



# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

ABIDE IN CHRIST AND BUILD HIS KINGDOM



CELEBRATING 35 YEARS 1991-2026

## NEWSLETTER – May 18, 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** – Modesty / Purity of heart in action, especially in regard to dress and speech. / To view the Education in Virtue Calendar, click [HERE](#).

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

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

### SCHOOL NOTES

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. JAMES BENES...**Each year the Diocese of Lincoln Education Office recognizes four individuals to receive special recognition for their vocation to Catholic Education. We are proud to announce that Mr. James Benes has been named the **2026 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Elementary Educator of the Year**.

### Special out of Dress Code Day

**Tomorrow, Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

To recognize our students for meeting and surpassing their \$4000 Mission Collection Goal, students may wear a St. Peter/Pius X/Favorite Team t-shirt or hoodie with jeans or sweat pants tomorrow, Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. St. Peter collected over \$5100 during the school year. Great job, St. Peter!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – Rescheduled – Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass / 7:00 p.m. / All are invited.

Graduation Ceremony / After Mass / JP II / All are invited.

Graduation Reception (hosted by 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and SFA) / Gym / for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates & their Families

**Last Day** – Reminder that the last day for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten will be Wednesday, May 20.

### Thursday, May 21

Following the 8:15am Mass, K-7 Honors/Assembly, and Kindergarten Graduation (Gym) / All are invited.

Full day of school, Field Day 1-3:00pm

Kindergarten through Grade 7 last day of school.

**NO AFTER-SCHOOL EXTENDED DAY**

### 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](mailto:Roxanne-Richter@cdolinc.net) or contact the school office.

## FAITH, ACADEMICS & ACTIVITIES

### FAITH:

**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 was Wednesday May 6. Last book check IN date was Wednesday May 13. Report Cards **will be held** if books are not returned. Contact Librarian Sandra Caradori at [sandra-caradori@cdolinc.net](mailto:sandra-caradori@cdolinc.net) with any questions.

**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](mailto:sandra-caradori@cdolinc.net)
- Track or athletic uniforms –see Mrs. Zohner or email [Lainey-zohner@cdolinc.net](mailto:Lainey-zohner@cdolinc.net)
- Lunch accounts - see Janice Bosland or email [Janice-Bosland@cdolinc.net](mailto: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.*

### 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](mailto: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).

## SUMMER CAMPS

**St. Peter Summer Camps** are filling up...reserve your spot soon as registration has been opened to all parish families. The registration deadline is Wednesday, May 20. See image below for more info or attached flier. [Click here to register.](#)

# 2026 ST. PETER SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR

<b>Monday, June 1</b> Art & Craft Keepsakes, Gr. K-2 Girls Just Want to Have Fun, Gr. 5-6 Robotics 1.0, Gr. 4-6 Doodle Days of Summer, Gr. 4-8	<b>Tuesday, June 2</b> Art & Craft Keepsakes, Gr. K-2 Girls Just Want to Have Fun, Gr. 5-6 Robotics 1.0, Gr. 4-6 Doodle Days of Summer, Gr. 4-8 Vacation Bible School, Gr. PK-3	<b>Wednesday, June 3</b> Art & Craft Keepsakes, Gr. K-2 Girls Just Want to Have Fun, Gr. 5-6 Robotics 1.0, Gr. 4-6 Doodle Days of Summer, Gr. 4-8 Vacation Bible School, Gr. PK-3	<b>Thursday, June 4</b> Art & Craft Keepsakes, Gr. K-2 Robotics 1.0, Gr. 4-6 Doodle Days of Summer, Gr. 4-8 Vacation Bible School, Gr. PK-3
<b>Monday, June 8</b> Art & Craft Keepsakes, Gr. K-2 Girls Just Want to Have Fun, Gr. 3-4 Robotics 2.0, Gr. 6-8 Watercolor Wonders, Gr. 4-8	<b>Tuesday, June 9</b> Art & Craft Keepsakes, Gr. K-2 Girls Just Want to Have Fun, Gr. 3-4 Robotics 2.0, Gr. 6-8 Watercolor Wonders, Gr. 4-8	<b>Wednesday, June 10</b> Art & Craft Keepsakes, Gr. K-2 Girls Just Want to Have Fun, Gr. 3-4 Robotics 2.0, Gr. 6-8 Watercolor Wonders, Gr. 4-8	<b>Thursday, June 11</b> Art & Craft Keepsakes, Gr. K-2 Robotics 2.0, Gr. 6-8 Watercolor Wonders, Gr. 4-8

## 2026-27 ENROLLMENT

**There are still a lot of online enrollments that are not yet completed. 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.**

**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.

**USDA's Summer Food Service Program Outreach** – The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the Act), Public Law 111-296, established requirements for notifying households on the availability of Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals. Check out Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program. The program which provides free summer meals to kids and teens (ages 1 – 18) may be available in your area at select locations. The meals help ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is out for the summer. There are numerous open summer meal sites throughout the state of Nebraska. Call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877. Visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids> or <http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/SFSP/index.html> Get updates via Twitter at #NESummerMeals and the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services' Facebook page.

## **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 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** – Summer Camp registration for Pius X Catholic High School is open at [PiusX.net/camps](https://PiusX.net/camps). Camps range from guitars to basketballs and math to the arts! Ages range from kindergarteners to incoming high school senior. First week of camps start May 26.

**Junior Bolt Power** – New in 2026. These co-ed, age-appropriate workouts for those entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are split into two months (June and July) and two sessions each month (A & B). These workouts take place on the Pius X tennis courts (northeast corner of the school). The cost for one month is \$25. Learn more at [PiusX.net/athletics/boltpower](https://PiusX.net/athletics/boltpower).

**"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](mailto: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](#).

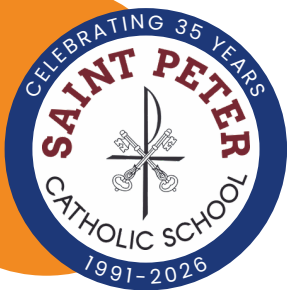
**Special Olympics Program** – Villa Marie Home & School for Exceptional Children is excited to explore launching a Catholic Special Olympics program for students across the Diocese of Lincoln. This initiative would provide meaningful opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities 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.

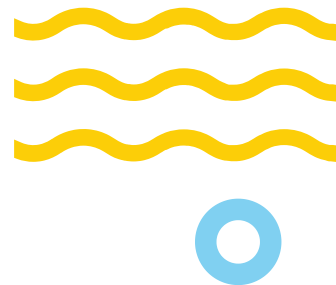
**Summer Family Run Club** - The **Nebraska Extension Marathon Kids Summer Family Run Club** is a family-based virtual running club that encourages families to be physically active during the summer months. Please see the attached for more information.

**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](http://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

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

<b>Art &amp; Craft Keepsakes</b> Gr. K-2	<b>Girls Just Want to Have Fun!</b> Gr. 3-4	<b>Watercolor Wonders</b> Gr. 4-8	<b>Robotics 2.0</b> 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**

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## **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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://goodcounselretreat.org) or  
call 402-786-2705*



*Scan QR code to learn more!*

**ALL AGES  
WELCOME!**



# 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](http://www.villamarieschool.com) or email [sasha-kelly@cdolinc.net](mailto: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:

