



ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

ABIDE IN CHRIST AND BUILD HIS KINGDOM



CELEBRATING 35 YEARS 1991-2026

NEWSLETTER – May 11, 2026

25-26 SCHOOL THEME – BUILD HIS KINGDOM

SISTER OF THE WEEK – Pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood in our Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK – Pray for all young men to discern a vocation to the priesthood in our Diocese of Lincoln.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK – Loyalty / Accepting the bonds implicit in relationships and defending the virtues upheld by Church, family, country, friends, and school. / To view the Education in Virtue Calendar, click [HERE](#).

ITEMS INCLUDED in this NEWSLETTER (Scroll to view specific information):

Mark Your Calendar
Volunteer Opportunity
Summer Camps
2026-27 Enrollment
Faith, Academics & Activities
Safety, Health & Wellness
St. Peter Parish, Community, & Pius X Opportunities & Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MENU CHANGE – May 13 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, and dinner roll, fruit and milk.

NO SCHOOL – Reminder that there is no school on Thursday, May 14, due to the Holy Day, Ascension Thursday.

LAST DAY – Reminder that the last day for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten will be Wednesday, May 20. Kindergarten through Grade 7 will dismiss on Thursday, May 21.

ATTENTION 8th GRADE PARENTS - Graduation Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 13

Awards and Scholarship Ceremony / Gym / After 8:15 a.m. Mass
8th Grade Mass with Bishop Conley / Cathedral / 10:30 a.m.
8th Grade Last Day of Classes – Regular Dismissal time

Monday, May 18

Graduation Mass / 7:00 p.m. / All are invited.
Graduation Ceremony / After Mass / JP II / All are invited.
Graduation Reception (hosted by 7th Grade and SFA) / Gym / 8th Grade Graduates & Families

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Field Day Volunteers Needed Thursday, May 21 – Field Day is an annual event to conclude the school year providing students with fun games and activities. Parent volunteers are needed from 12:30 p.m. (Check-in) to 3:00 p.m. (Field Day is 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) To volunteer, email Mrs. Richter at Roxanne-richter@cdolinc.net or contact the school office.

SUMMER CAMPS

St. Peter Summer Camps are filling up...reserve your spot soon as registration has been opened to all parish families. A deadline to register will be announced in next week's Newsletter. See image below for more info or attached flier. [Click here to register.](#)

2026 ST. PETER SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR

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FAITH, ACADEMICS & ACTIVITIES



Thanks to the incredible generosity of supporters like you, our efforts to fund a portable sound system (w/wireless microphones) has reached approximately 36% of our Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving goal! We are deeply grateful for the many people who have already stepped forward to help replace equipment that has depreciated and is outdated. If still wanting to assist in this effort...no matter the dollar amount, this equipment will enhance many of our parish's ministry endeavors including school events such as the Spring Musical, Christmas Program, Wax Museum, and Living Stations of the Cross. Please consider an individual contribution or a matching contribution through your employer to support our faith, academic, and our activity programs. To participate, click [HERE](#) or visit: [St. Peter Catholic School | #iGiveCatholic](#). Giving runs through May 14th. If questions, please contact the School Office at 402.421.6299.

FAITH:

Mission Collection (Fridays) – For those who were part of St. Peter prior to 2022, the name *Kirsten Stephan* is likely a familiar and cherished one. For those newer to our community, Mrs. Stephan was a beloved teacher at St. Peter Catholic School who faithfully served our mission as our Art Teacher before her passing. Her presence, creativity, and generosity of spirit left a lasting mark on our school and on all who knew her. St. Peter Catholic School's Friday Mission Collection through May 15th will be to support her daughter Alex who participated in the Lincoln Marathon to support the mission of [Mourning Hope Grief Center](#). To learn more about Alex's efforts, visit <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580550005473> or email alexandraberkebile@gmail.com.

Family Summer Retreat – Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House is hosting a Family Retreat Day on Sunday, August 2. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to step away from the busyness of life and grow in their faith together. Activities include games, prayer, talks, Adoration, and time together as a family. See attached flyer for details.

