



February 13, 2020

From the Principal

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is now open for both returning and new students. Current families should have received an email with information, instructions and a link for registering. Please complete this enrollment as soon as possible. Thank you.

If you want or need to apply for tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year, the application is available through [TADS](#). Applications are due by March 15th, however, in order to be considered for two other scholarships - Aim Higher Scholarship and the CSAF scholarship - your application needs to be completed by **Tuesday, February 18th**. I would encourage anyone applying for SJB tuition assistance to also apply for those scholarships as well (you will have the option to be considered for these scholarships during the tuition assistance application process).

For those who purchased non-uniform passes at Wines to Wishes, these passes went home with the students yesterday. Passes also went home with those students who donated for grade theme baskets. If your student did not receive them, please let [Michelle Barsness](#) know. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to the Coughlan Companies Community Fund for donating books to our second grade classroom library. We are grateful for their commitment to literacy. We just received the books and I am sure the students will enjoy the wonderful selection!

Finally, there will be no school tomorrow, Friday, February 14th for the Marathon reward day and a staff workday and also no school on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day. There is no J-Care or Care Crew on either day.

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

February 14

No School, No J-Care
Marathon Reward Day
Teacher Workday

February 17

No School, No J-Care
President's Day

February 19

All school Mass, 8:30am

February 21

School Spirit Day

February 26 - Ash Wednesday

All school Mass, 8:30am

February 28

End of 2nd Trimester
School Spirit Day
Stations of the Cross, 1:45pm

January JOY

Congratulations to our January Joy students. These students were recognized for the virtue of gratitude - seeing everything as a gift and being thankful.

KG Cecelia T.

Gr. 1: Jake O.

Gr. 2: Emily B.

Gr. 3: Peyton L.

Gr. 4: Charlie P.

Gr. 5: Jessica K.

Gr. 6: Lainie H.

Gr. 7: Jack B.

Gr. 8: Olivia Joy S.

Art: Breonna H.

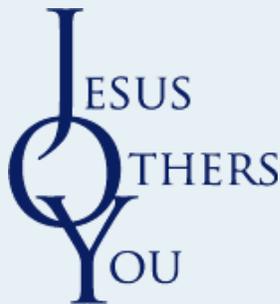
Gym: Ari O.

J-Care: Taylor H.

Library: Zelie R.

Music: Kate N.

Spanish: Stephanie B.



Wines to Wishes Time to Party

If you were unable to attend Wines to Wishes this year or missed the *Time to Party* section, below are parties with open spots. Please contact [Michelle Barsness](#) if interested in attending any of the events below:

ICE FISHING WITH FATHER PAUL: Saturday, February 29th, 2020, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Join Fr. Paul and other school families for a day out ice fishing on a local lake. Bring your child, any fishing gear you have, and get in on the fun! Lunch, snacks, and bait will be provided. We'll have ice fishing gear if you don't have any of your own and a volunteer to help guide those learning the sport. Children must have an adult accompany them. The lake will be within 45 minutes from SJB depending on ice conditions.

Hosted by: Father Paul Shovelain, Cost: \$20 per person, 6 spaces available

LADIES EVENING OF PAINTING AND WINE: Friday, March 6th, 2020, 6:30pm

Join us for a creative evening of paint pouring. Acrylic paint pouring is a fun, easy way for anyone to make beautiful, mesmerizing works of art. While you pour paint, let us pour wine! Enjoy wine and light snacks while socializing and creating works of art.

Hosted by: Autumn Higgins, Cost: \$40 per person, 18 spaces available

URBAN AIR: Thursday, April 2nd, 2020, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

It's time to run wild at Urban Air! Students, siblings, and parents can join us for an afternoon of fun. Enjoy the Ultimate Package at Urban Air, which includes all the attractions they have to offer. A slice of pizza, dessert, and a bottle of water will also be provided!

Hosted by: Friends of SJB, Cost: \$30 per person, 130 spaces available

4TH ANNUAL MEN'S EVENING: Friday, April 24th, 2020, 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Do you like tasting different bourbon and/or cigars? Come enjoy an evening sampling various bourbon with other SJB men. Enjoy a cigar as well if you choose. Light snacks will be served. Party will take place at the Barsness household in Fridley.

