

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

Happy Lent! It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Ash Wednesday Mass this week. Our theme for Lent this year is penance. Penance helps us to deepen our relationship with Jesus and others by admitting where we were less than or when we wronged God or others. God's mercy and love propels us toward being the person He created us to be.

Here are some ways you can encounter Jesus, our Lord, at SJB this Lent:

- School Stations of the Cross in Church - Encounter Jesus during the last moments of His earthly life
 - ⇒ March 4th at 1:00pm
 - ⇒ March 10th at 9:30am
 - ⇒ March 25th at 1:00pm
 - ⇒ March 31st at 1:00pm
- 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
- Family Adoration on Sunday, March 6th from 4:00-5:00pm: Encounter our Lord in the Eucharist
- Families Helping Families on Thursday, March 31st from 6:00-7:30pm: Encounter our Lord through good works and help homebound parishioners and those who are in need. Save the date - more information to come soon on this event and how you can help!
- Sacrament of Reconciliation every weekday (8:00-8:20am), Wednesdays (5:00-5:20pm) and Saturdays (3:30-4:15pm): Encounter God and his mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. School students will have this opportunity during school on Wednesday, April 6th.

Spring conferences are coming up next week. Except for kindergarten, these conferences are optional and based on teacher or parent request. If you are having a conference the notices confirming your conference time were sent home last week. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the upcoming conference schedules.

There will be NO DISTRICT BUSING on Thursday, March 10th. Morning drop-off will be in the gym (north) parking lot for all K-8 students (preschool drop-off remains the same). Afternoon pick-up will be in the main Church lot. The charter buses to the Blaine area will run normally on this day. Thank you for your patience on this day and remember students may begin arriving at 7:30am so consider coming early to avoid the long drop-off line that morning.

Spring Break begins for all students in preschool through grade 8 on Friday, March 11th and runs through Friday, March 18th. School will resume on Monday, March 21st.

- * J-care is available Friday, March 11th and Monday, March 14 - Thursday, March 17th. Please pre-register online for [J-care during Spring Break](#). Contact [Mrs. Alison Wacek](#) with any questions.
- * Care Crew is available Friday, March 11th and Monday, March 14 - Wednesday, March 16th. Please register online for [Care Crew during Spring Break](#). Please contact [Mrs. Andrea Schroeder](#) with any questions.

As you all know, the health focus of the last couple years has been COVID-19 and it's signs, symptoms and protocols. Many restrictions have been lifted and eased surrounding COVID and we have all become accustomed to the signs, symptoms and testing. We appreciate our families' diligence and precautions surrounding COVID this

year that has allowed us to continue in-person learning and kept our students and staff healthy. While COVID is still in the community, we have seen a reduction in the number of cases both here at St. John's and in the larger community - which is wonderful news! However, we have seen an increase in other regular illnesses at school this year - general colds, influenza and stomach bugs. We want to take this time to send a general reminder of when to keep your student home due to illness. Please keep your child home if any of following are present:

- A fever – 100°F or higher
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Undiagnosed rash, draining sores, or reddened, crusted eyes
- Stomachache or headache that persists
- Untreated head lice – please call the nurse's office if your child has had lice treatment
- Strep throat – student may return after 24 hours of medication or as directed by a physician

Note that a student should be fever free without fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school. If the student has diarrhea or vomiting, he/she should remain at home for at least 24 hours after the last episode before returning. The above list is not all-encompassing, but does give a general guideline for when to keep your child home due to illness. As we have been requesting all year, if your child exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you keep him/her home and encourage a COVID-19 test. We were able to order additional at-home COVID-19 antigen test kits (the same as were given to each student earlier this year). If anyone would like an additional testing box, please complete the google form : <https://forms.gle/xs47CfS8n3zG9i1s6>

This month we are working on the virtue of respect. Respect is recognizing the dignity of all people. We are all created in the image of God and deserve respect. Living this virtue means we see God in others and strive to be kind, generous, loving, and merciful in word and deed to all those we encounter. St. Jeanne Jugan, St. Damien of Molokai, and St. John Paul II are the saints we are studying that lived this virtue well. Consider how you might practice the virtue of respect during this Lenten season in your home with your family.

Have a wonderful weekend. Hope to see you at Stations or Mass this 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.

SJB PTO - March Meeting

SJB PTO's next meeting will be held via Zoom TONIGHT, 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=SERyUmRVUmM3V1UrTUNPZ2o4SEhiQT09&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

RCIA Rites to be Celebrated

This Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, adults preparing to come into full communion with the Church will celebrate the **Rite of Sending**. 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



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!



LENTEN ADORATION
WALK THE STATIONS
WITH JESUS





Sunday, March 6th
4-5pm



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.

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

Synod 2022

Thank you to our 10 Parish Synod Leadership Team who meet on Saturday to give feedback to the draft propositions and focus areas. The next step in our Synod 2022 process is the Synod Assembly on June 3-5.

How Can You Participate?

Find out more information regarding prayer events and praying the Synod prayer on our parish website. [Synod on the parish website](#)

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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