Pray for Priests – The School Sisters of Christ the King are hosting a Forty Hours Devotion to pray for priests on June 12-13. You are welcome to sign up for an hour of Adoration, as well as Masses and other devotions, using the following link [40 Hours Devotion for Priests at Villa Regina Motherhouse June 11-13, 2026](#) A picnic lunch with the Sisters will conclude the 40 Hours; the sign-up for lunch is on the same link. The Motherhouse is located at 4100 SW 56 St. in Lincoln.

ACADEMICS:

Library Books – Last book check out date is Wednesday May 6. Last book check IN date is Wednesday May 13. Report Cards **will be held** if books are not returned. Contact Librarian Sandra Caradori at sandra-caradori@cdolinc.net with any questions.

Service Hour Sheets – The deadline for students in Grades 1-7 are due to their homeroom teacher by Wednesday, May 13.

Report Cards – The report cards for Grades K-7 will go home on the last day of school. Report Cards **will be held** if we are missing one or more of the following:

- Library books - see Mrs. Caradori or email sandra-caradori@cdolinc.net
- Track or athletic uniforms –see Mrs. Zohner or email Lainey-zohner@cdolinc.net
- Lunch accounts - see Janice Bosland or email Janice-Bosland@cdolinc.net

Report Cards may then be picked up during summer office hours (Wednesdays 9 a.m.–12 p.m. starting June 3) once the items are returned. If you have questions, please call the School Office.

Uniform Sale – [Tommy Hilfiger](#) is running a promotion for school uniforms May 11-18. The more you buy, the more you save: 10% off on orders up to \$149.99, 15% for \$150-249.99, and 20% for \$250 or more. Shop early and save more. Use Promo Code MY26BMSVEM at checkout.

ACTIVITIES:

26-27 Coaching Opportunities – Parents interested in coaching one of our many sporting opportunities for Grades 7 & 8 (Junior High) for next school year, please share your interest by contacting Mrs. Lainey Zohner, AD at lainey-zohner@cdolinc.net or contact the School Office at 402.421.6299. Activities include Fall – Cross Country (Girls & Boys) and Volleyball (Girls), Winter – Basketball (Girls & Boys), Spring – Bowling (Girls & Boys), Golf (Girls & Boys) and Track (Girls & Boys).

2026-27 ENROLLMENT

Parents, please complete the online enrollment (new students) or re-enrollment (returning students) by Thursday, May 21.

To view the materials online, visit the following links.

- [Preschool & PreKindergarten Enrollment](#)
- [K-8 Enrollment](#)

Re-enrollment Now Open – Online re-enrollment is now called “Annual Student Information Review”. There have been a few changes to the online enrollment for [returning students](#). Parents will initially see **only one form**, the “Annual Student Information Review”. Based on the responses provided in that form, the system will determine which additional forms the parent needs to complete. Returning students will still be required to complete 1) Health History, 2) Medical Authorization, and 3) Agreements. This redesigned process will eliminate forms where no changes are needed which will save time for parents.

NOTE: The enrollment process for [brand new students](#) entering the system for the first time will remain unchanged.

SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLNESS

Medication at School – If your student had medication here at school, it will be sent home Thursday, May 21. **Any meds not picked up will be discarded.**

Bike Safety – As the weather warms up, we see more bicycle riders at school. For safety reasons, all students riding their bike to school must wear a bicycle helmet. Thank you for keeping our students safe.

Attention 6th Grade Parents – Sixth grade students are required to have a physical exam completed by a healthcare provider **within six months prior to the entrance into 7th grade** AND an updated immunization record including a Tdap vaccine. Sometimes it takes a long time to get an appointment if you wait until summer to schedule. **A copy of your student’s physical and a complete list of immunizations from your provider is due in the school office before August 18, 2026.**

Reminder for 7th Grade Parents – If your student plans to participate in sports at St. Peter next year as an 8th grader, he/she will need a current physical turned in to the office prior to participation in the sport. (Your student’s 7th grade physical does not qualify, as this is an annual requirement.)

