



May 15, 2026

Dear Parents,

Thoughts on the Sun

When I think of summer, I think of the sun and when I think of the sun, I think of our loving God. I am not the first, by any means, to have this sacramental outlook. Catholics for centuries have seen the sun as a sign of God our Father. St. Francis of Assisi, for example, wrote in the 1200s that the sun “. . . is beautiful and radiant with great splendor, and bears a likeness to You, Most High One.”

How is this so? If we never allow ourselves to be outside in nature, we might not readily see the analogy. But it is easy to see and even better to experience! The sun gives us light and vision and warmth. It is a source of joy and of health. If it is covered with clouds for too long, something within us saddens. When it shines unobstructed, we are uplifted! So it is with God and with us.

The sun, this awesome, bright, glowing orb, has been there all our lives and all the lives of anyone who has ever lived on earth. It is ever present to each of us and serves us continually. If the sun were to be removed, the whole world would perish in an instant. The sun is our life source. So too it is with God. All life and all things that exist (including the sun) come from and are sustained by God our Father. He has ever been with us and never stops taking care of us. Were He to stop thinking of us for a moment, we would fall into extinction.

Thus Sacred Scripture teaches that "From the greatness and beauty of created things their original author is seen by analogy." Wisdom 13:5. The sun teaches us that God is awesome in power and gentle in beauty. By Him we see and are guided. He is ever present to us and always has been. When nothing obstructs Him from our view, we live happily and remain in the tenderness of His radiant love.

I hope you and your children will have time to feel the warmth of the sun this summer and perhaps let your hearts and minds be lifted by its beauty and goodness to know that God our Father cherishes you. May you have many happy summer days!

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.
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PS Jesus Himself spoke of the sun in the sky in order to help us understand what God our Father is like. Do you remember what He said? See Matthew 5:43 -45

6th Grade Promotion: Mass and the promotion ceremony for our 6th graders begins at 7:00 p.m. this evening in Sacred Heart Church. There will be a simple reception following in the parish hall.

Last Day for PK Children: Monday, May 18 is the last day for all Mrs. Tranmer's PK children. Thank you for a happy year! They learned so much!

Tuesday, May 19 Field Day, Early Dismissal, Ice Cream Social, and LAST DAY OF SCHOOL for K-6 !

What to Wear: Students in grades K-6 are to wear their school uniform to school in the morning. They are to bring a T-shirt and a pair of shorts to change into after Mass before the Field Day activities begin. Shorts are to reach the knee. No "short shorts" please.

Schedule for this Tuesday, May 19:

1. **Normal arrival** at school by 8:05 am. Mass will begin, as usual, at 8:15 am.
2. **Field Day** activities begin at City Park at 9:30 am and will last until 11:30 am. Parents and teens who volunteered to help run stations should be in the park by 9:10 a.m. at the latest. If it rains, Field Day will be held inside at St. James. A pizza lunch will be provided for the children at City Park shortly after 11:30 a.m. Thank you to parents who volunteered to bring drinks and other food items. After lunch, students will return to their classrooms for final closing activities with their teachers.
3. **Dismissal at 1:20 pm**
4. **SFA Ice Cream Social:** The School Family Association will host an ice cream social in the parish hall from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Children may bring equipment for a fun water fight! No water guns in the parish hall or school building. All water guns are to be filled outside.

Register Your Children: If you have not done so already, please register your children for St. James for the 2026-2027 school year. This information is helpful to us in planning for the upcoming school year. If you are happy with St. James School and know of other families whose children might benefit from a Catholic education, please have them call the school at 402-826-2318 and ask to speak with Sister Mary Alma.

40 Hours Devotion for Priests: This June 12-13 the School Sisters of Christ the King are hosting a Forty Hours Devotion to pray for priests. You are also welcome to sign up for an hour of Adoration, as well as other Masses and devotions at our motherhouse chapel, using the following link. A picnic lunch will conclude the 40 Hours; sign-up for lunch with the Sisters is on the same link.

40 Hours Devotion for Priests at Villa Regina Motherhouse June 11-13, 2026 We hope you will join us in praying for priests! Villa Regina Motherhouse: 4100 SW 56th St., Lincoln, NE 68522

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.