Hosted by: Scott Barsness, Cost: \$40 per person, 18 spaces available

SUNSET PONTOON PARTY ON SUNRISE LAKE: Friday, June 5TH, 2020, 5:00pm– 10:00pm

Join your friends on Sunrise Lake for a sunset party on the lake. The traveling party will start at 5:00 pm with happy hour and appetizers and continue around the lake with a stop at a different location with themed drinks and food. Price per person includes all food, drinks, and lake transportation. Adults only.

Hosted by: Pitzl, Collins, Young, and Gulan Families, Cost: \$75 per person, 41 spaces available

News from the PTO

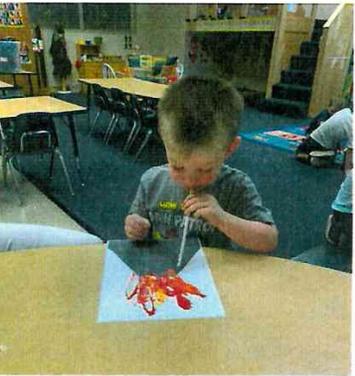
PTO Meeting: The next Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting is this tonight, Thursday, February 13th at 6:00 pm in the school Media Center/Library in the lower level. All SJB parents are welcome to attend. The Media Center can be accessed via the elevator by the school office and is adjacent to the cafeteria.

Box Tops Contest: Just a reminder to have your student(s) turn in any traditional "Clip" style Box Tops to their homeroom on Tuesday, February 18th for our latest contest! The grade with the most valid, non-expired Box Tops turned in will earn a special treat brought to their classroom!



Many products have transitioned to the NEW Box Tops logo, which does NOT need to be clipped or turned in. Have you downloaded the new Box Tops app? With it, you can scan your receipts showing the purchase of any Box Tops products (within 14 days) and the school will automatically be credited \$.10 each! Thank you for your support of our school!





St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Summer Preschool

10 Weeks of Preschool for ages 3-5, which includes weekly educational themes, outdoor activities, field trips, and making new friends. Preschoolers are encouraged to learn through play and exploration.

St. John's Summer Preschool will operate much like the school year program with morning circle time, Bible stories and prayers, center play, and art and science activities. There will be an emphasis on outdoor activities including parks, picnics, water play days, and nature exploration. Registration and tuition include a program t-shirt, field trips, snacks, and a fun themed curriculum taught by St. John the Baptist teachers.

Full Day and Half Day Options

Full Day Hours: 7am - 5:30pm

Half Day Hours: 8am - 1pm

Rates Per Day

Full Day: \$40 per day

Half Day: \$20 per day

Week 1: June 8-12 (Dinosaurs)

Week 2: June 15-19 (Sports and Health)

Week 3: June 22-26 (Science and STEM)

Week 4: July 6-10 (Wild about Animals)

Week 5: July 13-17 (Transportation)

Week 6: July 20-24 (Cooking)

Week 7: July 27-31 (Under the Sea)

Week 8: August 3-7 (Bugs and Insects)

Week 9: August 10-14 (Down on the Farm)

Week 10: August 17-21 (Community Helpers)

No Preschool June 29 - July 3

**845 2nd Ave NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
651-633-1522
www.stjohnnyb.org**

To register: Send the registration packet in to Andrea Schroeder along with the \$35 registration fee.

Register before March 1st and save \$10!

Questions: Email Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SPEAKER SERIES



with Joe Morcomb, *Licensed School Counselor*

MENTAL HEALTH 101: Understanding the basics of depression and anxiety in children.

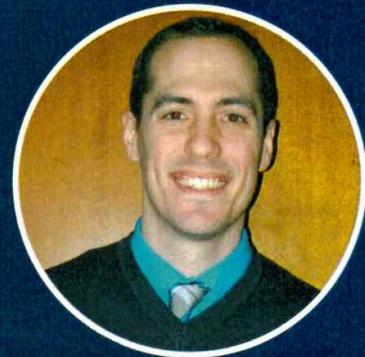
KNOWING THE SIGNS, STEPS FOR PREVENTION, AND RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20,
6:30-7:30 P.M.**

