



April 4, 2019

## From the Principal

April is here and we are full spring mode. Easter is only three weeks away and we are in the home stretch for our preparations to celebrate the Resurrection. There are still opportunities for you to prepare with Stations of Cross on Friday at 6:30pm or next Tuesday with school at 8:15am. The parish is also hosting a women's retreat on Saturday, April 13th - to register, click [here](#).

The virtue we are practicing this month is Forgiveness. Forgiveness is pardoning those who offend you. The saints for this virtue experienced abandonment, slavery, and physical suffering. If you do not know about these saints, I would encourage to check them out: St. Patrick, Blessed Margaret of Castello, and St Josephine Bakhita. As always, we ask that you join us in practicing this virtue at home.

Attention all parish families! St. John's parish wants to capture a picture of our future 50 Year Club Members with Archbishop Hebda at the end of the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday April 14th. At the end of Mass all children from ages 0-18 will be invited up to the sanctuary for a picture with Archbishop Hebda! Please remember to wear red if possible in honor of Palm Sunday. Please join us for this exciting opportunity!

Parents, are you looking for some volunteer opportunities? Preschool is in need of volunteers to assist them with a couple of tasks. Please contact [Andrea Schroeder](#) if interested.

As a school community, our Lenten Service Project is to collect donations for our St. John's Maternity and Baby Closet to help mothers and children in need in our community (see below for specific items needed). This is a great opportunity to do some spring cleaning and donate your gently used items to help others. All donations should be brought to school by Wednesday, April 17th.

Although Spring is upon us, the weather varies quite a bit from day to day or even hour to hour. Please check the weather and encourage your students to dress appropriately for the conditions. Students do go outside for recess and gym so we want them to be properly dressed.

Finally, parish and school staff will be at their annual staff retreat day tomorrow at St. Charles so there will be NO SCHOOL for all students. Staff will spend our day listening to two speakers along with an opportunity to celebrate Mass together. We will also spend time in prayer and prepare our hearts for Easter with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray that our day is fruitful. J-Care is available for our K-8 grade students - if you are need of care for your child(ren) tomorrow, please contact [Alison Wacek](#) asap.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ann Laird, Principal

## Upcoming Events

### 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

### April 23

Grade 2 - Mill City Museum

### April 25

Preschool Family Fun Night

### April 26

No Preschool

School Spirit Day

New KG Students visit

### April 29

Gr. 3-4 - James J Hill House

### April 30-May 3

8th Gr. - Washington DC trip

## March JOY Students

Congratulations to our Student JOY winners for the month of March! These students displayed the virtue of **Respect** during the month. Respect is recognizing the dignity of all people.

**KG** Mia K.

**Gr. 1:** Maeve S.

**Gr. 2:** Olivia B.

**Gr. 3:** Kachi A.

**Gr. 4:** Rosie S.

**Gr. 5:** Colin A.

**Gr. 6:** Nick S.

**Gr. 7:** Ava E.

**Gr. 8:** Peter M.

**Art:** Izzy S.

**Gym:** Charlie S.

**J-Care:** Taylor H.

**Library:** Ezra W.

**Music:** Lainey R.

**Spanish:** Domonic M.



## Art Fundraiser - Art to Remember

Last week students should have brought home an art fundraiser flyer. Each student created original artwork which was sent to Art to Remember. If you still want to order any items from the flyer, you may do so **ONLINE only** until April 10th at



[www.arttoremember.com](http://www.arttoremember.com). 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](#).

## Volunteer Hours 2018-19 school year

As you know, each K-8 family is required to volunteer within the school or parish 20 hours each school year. A record of completed hours should now be turned in to the school office. You may email them to [Joy Thienes](#) or print the VOLUNTEER TRACKING LOG and send it to the school office.

Please have your hours turned in by April 30th - all hours will still count through the end of June 2019 for the 18-19 school year, so estimate the hours you will volunteer after the turn-in date (Ice Cream Social, Picnics, field trips, etc.).

Families completing less than the 20 hours will be billed for those hours at \$10 per hour up to \$200. These fees will be added to your Tads accounts in May if necessary. Thank you!

## Golf at Brightwood Hills

SJB and Brightwood Golf Course will again be offering golf this Spring!

