

Blessings as we enter into Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday this Sunday, April 2nd. As you know, Easter is an important feast day for us. It is the fulfillment of God's promise to conquer sin and death so that we may have eternal life with Him. In order for Easter and the Resurrection to happen, God needed to send His Son so we could learn how to live in God's Kingdom and learn about his last days. Holy Week provides us with a unique opportunity to enter into those last days.

At school, we will be entering into His last days during our Holy Week Retreat where we will spend each of the 4 days of next week walking with Jesus. We will focus on Palm Sunday (Jesus' glorious entrance into Jerusalem), Holy Thursday (Last Supper and the institution of the Holy Eucharist), Good Friday (Jesus' crucifixion and death), and Easter (Jesus' Resurrection). During our 2023 Holy Week retreat, we are "Called Forth: An Invitation to Communion with the Lord." Students will participate in activities with their classes during a portion of each day. We will join as a whole school on three of the days and invite and encourage you to join us for the liturgies in the church on these days (shown below in **BOLDED PURPLE**)

- Monday, April 3rd - Palm Sunday: An Invitation to "Follow Him"
- Tuesday, April 4th - Holy Thursday: An Invitation "For anyone who thirsts, let them drink." **MASS AT 1:30PM** (Note: This Mass replaces our normal Mass time on Wednesday at 8:30am)
- Wednesday, April 5th - Good Friday: An Invitation "To come and take up your cross." **VENERATION OF THE CROSS AT 1:30PM**
- Thursday, April 6th - Resurrection: An Invitation to "Those blessed by the Father to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven." **ADORATION AT 1:30PM**

Aside from the above liturgies with the students, we also would like to encourage you to attend liturgies at St. John's during Holy Week. See below or on the [St. John's Church website](#) for a full list.

Join us for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 10am. The Egg Hunt is in need of volunteers to make this great event happen! Volunteer hours count towards your school volunteer requirement. We are also in need of middle schoolers and high schoolers to help run games. Please sign up on our Sign Up Genius here: [SJB Egg Hunt Volunteer Signup](#)

Congratulations to our couples who celebrated the Rite of Marriage this past Sunday, March 26th. As participants in the Becoming Catholic RCIA process, marriages are recognized and blessed in the Catholic church. Congratulations to the following school parents Daniel & Emily Blageo, Liz & Mathew Grosjean, Stephanie & Ricky Longnecker and Zach & Saira Voller. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



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Upcoming Events:

Easter Coloring Contest Due

Wednesday, April 5

Easter Grams Due

Wednesday, April 5

No School - Good Friday

Friday, April 7

No School - Easter Monday

Monday, April 10

No Busing

Friday, April 14

A reminder that there is no school for all students in grades preschool thru grade 8 on Good Friday, April 7th and Easter Monday, April 10th. There is no Care Crew or J-Care available on either day.

Finally, in light of the recent tragedy in Nashville, we want to assure you that the safety of our students is a top priority for all of us. As you know, students and staff practice lockdown, fire and severe weather drills during each school year. We review our procedures multiple times during each year and reach out to professionals to assist us as needed. We will continue to look for ways to improve our security and keep all our students and staff safe.

Have a great weekend. Remember to wear red to Palm Sunday Mass this weekend!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Yearbooks

Order a 2022-2023 SJB Yearbook now! Our yearbook includes student pictures from preschool through 8th grade as well as candid photos that are taken throughout the school year. The cost is \$12 per book, and the books will arrive before the end of the school year. **Orders need to be placed by April 7th using the following link:** <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09827506>



Easter Grams & Easter Coloring Contest

Easter Grams: Student Ambassadors are sponsoring Easter Grams. These are notes that may be purchased to send to other students or staff at SJB. They are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00 and will be sold March 31-April 4. All grams should be filled out and returned to school no later than the morning of Wednesday, April 5th and will be distributed to students on April 11th.



Easter Coloring Contest: Ambassadors will also be sponsoring a coloring contest for our students. Coloring sheets will be distributed on March 31st and are due April 4th. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each grade following Easter. This is an optional activity for students.

April After School Art

Join Mrs. Perez for an after school art class this April! She is offering 4 sessions where students will have the opportunity to add some color and texture to their bedroom wall or to their door with a wreath shaped with love, and made in the color way of your choice! Class is open to students in grade K-8, but note that students will need to know how to tie a knot.

Students will complete a wreath at each session, so sign up for one session or multiple dates and make wreaths gifts!

Heart-Shaped Fabric Rag Wreath

Who: SJB students in kindergarten – grade 8

Time: 2:30-4:00 p.m.