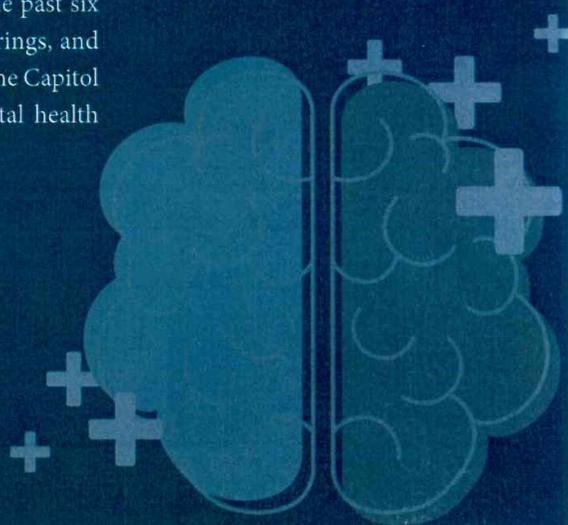
St. John the Baptist Church,
Saint Joseph's Hall
835 2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton

Joe Morcomb, Licensed School Counselor

Mr. Joe Morcomb is a licensed school counselor and educator of 10 years. He currently serves on the Board of the Minnesota School Counselors Association, is trained in Critical Incident Stress Management, and coordinates 10 area metro Catholic High Schools in a cooperative network of Crisis Response. Joe is trained in grief support through Saint Mary's Hospital of Duluth and volunteers with Children's Grief Connection in the summer. Passionate about mental health and well-being, Joe challenges young people to be courageously vulnerable in their growth. He has coordinated and led efforts on mental health awareness and education at Totino-Grace High School for the past six years, including school-wide conversations, small group offerings, and mental health screenings. Recently, Joe has taken students to the Capitol to raise their voice and advocate for greater access to mental health support in schools.



Totino-Grace



Cana Dinner 2020

Take time to enrich your marriage with a date night for Valentine’s day. Enjoy a great dinner, wine, and inspiring speakers. This year’s Cana Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 15th and we are bringing in Kathleen and Troy Billings from a rural suburb of Chicago. Kathleen and Troy started from the ground up and currently direct a vibrant, parish-based marriage ministry called BAM – Building Amazing Marriages. They are frequent guest speakers locally and nationally and they are coming to MN to share their wisdom on how to *Stay Engaged in Your Marriage – Date Your Spouse*.



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locally and nationally and they are coming to MN to share their wisdom on how to *Stay Engaged in Your Marriage – Date Your Spouse*. Cost for the dinner is \$50 per couple/\$180 for a table of 8 (4 couples)

To register click on one of the following links:

[Registration for couples](#)

[Registration for a table](#)

Devoted

Devoted begins Feb. 19th Join us for the first gathering of 2020 and bring your own mug for our specialty hot drink for this cold winter!

Jessica Balzarini will start our year off with an inspiring talk and peaceful prayer time. Social time begins at 7:30 pm with our Intro beginning at 8:10 pm.

Come take a breath, do something for yourself, and be filled.

**Bring someone new and get your name in a drawing for our door prizes!



All Parish Retreat
Encounter Christ
Walk WITH HIM into Lent

Jesus comes to meet us where we are and draws us more deeply into a relationship with him

Retreat includes opportunities to:

- ◊ Be moved by his mercy
- ◊ Experience love, peace, and joy
- ◊ Variety of ways to approach God in prayer
- ◊ Confession and Adoration

February 21 7-9:30pm and February 22 9-4:30pm here at St. John’s

Free will offering of a suggested donation of \$20 to cover expenses of food and materials.



[Lenten Parish Retreat Registration](#)



Camp Registration is Open!

The **TEAM at 4HG** is excited to announce the lineup of our 2020 Summer Camps! Returning **August 4 - 6** is our 2nd annual **FAITH AND FOOTBALL CAMP!** With an All-Pro lineup of Coaches, Clergy, and Volunteers, this year’s camp will be held at St. John’s Catholic School in New Brighton, Minnesota. The camp is limited to the first 100 student athletes to sign up online on the **4HG** website. Students must be entering grades 3 - 8 in the upcoming school year. Click [Here](#) to register!

