



From the Principal

October 6, 2022

Happy October! We hope everyone has had a good first month of school. Thank you to Christina Muellner and all our volunteers who helped make our Marathon on Saturday, October 1st successful. It was a great day and so fun seeing so many of you this past weekend and connecting with old and new families.

Sunday, October 9, 2022 is our Middle School Mass at 10:30am. Join us as we live out being Called Forth into relationship with God by leading and celebrating Mass together with the parish community. MS students - please wear your school uniform and then see Ms. Laird after Mass for your out of uniform slip.

There will be NO BUSING on Monday, October 10th due to the MV District having a day off of school. This means that the district buses will not be running and students who live within the MV District and utilize busing will need to be driven to/from school on Monday. We ask parents to drive north on 2nd Ave NW as normal, however, instead of stopping at the flagpole door to drop off your students, please turn right into the north/gym lot and drop off your students at the gym entrance (door 7). Staff will be outside Monday morning to assist, so follow their direction. Please be sure to exit on the east side of the lot and do NOT park in the north lot. Afternoon pick up will be from the main church lot. Please park in the main church lot and collect your students from the sidewalk in front of the church. Notice to those who utilize the SJB charter buses to the Blaine area - these two buses will run normally on Monday.

School Picture Days are Monday, October 10th and Tuesday, October 11th. All students will have their photo taken on one of the days according to the schedule below:

Monday, October 10th

Grades K-3

Preschool rooms (Miss Anna, Miss Mary Ann, Mrs. Sawyer)

Tuesday, October 11th

Grades 4-8

Preschool rooms (Mrs. Michelle and Mrs. Pick)

Students may come out of uniform on the day of their pictures (do NOT wear green). For those who might miss picture day or want a redo, picture retake day will be Monday, November 14th.

Next week, our 5th graders will be traveling to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center (ELC) in Finland, Minnesota from Wednesday, October 12th through Friday, October 14th. ELC is a wonderful learning opportunity for our students and is a highlight of the year. Please pray for a successful, fun, and safe trip for all the students, staff and parent chaperones.

Here are some other important upcoming events:

- * Tuesday, October 11th is the First Sacraments (Reconciliation and First Communion) Parent Orientation Meeting for all 2nd parents at 6:30pm in St. Joseph Hall.
- * Friday, October 14th is our Middle School Youth Group Night from 7:00-8:30pm. Come for some fun, faith, and fellowship.
- * Monday, October 24th is Unity Day at St. John's. Students should wear an orange shirt with their uniform bottoms as we come together to unite in re-

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Upcoming Events:

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| NO Busing Day Mon, Oct 10 |
| School Pictures October 10-11 |
| No School - MEA October 19 - 21 |
| Unity Day October 24 |



No district busing on Monday, Oct. 10th

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specting the dignity of every person. Climb Theater will be here to give presentations on friendship and how we treat others.

- * Wednesday, October 26th we will host our 4th grade parents/grandparents at the 4th grade Faith, Family Fellowship morning. Join us for Mass and a short presentation to follow. We will then go into St. Joseph Hall for refreshments, food, and fellowship.
- * Wednesday, October 26th is also the All Saints Party from 5:00-7:30pm. This is a great evening of trick-or-treating, games, food and fun. Dress up as your favorite saint and join us for the party!

Finally, we would like to welcome Miss Katie Adams, our new J-Care Coordinator, and Mr. Cole Van Beusekom, our new PE teacher and Athletic Director. An email was sent to all households yesterday giving you a little more information about them. We know you join us in welcoming them both to our SJB community!

Have a blessed weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

School Picture Days



All students will be photographed on either Monday, October 10th or Tuesday, October 11th for school pictures. Students may come out of uniform on the day that they are scheduled to be photographed (schedule is below).

Please DO NOT wear green for your photos.

There is no preordering of photos. Parents may view pictures of their child a few days following picture day at www.jostenspix.com and order photos then if desired.

Monday, October 10th: Grades K-3 plus preschool rooms (Miss Anna, Miss Mary Ann, Mrs. Sawyer)

Tuesday, October 11th: Grades 4-8 plus preschool rooms (Mrs. Michelle and Mrs. Pick)



SJB Preschool Corner

If you have any preschool related questions, please contact Andrea Schroeder schroedera@stjohnnyb.org

Preschool Job Openings Care Crew Teachers

SJB Preschool is looking to hire additional Care Crew teachers for our after-school program. Hours are approximately 2:30-5:30pm Monday - Friday. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org

Care Crew for MEA Break

Care Crew for preschool students will be available on Wednesday, Oct 19th and Thursday, October 20th from 8:00am - 4:30pm each day.

If you are in need of care on either of these days, you must register your child online by Friday, October 14th.

[Care Crew Sign Up](#)

SJB Athletics

SJB Basketball Registration

Basketball registration is now open for boys and girls in grades 5-8. All registrations will be completed ONLINE this year (no paper copies). Basketball registration will run through Thursday, October 20th. All fees will be billed through TADS.

Registration Link may be found on the [Athletic Page of the SJB website](#) or by clicking the link below:

[SJB Basketball Registration](#)



Wrestling Team

Saint John the Baptist Wrestling Team

Upcoming Events

**FREE Wrestling Clinic
&
Youth Wrestling Team**



St. John's is excited to partner with Totino-Grace High School to offer both a free wrestling clinic and a youth wrestling program for boys in grades K-8.

An informational Flyer with more information and the registration links can be found on the [Athletics page of the SJB website](#) or by clicking on the links below.

[Wrestling Flyer](#)

[Free Wrestling Clinic Registration](#) [Wrestling Team Registration](#)

Any questions should be directed to Mr. Dan Vandermyde via email or phone: dan.vandermyde@totinograce.org or 763-586-6305

Community News

Saint Thomas Academy Admissions Showcase

Families in Grade 8 are invited to hear Saint Thomas Academy students describe their unique journeys, learn about what our experienced and talented faculty can offer your son and discover the benefits of a leadership focused, rigorous academic program. In addition, you will have a chance to learn about the many athletic and co-curricular programs we offer. Admissions Showcases offer an opportunity to receive an exceptional overview of Saint Thomas Academy. For more information or to RSVP, please visit cadets.com/showcase

OCT 17
6PM

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ADMISSIONS SHOWCASE

RSVP AT CADETS.COM/SHOWCASE

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

SJB Parish News

devoted

Wednesday, October 12, will be our monthly gathering of women, called devoted. We warmly welcome you to join us at 7:30pm for "extra" social time and 8:00pm for opening remarks. Gather for a little wine, a little chocolate, and be renewed. All women of the parish from all walks of life are welcome, and bring another woman who needs to be filled!

This month, we welcome Linda Able-Thomas back to devoted, as she shares with us about the "Reckless Love" of the Father. Living in a world where the loudest messages tell us we find our worth in things and how well we perform, it's no wonder we oftentimes don't feel worthy, especially worthy of love. The good news is that not once has God, our Father, asked us to earn or be worthy of His love; in fact, His love for you and me is above what we can ever imagine; we might even consider it RECKLESS!

devoted 
 Loyal | Faithful | True

Catholic Watchmen



We welcome all men of the parish to join us for our next Catholic Watchmen meeting on October 13, from 6:30pm - 9:00pm in St. Joseph Hall.

Dr. Rota will be our speaker for the night, and his presentation is titled: "Pascal's Wager: Why Faith is Reasonable."

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 15
 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 Saint Joseph Hall

Join us for some friendly competition, good food, and beverages! **This is a FREE event!** Prizes will be awarded to winners and everyone who comes will be entered to win doorprizes!

Tournament play will be between teams of two. **Register by emailing SJB.Cribbage@gmail.com and stating who you are, your teammate, and your team name.** A total of 80 seats are available and registration closes on October 13 at 3:00 pm. Registrants, please bring a cribbage board and a deck of cards. Thank you!

Questions? Contact Micki Hall at 651-633-8333 ext. 1210.



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 Office of Discipleship

Join St. John the Baptist Office of Discipleship and Missions in selling Butter Braid pastries! These pastries taste great and make great profits for our group. Don't miss your chance to buy!

Collecting Paper and Online Orders:

Thursday, September 15 - Sunday, October 17, 2022

Pick up after all Masses weekend of November 12 & 13, 2022 & Friday, November 11, from 1 - 3 pm



Questions:
 Email: Wollaj@stjohnnyb.org

Sacramental Preparation and Celebration at St. John's

The Catholic Church welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ and grace in her Sacramental life. Preparation and celebration follow the development of the child and include the family. Learn more below about how we can accompany you in your faith journey. For more information contact Jill Fink, Director of Catechesis at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org.

First Sacraments

The preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are completed during second grade. Preparation includes parents guiding their children through weekly home lessons, attending Parent/Child orientations, retreats, and celebrations.

Register at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/7c0254f2-7e5f-4b62-aa76-ab3cbab71630>

Baptism

The Catholic Church welcomes all ages to the Sacrament of Baptism. Preparation includes a parent meeting held once a month with other parents to understand the theology, Rite of Baptism and supporting parents in their role as first educators. Preparation for children ages 3 to 7 includes several parent/child sessions to instruct on the Good Shepherd, the gifts of baptism and the Rite of Baptism. Celebration of baptism is scheduled once a month typically the third Sunday of the month.

Register at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/d7c49e75-72f9-4db3-acf9-9f8fe9ac6b42>

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) is for children between ages 8 and 14 who have completed second grade and are looking to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and First Reconciliation. Students who have been baptized and need Eucharist and First Reconciliation are also welcomed. Parents accompany the child in the process with regular meetings.

Register at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/62ab1d59-3c8b-49ee-9181-df1e44beecff>

Becoming Catholic RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is the process by which adult men and women are initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Baptized adults also are welcome to complete initiation sacraments. Sessions meet weekly from mid-September until after Easter on Thursday evenings from 7:00—9:00 pm in Room 206.



Be a RCIA Sponsor

This year we have several parents who are in the RCIA program. We are looking for other school parents who would be interested in serving as a sponsor to them. A sponsor accompanies the candidate and gives witness to their own catholic faith. The commitment is attending weekly class on Thursdays at 7pm and various liturgical celebrations throughout the year. If interested for more information contact Jill Fink, Director of Catechesis at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280

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