Have You Moved/Are Moving This Summer? Do you have a new address, phone number, or email? Please notify the school office so that we are able to reach you in the event of an emergency.

The USDA's Summer Food Service Program provides no-cost meals to children ages 1- 18 years at approved locations across the state. To find information about summer meals sites near you, visit the [SFSP Site Finder](#). Please note: The Nebraska SFSP sites will be available in the Summer Meals Site Finder after NDE approves site locations, which will be on approximately May 26, 2026.

ST. PETER PARISH, COMMUNITY, & PIUS X OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Parish Fundraiser – Saddle Up & Sip – Join us **Friday, June 5th** at the annual St. Peter's Catholic Church & School fundraiser, **Saddle Up & Sip!** for an evening of fellowship, live and silent auctions, food and drinks, live music, games and more! See flyer being sent home today with your youngest/only student. Many classroom projects, classroom treats, and special student events will be auctioned off to support our school & parish. Doors open at 6:30pm with a live auction beginning at 9:00pm. Must be 21+ to attend. Tickets available for purchase beginning Tuesday, May 5th on the parish website and can be purchased at the door of the event. It takes many extra hands to make this special evening a success. To help with event set up, event ticket sales, food prep, and clean up, click [Sign Up Genius link](#).

Pius X Summer Camps – Pius X is offering many different camps this summer, from athletics, to speech, to band, to performing arts. For camp details, click on [Summer Camps](#).

“Is My Child Ready for Tackle Football?” Jr Bolts Informational Meeting & Work-out – Pius X is hosting a “come and see” event for families who are undecided about tackle football. It will be Wednesday, July 8, 5-6:00pm at Aldrich Field. While we believe football has never been safer, the decision of when to start tackle football varies from family to family. During this one hour event, players will participate in some fun non-contact drills (including tackling dummies), while parents can ask questions and learn more about the program. This is a great opportunity for families who are on the fence and who have not registered for Jr Bolts Football. For more information, contact Jr Bolts President Taylor Ashburn at jrboltsfootball@gmail.com

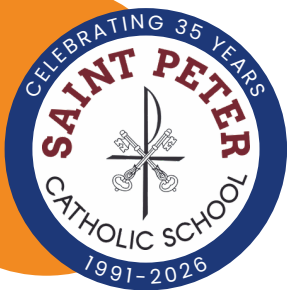
Pius X Math Camp – This new camp is specifically tailored to advanced, curious students currently in Grades 6, 7, & 8 (for 25-26) who enjoy challenge and math exploration. Camp is June 10 – July 22 / Fee: \$50 (plus \$3 online registration fee) / Instructors – Pius X Math Teacher Danielle Kane. For additional details, click on [Pius Math Camp](#).

Special Olympics Program – Villa Marie Home & School for Exceptional Children is excited to explore launching a Catholic Special Olympics program for students across the Diocese of Lincoln. This initiative would provide meaningful opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate in sports, build friendships, and grow in confidence and community. Programs like the Special Olympics serve millions of athletes worldwide and promote inclusion through year-round training and competition. The program is open to all Catholic parish families in the Diocese of Lincoln. Villa Marie School is hoping to build a Catholic special needs community. See attached flyer for details.

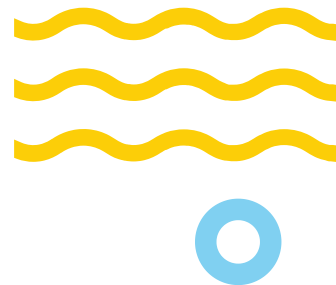
Summer Family Run Club - The **Nebraska Extension Marathon Kids Summer Family Run Club** is a family-based virtual running club that encourages families to be physically active during the summer months. Please see the attached for more information.

Camp Kateri Registration – There are still openings in the “Western Adventure” camp for students in Grades 3-5. Students in Grades 6-8 can sign up for the “SKY Games” camp. Register at www.campkateri.org and also view the video.

