

May 9, 2018

Dear Parents,

101 years ago on May 13 Mary appeared the first time to the three children in Fatima. Therefore, this brings our celebration of the 100th anniversary to a close. What is the message of Fatima for us today?

One year after he was shot, Pope John Paul II traveled back to Fatima on May 13, 1982, and said, "If the Church has accepted the message of Fatima, it is above all because the message contains a truth and a call whose basic content is the truth and the call of the Gospel itself."

Fr. Frederick Miller wrote an article posted on catholicculture.org in which he stated:

"Our Lady came to Fatima to combat the atheism, rebellion and materialism of the modern world. She came from God to save souls from unbelief, sin and ultimately from hellfire. She came, begging all believers to join Christ in his work of redemption by living faith-filled and holy lives. Fatima calls all Catholics to be deeply renewed in faith, conversion and spiritual life. Our Lady's message should inspire all to know the faith in a more mature and comprehensive way; to study the content of the Creed, the moral law, the social teachings of the Church; to come to a better understanding of the Holy Eucharist and the other sacraments as well as Christian prayer, liturgical and devotional. Through this study of the content of the Sacred Deposit of the Faith carried out in communion of mind and heart with the Vicar of Christ, each Catholic will become equipped to be an effective evangelist and catechist, each in his or her own sphere of influence... In the June apparition, Our Lady said to Lucia: "I will be your refuge and the way that leads you to God." Might these words be meant not only for Lucia but for the Church in the twentieth century? Perseverance in the Catholic Faith, the spread of the faith through the ministry of the word, and personal growth in holiness must proceed today under the motherly guidance of Mary. Consecration to her Immaculate Heart is the way to fidelity to Christ in our times."

When I attended World Youth Day in Krakow, we visited a museum in the apartment where Pope John Paul II grew up in Wadowice. I was struck by a quote on display. It was from the talk that the Holy Father was planning to give at St. Peter's in Rome on May 13, 1981. However, as you might remember, he was shot and never delivered his speech. This is an excerpt from the text, "Joy and pain, thorns and roses intertwine in our lives. May the Blessed Virgin Mary teach us to turn this lot – which often leads us to the feet of the cross, along with her – into our merit." These are powerful words and we all experience joy and pain in our lives. May our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Fatima, come to our aid and lead us to her Son. God bless you! Have a safe and grace-filled summer!

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

**DATES for:** May

- 10 No School, Ascension Thursday
- 11 PK-B Day Grade 7 Field Trip Gr. 4 Altar Server Training, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 14 Grade 7 Confessions
- 15 Grade 3 Field Trip Grade 4 Band Recruitment Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Pius X Band Room
- 16 Grade 8 Mass & Lunch at Cathedral, 10:30 a.m. Grades 5 & 6 Confessions
- St. Teresa JH Choir signs at the UNL Newman Center, 7-8 p.m. Newman Holy Hour! All are welcome!
- Grade 4 Band Recruitment mtg., 7:00 p.m., Pius X Band Room
- 17 Grade 8 Class Trip Grade 2 Confessions
- 18 PK-A Day Grade 8 Last Day **12:30 Dismissal** Faculty Meeting/May Tea

- 21 Grade 4 to TMCO to thank Mr. Temme for his 10th year of service to our school; Grades 3 & 4 Field Trip;  
Grade 8 Graduation, 7:00 p.m., Church
- 22 Grades 1 & 2 Field Trip
- 23 Grades 5, 6, & 7 Field Trip; Talent Show, 1:30 p.m.
- 24 **Last Day of School, 10:00 a.m. Dismissal**; Family Celebration, 7 pm play/social, 8:30 movie "The Greatest Showman", \$1 Slushies at the school playground/South parking lot
- 25 Teacher's Last Day, Workday

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY:** That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

**THINGS BEING SENT HOME:** Lunch & Library Notices; 7th Grade Freeze Pop flyer; Field Trip forms for Grades 5, 6, & 7; Grades 3 & 4A and 4B; and Grades 4-7; Grades 5-8 Math Counts Registration Form; 8th Grade Movie Night Invite; FHC and Confirmation photos

**ATTACHMENTS:** UNL Learning Lab flyer; Page One reading lists; Summer Food Service Program flyer; School Movie Night flyer

**THANK YOU:**

- To all of our school parents for their support and encouragement on Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day!
- We received \$477 from Box Tops for the School Family budget! Thanks for clipping and saving!
- For your generous donations to the Arens family for baby Leo! The Greens for Jeans fundraiser brought in \$1,105.31 last Wednesday, May 2.
- To the Knights of Columbus for the delicious luncheon last Wednesday

**KITCHEN RENOVATION - GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY:** Share emails and posts about Give to Lincoln Day from our St. Teresa Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/St-Teresa-Catholic-School-Lincoln-NE-112506312442594](http://www.facebook.com/St-Teresa-Catholic-School-Lincoln-NE-112506312442594). Online donations will be accepted from May 1 through May 31. (<https://givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/st-teresa-school>) We're up to \$960 already!

**GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY – TOWER PARTY** is on May 31st from 10 am – 2 pm. We are inviting families to take shifts to represent our school. Rosie Polak will be there the whole time. Your presence is essential to be a witness to our school and to promote our cause, as well as to pray for all in attendance and for all our benefactors. Students should wear their school uniforms. If it is hot, boys may wear navy blue shorts. If you sign up, please report to Tower Square, 13th & P Streets, table #12 at your scheduled time. If the sign up is full, feel free to come anytime! [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0D45A5A92CA20-give](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0D45A5A92CA20-give)

**LIBRARY REMINDER:** All St. Teresa library books must be returned by May 11th, during the students' check out days, to allow adequate time to inventory the library. Mrs. Pepino will continue her curriculum for the students during the remainder of the school year. Overdue books must be returned and library fines paid to receive your final report card.

**CHESS CLUB:** Congratulations to all of our Chess Club participants and a special thanks to our volunteer coach, Steve Kuzma. Final Standings: 2018 School Champion-Steven Krueger, Runner Up-Trenton Behne, 3rd Place (Won Playoff)-Thomas Schinstock, Most Improved Player-Parker Koos, Rookie of the Year-Isaac Minchow, Top Female Player-Cora Halverson

**SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP) Meals & Activities** The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 established requirements for conducting outreach to households on the availability of meals and activities during the summer months. To locate a sponsor in your area see the flyer or click on Meals or summerfoodrocks (which will be updated soon).

**UNL LEARNING LAB** - literacy activities for PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st grade The activities are in a game-like format to help students learn letter names, letter sounds, and sight words. It is geared towards preschool-aged children getting ready for Kindergarten, Kindergarten-aged children, to keep their skills sharp over the summer, or First grade children who may still need to work on these skills. The Learning Lab can be accessed by parents for free at the following address: <https://eruditelearninglab.unl.edu/live/> There is a place for parents to register before their children can access the site. Take a look at First Steps to Reading Fluency

**2018 PRO-LIFE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS:** Congratulations to all our winners!

1st Grade: 1st Place: Monica Bauman

2nd Grade: 1st Place: Joy Morin; 2nd Place: Ellie Andres; 3rd Place: Eleanor Pfeiffer

3rd Grade: 1st Place: Gisella Rutledge

4th Grade: 1st Place: Daniel Varicak,

6th Grade: 1st Place: Elizabeth Timmerman

7th Grade: 1st Place: Clare Bauman

2018 Pro-Life Essay Contest Winners

7th Grade: 1st Place – Lucia Rutledge

10th Grade: 2nd Place –Campbell Mandery– Pius X High School, Parish – St. Teresa (former student)

**PAGE ONE 2018-2019 A GREAT SUMMER READING LIST:** Page One is an extracurricular reading program that your child (grades 3-8) can be involved in next year. Level 1 - Grades 3 & 4; Level 2 - Grades 5 & 6; Level 3 – Grades 7 & 8. The Page One list is a great list of quality books, new and old. Even if your child doesn't want to commit to Page One, it is a great list of SUMMER READING. <http://www.nebpageone.weebly.com> (click on resources for the book lists)

**KFOR SUMMER FUN PUNCH TICKETS** are a great bargain for families. All money from ticket sales stays right here at school! If interested in purchasing tickets (\$5 each, one ticket per child, children cannot share tickets), please send your money to the office in an envelope marked "KFOR Tickets". The last day to place your order is May 24. Tickets will be distributed before school ends. You might want to order early so they have a better chance of making it home safely in the Communication Envelope.

## **WAYS TO SERVE**

**SNACK SHACK:** Do you enjoy having the Snack Shack? Perhaps you can help. We really need parent volunteers to collect admission and run the Snack Shack. See the attachment that went home on April 18th and contact Sister Anne Joelle if you are interested. Thank you for considering this. If we can have two parents per sport, each parent would only have to run the Snack Shack for about four evenings.

**WALK THE LITTLE WAY** – Can you help with this key fundraiser?!

**WALK THE LITTLE WAY COORDINATOR:** Oversees fundraiser and works with individual committee members.

**T-SHIRT ORGANIZER:** Helps with the design. Manages order and delivery of t-shirts to students.

**ADVERTISING:** Helps promote the Walk through a variety of mediums.  
**CORPORATE SPONSORS:** Helps with sending out letters to our corporate sponsors, sending out thank you's and putting together the corporate sponsor banner.  
**ACCOUNTING:** Helps track donations and provide families with status of their donations.  
**DAY OF THE WALK:** Helps organize and serve the snacks the day of the walk.  
Please contact Mary Koenig for any questions or to volunteer.  
dougmarykoenig@inebraska.com

**SCRIP & PROPELR:** Scrip sales for the week of April 30 through May 6 were \$14,065 for a rebate of \$473.15. Please remember to check all of the rebate bonuses being offered right now at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS**

**ST. TERESA SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS:** Part-time Secretary – Two days a week, 7:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Contact school office for an application if interested. 402-477-3358.

**4th GRADE BAND:** Information from Mr. Thomas Downey, our Band Director: 4th Graders will soon be auditioning on instruments for band next year! They will be doing this during school and bringing home information in May. This year there is also a 4th Grade Band Recruitment Parent Meeting on Tues., May 15th and Wed., May 16th in the Pius X Band room at 7:00 p.m. The meeting usually runs about an hour. The same information is given both evenings, so parents would only need to come ONE night. We'll give a small presentation about band, play some recordings, and set out the various instruments for everyone to see. PLEASE come to one of these two nights if you have any interest in your student doing band. We promise it will not be a waste of time!

**ST. TERESA JH CHOIR** sings Wed., May 16 at the UNL Newman Center, 7-8 p.m. All are welcome to this Newman Holy Hour! Spend an hour with Jesus, uplifting music and quiet time to pray!

**Every BODY Matters** – Parents and Teachers, do you have a tough time answering your children's questions about their bodies in light of today's culture? Join us to hear international speaker Monica Ashour present stories, statistics, and objectives about good choices that prepare students for healthy, whole, and harmonious lives. The concepts she shares will help you form your children, grades PreK-8, in their identity and dignity as human persons as well as to successfully navigate their way in a culture that creates confusion about the body. Day and evening sessions available June 20-22 in Lincoln. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y89afpo8> for more details. See attached flyer.

**ORDER SCHOOL SUPPLIES ONLINE:** We are excited to announce that our school is offering online school supplies through ClassBundl for the upcoming school year! You can simply search our school, select your student's classroom, and have their supplies bundled for the new school year. Plus, each purchase earns 5% cash back to our school to fund projects. You can order supplies with just a few clicks at [www.ClassBundl.com/Order](http://www.ClassBundl.com/Order).

**GRADUATION MASS:** Save the Date - 8th grade graduates (and high school graduates) and their families are invited to a Mass celebrated in your honor by Bishop Robert Finn on Sunday, June 24 at 9 a.m. at Villa Regina Motherhouse (4100 SW 56th St.). Refreshments will follow. Please RSVP by phone or email ([sr.fiat-marie@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.fiat-marie@cdolinc.net)) Know that the Mass will be offered for you even if you cannot attend.

**SUMMER ART LESSONS:** Annie Timmerman (Junior at Pius X, St. Teresa Grad) will be offering her second summer of Art Lessons. Classes meet at 637 South 40th Street once a week during June and July. An evening makeup class will be offered during Totus Tuus. Classes are offered for children going into 1st – 5th grades. She has an advanced class for 6th- 8th graders with one spot open. The cost is \$75 for the summer. The current schedule is listed below:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday
9:30-11:00	9:30-11:00	6:30-8:00	9:30-11:00	6:30-8:00
1st -2nd Grades	2nd - 4th grades	Advanced Art	2nd - 4h grades	3rd - 5th grades

For more information or to reserve a spot, please email Jean Timmerman at [jeantimmerman@neb.rr.com](mailto:jeantimmerman@neb.rr.com).

**BUNDY II ALTO SAXOPHONE:** For sale -Includes case and reeds -\$500. Contact Kim Theisen, 402-430-0074.

**6th GRADE PARENTS:** All students going into 7th grade are required to have a physical exam, DPT booster, two doses of the Varicella vaccine, and immunizations records by a qualified physician within six months prior to the entrance into 7th grade. Please schedule the appointment soon. A copy of your student’s physical and a complete list of immunizations from your provider is due in the school office before Aug. 16th, 2018. All 6th-7th graders received a fall sport packet last week in the CE, which included a sports physical form. The requirements of the 7th grade exam will fulfill the requirements of the sports physical, but a sports physical may not be substituted for the complete 7th gr. exam.

**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.

**SPORTS SHIRTS AVAILABLE:** We have 3 XL and 6 L St. Teresa Soccer jerseys, many gold/yellow Track and Field tank tops, and many reversible blue/gold practice jerseys available for a free will offering