

Principal's Bulletin

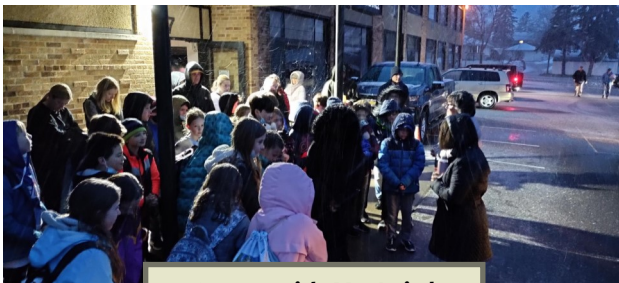
From the Principal

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful spring break!

As we look to the 4th week of Lent beginning Sunday we hear the parable of the prodigal son. This parable reminds us of God's mercy and rejoicing when we all embrace Him and enter more deeply into a relationship with Him. Here are some ways to continue to encounter Him this Lent at St. John's:

- **Families Helping Families:** Join us on Thursday, March 31st from 5:30-8:30pm in St. Joseph Hall. This an opportunity for all our families to be of service for those in need in our community. See below for more information.
- **Lenten Service Project:** We are also collecting items for the Families Helping Families night of service. Each grade has a themed donation request and all items should be brought to school by next Thursday, March 31st. This information was emailed to all families yesterday and a copy of this information may be found below.
- **Stations of the Cross:** There are a couple of options for Stations of the Cross at St. John's - both the school and parish. School Stations of the cross on Friday, March 25th, Thursday, March 31st and Friday, April 8th at 1:00pm. Parish Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.
- Join us for our all-school Masses every Wednesday at 8:30am or at any of the parish daily 8:30am Masses.

Our 5th graders left for Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Camp yesterday and after a travel bump in the road, they arrived safely, have settled in and are having a great time. We hope they have a wonderful time! Here are some pictures from their send off yesterday.



Prayer with Ms. Laird



The group - Ready to go!

Below are a few things coming up that we want you to be aware of:

- St. John's PTO is hosting the next Non-Uniform Fundraiser on Tuesday, March 29th. Students may come out of uniform for a minimum \$1.00 donation. Proceeds will be used to support PTO-sponsored activities for teachers and students.
- The 1st grade Faith, Family, and Fellowship morning is Wednesday, March 30th. Join us for Mass at 8:30am and remain in the Church for a short program followed by fellowship in St. Joseph Hall.
- There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, April 1st for all students in grades preschool through 8th grade. Parish and school staff will be on retreat that day. There is no J-Care or Care Crew available.
- There is no district busing on Friday, April 8th. The SJB charter buses to the Blaine area will run normally.

Finally, tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Come for Mass at 8:30am or 5:30pm to celebrate the day Jesus became incarnate because of our Blessed Mother's "yes" to the Lord, exactly 9 months before Christmas. Our students and staff will also pause tomorrow at 11:00am for a short prayer to join with the Archdiocese and Pope Francis in a prayer for peace, and consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. If you would like to join in praying for peace, St. John's will hold a special Holy Hour, Adoration, the Consecration Prayer, and Benediction starting at 11:00 am in the Church. These will also be live-streamed. See below

for more information and links for the live-streams.

Wishing you all a wonderful end to your week and a restful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Easter Egg Hunt - Volunteers Needed!

We have a Volunteer Opportunity for you. The parish is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th. We are looking for a few parents/adults to help us from 10:00am - 12:00pm at the goodie bag, prize and craft tables. Please sign up for one of these slots here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod44a4ab2ba6fa7-sjbeaster>



Join us at St. John's for a Holy Hour and Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer

If you are unable to join Archbishop Hebda at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (see information below) you can pray with us at St. John the Baptist in person or virtually. We will be having a special Holy Hour, Adoration, the Consecration Prayer, and Benediction starting at 11:00 am in the Church

We will be streaming it on [Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#).

Together we shall join our prayers along with Pope Francis, Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Williams, and everyone else praying for peace. Here is the [link to the Consecration Prayer](#) We sincerely hope you will be able to join us for this special prayer time

Archdiocesan Holy Hour & Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Join Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Williams as they join Pope Francis this Friday at 11:00 am (our time) in the Cathedral of Saint Paul for a Holy Hour and worldwide [Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#).

This event will occur simultaneously with Pope Francis' prayer for peace, and consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which will take place during the Celebration of Penance at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome

LET'S APPRECIATE OUR TEACHERS ALL YEAR!

Please Join us for the

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL'S PTO

NON-UNIFORM FUNDRAISER!

PTO NON UNIFORM DAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH

TEACHER NAME _____

~ \$1.00 MINIMUM DONATION ~

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT PTO SPONSORED ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS!!!