Coming Home Today: 2026-2027 School Calendar, School Supply List, Summer Office Hours, Parent Survey Early Dismissal, Tuition Agreement forms, Totus Tuus, and Doane Adventure Zone

St. James dismisses one hour early, 2:20 pm rather than 3:20 pm, on Mondays during the school year so that faculty may meet for professional development and planning purposes. All parents are asked to arrange to have their children picked up by 2:30 pm every Monday. A limited number of children may stay until the regular dismissal time of 3:20 pm. These children will be monitored by adult volunteers. **THIS OPTION IS ONLY FOR PARENTS WHO ARE TRULY UNABLE TO ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE MONDAY 2:20 PM DISMISSAL.** We ask all families to please take the time to fill out this survey (link and QR code below) for our planning purposes.

2:20 Monday Early Dismissal



Summer *Office* **HOURS**

May and June
Monday to Friday

10:00 am - 03:00 pm

July
Wednesdays Only

10:00 am - 02:00 pm

The office will be close on July 22

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2026-2027 St. James School Event Calendar

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August	
10-13	Professional Development
12	Open House 9 am - 12 pm
12	School Pictures 9 am - 12 pm
18	First Day of School PK-6
25	SFA Back to School Night 6:30

September	
7	No School - Labor Day
24	Picture Retake day

October	
1	PTC: 9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 5 pm, 6 pm - 8 pm
1	First Penance Parent Meeting 6-7 pm
1	Confirmation Parent Meeting 7-8 pm
2	No school
7	Living Rosary
12	No School - Teachers' Institute
20	SFA Meeting
21	Report Cards Go Home
30	All Saints Parade @ 1:15pm/Mission Carnvial @ 1:45pm

November	
2	Mass of Remembrance
25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break

December	
4	St. Nicholas Day
8	No School - Immaculate Conception
11	Our Lady of Guadalupe Play @ 8:50am
16	PK & K Christmas Program 10:30am & 4 pm
17	1st-6th Christmas Program 6:30 pm
21-25	No School - Christmas Break
28-31	No School - Christmas Break

January 2027						
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January	
1	No School - Christmas Break
4	Classes Resume
6	Report Cards Go Home
19	SFA Meeting - 6:30 pm
31	Catholic Schools Week

February	
1-5	Catholic Schools Week
10	Ash Wednesday
17	Kindergarten Preview
23	FHC Parent Meeting 6:30 pm
24	Feast of St. James Celebrated
25	PTC: 9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 5 pm, 6 pm - 8 pm
25	2nd First Penance Parent Meeting 6-7 pm
26	No School

March	
	Preschool Open House
1-5	CLT Testing
17	Report Cards Go Home
16	SFA Meeting - 6:30 pm
19	Living Stations - 2:20 pm
25-26	No School - Holy Week
29-30	No School - Easter Holiday

April	
1	Confirmation 7 pm
12	No School
20	SFA Meeting - 6:30 pm
23	FHC Retreat day/First Penance
24	First Holy Communion 11am
28	PK Spring Program 10:30 pm
29	K-6 Spring Program 6:30 pm

May	
3	May Crowning
6	Ascension Thursday
7	Pioneer Day
18	6th Grade Graduation
19	6th Grade Retreat Day
19	Last Day of Preschool
20	Field Day & Last Day 1:20 Dismissal
20	SFA End of the Year - 6:30pm
21	Teacher Work Day

KEY
END OF QUARTER
2:20 pm Dismissal
2:40 First Wednesday Adoration
2:30 Stations of the Cross
No School



	Tardy Bell	Dismissal	Monday Dismissal
PreK ½ Day	8:05 am	11:30 am	11:30 am
PreK Full Day	8:05 am	3:00 pm	2:20 pm
K-6	8:05 am	3:20 pm	2:20 pm

2026-2027 ST. JAMES STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Preschool

- 3 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Boxes of 5 oz Dixie cups
- 2 Rolls of paper towels
- 1 Package of napkins
- Family Picture with names on the back
- Extra set of clothing in case of accident - kept in backpack
- Large backpack
- \$25 Snack fee (paid to the teacher)**
- Crayola washable watercolors (8 colors)
- pair of Fiskars scissors
- Flash drive for photos
- bottle of hand sanitizer
- container of disinfecting wipe
- Large towel or small blanket for rest time (all day students only, must fit in a cinch bag)
- Please be sure all items are marked with your child's name.**

Kindergarten

- 2 large glue sticks (ELMER'S)
- 2 Elmer's glue bottles
- 3 boxes (24 count) crayons
- headphones (No earbuds)
- 3 boxes of black EXPO markers
- 1 2 pocket folder
- 2 boxes of 5 oz dixie cups
- 4 large boxes of kleenex
- large backpack
- 1 Single Subject Notebook - Wide Ruled
- 2 soft erasers
- large paint shirt
- large towel for rest time
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 5 container of disenfetive wipes
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- \$25 snack fee (paid to the teacher)**
- pair of underwear and uniform slacks to keep in backpack
- Please be sure all items are marked with your child's name.**

