



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

April 28, 2026

Friday begins the beautiful month of May which, in our Catholic faith, is always dedicated to Mary. This year our SFA's Vice President, Guadalupe Guiza, and her mother, Maria Ortiz Lopez, are organizing a daily rosary to honor Mary under the title of Our Lady of Fatima. St. James children and their parents are invited to come on weekdays at 6:00 p.m. (or right after the 5:30 p.m. Mass ends) to pray the rosary. Any child who attends will receive a small packet which contains a rosary, a guide pamphlet, and the list of the fifteen promises which Mary makes to those who recite her rosary faithfully. She revealed these promises to St. Dominic in the fifteenth century. Did you know of them? They are mighty!

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against Hell; it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred Mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice; he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he is just, he shall remain in the grace of God and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the Saints in Paradise.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for their intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons, and brothers of my Son, Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

We hope to have some children and parents present each evening during the month of May. To help us get the evenings covered, would you sign up on this link? <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A4AA2BA3FAC43-63787633-rosary>

In the Heart of Christ the King and Mary our Queen,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.

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Early Mass this Friday/ Pioneer Day: Mass will begin at 8:00 a.m. this Friday, May 1. Please have your children to school by 7:55 a.m. if at all possible. Fourth graders will walk with Sister Mary Alma to Pioneer Day immediately after Mass. Be sure they come to school in their pioneer outfits and have their lunches with them. What a fun day it will be!

Arrival Time and Dress for K-6 Spring Program: It is going to be a beautiful performance! The Kindergarten – 6th grade Spring Music Program is on Tuesday, May 5. Children should arrive and report to their classrooms at 6:15 pm. Students should wear their very best dress-up clothes. According to the handbook, **dresses need to have sleeves and should be knee length. Please do not have your children wear jeans, t-shirts, leggings, or sweatpants to the program.** The program is in the school gym.

Sixth Grade Parent Meeting: All parents of St. James 6th graders are asked to come to an important registration meeting after the Spring Music program on May 5th. Please meet in Sister Mary Guadalupe's 6th grade classroom at 7:30 p.m. or as soon as the program ends. Perla Jaimes, the principal of Crete Middle School, will present on how to register your children for classes. The meeting should only take about 25 minutes but is important that you receive this information.

PK Spring Program: Come and enjoy our PK children's musical talents! The program begins at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6.

Dilly Bars and Prizes: The children enjoyed their choice of chocolate, cherry, or butterscotch Dilly Bars yesterday as a treat for making our school Calendar Lottery goal. Special thanks to Hannah Kubicek for her leadership and work on the Calendar Lottery and to all our parents who supported this annual fundraiser.



May Crowning: May Crowning Friday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m.

You are welcome to join us in Church at 1:30 pm for a rosary in honor of Mary, our Queen and Mother, followed by a procession and crowing ceremony. Please have your child bring a flower to school to honor Mary.

The 2nd grade students are asked to wear their uniforms to school and to bring their First Holy Communion outfits. No veils, please. If your child no longer has his or her outfit or did not make their First Holy Communion yet, please have your child bring another dressy outfit. 2nd grade children will change before the rosary.

Sixth Grade Promotion: Our sixth grade Mass and promotion ceremony will be held on Friday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. We will miss these students and pray for all the best in their futures.

Field Day/Last Day/ SFA Ice-cream Social: The fun begins at 9:30 a.m. in City Park on Tuesday, May 19. If you would like to volunteer to help by running a station or by bringing some food, please sign up on this link. Volunteers should be at the park by 9:10 a.m. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A4AA2BA3FAC43-63726651-field> A pizza lunch will be provided for the students after the activities, kindness of Sister Mary Alma's brother, Dean Linscott. No need to pack lunch for this day, but perhaps you can say a prayer for Dean. Tuesday, May 19 is also our last day of school for the 2025-2026 school year. We will **dismiss at 1:20 p.m.** this day! All are welcome to come back again at 6:30 p.m. for an ice cream social and water fight sponsored by the SFA.

USDA's Summer Food Service Program Outreach: 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 the NDE approves site locations, which will be on approximately May 25, 2026.

CK Sisters Outdoor Spring Workday Sat., May 9, 1:30-4:30 p.m. We will be planting our vegetable garden, cleaning up brush and cutting trees. Helpful items to bring include wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, pruning/lopping shears/saws, hoes, pickups and chainsaws. 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. Please also print and complete a liability form (one per adult; children added to adult form.) Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park. (Walk-ins also welcome.)

