

From the Pastor

April 20, 2023

**Reminder: There is NO DISTRICT BUSING tomorrow, Friday, April 21st. All morning drop-off will be at the north lot/gym doors (door 7). Afternoon pickup will be from the main church parking lot. Note that our charter buses to the Blaine area will run normally.**

Happy Easter to all of you!

It has been a joy filled Easter season with the welcoming of 7 of our school parents into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil. That joy continued to grow as I baptized one of our kindergarten students, Brooke, this past weekend on Divine Mercy Sunday. Here at SJB, we not only help our students growth academically, but we help them and you grow spiritually. It is important to consider where we are headed and work toward developing our God given gifts to further Christ's kingdom in New Brighton and beyond. This weekend, my nephew, Shane, will be receiving his First Holy Communion at his Catholic Church and School in Napa, CA. After not practicing the faith for several years, my brother, Brian, has returned to the Catholic faith. He and his wife, Andrea, had their marriage blessed and she was initiated into the Catholic Church yesterday, receiving Confession, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. They realized through their Catholic school the importance of being united as a family. If you are considering becoming Catholic, please reach out to me. If you were



married outside the Catholic Church and would like to get your marriage blessed, please let me know. I am happy to work with you to receive the fullness of God's grace and strength to help you fulfill your role as parents and spouses.

As we approach the final 6 weeks of the school year, I want to thank our teachers and staff for their dedication to serving our students. I also want to thank you, parents, for partnering with us to form and educate your children in the faith. It has been a blessing to journey with your children and see their growth. I am proud of them and will continue to support them as they grow into the saints God is calling them forth to be.

We are blessed to welcome Archbishop Hebda into our school community for the May Crowning Mass on May 10th at 8:30am. Please join us as we welcome him and honor our spiritual mother, Mary.

God bless you,  
Father Paul Shovelain, Pastor

Upcoming events to have on your calendar:

- Sunday, April 23rd is our K-2 grade level Mass at 10:30am. All students in grades kindergarten, first and second grades who attend Mass and wear their uniform will get an out of uniform slip. Check in with Mrs. Barsness following Mass for your non-uniform pass.
- Students in grades K-8 at SJB will be participating in Read-A-Thon from April 24 - May 5th. See below for details.

Upcoming Events:

**No Busing**

Friday, April 21

**K-2 Grades Sunday Mass**

Sunday, April 23 at 10:30am

**Grade 1 FFF Morning**

Wednesday, April 26

**No Detention Non-Uniform**

Thursday, April 27

## SJB Discipleship Grant

The 2023-2024 SJB Discipleship Grant is available for all those who are active parishioners at St. John's Church.

All grant applications must be completed by Thursday, April 27th.

Please click here for more information and to apply: [SJB Discipleship Grant Application](#)



- Spring NWEA testing will begin on Monday, April 24th and run thru Friday, May 5th. Please check with your child's teacher about exact testing dates for each grade. Students in grades K-8 will be testing this spring.
- Our first grade Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning will be held next Wednesday, April 26th. We invite our first grade parents and other special guests to join us for Mass at 8:30am, followed by fellowship in St. Joseph Hall. First grade families should have received a request to RSVP for the event. If you haven't yet responded, please do so [HERE](#).
- The Wines to Wishes No Detention Non-Uniform day is Thursday, April, 27th. See below for details.
- SJB PTO is sponsoring a Feed My Starving Children event on Friday, April 28th. See below for details and to sign up to attend. Or register [HERE](#).
- Our 8th grade students will be traveling to Washington, D.C. from Tuesday, May 2nd thru Friday, May 5th. They will spend the week learning about our nation's history.
- Our Spring Family Fun Night will be on Friday, May 5th from 5:30-7:30pm. Join us for some games, food, fun and a book fair! More information to come next week!
- On the weekend of May 6-7, our second grade students will be receiving their First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this wonderful sacrament.
- Wednesday, May 10th is our May Crowning Mass at 8:30am. This is also the beginning of our celebrations of our 8th graders and our 8th grade will host their families for a Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning following Mass. Archbishop Hebda will be celebrating Mass with us that day.

Finally, we would like to let you know that we conducted our annual Severe Weather/Tornado drill today as a school at 1:45pm along with the state of Minnesota. The students and staff practiced where to go in the event that we would have severe weather/tornado warning in our area while at school.



### Wines to Wishes - NO DETENTION Non-Uniform Day!

Through the generosity of all of you, ALL our students and teachers in grades K-8 were bailed out of DETENTION at Wines to Wishes this year! The SJB NO DETENTION Non-Uniform Day is set for Thursday, April 27th. All students may come out of uniform on this day and will be able to visit the SJB Snack Shack sometime during that day. Thank you to all who donated!

### 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. J-Care will be heading off to all kinds of different places.

**SUMMER J-CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K-8 AT SJB IN THE FALL OF 2023.**

J-Care registration is now open. To find summer registration materials go to the school website and click on [Summer J-Care](#) for calendars (coming soon!), registration materials and more.

Submit your child's registration form **by Friday, May 19th** and you will receive \$10.00 off each child's registration fee.



Contact the school office - [Alison Wacek](#) or [Joy Thienes](#) with questions.