Joining our hallmark camp this year are the **FAITH AND VOLLEYBALL CAMP** and the **FAITH AND ALL SPORTS CAMP**. Led by Coach Ellen Schafer, the **Faith and Volleyball Camp** will be held **July 13 - 15** at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul. Students entering grades 4 - 8 in the upcoming school year are invited to join Coach Schafer in learning skills, practicing their faith, and having fun! Limited to 125 students, please register online on the [4HG website!](#)

Rounding out the ways your children can practice their faith, improve their skills, and enjoy an all-around fun recreational experience, we’re proud to announce our **FAITH AND ALL SPORTS CAMP** being held **June 9 - July 30** at Mendakota Park in Mendota Heights. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon, kids will participate in assorted physical activities and games while learning soccer, baseball, and basketball skills. The Faith and All Sports Camp is accepting 200 students who will be entering grades 3 - 8 in the upcoming school year. Register online at [4HG Camp Registration!](#)

From the Office of Discipleship & Mission

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Do you ever wonder what happens when the children leave during the readings and homily at Mass and then return at offertory time? Children, grades 1-4 go to **Children's Liturgy of the Word** in the Chapel of the Angels. We read the readings of the day at the children's level and then have our own homily with them. The children learn about blessing themselves with holy water at the font, bowing to the altar in the chapel, sitting quietly to experience God's peace, the proper responses to the parts of the Mass as well as the lessons in each Sunday's readings. Most times, the children have the opportunity to respond to God by writing on an offertory envelope that they place in the basket upon their return to the main church. Adults are welcome if you'd like to accompany your child (or grandchild).

First Sacraments

We are well on our way to preparing children for their **First Sacraments** this year. Last weekend students received First Reconciliation in February and are now set to prepare for First Eucharist in May. Since parents are the primary educators of their children, they are preparing their children, while we help by providing retreats, encouraging and guiding them. Since these are community Sacraments, both the children from St. John the Baptist School and the parish evening Family Formation Program come together for the retreats and celebrations. If you have a 2nd or 3rd grader who is ready for these Sacraments and are not registered, please call Mary at 651.633.1540 x1234. For all the rest of you, please keep the children in your prayers as they grow as Catholics and St. John the Baptist parishioners.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

Do you have a child older than 2nd grade, who needs to catch up on sacraments? We are here to help with that! The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)** is available for anyone who needs to catch up on the First Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. We meet with the parents and child(ren) regularly and prepare the children to receive the sacraments after a few months or preparation. Call Mary at 651.633.1540 x1234 to discuss plans for your family.

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is returning for an awesome week of growing in your Catholic Faith! The team will be here at St. John the Baptist from **Sunday – Friday, June 14-19, 2020!** Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a fun and energetic parish-based summer catechetical program for grade school children during the day one week per summer, with a Junior and Senior High component in the evening. The elementary program (Gr.1-6) runs Monday- Friday from 9:00 AM- 2:30 PM, the Junior-Senior High program runs Sunday-Thursday from 7:30-9:40 PM. Daily Mass, games, activities, catechetical instruction, songs, Sacrament of Reconciliation and more! The parish is invited to get involved by participating in the Parish Potluck on Wednesday of that week – June 17. Whether you have a child involved or not, plan to come and hear about the week and TT in general. It is an exciting program that young adults you know might be interested in volunteering for. We also need parishioner help in housing the team for the week (only homes with no children 18 and under, please), and for meals for the team throughout the week – lunch and dinner. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the classrooms and at recess and lunch time. Please consider helping us out and praying about sending your children (or grandchildren) to this wonderful week of so much fun that they don't even know they are learning!! The comment I often hear each summer is that the children cannot wait to go back each day. That says a lot! Please begin to pray for the success of the week, for the team, the youth and children who participate and for the blessing this week will be to the parish. Registrations will be out soon!

Summer Of Service (S.O.S.)

S.O.S. will be back again this summer! Watch for the dates as the Summer draws closer. S.O.S. is a series of opportunities to service others in the area, some in the church, some not. In the past, we have helped out local youth programs, visited a local nursing home, filled and packed food bags at Feed My Starving Children and collected food for our food shelf. If you have any more ideas, we'd love to hear them. But mostly, we'd love to have your involvement. It was a great way to meet other parishioners and enjoy the outreach. Consider joining us! Watch for more detailed information coming your way!