Summer Reading Challenge –The theme for this summer's Lincoln City Libraries reading challenge is “Unearth a Story”. The program runs from May 22 to July 31. Students of all ages are encouraged to read over the summer, but there are also fun and free events happening at the library all summer long. Sign up online via Beanstack or in person at your favorite library location. Students can earn free coupons, including a chance at winning grand prizes!



ST. PETER Summer CAMPS



SESSION 1: WEEK OF JUNE 1

Vacation Bible School Gr. PK-3	Art & Craft Keepsakes Gr. K-2	Robotics 1.0 Gr. 4-6	Girls Just Want to Have Fun! Gr. 5-6	Doodle Days of Summer Gr. 4-8
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SESSION 2: WEEK OF JUNE 8

Art & Craft Keepsakes Gr. K-2	Girls Just Want to Have Fun! Gr. 3-4	Watercolor Wonders Gr. 4-8	Robotics 2.0 Gr. 6-8
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Camps are either 3 or 4 mornings. See Camp Descriptions for specific dates/times.
 Camps are for children entering the grade levels listed in 2026-27.



Class sizes are limited. If a camp reaches capacity, a waitlist will be created.
 Snack and recess will be included each morning.



**Online Registration opens
 Monday, April 13 at 9:00 am**



2026 St. Peter Summer Camp Descriptions

Doodle Days of Summer

June 1-4, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Relax and create art at the same time! Learn through fun doodling exercises, the use of repetition, combining Mandala-type drawings and sketching abstract ideas. Wow! So many techniques! Go home with various creations: all-occasion cards, borders, gift tags, decorative initials, creative stationary and more.

Teacher: Mrs. Sandie Caradori, librarian and artist

Grades (entering): 4-8

Registration fee: \$125

Robotics 1.0

June 1-4, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Do you like science, engineering and technology? Let's build some robots! We'll build 13 different models with uKits and program them with block-based coding on an iPad, then make a quick video of each robot in action!

Teacher: Mrs. Steph Noble, computer teacher

Grades (entering): 4-6

Registration fee: \$125

Vacation Bible School

June 2-4, 9:00 am-11:30 am

Do you want to fall deeper in love with the Word of God? Join us for Vacation Bible School! We'll spend time together with the Word of God and friends and through different crafts, songs, and activities come to share the love of God with one another and the world!

Teacher: Mrs. Kellie Vajgrt and other volunteers

Grades (entering): PK-3

Registration fee: \$25

Art and Craft Keepsakes

Session 1: June 1-4, 9:00 am-12:00pm

Session 2: June 8-11, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Does your child love to create with arts and crafts? Join us for a week of creating handmade gifts that also make great gifts for family and friends. Gifts to be made will include: a Catholic school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year; a set of four coasters; a set of six thumbprint magnets; and a set of three keychains. Priceless treasures to keep for yourself or give to those you love.

Teacher: Mrs. Janice Anderson, PreK teacher

Grades (entering): K-2

Registration fee: \$125

Registration fee: \$125

Girls Just Want to Have Fun!

Session 1: June 1-3, 9:00 am-12:00pm

Session 2: June 8-10, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Have a desire to go on a girl's trip without the travel and the hassle of planning? Join us for a three-day "get away" right here at St. Peter! Young ladies will take the time to grow in spiritual friendships with their peers, while also doing all the things girls love to do! We will reflect on a Bible passage each day about the "Feminine Genius", beginning with Proverbs 31 to the Visitation. We will also complete arts and crafts corresponding to that Bible passage - including bouquet making! Get ready for crafts, adoration, Lectio Divina, and much more!

Teacher: Ms. Megan Neal, 5th grade teacher

Grades (entering): 5-6

Registration fee: \$90

Grades (entering): 3-4

Registration fee: \$90

Robotics 2.0

June 8-11, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Do you like science, engineering and technology? We're going to use the TETRIS PRIME remote-control robotics set to construct 3 different robots and then have some fun with them, including an obstacle course and battle-bots competition.

