

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

Blessing to all of you on this last full week of February. Boy how the year has flown by! There is still time to prepare for Lent which begins next week on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Think about how you as a family are going to deepen your relationship and love for God during this Lent. Maybe it is committing to family prayer, attending Sunday Mass, attending Stations of the Cross, joining us for Family adoration, or something else that honors God and shows Him that He matters as much as or more than other things in your life. Make the plan now so you are ready by Ash Wednesday next week.

Join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, March 2nd at 8:30am. Ash Wednesday is the kick off to Lent and a time that we remember our sinfulness and to seek God. All of our students will be signed with cross on their forehead with ashes reminding them to turn away from sin and towards God. It is also a day that we all abstain from eating meat and for those of us that are between the ages of 15-59 fast which means we eat 2 small meals and 1 larger meal with no snacks in between. This is a small sacrifice for us to make for our Lord who suffered and died on the Cross to redeem us.

Below are just some of the ways St. John's is helping us to prepare this Lent:

- School Stations of the Cross in Church
 - ⇒ March 4th at 1:00pm
 - ⇒ March 10th at 9:30am
 - ⇒ March 25th at 1:00pm
 - ⇒ March 31st at 1:00pm
- Family Adoration is Sunday, March 6th from 4:00-5:00pm. We hope to see you there.
- Lenten Small Groups
 - ⇒ Lent groups meet for eight weeks, beginning the week of Ash Wednesday. These are small, parish-ioner -led groups that will support and encourage you during your Lenten journey. Register for a group on the parish website: [Lenten Small Group](#)
- Friday evenings during Lent - Join us for evening Mass, Soup Suppers, and Stations of the Cross.
 - ⇒ Mass at 5:30pm
 - ⇒ Soup Supper at 6:00pm (except for March 4th and April 8th)
 - * On Friday March 4th and Friday, April 8th, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry from 5:00-7:00pm
 - ⇒ Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

We hope you make some time this Lent to join us at these events.

As you all know, there are many wonderful things about technology, including smartwatches. However, there is also a downside that we are seeing at school. As more and more students are wearing smartwatches, we are unfortunately having an increasing amount of disruptions in our school day as a result. Watch notifications are going off in class due to someone calling, texting, etc. and students are using various functions (such as calculators) during tests. It is becoming a distraction and an interruption to our day. If your student has a watch, please disable any texting/calling functions during school hours. If you need to communicate something to your child (i.e. a change in pick up for the end of the day) or your child needs to communicate with you, that should go through the main office or the teacher via email or phone call. If a watch goes off during class, it will be taken and a note will be sent home. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with us on this issue.

Here are some important reminders about upcoming events:

- Our spring Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up the week March 7th. If a conference was requested by a teacher or a parent, you will be notified by the teacher as to the date and time of the conference.

- Spring Break begins on Friday, March 11th and goes through Friday, March 18th. School resumes on Monday March 21st. A reminder that there is no school for kindergarten students only on Thursday, March 10th.
- We had a change to our school calendar and there will be no school on Friday, April 1st for all students in preschool through grade 8.

Over the past three years, we have been blessed to have the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of the Philippines teaching, praying, and being examples of faith and God's love to our St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School community. Their prayerful presence has been a source of blessings for our church and school. It is with sadness that we announce the end of our partnership with these sisters at the end of this academic year. The order has expressed a desire to serve God and fulfill their mission in their already established communities and in other ways. We wish these good and holy sisters many blessings in their future work, and we are grateful to God for the gift their being among us has been. Please join us in praying for them and their religious community.

Finally, a huge thank you to all those who attended and supported the 2022 Wines to Wishes annual fundraiser for our school. I am excited to announce that we raised over \$110,000, which is the highest profit that we have ever had in the 17 year history of the event! This total number includes close to \$35,000 raised specifically for our fund-a-need goal. With this as well as an incredibly generous \$25,000 fund-a-need donation made prior to the event, we are confident that we will be able to install a new PA (public address) system in our school. We are very grateful to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and supporters – thank you again for making Wines to Wishes so successful! A special THANK YOU to our chairperson, Michelle Barsness, for all her work to make this a successful event.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Tuition Assistance Applications

Applications are continuing to be accepted for the 2022-2023 school year. For those who would like to apply for tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year, you may do so at www.mytads.com. We ask that all tuition assistance applications be completed by March 31, 2022.



Please note that in order to be considered for an AIM Higher or CSA

Scholarship, the tuition assistance application must be completed by March 1, 2022. Many of our families do get an extra \$1000 (per student) from these sources, so get your application in early!

SJB PTO - March Meeting

SJB PTO's next meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday, March 3rd from 6:00-8:00pm.

We encourage anyone interested to join this meeting. Topics that will be discussed are Teacher Appreciation Week and the end of the year student picnics. The link to join the meeting is below:

Meeting URL: <https://medtronic.zoom.us/j/99862215395?pwd=SERYUmRVUUM3V1UrTUNPZ2o4SEhiQT09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 998 6221 5395

Passcode: 609898



Household Paid Tuition Tax Report

As you look to complete your taxes for 2021, you may access and print a copy of your "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report" in your TADS accounts under the Billing tab. This report details what your family has paid towards school tuition and fees in a given tax year. As this report runs off of a tax year, multiple school billing years may be listed on this report. To find this report, login to your TADS account and 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.



SJB Spring sports registration



Track & Field: boys/girls in grades 4-8

Baseball: boys in grades 5-8

Softball: girls in grades 5-8

Registration forms are due March 4th and may be found on the [SJB Athletic Page](#) of the SJB website or from Mr. Miley.