## Read-A-Thon at SJB!

St. John's is holding its first Read-A-Thon! Our students in grades K-8 are working together to reach a reading goal of **70,500 minutes of reading between April 24th and May 5th.**

### *What do we need you, our parents, to do?*



1. First, please help us with our goal by **encouraging your child(ren) to read!**
2. Set up an online account for your child so their reading minutes can be logged. A flyer was sent home this week with information on how to register your child. Please have your child registered by Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact your child's reading teacher if you need another flyer. Students should register under their reading teacher's name.
3. OPTIONAL: An additional part of our Read-A-Thon is raising money through optional donations. All funds from our Read-A-Thon will be used to purchase new books for our media center.

*Thank you for your assistance with this program!*

### After School Art Class

There is one remaining session available to join Mrs. Perez for an after school art class this April! During this session, students will have the opportunity to make a wreath shaped with love, and made in the color way of your choice!

**\*STUDENT NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO TIE A KNOT\***

#### Wreath Class Registration

Who: SJB students K - 8  
Time: 2:30-4:00 p.m.  
When: Thurs, April 27  
Cost: \$15



Fees for classes will be added to your Tads account.

**WATCH FOR NEW CLASSES FOR MAY  
COMING IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN!**

## SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2023  
7:00 PM - 8:45 PM**

Feed My Starving Children  
401 93rd Ave NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## SJB PTO

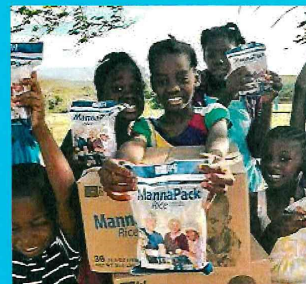


Grades K-2: 1 Student  
to 1 adult

Grades 3-6: 3 students  
to 1 adult

Grades 7-12: 4  
students to 1 adult

Children under the  
age of 5 are not  
allowed in the  
packing area (No  
Exceptions)



**REGISTER HERE**

St John the Baptist PTO:  
Feed My Starving Children

Sign up Genius

Contact: Bobbi Jo Grantz:  
grantzfam14@gmail.com

# SJB Parish News

## Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic  
RCIA Information Session

Sunday, April 30  
9:30 am

(time convenient between the morning Masses)

St. Joseph Hall

no registration necessary  
come for information for yourself or to give to a friend



For more information contact  
Jill Fink  
Director of Catechesis  
651.633.1540 ext 1280 or  
finkj@stjohnnyb.org



**ARCHBISHOP FLYNN  
CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE**

## Catechetical Institute Information Weekend here at St. John's

Stop by the Information Table in St. Paul's Plaza  
April 29 - April 30 after the Masses

**Explore the Catechism!**

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church has had about 80 graduates of the Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute since 2010

**Let's keep the tradition strong!**

For more information visit their website at: <https://semssp.org/ci/>

*devoted*   
 Loyal | Faithful | True

*Date:* April 26

*Time:* 7:30 pm Social Time  
8:00 pm Event Start

*Where:* St. Joseph Hall

Devoted is a monthly gathering for ALL women. It's a time for you to take a breath, do something for yourself, and be filled. Come be encouraged and inspired through prayer, dynamic speakers, wine, and chocolate.

Bridget Fink is our speaker this month and she will be sharing the story of discovering her mission of baking bread.

## Jesus Nights with Damascus and the CYSC Community

Friday, April 21st 7:00-9:00pm in the SJB Gym

Jesus Night is our last middle school event of the school year and we will be partnering with Damascus Catholic Mission Campus to offer an exciting evening of games, a message, and adoration with praise and worship. Whether you have been to camp or not, you are welcome!

5th-8th graders from across the metro will be joining us for this fun evening! Registration is required.

Pre-registration is recommended. On-site registration will be available.

Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/222856310783155>

Questions? Email Teresa Wilder at [teresa@damascus.net](mailto:teresa@damascus.net) or Sarah Wilder at [wilders@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:wilders@stjohnnyb.org)

**JESUS  
NIGHTS**

**EXTENDED EDITION**

**7-9PM**



# Community News



6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to tryout for the  
**Totino-Grace High School Junior E'gals dance team**  
**for the 2023-24 Winter Competitive Team!**

Be part of one of the most decorated dance teams  
in the State of Minnesota!

Tryouts are Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 4 pm.

**Register for tryouts here:**

<https://www.totinograce.org/dance-team>

## Summer at TG

### TOTINO-GRACE WRESTLING YOUTH CAMP JUNE 20-22, 2023

If you are unable to attend all three sessions and would like to attend individual days, please contact Dan Vandermyde at [dan.vandermyde@totinograce.org](mailto:dan.vandermyde@totinograce.org) or 763-586-6305.



**SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY!**

#### Pre-K to 3rd grade:

8:00 AM-9:30 AM

\$60

#### 4th-8th grade:

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

\$75

#### Day 1

"Leg attacks and Takedowns" led by TG State Champion Jake Svihel

#### Day 2

"Turns and Pins" - led by TG State Champion Jared Florell

#### Day 3

"Throws and Big Moves" - led by TG State Champion Lance Benick



Scan to register or visit  
[www.totinograce.org/summercamps](http://www.totinograce.org/summercamps).

Totino-Grace High School | 1350 Gardena Avenue NE, Fridley



## TG Summer Camps

ACADEMICS ARTS ATHLETICS

Totino-Grace High School offers summer camps that allows students in elementary, middle and high school to explore new activities, expand current interests, discover talents and develop emerging skills. Camps are offered in academic, performing arts, and sports.

Find all the camp options offered at TG and register at <https://www.totinograce.org/summercamps>