Teacher: Mrs. Steph Noble, computer teacher

Grades (entering): 6-8

Registration fee: \$125

Watercolor Wonders

June 8-11, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Have you always admired watercolor paintings and wondered if you could do that? Well, you can! Come learn the watercolor basics and explore the types of paints, brushes, and a myriad of techniques. Have fun learning and creating at the same time! Create paintings, cards and best of all, a treasured painting-sketchbook!

Teacher: Mrs. Sandie Caradori, librarian and artist

Grades (entering): 4-8

Registration fee: \$125

COME TO NAZARETH

A Retreat for the Whole Family

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SUNDAY AUG 2
2PM-7PM

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
RETREAT HOUSE**

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ACTIVITIES & WHAT TO EXPECT

- Welcome & Opening Activity
- Breakout Sessions for All Ages
- Strength in the Family – Therese Fuller (older kids & parents)
- Mary – Josh Burks (younger children)
 - Family Olympics & Snacks
 - Procession & Outdoor Adoration
 - Supper & Campfire

*For more details, visit:
goodcounselretreat.org or
call 402-786-2705*



Scan QR code to learn more!

**ALL AGES
WELCOME!**



SUMMER MATH CAMP



NEW: Math Camp has now been re-vamped—our new camp is specifically tailored to advanced, curious students who enjoy challenge and math exploration!

- 🧠 Go beyond grade-level math
- 🧩 Solve puzzles, patterns, and tough problems
- 🤝 Work with others and compete in fun math challenges
- ❓ Ask “why?” and explore shortcuts to the typical approach!

For students *currently* in grades 6, 7, 8 (for '25-'26)

Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am

7 weeks: June 10 - July 22

Hosted at Pius X High School

Fee: \$50 (plus \$3 online registration fee)

Instructors: Pius X Math Teacher Danielle Karre,
and now assisted by Pius X Math Club!



OR VISIT PIUSX.NET/CAMPS

We will accept registrations until full!

Villa Marie

SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM

Building community. Inspiring inclusion. Celebrating every God-given ability.

WHO CAN JOIN

- ✓ **Open to ALL Catholic parish families in the Diocese of Lincoln**
- ✓ **Families must be able to transport participants to practices and events**
- ✓ **Athletes with intellectual & developmental disabilities**
Ages 8-18 years old are eligible for official games and competitions. Younger students may be eligible for introductory skill building programming.
- ✓ **Peer Partners**
Students ages 8 and older without disabilities who want to play alongside and build friendships with athletes close to their age.
- ✓ **Volunteers & Coaches**
Volunteers must be ages 13+ to support athletes and events, this is a great service hour opportunity. Coaches must be 18+ and will have to complete some paperwork and training.

SPORTS AVAILABLE

- ✓ **Unified Basketball** (November → April)
- ✓ **Unified Track** (March/April → June)
- ✓ **Traditional Bowling** (November → April)
- ✓ **Unified Bocce** (April → August)
- ✓ **Unified Cornhole** (August → October)
- ✓ **Unified Cheer** (August → May)



Villa Marie is exploring the launch of a Catholic Special Olympics Program for students across the Diocese of Lincoln. This interest form will help us determine participation levels, form teams, and follow up with next steps!

WHAT ARE UNIFIED SPORTS?

Unified Sports brings together athletes with and without disabilities on the same team, creating friendship, inclusion, and community through sports!

COMPLETE INTEREST FORM HERE



Special Olympics
Nebraska



Questions? Visit www.villamarieschool.com or email sasha-kelly@cdolinc.net



Nebraska Extension

MARATHON KIDS

SUMMER Family Run Club

The **Nebraska Extension Marathon Kids Summer Family Run Club** is a family-based virtual running club that encourages families to be physically active during the summer months.

Program Dates: June 1 - July 25, 2026.

Registration: Sign-up your youth runners at <https://go.unl.edu/marathonkidsrunner>

Cost: FREE

*Runners that sign up before May 12th will have program materials mailed to them. After the deadline, all program materials will be available as digital download.

Marathon Kids is a nationwide running program that inspires kids to be active and introduce them to the joy of running. Our goal is to encourage kids and their families to be more active, whether that is running, walking, biking, or active playing.

Scan to Register:

