



March 7, 2019

From the Principal

Happy Lent! Yes, I did say *Happy* Lent. During this time of preparation for the Lord's resurrection, we need to focus on the great LOVE Christ shows us - He loved us so much that He gave His life so we could live. His great LOVE is what we rejoice in at Easter and should rejoice in this Lent. As Father Paul said in his homily on Ash Wednesday, during this Lent let us see Christ in others and let us be Christ to others.

Thank you to all of the families who have donated items for the Families Helping Families Easter Baskets for the elderly project. We have received many wonderful donations and are looking forward to a great event! We will accept items through tomorrow if you still want to donate (see below for items needed). Please join us on Sunday March 10th following the 10:30am Mass in St. Joseph's Hall.

Next Thursday, March 14th will be our second Non-Uniform for Teachers fundraiser sponsored by SJB PTO. For a minimum donation of \$1.00, students may come out of uniform on this day. All money raised goes to help teachers purchase items for classroom use. This fundraiser replaces our old bake sales.

Thank you to all of those who attended our Continuous Improvement Meeting on Tuesday. Parents and staff generated some wonderful ideas that SAC will compile and discuss how to implement. For those unable to attend, a survey will be coming out to get your feedback on the topics that were discussed.

Just a reminder of the following upcoming events:

- ⇒ Student report cards for trimester 2 will be available for you to view and print in Educate beginning tomorrow, March 8th.
- ⇒ Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 12th at 9:40 in the Church
- ⇒ Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences March 12th (1st-8th grade) from 3:30-7:30pm, March 13th (K-8th grade) from 3:30-7:30pm, and March 14th (Kindergarten Only—No school for Kindergarteners) from 8:30am-2:30pm
- ⇒ Box Tops contest - turn in all tops by next Wednesday, March 13th
- ⇒ March 14 - No school for KINDERGARTEN ONLY
- ⇒ March 15-22 - No school for all students for Spring Break
- ⇒ Reconciliation for grades 2-8 on Tuesday, March 26th from 9:30-11:30am
- ⇒ 5th Grade goes to Wolf Ridge ELC in northern Minnesota on March 27th-29th.
- ⇒ SJB Lent Retreat on Saturday, March 16th from 8:00am-1:00pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

Finally, for our Lenten Service Project, we will be collecting clothing and baby items for the St. John's Maternity and Baby Closet. The St. John's Maternity and Baby Closet supplies those in need in the community with items for mothers-to-be and their children, including clothing, diapers and gift cards. See below for specific items needed.

Have a wonderful, snow-filled weekend!

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

March 8

School Spirit Day
Gr. 3 Como Planetarium

March 10

Families Helping Families

March 12

Stations of the Cross, 9:40am
Conferences - PM

March 13

Conferences - PM

March 14

No school for KG only
KG only conferences

March 15-22

Spring Break - No School

March 26

Reconciliation, gr. 2-8

March 29

School Spirit Day

J-Care Assistant Director Position Opening

St. John's J-Care is now accepting applications for an Assistant Director for our before/after school and summer child care program. We're looking for someone who's enthusiastic, creative, dedicated and loves working with children. This person would provide quality care for our K-8 students. This position would include planning creative and fun activities, planning and attending field trips, maintaining a safe and clean environment, greeting and communicating with parents and most importantly, engaging with the children.



The hours are 6:15-8:15A and 2:00-6:00P Monday through Friday during the school year and varying summer hours. For more information or to apply, contact [Alison Wacek](#).

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.

After-School Art Class

Snow/Ice dyeing, grades K-8 \$20 (checks to St. John's)

2 day class: Monday March 25th 2:30-4pm and Tuesday March 26th 2:30-3:30

Create a beautiful colorful ice dyed silk scarf and t-shirt* (provided by Ms. Higgins) - you can also bring your own item from home!**

On the first day we'll tie up our projects, cover them in snow or ice and sprinkle on powdered fabric dye. Overnight the snow will melt and the dye will soak into your project leaving a groovy and colorful design. On the second day (it's ok if you can't make it) we'll un-wrap our projects and rinse them out to reveal the beautiful design.



* On the registration form, note what size shirt you would like (for you or a family member)

**If you are bringing an item from home make sure it is made from natural fiber such as cotton, silk, wool, or rayon. Polyester or acrylic will not work.

Box Tops Contest

We are having the next contest to see which grade can turn in the most Box Tops! Please turn in Box Tops to your homeroom by next Wednesday, March 13th. The grade that turns in the most valid (non-expired) Box Tops will be rewarded with a treat! (Date will be to be identified by the teachers after Spring Break).



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL!

Merry Minstrels Performance

On Friday March 15 the Burlington Court at Northtown Mall will come alive with young folk dancers marking St. Patrick's Day in two performances at 1:00pm and 2:15pm. The Merry Minstrels, from St. John the Baptist School in New Brighton, will be back for the third time to entertain shoppers with their catchy folk songs, colorful costumes, and authentic English Morris Dancing. Audience members may be invited to participate, and will surely catch a glimpse of St. Patrick himself!



J-Care Over Spring Break 2019: March 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st

Hours of Operation: 7:00am – 6:00pm

Pre-Registration Required by Monday, March 11th

Friday, March 15th
USA Inflatables



Monday, March 18th 2019
Kids Choice Awards



Tuesday, March 19th
Duct Tape Day



Wednesday, March 20th
DIY Projects



Thursday, March 21st
Spring....Let's party





Join SJB PTO for the 4th annual “Families Helping Families” event

Sunday, March 10th in St. Joseph’s Hall following the 10:30am Mass

Families Helping Families is a fun service event for the entire family. At this event, you will be able to go to various stations to do simple, quick and fun service projects to help others in our community. We hope you and your family will attend! SJB PTO will be staffing a table assembling Easter Baskets for our elderly Saint John the Baptist parishioners who are in nursing homes or home-bound. This project was a huge success last year! We would love your help in getting items for the PTO table. We are asking our school families to help out by donating the following items:

- Puzzle Books, note cards/stationary, small Easter stuffed animals
- Small bottles lotion or hand sanitizer, small packets of Kleenex, lip balm
- Individual food packets of cookies, crackers, pudding, jello

PTO will also accept monetary donations which will be used to purchase baskets and items we are in need of for the project (checks payable to St. John's).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Questions? Contact: Amy Saylor (saylorsa@hotmail.com) or Jenny Schmitz (jschmitz134@gmail.com)

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.

Join us Friday evenings during Lent

Mass at 5:30pm

Soup Supper at 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm



Family Formation

All parishioners are invited to join our families for Family Formation. There is always an adult formation speaker and our teens love it too!

This month, on Wednesday, March 13th, Fr. Paul Shovelain joins us on the topic of Reconciliation *the Clean Sweep*.

Fr. Paul will begin at 6:30pm. Want to join us for dinner at 6:00pm first? RSVP to [Jodie Wolla](#).



SJB Parish News



Marriage in Christ Seminar

Please join us for the Marriage in Christ seminar. Over time, busy couples can fall into a rut and we begin to take our spouse for granted. We can forget how much we love each other. The five-week Marriage in Christ Seminar offers daily activities that couples can do in as little as 15-20 minutes a day. These activities are designed to deepen our friendship with God and with our spouse. The format for each day is easy to follow. Couples pray together each day, talk about things the things we used to talk about when we were getting to know each other. The Marriage in Christ Seminar offers practical suggestions for putting our love into action and deepening our friendship.



"The Marriage in Christ seminar offers small practical steps that are so achievable. Thank you so much. It was such a blessing for us. Great practical things to do immediately to make and see changes in our relationship. Thank you for caring and putting the importance of marriage into practice for us."

"The Marriage in Christ seminar has confirmed our friendship and given us a deep gratitude for it."

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

Where: Room 206.

Cost is \$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](#).

Charismata w/Fr. Becker

8-10 pm following Soup Supper and Stations

Friday, March 8

In the Church

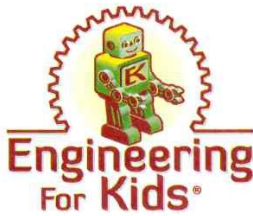
Do you love the music at the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday evenings? Do you love contemporary Praise and Worship music? Do you love Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? Do you need additional prayer?

Charismata is another place to encounter all of these things and so much more! Come and experience the Lord in powerful ways.



#1 Parent
Choice

Fun &
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St. John Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Science
Technology
Engineering
Math

STEM Club Spring 2019

The Engineering For Kids STEM Club introduces you to a new, hands-on, lesson every week from various engineering disciplines. For each lesson, you will focus on developing 21st Century skills such as problem solving, critical thinking and peer collaboration. These life skills provide you with the confidence to approach challenges in your life and realize that you can succeed in almost anything!



Jr STEM Club K-3 2:40-3:40pm				STEM Club 3-6 2:40-4:10pm			
Dates	# Ses	Rate	Day	Dates	# Ses	Rate	Day
4/4-4/25	4	\$100	Thur	5/2-5/23	4	\$110	Thur

Jr STEM Club K-3	STEM Club 3-6
Mechanical Engineering Weird & Wacky Contraption	Environmental Engineering Wind Power Challenge
Chemical Engineering Oobleck	Hardware Engineering Human Wire
Civil Engineering Smarter Than Your Average Bear	Civil Engineering Bridge the Gap P1
Mechanical Engineering Wind-Up Robots	Civil Engineering Bridge the Gap P2



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