SJB Parish News



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*Has life got you down?
Discover spiritual wisdom to beat the trials.*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
7:00 PM
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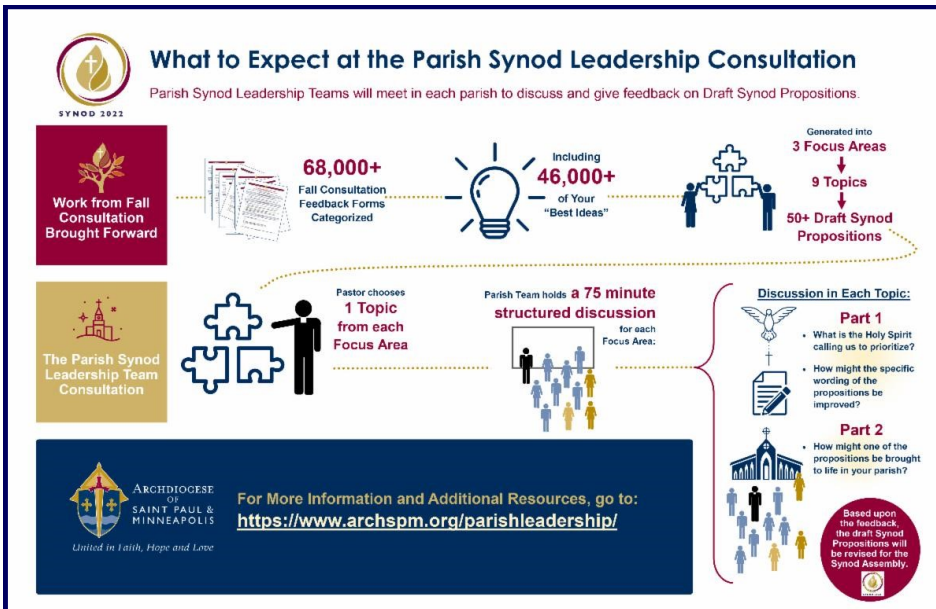
FEATURING SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
MEGAN KRUGER





RCIA Rites to be Celebrated

Next Sunday adults preparing to come into full communion with the Church will celebrate the **Rite of Sending** at our parish at the 10:30am Mass. This Rite offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress of the candidates, express approval, and support, and send them forth to our Bishop. The **Rite of Election** follows at 1:30pm at the Basilica of St. Mary where our group will be welcomed by the Archbishop or Bishop. Please keep all in your prayers. For more information regarding Becoming Catholic RCIA, contact Jill Fink at 651.633.8333 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

What to Expect at the Parish Synod Leadership Consultation

Parish Synod Leadership Teams will meet in each parish to discuss and give feedback on Draft Synod Propositions.

68,000+ Fall Consultation Feedback Forms Categorized

Including 46,000+ of Your "Best Ideas"

Generated into 3 Focus Areas

9 Topics

50+ Draft Synod Propositions

Pastor chooses 1 Topic from each Focus Area

Parish Team holds a 75 minute structured discussion for each Focus Area

Discussion in Each Topic:

Part 1

- What is the Holy Spirit calling us to prioritize?
- How might the specific wording of the propositions be improved?

Part 2

- How might one of the propositions be brought to life in your parish?

Based upon the feedback the draft Synod Propositions will be revised for the Synod Assembly.

For More Information and Additional Resources, go to: <https://www.archspm.org/parishleadership/>

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Synod 2022

The next step in our Synod 2022 process involves our 10 Parish Representatives to discuss three focus areas as draft propositions. This feedback will help the Archbishop develop his Synod Propositions for the Assembly to pray and discern at the Synod on June 3-5.

How Can You Participate?

1. Pray for our Parish Representatives who will meet on Saturday, March 5.
2. Attend a votive Mass on February 26 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 8:00am followed by adoration until 3:10pm.
3. Pray the Synod Prayer

Find the prayer and more information on the [Synod on the parish website.](#)



Attention All Middle School Students: Open Youth Room is Ready for YOU!

Come join us in the youth room directly after school every Thursday afternoon from 2:30-4:00pm for tons of games, snacks, hanging out, a short discussion about our faith, and FUN! Hope to see you there!

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Job Opening

J-Care

Before and After School Care Program

Program Hours:

Mornings

6:15-7:45 am

Afternoons

2:15-6:00 pm

School Release Days

7:00 am-6:00 pm

J-Care oversees children grades kindergarten through eight while providing a safe, supportive and loving environment for everyone.

St. John's J-Care is now accepting applications for an afterschool Child Care Program Staff and Assistant Director.

Program Staff information:

- Flexible scheduling: 2 to 5 days a week.
- Monday - Friday 2:15 to 6:00 pm
- Potential hours on non-school days and summers.
- Must be at least a junior or senior in High School to apply.
- Pay starts at \$11.00 per hour.

Assistant Director information:

- Monday through Friday 2:00 to 6:00pm with the potential for additional hours.
- Pay starts at \$14.00 per hour.
- Assistant Director is asked to help oversee program and facilities, daily operations and perform administrative duties.



Additional responsibilities for both positions include planning and implementing age-appropriate educational and recreational activities, homework support, crafts, attending field trips etc. Must have a positive mindset towards child learning and development while being flexible and adaptive in potentially stressful situations.

To apply contact Alison Wacek waceka@stjohnnyb.org | 651.633.1522 X1127