Upcoming Dates:

May 1	Pioneer Day for fourth graders. Mass begins at 8:00 a.m.
May 5	K-6 th Spring Program 6:30 p.m.
May 6	PK Spring Program 10:30 a.m.
May 8	May Crowning 1:30 p.m.

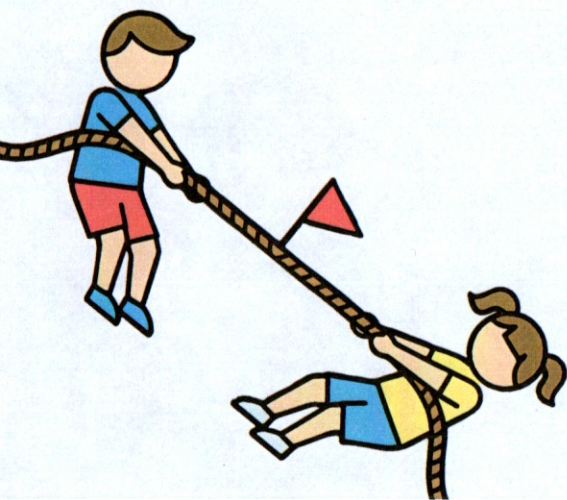
Coming Home Today: Calendar Lottery Winners, Lunch Menu, Early Mass Reminder, May Rosary sign-up, Field Day sign-up, Good Shepherd Scholarship Award Letters, Crete Parks and Recreation flyers



Reminder!



Sign up to help make field day a success



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Pray the Rosary Together this May


We invite everyone from the parish and St. James School to honor the Blessed Virgin every evening during this month.

 17 DAILY IN MAY |  6:00 PM |  Sacred heart Church

Bring a Flower: All children are invited to bring a flower to "rise up" to Our Lady for their special intentions. Let's fill her space with the beauty of our prayers and blooms!

Lead a Mystery: Calling all student volunteers! If you would like to lead a part of the Rosary, we welcome your voice. All parents, students, and siblings are welcome. See you there!





Remember to...

Sign up to pray the Rosary in
May




2026 St. James Calendar Lottery Winners

Winner	Prize Amount
Cissy Rueda	\$500
America Franco	\$500
Bill Murphy	\$250, \$250
Victoria Reyes Villanueva	\$250
Madelin Gonzalez	\$250
Gabriel Guiza Mendez	\$250
Glenda Orellana	\$100
Katy Shaw	\$100
Osmin Roman Garay	\$100
Kate Dittmer	\$100
Herb & Trudy Wolf	\$100, \$100
Marvelia Monterroso	\$100
Angelica Diaz	\$100
Bernardino Rodriguez	\$100
Thomas Janda	\$100
Bruce Schlote	\$50
David Gibson	\$50
Blanca Carillo	\$50
Juan Carlos Rojas	\$50
Betty Evert	\$50
Gabriel Guiza	\$50

Winner	Prize Amount
Dalton Steelman	\$50
Soledad Mendez	\$50
Elena Reyes	\$50
Helena Kadlecva	\$50
Felipe Lopez	\$50
Jose Carmen Medina	\$50
Veronica Ponce	\$50
Kourtney Martin	\$50
Roger Bowman	\$50
Eldi Ramos Rios	\$50
Soledad Mendez	\$50
John & Kathy Springer	\$50
Randy Kozeal	\$50
Rick Lafler	\$50
Linda Bennier	\$50
Pedro Guox Vicente	\$50
Kate Stuefer	\$50
Brian Lorenz	\$50
Dennis Hynes	\$50
Ana Lilia Franco	\$50
Nancy Hannan	\$50

Thank you for your support!

Our students surpassed their goal of 765 tickets, with 1038 tickets sold! To celebrate their hard work, they enjoyed an ice cream party on Tuesday! 

Students that sold all of their tickets were entered in a giftcard drawing. Congratulations to the following winners:
Oscar & Mateo Garcia Mendez, Kiriana & JJ Homolka, Berner Garcia Valle, Axel Aguilar, Andreyana Palmer, Jamie Post, Carlos & Cristian Rodriguez Romero, Braulio Lopez Ortiz, Saira Medina Rodriguez, Vianney Alvis Ortiz.