**Who:** Students aged 8 and older

**Where:** Brightwood Hills Golf Course

**When:** Fridays, April 26, May 3rd, 10th and 17th

**Time:** 2:30 - 5:00pm

**Cost:** \$60 for students who need transportation from school to the golf course\* (transportation is limited to the first 15 students who bring in registration with payment)

\$50 for students who do NOT need transportation to the golf course



**\* ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE PICKED UP AT THE GOLF COURSE BY 5:00PM.**

If your child has golf clubs please consider dropping them off at the golf course in the morning before school, with 15 kids riding the van there is limited space for golf clubs on the van.

If your child would like to participate please fill out the AFTER-SCHOOL CLASS REGISTRATION FORM and send it into the school office along with a check made out to **Brightwood Hills Golf Course**.

**Deadline for signing up is Tuesday, April 23rd. Absolutely no permission forms will be accepted after this date.**

## Spring After-School Art Classes

There is still room in the after-school art classes coming up this spring! Complete an AFTER-SCHOOL CLASS REGISTRATION FORM and return with payment for any classes to the school office.



### Easter bunny bobble heads

Grades K-8, 15 students max, \$15 (checks to St. John's)  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:30pm

### Marbled Fabric Dyeing

Grades K-8, 18 students max, \$20 (checks to St. John's)  
2-day class: April 15<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:30pm and April 16<sup>th</sup> 2:30-3:30pm (2<sup>nd</sup> day optional)



### Mother's Day Mug and dish

Grades K-8, 15 students max, \$15 (checks to St. John's)  
Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:30-4:30pm

### Bouquet of flowers canvas painting

Grades K-8, 18 students max, \$15 (checks to St. John's)  
Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:30pm



### Paint poured mini canvas set

Grades K-8, 18 students max, \$15 (checks to St. John's)  
Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:30pm

### Father's Day Mug and Dish

Grades K-8, 15 students max, \$15 (checks to St. John's)  
Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:30-4:30pm



## Summer J-Care

Summer is fast approaching and we are thrilled with all the activities and events planned for our summer J-Care program. We will be off to awesome field trips and swimming trips and will participate in service learning projects throughout the summer months. Mark your calendars for Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:00pm in the school cafeteria for our 2019 Summer J-Care Open House. Summer registration materials will be available at the open house and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you might have. Want to get a jump start on planning the summer? Go to the [summer J-Care section](#) of the school website and find more information, summer calendars and registration materials.



## 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.

## Lenten Service Project 2019



This Lent we are collecting items for our St. John's Maternity and Baby Closet. All items donated will go to mothers and children in need in our community. We are collecting the following items:

- Maternity Clothing
- Infant clothing
- Toddler/Children Clothing\*
- Diapers (especially larger sizes)\*
- Wipes\*
- Baby blankets
- Bibs
- Crib Sheets
- Gift cards (Target, Walmart, Cub)

\*Most needed items

Clothing can be new or gently used.

Collections will be taken until Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your generosity!





# SJB Parish News

## Save the Date for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at SJB

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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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## Irondale Softball Youth Night

Please join the Irondale High School Softball team for youth night.



Thursday, April 11th  
4:30pm  
Irondale High School

Wear your Knights apparel for a free DQ treat. And stay after the game to meet the players and get autographs on a team picture.



## St. Anthony Soccer

Register now for St Anthony Soccer Boosters summer in house soccer! Registration closes on April 21st at midnight so register today! We are really looking for both boys and girls with birth years 2009 and 2010 to help fill our U10 in house teams....We have changed the game night this year so the girls U10 in house teams will be playing on Wednesday nights so girls can play both softball and soccer! Boys U10 will still be playing on Monday nights!!!



To register, click on the link:

[St. Anthony Soccer](#)

## Catholic Youth Camp

Catholic Youth Camp is celebrating 72 years of changing lives. Since 1947, kids 7-17 have enjoyed traditional camp activities like archery, canoeing, paddle boards, swimming, arts and crafts, games, camp fires and more. Sessions run June-August and kids will be at CYC from Sunday-Friday. CYC is a Catholic community that comes together in faith, friendship and fun. CYC is located in McGregor, MN. Visit the [Catholic Youth Camp website](#) for more information.



## Totino-Grace Summer Camps

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY



– SUMMER AND ATHLETIC CAMPS –  
**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

[St. Thomas Academy Summer Camps](#)