

SJB Parish News

From the Principal



For the latest information, please see the COVID section of the St. John's School website:

[SJB COVID INFORMATION](#)

Blessings to you all during this Lenten season. Lent is a wonderful time in the Church to reflect upon our relationship with Jesus and how we bring His love to others through our actions, words, and thoughts. Some questions to consider during this time: Do I spend time each day praying? Am I reading scripture or learning about His life? Do I go to Mass or participate in Mass virtually? Do I place other things before Him? What can I do to put Him first and grow in my relationship with Him? These are the things Father Paul talked about with our students at our Ash Wednesday Mass and prayer service and that we are challenging our students and staff to do this Lent. We also extend that challenge to our families so we can all grow in our relationship with Jesus. Here are some other ways we helping our students to grow that relationship:

- On Fridays, we remember and journey with Jesus on his passion, death, and resurrection. Join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday (and one Thursday) while students are in session. Each week, a different grade level will participate in Church and the remaining students will participate virtually from their classrooms. There will be limited seating in the Church for parents or we invite you to participate virtually. The link for Stations tomorrow, Friday, February 19th is <https://youtu.be/GWl2reyMA-c>. You may also find this link along with the links for each week's Stations of the Cross on our school website under the [News + Bulletins Section](#).
- Grades 2-8 will have the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 23rd.
- We will be having a "mini" retreat during Holy Week (March 29-April 1) for all our students where we will remember the important last days of Jesus' life on earth.
- Our Middle School students participated in a retreat with the NET team yesterday afternoon to prepare them to encounter Jesus this Lent.

We invite all of you to join with your students this Lent and grow your relationship with Jesus. Please see the [parish website](#), bulletin or weekly parish email for additional opportunities for all this Lent. These include Adoration on Wednesdays and Fridays, Mass and Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

Parent-Teacher Conference Slips were sent home with students this week. We ask all kindergarten families to meet for a conference with your child's teacher. Conferences for students in grades 1-8 are by request only - either by the teacher or you as a parent. Please complete the forms and return them to your child's teacher by February 26th so that teachers may schedule conference dates and times. Teachers will notify you of your conference day and time the following week.

Spring Break is only a couple weeks away. There will be no school for all students on Friday, March 12th through Friday, March 19th. Kindergarten students only are also out of school on Thursday, March 11th for conferences. J-care is available if needed on March 12th through March 18th. Please see the [J-Care page](#) on the school website for more information or to register your child for any of the school release days . In-person learning will resume Monday, March 22nd.

Applications for tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year are now being accepted. Go to www.mytads.com to complete the online application. All applications should

Tuition Paid Receipt

You may access your "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report" under the Billing tab. There is a link to this report on the left-hand side above your account listings. Alternatively, this report can be accessed within a specific year billing account if you click into your 'Reports' tab while viewing your account.

This report details what your family has paid towards school tuition and fees in a given tax year. As this report runs off tax year, multiple school billing years can be listed on this report. Any TADS fees that were paid are not listed on this report.

be completed by March 15th for SJB assistance, however, there are also scholarships available from AIM Higher with a completion deadline of February 20th.

A friendly reminder to send winter clothes with your children each school day. We've had a stretch of really cold days so they've been inside for recess, but as the weather continues to warm up, students will be going outside. Note that even if it is below zero in the morning, it may not be when it comes to recess time and students will go outside provided the temperature, including the wind chill, is above zero degrees.

We are pleased to report that there is no new information on the COVID front. We are so grateful for your diligence and sacrifice to continue to make in-person learning at St. John's possible.

Finally, please join me in praying for our students receiving the powerful Sacrament of Confession this Saturday, February 20th. It is a beautiful Sacrament of Healing and Reconciliation and an important step in their faith journeys.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Used Uniform Sale - February 24th

We will be hosting a winter used-uniform sale on Wednesday, February 24th from 3:30-6:30pm in the school gym. Like we did with the summer sale, we are asking families to sign up for a slot using the link below. We will have up to 8 families per each half hour slot, so please sign up just one person per family.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2oFoD44A4AB2BA6FA7-sjbused>

This is a final opportunity this school year to purchase used uniforms. If you have any uniforms to donate, drop them off in the school office at any time. Thank you!

Summer J-Care

Before you know it, the school year will be over and summer will be here! Do you have plans for your children? Why not send them to J-Care?

Summer J-Care is open from 6:30am-6:00pm Monday - Friday and is available for any students who are registered at St. John the Baptist School in Kindergarten - 8th grade for the 2020-2021 school year.



Summer J-Care runs from June 8 - August 27 (no J-Care July 2 & 5 for the July 4th Holiday)

Summer registration forms are now being accepted. If your forms are turned in by Monday, May 21st, you will receive \$10 off your registration fee. Click [here](#) to go to the SJB website for registration forms, parent handbook, and summer monthly calendars.

Contact Alison Wacek, J-Care Director, for more information: waceka@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x 1127

*New to the program: All J-Care participants attending J-Care July 12-16 will be joining the Totus Tuus program from 9:00am - 12:00pm each day.

Synod at Home: Tips and Tools for Growing in Faith

Five Thursdays in Lent, February 18 – March 18

During Lent, we often take on practices to deepen our faith lives and commitment to serving others. But once Easter comes, those practices can easily go to the wayside. How can we make those practices stick, to continue on a path toward holiness?



The [Synod at Home](#) series takes helpful videos, tips and tools for growing in faith, and pairs them with family-friendly activities based on four pillars: Prayer & Sacraments, Lifelong Learning, Generosity & Service, and Traditions & Fun. Individuals, couples and families will find their faith and relationships strengthened by Synod at Home.

You will receive weekly emails with Synod at Home videos and materials Thursdays from February 18 - March 18! The videos and materials will also be posted at archspm.org/synod. We are excited for you and those in your household to join in this journey.

devoted

devoted is back February 24th to begin our 2021 season!

devoted is open to all women from every walk of life. Invite your mom, sister, aunt, or friend! Take time to take a breath, be inspired, and get connected to other women of faith.

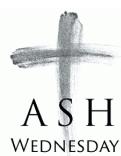


We welcome Ryan O'Hara, the Content Director for St. Paul's Outreach, a Catholic campus ministry for college students. Ryan has been helping Catholics come alive in faith and become committed followers of Jesus Christ. He will kick off our new season engaging us in our parish theme this year, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the life blood of the Body of Christ, the agent of unity and hope.

February's tradition - Bring your own mug for our warm beverage. Doors open for seating in St. Joseph's Hall at 7:45pm, 8:00pm start time with announcements, and we will end right at 9:30pm.

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In Case you missed it...



St. John the Baptist Parish was featured on WCCO news yesterday showing our unique way of bringing the Ash Wednesday to parishioners during these uncertain times of COVID-19.

Click [HERE](#) to view the video of the distribution of ashes here at St. John's yesterday afternoon.



Mothers of young children, a special morning just for you!

Don't miss this unique chance to step away for a quiet, prayerful morning to prepare your heart for Lent. Receive the gift of merciful love from the Lord on this **FREE self-guided mini-retreat** designed especially for you!

Please register by February 23 and you will receive your digital retreat guide on February 27.

[REGISTER Now](#)

EXTREME FAITH CAMP
A CATHOLIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP
@ Trout Lake Camp

Save the Date



HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS:
JULY 31ST - AUGUST 6, 2021
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPERS:
AUGUST 2ND - AUGUST 6TH, 2021



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Contact Mikayla Anderson with any questions!
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