



August 23, 2017 – St. Rose of Lima

Dear Parents,

Praise be to God and Mary! What an awesome start of the school year! First of all, we have not had any heat dismissal days! Praise God! Then we had a beautiful Eucharistic Procession last Friday. Father Hottovy and Father Ramedini brought Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to each classroom! I was moved to tears as the nine altar servers led Jesus from classroom to classroom and the students knelt to receive Jesus' blessing. There was chant music playing in the background and the school was in silence. How can our children not be touched? I surely was.

On Monday, Our Lady interceded to her Son to have the clouds move away so we were able to view the solar eclipse. In a homily Bishop Conley gave to our community last Sunday, he referred to the solar eclipse, saying that you can't look at the sun directly, but you can look at the sun through the moon. The moon has always been a symbol of Mary reflecting the light from the sun (Son). Thus, although we cannot look at God directly, we can look at the SON through Mary. She allowed us to experience this on Monday. God, our creator, is truly amazing! Thank you, God, for helping us to experience YOU through your creation. God bless!

In the Heart of the King, I am,
Sister Anne Joelle, CK

DATES for:

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| August | 24 | 8B Class Mass for St. Bartholomew |
| | 24 | 7:00 p.m. Back to School Night & School Family Meeting in the gym |
| | 26 | 10:00 a.m. Bishop Flavin's Memorial Mass at Villa Regina |
| | | Motherhouse |
| September | 1 | Picture Day for PreK A & K-8; Mission Collection / Lunch Adoration / 2:45 p.m. Benediction |
| 4 | | NO SCHOOL – Labor Day |
| | 6 | Buddy Lunch; Leadership Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m. |
| | 8 | 5 th grade class Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| | 10 | Happy Birthday, Mrs. Mary Murphy (resource teacher) |
| | 11 | 7:00 p.m. Sacramental meeting for parents in Kaczmarek Hall |
| | 13 | Happy Birthday, Father Hottovy; Annual Marian Mass, 7:00 p.m. |
| | 15 | 4B Class Mass for Our Lady of Sorrows |
| 15 | | 12:30 p.m. Dismissal for faculty meeting |
| | 21 | Happy Birthday, Mrs. Guzman de Cruz (secretary) |
| | 21 | 12:30 Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences: 1-5, 6-8 p.m. (midterms issued at conferences) |
| 22 | | NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., (midterms issued at conferences) |
| | 27 | 7 th - 8 th field trip to Omaha Zoo; remaining midterms sent home |
| | 28 | PreK B Picture Day & Picture Retakes |
| | 29 | 5 th -6 th field trip to Plum Creek Literacy Festival at Concordia |
| | 29 | 2A Class Mass for Feast of the Archangels |

30 Happy Birthday, Mrs. Theresa Schafers (PK teacher)
CK Outdoor Work Day, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
October 2 Celebrate the Feast of St. Therese; Walk the Little Way

- **CALENDAR CHANGES**

Confirmation retreat is **April 12th**

Confirmation is **April 14th**

Spring Program (5th-8th) is April 26 due to Confirmation and First Communion

- **THINGS BEING SENT HOME:** Spanish Club flyer; Reduced Lunch Program packet; Parent Directory; WTLW T-Shirt Order Form, Boy Scout flyer; Picture Day reminder; Father/Daughter Day Retreat flyer

- **ATTACHMENTS:** Updated School Calendar; Theology of the Body parent letter; ACRE 5th Grade Results; Father/Daughter Day; SCIP newsletter; Healthy Celebrations; Snack ideas; Meals for Sisters flyer; CK Outdoor Workday flyer

- **THINGS DUE:** (please contact the school office if you have misplaced any forms)

+Parent Contact Sheet - Includes: Communication Envelope Carrier, Emergency Contact Info

+Tuition and fees forms (includes tuition, School Family fee, and bus fee), and School Handbook & Technology Use Policy Agreement form

COMMUNICATION ENVELOPE information is due to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. If this deadline is not met, we will put the information in the following week.

WELCOME to Liam Kreikemeier, a new cleaner, and Gary Harper, a new custodian.

IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERNS: *Please call in your child's absence **to the office** by 8:30 a.m. at the latest; we are responsible and need to account for all of our students in a timely manner. The office will forward the information to the student's teacher. You can also email the office at TAEL-AA@cdolinc.net.

- **The following items need to be shared with your children's drivers:**

*The area in front of the school is a loading zone only. Please do not park here. If you need to come into the school, park on a side street or in the church parking lot.

*Obey the "No Stopping Any Time" signs. Children cannot be seen in the crosswalks when vehicles are stopped or parked in these areas. This includes the area in front of the church.

*Please, no U-turns on 36th Street at Laura Avenue. This is a very busy intersection, and our children deserve to have a safe place to use the crosswalk.

POPSICLE SALES! Student Council is selling popsicles after school for \$0.25 on Aug. 24, 29, 31 and Sept. 5 and 7. _

- **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE:** On August 24, we will meet in the gym at 7:00 p.m. After an introductory session in the gym, parents will be able to visit informally with teachers in their classrooms and pick up handouts with more information about the year. The evening will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Please plan on attending and getting to know your child's classroom and teacher! New families are invited to come at 6:30 p.m. to meet some families ahead of time and they will show you around our school.

PICTURE DAY will be Friday September 1st in Kaczmarek Hall. We are using Pegasus School Images. If you pay for the first two children, the rest of the children get complimentary

photos. This includes your students at Pius. Siblings three years and older are also invited to have pictures taken at 8:10 a.m. that day in Kaczmarek Hall. The School Handbook states: --On dress-up days (e.g. school picture days), students may wear standard slacks, pants, skirts (must reach just above the knee), colored jeans (no blue jeans). They may not wear sweat pants, leggings, or stretch pants. Baggy and other faddish clothing is not allowed. No writing (small logo is permitted). T-shirts and sleeveless shirts are not allowed. **Jewelry and make-up regulations remain the same.**

SHORTS: **New this year** - Students may wear shorts during **all of August, September, and May**. Students in grades 1-8 should come in uniform (pants, jumpers or skirts); they may change after Mass. Kindergarten students may wear them to school since they do not attend Mass.

MEDICATION INFORMATION: If your child takes any kind of medication at school, even over the counter, the medication needs to be in the original container, and a Medication Permission form needs to be filled out. We cannot give any medications not in the original container or without this permission form. Please request a form from the office.

LUNCH ITEMS: Please be sure that lunch money is sent to the office in an envelope, clearly marked as lunch payment, with child's **name, grade, and amount of money inside**. Also, if a check is sent, please write child's name and lunch payment on memo line. All money is deposited into your child's account. Lunch is \$2.10 per meal. You may also pay for lunches through the online program, MySchoolBucks. For more information about this program, please contact the office. Milk only or extra milk is 40 cents. A reminder will be sent home in the Communication Envelope if you have a low balance or owe lunch money. If there are questions about your "bill", please contact Rosie Polak. Consider filling out a "Free and Reduced Lunch Form". The number of dependents in a family can make a difference. This packet is being sent home in the CEs to everyone today. This is an opportunity for students to receive a healthy meal each day either free or at a reduced price.

FAMILY PRAYER DAYS: The Family names on the monthly calendar are a reminder to pray for that family on that day. We announce the name each day for the students to pray for this family. Please join us in praying for them as well!

(ACRE) 5TH RELIGION RESULTS: In May our 5th graders took a national religion test to gauge how we are doing in the teaching of religion. Results confirmed that our students are doing very well. Please take a look at the attached results which show our group's percentages on each domain and even on specific topics compared to national averages. It also shows our scores for the class in these groups: *All Students, Catholic Students, and Returning Students*.

