



March 28, 2019

From the Principal

Over break, 2 of the 7th grade ZOOMS projects were selected to attend the MN Zoo Exhibition. The challenge this year was to design a prototype to enrich the lives of the moose at the MN Zoo. Overall, 2,646 students designed 809 solutions at their schools this year. Of those entries, 239 students were selected to share their ideas during this exhibition.



Abby M., 7th grade, competed in the metro regional History Day competition with her AIDS Memorial Quilt project. She was selected to move on to the state competition on May 4th at the U of M. Awesome job, Abby and congratulations!



Our 5th grade students left Wednesday morning for Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center for 3 days of environmental and outdoor learning. They arrived safely and are having a wonderful time. We look forward to hearing about their adventures. Below are a couple pictures of the group as they began their trip.



Below is a message from Father Paul:

Congratulations to our Mass Challenge participants! I gave out all the St. John the Baptist Medals and necklaces I ordered and I had to order more! Those who brought a bulletin from where they attended Mass or if I saw them at Mass over spring break received a necklace with a medal of St. John the Baptist or a book titled "Pure Faith." Students brought bulletins from SJB, several nearby parishes, Rochester, South Dakota, Florida, Nevada and even Mexico! It is beautiful to see how our Catholic faith is truly universal!

April's virtue is forgiveness which is fitting during this time of Lent. Our 2-8 grade students had the opportunity to experience God's mercy and forgiveness this past Tuesday as the celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation. We are encouraging our students and staff to practice forgiveness with each other.

Finally, as staff, we are always striving to meet the needs of all our students so over break, Mrs. Reina attended an Orton-Gillingham training which she has begun using with her 3-4 grade students. This approach is a multisensory and sequential method for literacy. We are pleased to announce that St. John's now has 3 teachers who have received this training - Mrs. Reina, Mrs. Cruz and Mrs. Peterson.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

March 29

School Spirit Day

April 4

Stations of the Cross, 9:40am

April 5

NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday

April 9

Stations of the Cross, 8:15am

April 11

Gr. 1 Parent Lunch, 10:45am

April 12

School Spirit Day

Geography Club, 2:30

April 15

Grade 3 - Oliver Kelly Farm

April 19

No School - Good Friday

April 22

No School - Easter Monday

THANK YOU!

St. John's received a quarterly donation from Amazon in the amount of \$150.96 from the time period of Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2018.

Remember when you shop online to use [Amazon Smile](#) and choose St. John's as your charitable organization and a percentage of your purchase amount will come back to SJB.



Wines to Wishes

If you were not able to attend Wines to Wishes, you can still donate to this year's Fund-A-Need. Check out the video that was shown prior to the giving part of the evening: [Fund-a-Need Video](#)

If you would still like to sign-up for a party, we have spots remaining! These spots will be filled on a first come first served basis.

- ⇒ FlannelJax's Axe Throwing on Monday, April 1st, evening time TBD. \$25 per person.
- ⇒ Ladies Wine Tasting and Pallet Painting on Friday, April 5th, at 6:30pm. \$50 per person.
- ⇒ 3rd Annual Scotch and Cigars on Saturday, April 6th, from 7pm-10pm. \$40 per person.
- ⇒ Backyard BBQ with the Priests on Saturday, May 18th, from 5:30pm-8pm. \$25 per person.
- ⇒ 3rd Annual Sunset Pontoon Party on Friday, June 7th, from 5pm-10pm. \$65 per person.

Regardless if you attended or not, we would love to have you take a short [survey](#) about the event.

Contact [Michelle Barsness](#) to donate or sign up for a party.

SJB Lenten Service Project 2019

This year we will be collecting maternity, baby, and children's items for our St. John's Maternity and Baby Closet.

All items will go to mothers and children in need in our community. Starred items are most needed.

We will be collecting the following items:

- New or gently used maternity clothing
- New or gently used infant clothing size newborn-24 months
- New or gently used toddler/children's clothing size 2T- 6 *
 - Diapers (especially bigger sizes) *
 - Wipes *
 - Baby blankets
 - Baby bibs
 - Crib Sheets
- Gift cards for baby formula (Cub, Target, Walmart)



Our collection will begin Wednesday, March 6th and will end Wednesday, April 17th.