Grade 1

- 12 thin black dry erase markers
- \$25 Snack fee (paid to the teacher)**
- box of markers
- 2 2 pocket folders
- 3 big eraser
- 2 colored pencils
- 1 2 inch binder
- 1 ziplock baggies different size
- 2 large box of kleenex
- 2 containers of disinfecting wipes
- backpack
- Please be sure all items are marked with your child's name.**

Grade 2

- 1 big pink eraser
- 1 pencil box or bag
- 1-24 count box of colored pencils- not labeled watercolors
- \$3 fee for dry erase markers pay to classroom teacher**
- dry erase board eraser- labeled
- 1 1.5" white 3-ring binder with see through cover front and pockets- not labeled
- 1 ½" or 1" black 3-ring binder- not labeled
- 4 box of kleenex- not labeled
- 3 containers of disinfecting wipes- not labeled
- 1 12 oz bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 each 2-pocket folders, plain in these colors (1 yellow, 1 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 purple)
- 4 boxes Kleenex
- Optional Gallon Sized Ziplocks
- 1 Water bottle to keep at school backpack

2026-2027 ST. JAMES STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Grade 3

- LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME
- headphones (preferred) or earbuds
- 1 wide-ruled composition notebook
- 3 2 pocket plastic folders
- 4 3-prong two pocket folders (different, solid colors)
- Scissors
- box (24 count) crayons
- medium sized pencil box
- large backpack
- NOT LABELLED
- 4 pink erasers
- bottle of Elmers glue
- package of wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper colored pencils
- 5 boxes of thin dry erase markers
- 1 package of 3x5 white lined index cards
- 3 containers of disinfecting wipes
- 4 large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 box of sandwich size Ziploc baggies
- NO HAND-HELD SHARPENERS**
- NO MECHANICAL PENCILS**
- Assignment book \$7.00 purchased from St. James School**

Grade 4

- 1 box of colored pencils
- scissors
- headphones or earbuds
- 1 spiral notebook
- 2 One inch (1 inch) 3 ring Binder
- 2 package loose leaf paper
- 1 package of insertable dividers
- 1 small pencil box
- 2 2 pocket folder
- 4 3x5 white lined index cards
- 6 dry erase markers
- watercolors
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- Multiplication & Division flashcards
- Assignment book \$7.00 purchased from St. James School**
- Please be sure all items are marked with your child's name.**

Grade 5

- 6 black or blue stick pens (no gel) (with caps)
- 3 red pens
- 2 black fine point Sharpie Markers
- 1 Big Pink eraser
- 2 1 ½ in. 3 ring binders
- 1 package reinforced loose leaf college ruled paper
- 1 package of 8 or 10 Crayola markers
- 1 package 24 colored pencils
- pair of scissors
- pair of Earbuds
- medium school/pencil box
- 3 2 pocket folders (different colors)
- 2 plastic sturdy take-home folders (different colors)
- 1 Composition notebook (college ruled)
- 3 notebooks (college ruled)
- package of lined index cards (3x5)
- 4 large boxes of tissues
- 6 Black thin dry erase markers
- Assignment book \$7.00 purchased from St. James School**

Grade 6

- 5 black or blue stick pens (no gel)
- 3 red stick pens (no gel)
- 1 package of loose leaf college ruled paper
- roll of paper towels
- 1 large eraser
- 1 ruler
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pair of Earbuds
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 watercolor paints
- 1 pencil case or box
- 1 7 pocket accordion file
- 2 1 inch binder (could use same from last year)
- 6 spiral notebooks (any color) (college ruled)
- 1 packages of lined index cards (3x5)
- 2 large boxes of tissue
- 8 dry erase makers
- 1 dry erase eraser or sock
- 1 plastic sturdy take-home folder
- 3 containers of Clorox wipes
- Assignment book \$7.00 purchased from St. James School**

SACRED HEART CRETE

TOTUS TUUS

Parish Summer Youth Program
JUNE 27 - JULY 3

DAY	NIGHT
GRADES 1-8	HIGH SCHOOL
MON-FRI	SUN-THURS
9AM-3PM	6:30-8:30 PM

Join us for a fun & faith-filled week!