LITTLE FLOWERS: An informational meeting for families to join Little Flowers will be held on Monday, August 28th at 7:00 at Jean Timmerman's home (637 South 40th Street). If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact Jean Timmerman (jeantimmerman@neb.rr.com). Little Flowers is an extracurricular program, designed to teach virtue to young girls in a social setting. Families who join take responsibility of one meeting each year. Fees are minimal. If your daughter is in **1st grade**, this will be the organizational meeting for you to learn more and form your group. If your daughter is in **2nd or 3rd grades** and you are already plugged into the group you need not attend. If you are new to the school and would like to learn more we would love to have you join us. If your daughter is in **4th or 5th grades** and you would be interested in getting a group together, please contact Jean Timmerman by email. If there is enough interest we will put a group together for these grades. There is currently not an active group for 4th or 5th grades, but we can certainly restart those years.

GIRL GENIUS: St. Teresa School offers spiritual/social groups for girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. These groups are the Little Flowers groups for the older girls. Each grade supports their own group with different meetings. We call the groups Girl Genius as we use the ENDOW Girl Genius Series as our starting point. Girls who are interested in joining the group who are not already involved should contact Jean Timmerman (jeantimmerman@neb.rr.com) for more information. Those who are already involved should have been contacted (6th and 7th grades) or will be contacted soon (8th grade) as we organize for the year. If you have not heard from her, please connect with Jean.

PIANO LESSONS: If you are interested in piano lessons for your child(ren), you may pick up an informational flyer in the office from Donna Dunn, Founder and Director of Focus On Piano, LLC.

MEALS FOR THE SISTERS: Perform a work of mercy and provide a meal for the Sisters at St. Teresa Convent. Please see the attachment for details and sign up at <http://bit.ly/ckmeals2017>.

WAYS TO SERVE

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS: If you are planning on volunteering at St. Teresa School and have not volunteered for us or any other Lincoln Catholic School in the past, you are required to view the Safe Environment program and complete the paperwork for a background check. If you have volunteered in the past and you don't recall fulfilling these diocesan requirements, please contact the school office. The sooner you complete these requirements, the sooner you'll be on your way to "hassle-free volunteering!"

RECESS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0D45A5A92CA20-recess
We could use one or two more parents to help with recess duty. Maybe you can share with someone, so it isn't every week. Either way, go to Signup Genius, or call the school office if you can help. What a great opportunity to watch your children at play and to enjoy the outdoors. You are an extra set of eyes to keep the students safe. A teacher is on duty with you. Thanks to all who signed up!

SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: June/July 2017 **Profit:** \$1,645.32 **Thank you for using SCRIP!**

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RAISING CANE'S: We raised \$265.50 from our night out on May! Thanks for participating!

AMAZON SMILE: Amazon donates to St Teresa Catholic Church of Lincoln when you shop @AmazonSmile. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0393174>. We received a \$39.29 donation from the AmazonSmile as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2017. Please bookmark the link!

POP CANS: We can easily bring in \$40-50 a month with your participation! 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.

OFFICE DEPOT: Thank you to those who help us to earn \$56.33 from Office Depot. If you shop at Office Depot please give them our school ID #70064173. They give 5% back to our school.

THANK YOU:

+ to the crew that helped with the library project this summer in multiple ways: St. Teresa's Men's Club, Dan Wesolowski, Clarence Waldman, Robert Roselle, Randy Polak, Ryan Wesolowski, Steve and Patty Henrichsen, Larry Kohmetscher, Andrew Cunningham, Phillip Cunningham, Josh Andreason, John McDermott, Bob Ele, Matt Davis and son-Matthew, Anna Calhoun, Mike Sazatko, Dwaine Voboril, Jeff Knievel, Jeff Tlamka, Dylon Knudson, Mike Fitzgerald, Joe Goodwater, Jeff Knievel, Matthew Rich, Sandy Payne, Susan Pepino, Mark Rosno and family, Charles Stratman and family, Will Gaura, and T.J. Parr
+Dan Wesolowski for being the site foreman for the library move, planning, and providing materials and tools for the job
+Ryan Wesolowski for putting in electrical work for the new air conditioners in the Technology Room and Library
+Steve Henrichsen for being the assistant foreman for the library move, helping to paint the hall and new work room and arranging the trophies.
+to those who helped with the solar eclipse: Peter and Lori Morin, Kevin Clark and the many parents who came to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

