attend **both** sessions.

CK SISTERS OUTDOOR SPRING WORKDAY – **Sat., May 5, 1:30-4:30 p.m.** We will be planting our vegetable garden and cleaning up flowerbeds, as well as cutting down trees. Helpful items to bring include gloves, pruning shears, clippers, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, pickups, chain saws and energy! Children are also welcome! Mark your

calendars now and contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net if you would like to come and help. Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park.

2018-19 CALENDAR: Aug. 16 – First day of school; Aug. 17 – Preschool Open House; Nov. 1-4 – No school for All Saints/Teacher in-service; Nov. 21-23 - Thanksgiving break; Dec. 21 (noon)-Jan. 4 - Christmas break; April 18-23 - Easter break; May 23 - Last day

MATHCOUNTS is a math enrichment program offered at Pius during the summer for students who will be entering 6-9th grade this fall. It is taught by three Pius math teachers. MathCounts is a fantastic program involving collaboration, creative problem solving, and is simply fun. Register early! **Deadline is May 15.**

BRIGHT LIGHTS Registration is open. Booklets were sent home March 14th in the CE. You may also visit www.brightlights.org for class schedules and details.

***PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** 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. 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.)

DENTAL SCREENING: 79-248 states that “every school district shall cause every child under its jurisdiction to be separately and carefully inspected... to ascertain if such child is suffering from (1) defective sight or hearing, (2) dental defects, or (3) other conditions as prescribed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Therefore, please let the office know if your children **have not** been to the dentist since last May. You can call the office or email TAEL-AA@cdolinc.net with this information. There will be an informal screening in May.