

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

Happy New Year and Blessings to you and your family in 2022! We are glad to have the students back in school after Christmas Break and we are gearing up for Catholic Schools Week and Wines to Wishes at the end of the month.

Join us this Saturday, January 8th for our Journey to the Inn event. This commemoration of the journey to see the Holy Family is a wonderful night for the whole family. The Holy Family, wisemen, and live animals will be at St. John's. Join us for Mass at 4:30pm which will be followed by dinner. The journey begins at 6:15pm with cookies and hot cocoa to conclude the night. See below for the details. Due to some last minute changes, we are in need of more volunteers to dress up and play the part of the Wisemen this weekend. If you are available, please contact Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org. I hope to see you there!

The virtue for January is Fortitude. This wonderful virtue is often difficult to live but so important. Fortitude is being brave and strong in the face of trials. WOW! I'm sure we can all think of times in our lives that required us to have fortitude and how difficult that can be. Let us all work hard to practice this virtue in our lives and lean on St. Bernadette, St. Joan of Arc, and Saints Paul Mikki and Companions as great examples.

There is no school for all students, preschool through grade 8, next Friday, January 14th for a teacher workday or on Monday, January 17th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. J-Care is available on Friday, January 14th only - please see the website for more information and to [sign up for J-Care](#). There is no Preschool Care Crew on either day.

Catholic School Week begins Sunday, January 30th with Sunday Mass at 10:30am followed by a school open house until 12:00 noon. Our theme for this year is Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. The week will be full of dress up days, fun activities, and end with our adult get together, Wines to Wishes, on Saturday, February 5th. Look for more details to come about Catholic School Week (CSW) events and Wines to Wishes.

As you know, we are still working our way through COVID and its variants. We continue to ask that you help us keep our students in class by continuing to be diligent. Please make sure to screen your children every day for any illness and keep them home if they have any symptoms. Additionally if there is positive case in your home, please contact the school office and we will help you walk through the process. Finally, we are aware that the CDC has changed the quarantine guidelines. We are waiting for MDH to weigh in on these guidelines before we consider any changes to our policy, thus, we are staying with the 10 day quarantine for positive cases and 14 day quarantine for a positive household exposure. We will notify you if that changes. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



**LET'S APPRECIATE OUR
TEACHERS ALL YEAR!**

Please Join us for The

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL'S PTO

**NON-UNIFORM
FUNDRAISER!**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH



Baptisms at St. John's!

In addition to celebrating the birthday of Jesus, the Walker and Turnbull families in our parish and school community celebrated birth of new life in the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 26. Congratulations to Gabriel Walker (grade 2), Harper Turnbull (grade 1) and Marley Turnbull (grade 2)! May the Holy Spirit continue to bless you as you hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow Him throughout your lives.

The Catholic church baptizes all ages – children, youth and adults. For more information on the Sacrament of Baptism for infants, contact Michael Lane, Sacraments Coordinator at lanem@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1219. For more information on preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism for children, youth and adults, contact Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or

Wines to Wishes 2022

Wines to Wishes is St. John the Baptist School's premiere event that funds critical needs and upgrades of the school as well as celebrates 60+ years of faith-filled excellence in education. We are excited to be back IN-PERSON for this year's event! Our Fund-A-Need goal is to purchase a new PA (public address) system to better streamline communication with all students, teachers, and staff. Money raised above and beyond our goal will go to our tuition endowment fund.

A big part of our event is our silent and live auction, and for these to be successful, we need donations! If you are able and interested in donating, we have a few different options, which can be found on the [donations page of our Wines to Wishes website](#).

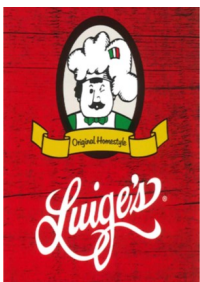
- ~ You can shop from our Amazon or Target Wish Lists from the comfort of your home, and the lists are set up to ship directly to school. It's super easy – you can even shop in your pajamas!
- ~ If you are able to purchase a gift card, we have a sign up genius to track the donations. This will require you to go to the location, purchase the gift card, and then deliver it to school. We use gift cards in a variety of ways at the event.
- ~ We can shop for you! Simply donate online using the link, or you can drop off a check or cash to the school office.
- ~ Not interested in any of the items on our wish lists? We are also looking for bottles of wine and tickets to events (sports, theater, etc.).

To learn more about our event, how to register, and/or how to sponsor and donate, please visit our website: www.winestowishes.com. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Contact Michelle Barsness (barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org) with any questions.



Pizza Fundraiser - 8th Grade Washington DC Trip



The 8th graders traveling to Washington D.C. are selling frozen Luigi's Pizzas as their final fundraiser of this year. If you are interested in placing an order, click on the link below or scan the QR code to place your order.

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/bc5d2cf7-3514-4ed3-ba8d-6ab5d69095d7/1414757>

Orders accepted through January 13th.

Pizza order pick-up in St. Paul Plaza – Sunday, January 30th from 11:30am – 12:30 pm.



Thank you for your continued support for this trip!

JOURNEY TO THE INN

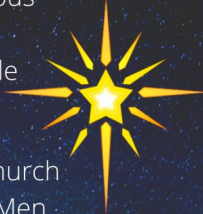
with the Wise Men

Saturday, January 8th 2022

4:30 pm Mass *(nursery available)*

5:30 pm Dinner by Knights of Columbus
Mostaccioli, salad and bread
GF and vegetarian options available
\$5/person - pay at the door

6:15 pm Bible reading and songs - Church
Candlelight procession with Wise Men
Christmas carols, live animals at
the stable
Hot cocoa and cookies - St. Joe's Hall



SJB Parish News

WINTER ADULT LIFELONG LEARNING



Discover the mystery of the Eucharist through video teaching, small group sharing & prayer experiences. Study is led by Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship



**THURSDAY EVENING
6:30-8PM
ROOM 206
5 WEEK STUDY
JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17, 24**

\$25 covers all study materials and supplies
register by Mon., Jan. 24

contact Jill Fink at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org



THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE



Join Us for Inspiring Scripture Study

This condensed 3 week study will explore our faith's basis of belief in scripture and tradition.

Saturdays, January 8, 15, 22
9:00 - 11:00 am
St. Joseph Hall

Led by Dave Tucci and other Men's Fellowship Members.

Cost is \$25.00

Register by January 3 at stjohnb.org/adultministry

Questions: Contact Dave Tucci at 612.616.4013



SJBYM Middle School Fun Day

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AT BOWLERO!
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. SPOTS ARE LIMITED.

MLK DAY: MONDAY JANUARY 17, 2022 12:30PM-5PM



cost: \$20 per student
Includes - snacks, transportation, 90 min bowling, 24 credit arcade, and 2 laser tag games
Schedule:
12:30pm - arrive at SJB
12:45 - introductions, opening prayer
1:00pm Games, snack and testimony
2:00pm - leave SJB on bus to Bowlero, Blaine
4:40pm - depart from Bowlero, Blaine
5:00pm - pickup at SJB (Lunch not provided)



Contact Mikayla Anderson, Youth Minister with any questions!
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