MEMORIAL MASS FOR BISHOP GLENNON PATRICK FLAVIN: will be offered on Saturday, **August 26th** at 10:00 a.m. at Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th Street. The Mass is sponsored by the School Sisters of Christ the King; all are invited.

LINCOLN MOMS MEETING: Join us **September 2** for "Uncomplicated: Six words to simplify and amplify your life," with Melissa Yindrick. Lincoln MOMs is a group of Catholic mothers searching for fellowship, hope, & joy in our ever changing vocation. Monthly meetings are held every first Saturday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. **Our new fall semester location is Gianna's Java & Gelato at The Guadalupe Center** (2241 O St., Suite T, Lincoln, NE 68510). Free-will donation (\$5 suggested) helps cover the cost of speakers, reserved babysitting, and coffee/snacks. Contact us at lincolnmoms@outlook.com or our Facebook page. Bring a friend!

FATHER/DAUGHTER DAY RETREAT: For girls ages 7-11 and their dads and grandpas. Saturday, **Sept. 10**, from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Look for a detailed flyer being sent home today; flyer is also attached.

SACRAMENTAL PARENT MEETING Parents whose children are making First Penance, Communion, and or Confirmation please plan on attending a required meeting on Monday, **September 11**, 7 – 8:30 p.m. in Kaczmarek Hall. Father Sean Kilcawley of the Director of the Family Life Office will be speaking.

CK SISTERS OUTDOOR FALL WORKDAY – Sat., **Sept. 30**, 1:30-4:30 p.m. We will be cleaning up our vegetable garden, transplanting young trees, as well as cutting down trees and brush. Helpful items to bring include gloves, wheelbarrows, shovels, 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.

WALK THE LITTLE WAY will be held Monday, **Oct. 2**, 2017. Look for the order form for a

FREE t-shirt being sent home today. Please mark your children's sizes and return to the office by Aug. 31, 2017. More details will be sent home in the future.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VALUABLE SCIP PRESENTATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY:

September 26, 2017 - Promoting Student Mental Health, Lux Middle School, 6:30 PM

November 16, 2017 - Digital Citizenship, Lincoln Southeast High School, 6:30 PM

February 27, 2018 - Healthy Relationships, Lincoln Southwest High School, 6:30 PM

April 26, 2018 - Promoting Healthy Choices, Lincoln North Star High School, 6:30 pm

Contact Abbe Edgecombe if you have questions about the content, 402-327-6841.

ASBESTOS NOTICE – In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency regulations, St. Teresa School hired the Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA) to conduct initial asbestos inspections in 1988. St. Teresa School again hired IEA to conduct re-inspection in 1991. Asbestos Management Plans were developed through these inspections in order to protect the health of our students and staff and to maintain compliance with EPA regulation concerning asbestos containing materials in schools. Since 1988, St. Teresa School has carefully followed these management plans. During the inspection of October 1994, the materials that contain or are assumed to contain asbestos were assessed to present negligible health risks. As a result of this inspection by the Diocesan Office of Environmental Management, a new management plan was developed. The administrators of St. Teresa School will closely follow these new management plans. The management plans are available for your inspection, in the school. During regular business hours. The program manager provided by the diocese is Mr. Ron Prochaska, Alfred Benesch & Company, 825 M St, Ste. 100, Lincoln, NE, 68508. Please feel free to contact St. Teresa School if you have any questions.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY: St. Teresa School admits students of any race, sex, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national and ethnic origin in administration in its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.