Thank you for your generosity!

Any excess items will be donated to Abria or Birthright.

Art Fundraiser - Art to Remember

Over the past couple of months our students have been working on an art fundraiser. Each student created original artwork which was sent to Art to Remember. Families now have the opportunity to purchase keepsakes featuring their student's artwork. Students should have brought home a customized order form featuring their work. Order online at www.arttoremember.com or complete the order form and return to the school office.

ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 3RD.

Items ordered will arrive at school in early May. A percentage of sales will come back to the art program at St. John's. If you have any questions, please contact [Ms. Autumn Higgins](#).



J-Care School Release Day - April 5th

Join J-Care for SUPER HERO DAY next Friday. Come dressed as your favorite super hero. We'll be watching Incredibles 2, snacking on "Incredible Movie Mix," playing super hero games and making super hero costumes. Pre-registration required by Monday, April 1st. Contact [Alison Wacek](#) with questions or to signup.



St. John's Summer Preschool

New this summer! St. John's Little Lights Preschool will be offering a 10-week summer option for preschool students ages 3-5 that includes weekly educational themes, outdoor activities, field trips, Spanish and making new friends! This will be a summer program where Preschoolers are encouraged to learn through play and exploration.



Contact [Andrea Schroeder](#) for more information.



SJB Parish News

Save the Date for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at SJB

Saturday, April 20th at 10:00am

Join us for a blessing, egg hunt, crafts, games and refreshments.

We will also have special photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny! Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

We can use volunteers to help with the egg hunt (students grade 7 and up). Contact [Jen Livermont](#) to help.



Lenten Fish Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 14250 are sponsoring a Friday Fish Dinner at Saint John's on Friday, April 12th

DINNER INCLUDES: fried or baked cod, potato, coleslaw, corn, mac and cheese, beverage and dessert.

WHEN: Friday, April 12

TIME: 6:00-7:30pm

COST: \$10 per person
\$6 ages 5-12
under 5 free
\$40 maximum per family



WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019 | APRIL 13 | 8:15-3:30

A DAY SET ASIDE FOR WOMEN TO BE RENEWED AND
STRENGTHENED WITH DEDICATED TIME
FOR INSPIRATION, PRAYER,
CONFESSION.

Through 3 Amazing Talks You Will:

- See your worth as women
- Find that you are called and strengthened through Christ
- Radiate the Holy Spirit

*"I have called you by name,
and you are mine."*

— Isaiah 43:1

With Retreat Master ~ Gina Bauer



Registrations
due to
Jodie by
Sunday,
April 7

Gina is a dynamic entertaining speaker, teacher, and trainer with over 30 years of experience in ministry.

Gina captivates and engages her audience with lively stories and humor. She is able to convey Catholic teachings in a compassionate, down-to-earth style that reaches the heart of her listeners. Her vocation as a wife and as a mother of four, personally connects her to audiences on a very real and practical level, drawing them into the beautiful love story we call the Catholic Faith.

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Unplanned is the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson's journey of transformation from one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation to one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America. Watch the [Unplanned trailer](#).

Unplanned will be shown at local theatres beginning Friday, March 29th. Check your local listings for locations and show times.

Marriage in Christ Seminar

Throughout the Marriage in Christ seminar and especially on the fourth night we pray for a renewal of the grace of the sacrament of marriage. It is as the Bishops say,

"When Christian couples receive the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony, Christ dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens, to —be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ, and to love one another with supernatural, tender, and fruitful love."

By the power of the Holy Spirit, spouses become willing to do the acts and courtesies of love toward each other, regardless of the feelings of the moment. They are formed by the self-giving love of Christ for his Church as his Bride, and so they are enabled to perform acts of self-giving love to the benefit of themselves, their families, and the whole Church. The Sacrament of Matrimony, like the Sacrament of Holy Orders, is a sacrament "directed toward the salvation of others; if [these sacraments] contribute as well to personal salvation, it is through service to others that they do so." Those who receive these sacraments are given a special consecration in Christ's name to carry out the duties of their particular state in life." From: "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan: A Pastoral Letter of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops."