Classes held in the Parish Hall

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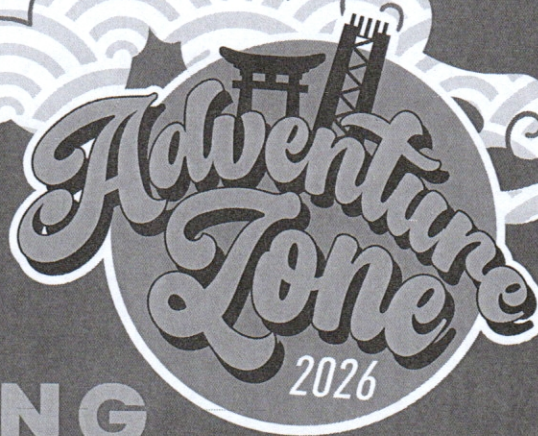
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Programa parroquial de verano para jóvenes
27 DE JUNIO – 3 DE JULIO

HORARIO DE DÍA	HORARIO NOCTURNO
GRADOS 1-8	GRADOS 9-12
LUNES A VIERNES, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	DOMINGO A JUEVES 6:30 - 8:30 P. M.

¡Únete con nosotros para una semana divertida y llena de fé!

Las clases serán en el Salón Parroquial.



CONNECTING STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

Step into a week where creativity, culture, and connection come to life with students from Senshu Matsudo, Japan.

WHO: STUDENT ENTERING GRADES 5-9

WHEN: MONDAY | JUNE 15TH - FRIDAY 19TH

WHERE: DOANE UNIVERSITY | CRETE | NE

COST: \$50/STUDENT

*NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

QUESTIONS?

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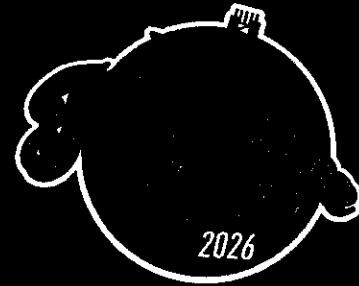
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ADVENTURE ZONE SCHEDULE



MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | CLASS ACTIVITIES

12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. | LUNCH IN THE CAFETERIA

1:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | BOWLING AT SUN VALLEY LANES

• PICK-UP OPTIONS:

- 4:30 P.M. AT SUN VALLEY LANES
- 5:00 P.M. AT DOANE CRETE CAMPUS

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. | CLASS ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. | CLASS ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. | CLASS ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. | CLASS ACTIVITIES

4:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. | FAREWELL CEREMONY

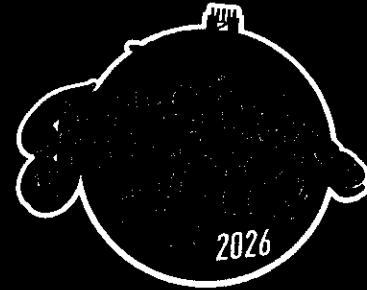
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ADVENTURE ZONE **CLASS OPTIONS**

T101 | IN THE SPOTLIGHT (ACTING & PERFORMANCE)

It's time for your Broadway Debut! In this class, you'll sing, act, and dance a full musical number from a famous Broadway Show! At the end of the week, you'll get to perform for the entire camp during a closing ceremony. Join us in the spotlight!

V201 | STOP MOTION VIDEO

Use your creativity using art materials to create a computer-aided stop motion video. In this course, you will plan, build, create, and film stop motion videos. Imaginations are a MUST for this course.

C101 | CREATIVE MEMORY BOOK MAKING

Do you love taking pictures, being creative, and making new friends? If so, then this class is for you! You will create a unique and personal book of memories about your Adventure Zone experience at Doane University.

S301 | BIZARRE BIOLOGY & CRAZY CHEMISTRY

Dive into the weird and wonderful world of science with hands-on experiments that fizz, pop, and surprise! From bizarre biology to crazy chemistry, you'll explore the unexpected side of how our world works.

P101 | LEARN PHOTOGRAPHY

"How did they do that?" Have you ever seen a cool photograph and wanted to create one too? You'll learn how to upgrade your camera skills and use special effects. Students will need to provide their own cell phones or cameras with memory cards.

G201 | DANCING WITH THE STARS

Get your dancing shoes on! In this class you will learn a variety of fun dances across a variety of music genres. Wear athletic shoes and workout wear.

F201 | COOKING CUISINE

Do you love cooking and learning new recipes? This class will collaborate to learn cooking popular American recipes. Tasting your creations is just an added bonus!

C201 | LEARN TO CROCHET

Do you love cooking and learning new recipes? This class will collaborate to learn cooking popular American recipes. Tasting your creations is just an added bonus!