Summer J-Care

With summer fast approaching, we are busy planning for a fun-filled summer of activities and events. J-Care offers a fun and unique experience that gives kids the opportunity to meet new friends and socialize, explore and discover new interests, be physically active and create lasting memories. With most field trip places open once again, J-Care will be heading off to all kinds of different places. We will be going to Nickelodeon Universe, Conquer Ninja Warrior, Crayola Experience, waterparks, and many more exciting places.



J-Care registration is now open. To find summer registration materials go to the school website and click on [Summer J-Care](#) for calendars, registration materials and more. Submit your child's registration form by Friday, May 20th and you will receive \$10.00 off each child's registration fee. Contact [Alison Wacek](#) with questions.

Please Pray for Our RCIA Candidates!

Keep in your thoughts and prayers our Becoming Catholic RCIA Sponsors and their Candidates who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Sponsors in back row: Jenn Turner, Dana Masek, Dan Lasky, Chris Seiple and Trish Cleary

Candidates in front row: Katrina Smith, Jaime Turnbull, Evan Peters, Matt Markus and Beth Griffith



SJB Parish News

Extreme Faith Night - MS Students

ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: Middle School Youth Group will be hosting this month's Extreme Faith Night on March 25 @ 7:00-8:30pm! The theme will be "Hearing God's Voice in Prayer" and we will be playing the game Telephone Pictionary. And in case anyone was wondering: yes, THERE WILL BE BEEF STICKS!!! Hope to see you there!




Join us
Fridays in Lent
March 18, March 25 & April 1
5:30 pm ~ Mass
6:00 pm ~ Soup Supper
7:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Vacation Bible School 2022 The Armor of God

You are all princes and princesses of the Kingdom of God. As such, you must be trained to Put on the Armor of God! Training will take place:

WHEN: Tuesday, June 14 - Thursday, June 16

TIME: 9:00am-12:00pm

WHO: Students 3 years old (and potty trained) through students entering Kindergarten

COST: \$30 (T-shirt included)

We will read stories, make crafts, pray, play, have snacks, and playground time. VBS is a fun way to experience Christ's teachings through hands-on play with friends from school and church. On our last day we will end with a big, water extravaganza! Come join the fun!

To get more information or to register, go to the SJB Parish website at: <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/children/vacation-bible-school/>



Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program

The 2022 Totus Tuus will be held this summer at St. John the Baptist. Themes for this year are the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, Prayer and the Our Father.



GRADE SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM:

The day program is for students entering grades 1-5 in the fall and is \$50. The program runs **Monday, August 1st through Friday, August 5th** from 9:00am-2:30pm and includes songs, skits, games, prayer, small groups, Mass, recess and large group presentations. We will end the week with a human sundae and water fun!

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL EVENING PROGRAM:

The evening program is for students entering grades 6-12 in the fall. Students entering grades 6-8 pay \$25, and the fee is waived for students entering 9-12. The program runs Sunday, July 31st through Thursday, August 4th from 7:30-9:45pm and includes large group presentations, small group discussions, games, and night prayer. Students attending this program whether they attend one day or the week need to register.

Get more information or register on our website at: <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/totus-tuus-2/>



2022 Lenten Service Project



For this year's Lenten Service Project, we will be collecting items for the St. John the Baptist PTO Families Helping Families event.

We ask students to bring in items to create Easter Baskets for the parish homebound and Birthday Bags for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf.

We are asking for donations of the following items from each grade level:

Preschool and Kindergarten: Cake Mix, Frosting

Grades 1 & 2: Birthday Plates, Napkins, Candles

Grade 3: Sweet and Salty snacks -individually wrapped

Grade 4: Easter Chocolates/Candies – individually wrapped

Grade 5: Easter Trinkets/stuffed animals

Grade 6: Crossword Books/ Puzzle Books

Grades 7 & 8: Fruit snacks, Granola Bars or mini cans of pop

***DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED FOR THE NEXT WEEK -
ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE AT SCHOOL BY THURSDAY, MARCH 31***

Join us on Thursday evening, March 31st from 5:30-8:30pm for the Families Helping Families event to help pack the Easter baskets along with other service projects. Almsgiving is one of the 3 pillars of Lent and we are called to serve others during this time. Bring the family to help out other families in our community in a tangible way.



St. John the Baptist PTO is hosting the ***Families Helping Families*** event this Lent!

WHAT: The evening will begin with pizza and then families will be invited to help at a variety of tables for the following service projects:

- Tie fleece blankets to donate to families and parish or community members in need
 - Decorate a placemat that will be shared with our neighboring nursing home
 - Make a card for our homebound parishioners this Easter
- Fill Easter baskets with gifts and goodies to be delivered to our homebound parishioners
- Put together bags for the families of National Guard soldiers and airman who are deployed
 - Put together Birthday Bags for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

WHEN: Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 5:30-8:30PM

WHERE: St. Joseph Hall

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