

# Principal's Bulletin

## From the Principal

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! We wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving. As we reflect on all we have, it is with extreme gratitude that we thank God for our wonderful SJB students, families, and staff.

For all K-8th grade students there is no school tomorrow, Friday, November 19th. Teachers will be preparing for the upcoming distance learning days on Monday and Tuesday as well as parent/teacher conferences. Monday, November 22nd and Tuesday, November 23rd are distance learning ½ days from 8:00a-11:00am. Parent/teacher conferences will be held each day from 12:00-8:00pm. These conferences are via sign up only. If you still need to sign up, the links may be found under Quick Links on the SJB website, click [here](#) to be brought to the sign up page, or contact your child's teacher. A reminder that masks are recommended in our school building and if you have symptoms of illness, please stay home, and contact your child's teacher to reschedule the conference.

When we return to school after Thanksgiving break on Monday, November 29th, we are entering into a busy time of year as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Below are some important SJB Parish highlights for the Advent season that begins on November 28th:

- Advent Family Activities on December 5th at 9:30a and 11:30a in St. Joseph Hall - see below for the details
- Online Advent Retreat - This Advent St. John's is inviting you to be restored to JOY, or for some of us, to discover this kind of JOY for the very first time. As a parish, we will be walking through an online Advent Retreat created by Chris Stefanick called, LIVING JOY: 9 Rules that will Change your Life. This free online retreat has daily content. Each day you will receive a short video full of wisdom, experience, and common sense that will unpack these 9 simple steps to help you cooperate with God's plan to live JOY every day. You may sign up for this online retreat here: <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/living-joy>. If you prefer something in your hands, you are welcome to read Chris Stefanick's book LIVING JOY: 9 Rules to Help you Rediscover and Live JOY Every Day. The cost is \$10 each and books may be purchased at the Welcome Desk.
- Another option is our [1% Challenge based on the Gospel of Luke](#). 1% of your day is just 15 minutes. Take the 4 weeks of Advent to dive more deeply into the entire life of Christ. Use the simple Lectio Divina form provided on the card as you begin with the biblical narratives of the Incarnation, continue with Christ's public ministry, and into his passion, death, and resurrection. Then for Christmas reread the first few chapters of Luke with new insights.

We also have the following school events to help us prepare for and celebrate Christmas. We are excited to once again welcome families to these annual celebrations:

- Band concert on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00pm in the Church.
- Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00pm in the Church.

Finally, as we enter into this time of holiday celebrations along with the cold and flu season, please remember to keep your child home if there they are not feeling well, have symptoms or if someone in your household has tested positive to COVID. This is our best way to make sure everyone stays healthy during this time and to keep our students in school.

We wish all our families a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

### Lost and Found Items



The Lost & Found items are currently on display on tables outside the gym. Please take a look when you are here for conferences next week. All unclaimed items will be donated sometime the week after Thanksgiving.

## SJB Swim Team - Coaches Needed



We are looking for some parent volunteers to coach the SJB swim team this year. Swimming is open to students in grades K-8. Practices will be once a week and begin in late January and run through the end of March. All coaches must be up-to-date with their Virtus training. Thank you for your consideration!

If interested or for more information, contact Mr. Kevin Miley at [mileyk@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:mileyk@stjohnnyb.org)

## Scholastic Book Fair at SJB!



The Scholastic Book Store will be open for in-person shopping during parent/teacher conferences on November 22 and 23 - stop in when you are here! The book fair is located in the Science Lab - upstairs in the corner between grades 4 and 5.

You may also continue to order from the online store anytime until Tuesday, November 23. Click [HERE](#) to access the online store.

# SJB Advent Service Project

This year St. John's is working with Sharing and Caring Hands and Mary's Place. We are holding a Toy/Gift Drive throughout Advent, focusing on living out a generous spirit.

We ask students to bring in a new, unwrapped gift valued at no more than \$20. The toy/gift should be something your child would enjoy receiving for Christmas.

Please avoid gifts that require batteries, video games or contain many pieces.

Cash donations will also be accepted in lieu of toy/gift.

All gifts should be turned in to the students' homeroom teachers by Thursday, December 16th.

Thank you and God Bless

Any questions— contact Mrs. Troxel at [troxelb@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:troxelb@stjohnnyb.org)



# Advent Activities

Hospitality and Advent Stations  
December 5th in St. Joseph's Hall  
*after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses*

**Bring more Catholic traditions into your home for Christmas!**




*Christmas cards for the homebound*  
*Jesse Tree activity*  
*December Saints*  
*St. Nicholas treats for the kids*

# SJB Parish News



## First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation families are encouraged to bring their workbook to hospitality after Mass on December 5<sup>th</sup> and check in with Jen Livermont or Jill Fink in St. Joseph's Hall. Show us your hard work completing lessons 1-8 and receive a special gift!



## St. Vincent de Paul - Sock Drive

For 20 years now the St. Vincent de Paul Society has collected socks and underwear for the homeless during the month of November. This year is no exception and we are once again collecting the following items:

- \* White socks for men or women
- \* T-shirts for men or women
- \* Men's underwear
- \* Women's underwear
- \* Thermal underwear for men or women (especially large and extra-large sizes)

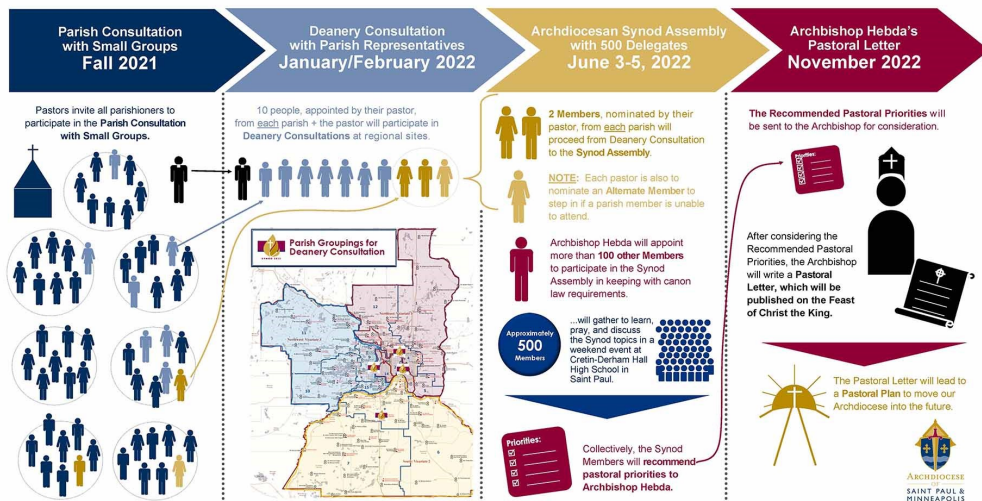


All donations can be placed in the blue bins at church doors or brought to the school office. Thank you!

# Synod... What happens next?

Thank you to all our participants in the Synod Small Groups Parish Consultation! Your feedback has been greatly appreciated for our Archbishop as well as for our St. John's community.

## SYNOD 2022 Year Three Synod Consultations: The Road to the Pastoral Plan



Questions? Contact Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280