"I saw my wife the way Christ sees her for the first time."

"In the past, we had been praying in parallel; now we are praying together. It is much more intimate."

WHEN: Sunday afternoons from 3-5 pm on April 7, 14, 28, and May 5 and 12

WHERE: Room 206.

COST: \$85.00 per couple. Due to a generous donation to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis we can offer this seminar to couples married 5 years or less for \$25.00.

*Childcare is available but space is limited so register soon.

For more information, visit the Kiosk by the Welcome Desk or click [HERE](#).



Saint Thomas Academy Fathers' Club is hosting

JAKE OLSON

JOIN US SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 7:00 PM



WYATT SCHMIDT
Saint Thomas Academy
Alumnus 2013

Jake Olson
USC Longsapper

FATHERS' CLUB
SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

Join the millions worldwide who have been inspired by Jake's moving story as the blind longsnapper for the USC Trojans.

LOCATION:
Sjoberg/Flynn Arena at Saint Thomas Academy

TICKET PRICE: \$10
Student and Group Discounts Available

QUESTIONS:
Fathersclub@Cadets.com

REGISTER:
Cadets.com/JakeOlson

Totino-Grace High School E3 Engineering Institute Capstone Exhibition

Sunday, March 31, 2019
3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

LIFE TAKES ENGINEERING



The Engineering Institute Capstone Exhibition will take place at Totino-Grace High School this Sunday, March 31st from 3:00-5:30pm. It is free and open to the public and allows the E3 students an opportunity to showcase their senior capstone projects. Check out the extensive work of all students including the following SJB alumni (SJB '15 graduates):

Luke Arndorfer, Bree Glynn, Elissa Johnson, Michael Kavolak, Julia Nichols, and Luke Stene.



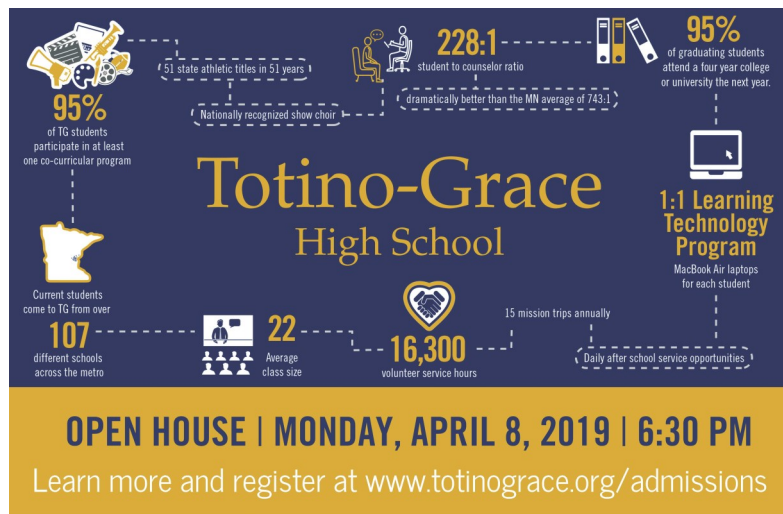
TOTINO-GRACE Amazing gRace

Friday, April 5 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Middle school students are invited to the Amazing gRace at Totino-Grace High School. This awesome event was designed just for you by TG students! Join them and your 6th - 8th grade peers for a night of active organized games, technology-driven scavenger hunt competitions, prizes, snacks and more! Bring a friend or come on your own. Get set for a fun and memorable event!

Parents and Guardians:
Stay on campus
for a parent social!

REGISTER TODAY AT www.totinograce.org/admissions



95% of TG students participate in at least one co-curricular program

51 state athletic titles in 51 years

228:1 student to counselor ratio

95% of graduating students attend a four year college or university the next year.

1:1 Learning Technology Program
MacBook Air laptops for each student

107 different schools across the metro

22 Average class size

16,300 volunteer service hours

15 mission trips annually

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Totino-Grace High School

OPEN HOUSE | MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019 | 6:30 PM

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