

# Principal's Bulletin

## From the Principal

HAPPY MEMORIAL WEEKEND! This weekend we remember all those who have sacrificed for our freedoms as well as remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us as children of God.

Here are some important upcoming events:

- There will be NO SCHOOL tomorrow, Friday, May 27th or Monday, May 30th for all students in preschool through grade 8. There will not be any childcare (J-Care or Care Crew) available on either of those days.
- The 8th grade Recognition Program will be held on Tuesday, May 31st beginning at 12:45pm. We will recognize the achievements of our 8th graders during their time here at St. John's.
- We will celebrate with our 8th grade students and their families on Thursday, June 2nd at their Graduation Mass at 6:30pm in the Church. Following the Mass is a short reception.
- School Picnic Day is on Monday, June 6th here at SJB. This is a fun day for the students with games and activities planned by PTO and parent volunteers (see below for the agenda for the day). Students may be out of uniform on this day - dress for the weather in comfortable clothes and tennis shoes as they will be outside for most of the day.
- Tuesday, June 7th is also a non-uniform uniform day - students will be doing some packing up and cleaning so dress accordingly.
- The last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year is Wednesday, June 8th. We will celebrate our final all-school Mass of the year and have some fun at Track & Field Day. Students should wear their SJB spirit shirts and can wear any shorts or sweatpants and tennis shoes.

As we plan for the next school year and navigate the changes that come with every new school year. Here are just a few areas where we want to continually improve:

- ⇒ Our communication committee has been looking at ways to help make teacher/parent communication more effective. There are several areas the committee is looking at including standardizing newsletters. Look for more information in our July/August Principal's Bulletins.
- ⇒ As a Catholic parish school, we are part of the larger St. John the Baptist Catholic Church community, and we want to invite our school families to not only engage in school but also in what the larger parish community has to offer our families. As we begin next year, we will be offering many opportunities to engage in both our school and parish community - some new activities and current favorites.
- ⇒ We will continue to build up our Catholic culture in our school. We know the importance of keeping the Catholic faith an important facet of our students' education and development and will continue to find ways to encourage and provide opportunities for all our students to deepen their relationship with the Lord.

We are continuing to grow our enrollment at St. John's so in the fall you will find a couple of changes to the school spaces. One of those changes is an additional preschool room opening in the lower level and the addition of an Atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for our preschoolers. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a hands-on Montessori program focusing on Sacred Scripture and Liturgy, allowing the children to hear, ponder and celebrate the mysteries of the Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus. Children learn in a room, called an Atrium, that has been specifically designed and set apart for them. Mrs. Brianne McCaffrey will be heading this program for us and it will begin in fall 2022.

It is with sadness that we inform you of some staff changes for next school year, namely that four of our wonderful staff members will not be returning to St. John's in the fall - Mrs. Autumn Higgins, Mr. Truran, Sister Novie, and Sister Ruth.

- Mrs. Higgins is leaving us and Minnesota and is moving to Oregon where her family lives. She has loved teaching here, and loves all the students and will miss them dearly, but it's time for her to be close to her parents, and the rest of her family.

- Mr. Truran, our band director, is leaving for a full time band director position at St. Agnes. He is excited to work at just one school, but will miss St. John's as he has enjoyed his time working here with the band students.
- As was announced earlier this spring, Sister Novie and Sister Ruth are leaving for their next assignments in San Francisco. Their last day at SJB will be Tuesday, May 31st. Please pray for safe travels for them and a successful assignment.

We wish all of these staff well in their new endeavors and will pray for their success. We are currently working through the interview process and will continue to update you as we know more about these positions. Please also pray for those who may be joining us that we may find exceptional people to fill these open positions.

Finally, the following is an exciting announcement from Father Paul Shovelain:

We are excited to announce that Archbishop Bernard Hebda has named soon to be Father Joseph Nguyen as our next Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School. He will serve alongside me and help lead our wonderful parish. Many of you will remember him as Deacon Joseph Nguyen as he served as our summer deacon in 2021. He generously gave of himself during his time here last summer and I am certain that he will be a great witness of a disciple who lives out of a generous spirit. He connected well with our youth and also enjoyed visiting the homebound. He built relationships with parishioners of all ages and will be able to build upon that foundation as he begins his priestly service here. I am very excited to welcome him back as a brother priest now and look forward to having another priest back at the rectory. He is also a good cook, which I am grateful for:) He also enjoys kayaking, racquetball, and spending time with parishioners.

A little backstory, soon to be Father Joseph Nguyen comes from a family of six; mom, dad, two older sisters, and a younger brother. He grew up south of the river in Savage, Minnesota. Our soon to be associate pastor wanted to be a priest ever since he was a little boy. He became a server in 3rd grade because it was as close as he could get to being a priest! When high school graduation came around, Father Nguyen had 2 choices: study engineering at the U of M or seminary and discern priesthood. And here he is now, after 4 years at St. John Vianney Seminary and 4 years in the Saint Paul Seminary, he will be ordained a priest on May 25, 2022! Please pray for him as he is ordained this Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10am. He will begin his service as Parochial Vicar on June 15th. Please be sure to make him feel welcome as Saint John's new associate pastor!

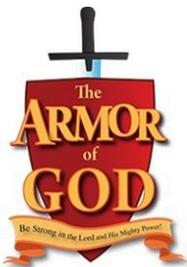
We wish you all a happy and safe Memorial Weekend. See you on Tuesday!  
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

## Vacation Bible School

We have a few spots left open for our Vacation Bible School Program which runs Tuesday, June 14 – Thursday, June 16 from 9:00am – noon each day. The program is for children in preschool and Kindergarten (3

years old and potty trained through those just finishing Kindergarten). 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! Register here: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/f1b974ea-43fa-41a8-9aaf-b7cd00a4adb3>





# MEET ME AT THE PARK

Join St. John's church and school families at a local park.

Adults can chat while the kids play.

Kids make new friends and see current friends.

Tuesday, June 21st at 10am and 6pm  
(two options available)

Lions Park - just inside entrance to Long Lake Park. Bring friends!



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SCHOOL

Hello  
Summer

End of the year Picnic

Monday, June 6th

PreK - 4th Grade

10-11:45am @ Vet's Park

11:45 -12:30pm - Lunch Break

12:30 - 2pm @ Gym Parking Lot

5th - 7th Grade

10-11:45am @ Gym Parking Lot

11:45 -12:30pm - Lunch Break

12:30 - 2pm @ Vet's Park

VET'S PARK - 2 Inflatable Obstacle Courses, Soccer Inflatable, Dunk Tank, Kick Ball, & Tug of War

LUNCH - Pizza, Chips, Grapes, Oreo Cookies, Juice Boxes, & Freezies! **Please bring a water bottle!!!!**

GYM PARKING LOT - Wacky Hair Station, Tattoos, Cake Walk, Spin Art, Minute to Win It, & more!

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# SJB Parish News

## Synod Novena to the Holy Spirit

You are invited to pray with Catholics across the Archdiocese and your parish representatives the Novena to the Holy Spirit. The final day of the novena will be the first day of the Archdiocesan Synod Assembly, during which our parish representatives will enter into discussion and prayer to provide feedback to Archbishop Hebda during this final step of the Synod process. Even if you cannot pray the novena on these exact dates, please consider entering into this novena. The Holy Spirit is instrumental to the success of our Synod! Go to our Synod webpage for more information: <https://stjohnnb.com/archdiocesan-synod/>



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GOLDEN VALLEY**
- 5 **St. Agnes  
ST. PAUL**
- 6 **St. Joseph's  
ROSEMOUNT**
- 7 **St. Wenceslaus  
NEW PRAGUE**

**CLASS LOCATIONS:**  
In-Person in  
Coon Rapids and  
Live-Streamed  
to Multiple  
Satellite Sites

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church has had about 80 graduates of the Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute since 2010. Applications for the Fall Class are now available for this two-year, non-degree program taught by scholars in the Archdiocese. There are several options to attend including a live class at Epiphany in Coon Rapids on Monday evenings, or various CI Satellite Sites. For more information see their website at: <https://semssp.org/ci/> or contact Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org)

## Archdiocesan Marriage Day

June 11, 10 a.m.

Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul

Married couples, celebrate the gift of your vocation at the Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration Mass with Bishop Joseph Williams. Get more information at the following link: <https://www.archspm.org/marriage-day/>

# SJB OFFICE OF DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION PRESENTS...

# Summer REVIVAL SERIES 2022

## MASS, DJ & PARISH PICNIC

Come celebrate the feast day of our patron, St. John the Baptist, starting with our Saturday anticipatory mass, then a cookout dinner (hamburger or hotdog picnic meal, until we run out!) and live music provided by IMPACT ENTERTAINMENT.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH**  
**4:30 PM MASS IN CHURCH,**  
**5:45 PM DINNER & MUSIC IN**  
**WEST PARKING LOT**

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Live out of a generous spirit by volunteering at Feed My Starving Children! Please register on the Sign Up Genius!

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH**  
**FMSC - COON RAPIDS**  
**7:00-9:00 PM**

## END OF SUMMER ROSARY & BONFIRE

Come enjoy the end of the summer by praying the rosary after our 6:15pm mass and fellowship around a bonfire after

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST**  
**WEST PARKING LOT**  
**7:15PM**

**Willingness to Grow ..... Generous Spirit ..... Reliance on Prayer**

# ALL PARISHONERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AND GROW IN OUR CORE VALUES!



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