



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

April 8, 2026



Colored eggs surrounding lit candles brought a smile to my face this Easter Sunday morning. Sister Teresa Marie found an article in the paper on how to naturally dye eggs and went to work with blueberry juice, beet juice, boiled onion skins, turmeric, vinegar, and vigor! The result was a lovely and meaningful decoration for our dining room tables. They spoke of the beauty of Jesus' resurrection!

Decorated eggs have long been a representation of new life.

One such artistic egg, first belonging to an ostrich and now called the Nubian egg, was found in a pyramid in Egypt in 1907 and is said to be 7000 years old! The Egyptian pharaohs had high hopes for life after death and prepared for it in many ways, none of which succeeded until the coming of Christ.

Jesus Christ is our one hope for a new and eternal life. This week, during the Easter octave, we will be talking to the children about Jesus' resurrection and what that means for us! Then on Friday, we ourselves will be hunting for eggs though not in Egyptian pyramids. We are going to City Park! (The Pre-K children got a jump start on us and found their eggs today!) Our kindergarten through 6th graders will hunt for eggs linked together in their Communion groups. All the groups will certainly find many eggs, but which one will find the golden egg? It is a coveted prize because the group that finds the golden egg gets Father Stoley on their team at Field Day's tug-of-war contest.

The true golden egg, which I hope all our children will someday find, is a deep faith in the Risen Christ. I want them to know that Jesus is alive and present to them each moment of their lives. Though not seen or heard with our senses, He is living within us ever since our baptism. If we lived with an awareness of His living presence, what would it mean for us and for our children? We should ask Jesus this question often during this Easter season. I'm pretty sure the answer is joy!

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.

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2026-2027 School Year Calendar Dates: While the official calendar is sent to you in May, we can share with you these important dates for your planning purposes:

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| August 12, 2026 | 9:00 – 12:00 pm. | Open House and Pictures |
| August 18, 2026 | 8:05 – 3:20 pm | Opening day of School PK – 6 th grade |
| Dec. 21 – Jan. 4 | | Christmas Break |
| March 25 – March 30 | | Easter Break |
| May 21, 2027 | | 1:20 p.m. dismissal Last day of School |

New Faculty and Staff: Announcements of new faculty and staff for the 2026-2027 school year will be made in the April 22nd newsletter!

Permission Slip: Have you turned in your permission slip so your children can go to City Park for the Easter Egg hunt on Friday, April 10? If not, please do so tomorrow. If you cannot find it, write us a note giving us your permission.

Calendar Lottery: St. James School’s one main fundraiser, the Calendar Lottery, is here. Keep selling those tickets! So far we have sold a little over 200 tickets. Our goal is 765 tickets.

Quiz Bowl: Join us on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. for the SFA meeting and fun Quiz Bowl! Enjoy seeing how much your children have learned this year in school!

Good Shepherd Scholarship: The deadline for the Good Shepherd Scholarship has been extended to April 15. Please go to www.goodshepherdscholarship.com to fill out the application as soon as you can. Tuition at St. James School next year is \$3,100.00 per child. The scholarship takes \$1,800.00 off your tuition and enables you to be eligible for the Sacred Heart scholarship. Need help filling out the Good Shepherd Scholarship? Please call the office to set up an appointment. 402-826-2318

| Family Size | 225% Fed. Poverty Level |
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| 2 | \$47,588 |
| 3 | \$59,963 |
| 4 | \$72,338 |
| 5 | \$84,713 |
| 6 | \$97,088 |
| 7 | \$109,463 |
| 8 | \$121,838 |
| 9 | \$134,213 |

Coming Home Today: School Sisters of Christ the King Outdoor Work Day flyer, Crete Parks and Recreation flyer, Read Aloud Encouragement newsletter.

Outdoor Workday

School Sisters of Christ the King

Who: Adults and children who like to work outdoors!

Where: Villa Regina Motherhouse
4100 SW 56th Street

****West of Pioneers Park on Van Dorn, turn south on Southwest 56th Street****



Saturday, May 9, 2026

1:30-4:30 p.m.

Projects: Planting vegetable garden, clearing brush, cleaning up flowerbeds, cutting trees, etc.

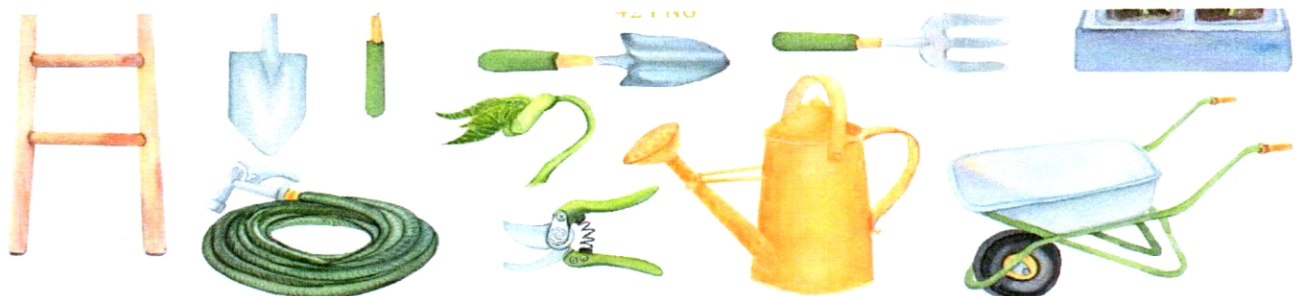
***Supplies to bring:** gloves, pruning shears/saws, clippers, shovels, wheelbarrows, pickups, chain saws & energy!

(*Please make sure all tools are marked with your name.)

RSVP via email if you can. sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net

“Walk-ins” are also welcome.

Thank you for your generosity and
God bless you!



Build a Home Library

I want to buy more books for my kids but they can be so expensive!

How to build your home library without breaking the bank

It's true that high quality, beautifully illustrated, hardcover books can be very expensive. But there are many good and easy ways to get books for much less than full price.

Garage sales

Stop by garage sales when you see them. Prices are very low and sometimes (though not always) the books are still in very good condition. The selection can be very limited, however.

Discount shops

Goodwill and other thrift stores often have a very large selection of picture books and novels that are great for children. There are also online discount shops, such as Thriftbooks (thriftbooks.com) and Half Price Books (hpb.com; they also have a physical location in Omaha) where you can get books for cheaper. They will usually rank used books by quality, such as "like new," or "acceptable."

Sometimes it's worth it

A beautiful, brand new hardcover book that you know your child will treasure makes a wonderful gift for a special occasion like Christmas, a birthday, or the celebration of a sacrament, like First Holy Communion or Confirmation. When you are willing to sometimes spend money on a good book, you communicate to your child that you value reading. You also send a message that your child is worth spending money on, is worthy of something that is high quality. That kind of book can be enjoyed for many years, and even passed down to future generations. (I have some books from my family's past in my own collection!)