When: 4 separate Thursday sessions; 1 wreath per session
4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27

Cost: \$15 each session

Class Maximum of 15 students



Sign up your student on the [Art Page](#) of the SJB website: [Wreath Class Registration](#) ****Please be sure to note which day you are signing up for!** Fees for classes will be added to your Tads account.

SJB Parish News

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week Confessions

Sunday, April 2 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
(Communal Reconciliation for Lent – with twelve priests)
Tuesday, April 4 7:00 am – 8:20 am
Wednesday, April 5 3:30 pm – 5:20 pm

Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – with incense
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass and until
midnight (St. Joseph Hall)

Good Friday, April 7

Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy (Traditional) – with incense
8:30 pm Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness and Shadows

Holy Saturday, April 8

10:00 am Egg Hunt
12:00 pm Blessing of the Food (Church)
8:30 pm The Great Easter Vigil – with incense
No 4:30 pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30 am Easter Sunday Mass
9:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Brass, Organ & Choir)*
– with incense
11:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Brass & Organ)*
*30 Minute Organ Prelude prior to Mass
No 5:30 pm Mass

*Please note, the Easter Sunday Mass times differ from
the normal Sunday Mass times. The times will be back to
the normal schedule the following Sundays*



Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023

10:00 am Blessing - West Lot
Egg hunt:

K & under at school playground
1st & up at Vet's Park

*Games, Crafts, Goodie Bags
Refreshments for sale by
Youth Group*

Bring your own basket or bag for the the hunt.
The Egg Hunt will be held outside so please dress
for the weather! The rest will be indoors.

Children must be accompanied by adult

Questions? Email
livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

[SJB Egg Hunt Volunteer Signup](#)

Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program



2023 Themes: The Mystery of Salvation and the
Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Grade School Day Program

The day program is for students entering grades **1-5 in the fall** and is \$50. The program runs **Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28, 2023** from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm 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** and is \$25. The program runs **Sunday, July 23 through Thursday, July 27, 2023** from 7:00 pm - 9:15 pm and includes large group presentations, small group discussions, games, and night prayer. Students need to register whether they attend one day or the full week.



Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship taught by college students. The program is split into the grade school day program and the middle school/high school evening program.



[Totus Tuus Registration](#)

ALL 6-12 GRADE STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL

GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT

COME FOR ALL OR JUST SOME OF THE RETREAT

ATTEND ALL SJB LITURGIES
CRAFT / PRAYER / REFLECTION / LIGHT DINNER /
WALKING ROSARY / **VIEWING OF MEL GIBSON'S
PASSION OF CHRIST (RATED R - NEED PARENT
PERMISSION)**

12 PM ————— 10 PM

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
YOUTH ROOM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONTACT MIKAYLA
ANDERSON OR SARAH
WILDER WITH QUESTIONS!

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wilders@stjohnnyb.org

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Good Friday Retreat

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to Youth Ministry's Good Friday Retreat which will be on April 7th from 12pm-10pm and will include attendance at the Stations of the Cross, Good Friday Service and Tenebrae as well as a themed snack, dinner, rosary walk and a showing and discussion of the 2004 film, *The Passion of the Christ*. Parental discretion is encouraged for the film (see below).

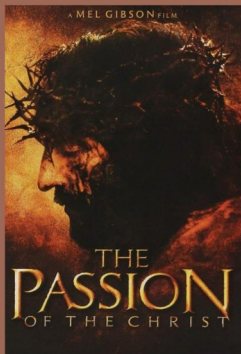

The Passion of the Christ

2004 Film by Mel Gibson

Youth Ministry Showing and Discussion
During Good Friday Retreat - April 7th, 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
6th-12th graders welcome with parent approval

Parental discretion is highly encouraged. While this film is a beautiful and powerful witness to the historical event of the crucifixion, it is not for everyone. We encourage parents to discern if they would like their son/daughter to watch this film or if they would like to pick them up from the Good Friday Retreat at 4:30 pm.

IMDb - Parent Guide
Nudity (3); Violence & Gore (16); Profanity (2);
Alcohol (4); Frightening & Intense Scenes (9)
For a description of each instance check out
the IMDb parent guide in the QR Code

Let's glow

8TH- 12TH GRADE STUDENTS
ARE INVITED TO

YOUTH GROUP PROM

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023
7:00-9:00PM IN THE
SJB YOUTH ROOM

COME READY TO PARTY
IN YOUR BEST DRESSED
NEON!

Contact Mikayla Anderson, High School Youth
Minister with Questions!
andersonm@stjohnnyb.org, 651-633-8333 x1218

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Youth Group Prom

On Friday, April 14, from 7-9pm our youth group is hosting their second annual YOUTH GROUP PROM! This year's theme is NEON. Students in grade 8-12 are invited to attend with a fun night of dancing, snacks and games. Contact [Mikayla Anderson](#), High School Youth Minister with any questions!