



Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

February 1, 2024

HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

We hope everyone has been enjoying Catholic Schools Week 2024. As you know, we began the week worshipping with our Parish Community at Sunday Mass and we will end the week with a fun day for the students with fieldtrips, the teacher basket raffle, and then Wines to Wishes for our parents and adult community. This week we have had lots of different activities:

- * Monday: We thanked our community members - police, fire, mail carriers, bus drivers, and parish staff. Middle School students attended the CSCOE Mass of the Holy Spirit at Excel Energy Center with 7000 Archdiocesan students and staff. Preschool through grade 5 students had a movie and treat day.
- * Tuesday: We listened to SJB community members talk about vocations ranging from mission volunteering to ordained ministry.
- * Wednesday: We celebrated our school Mass and remembered the gift of our former teacher, Mrs. Lenz who passed away in early January.
- * Thursday: We shared our gifts and talents with our school community during the Variety Show.
- * Friday: We will celebrate our students! We will be playing Bingo, having the teacher basket raffle, and going on fieldtrips.
- * Saturday: We will come together at our premier adult-only fundraising event for SJB, Wines to Wishes. If you haven't registered please do so and join us for an evening of fun, games, fellowship, and raising money for SJB. Hope to see you all there! If you are looking for volunteer hours, there is still time to sign up: [W2W Volunteers](#). **We especially need help with post auction cleanup Saturday evening.** Thank you for your help!

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is in process. We have begun accepting applications from new families, so if you have not re-enrolled please do so as soon as possible to ensure your child has a spot at St. John's for the 2024-2025 school year.

Here are some important upcoming events:

- Tuesday, February 6th is the PTO's Non-Uniform Fundraiser for Teacher Appreciation. Students who bring in a minimum of \$1.00 may come out of uniform on this day.
- The 6th graders will be participating in a Retreat Day led by NET Ministries on Wednesday, February 7th.
- We will celebrate Valentines Day with our students on Tuesday, February 13th. We are celebrating a day early due to the start of Lent. Celebrations will include classroom parties and students may wear Valentine colors with jeans or sweatpants.
- Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Please join us for Mass at 8:30am. If you are unable to attend at that time, St. John's will also offer Mass or a word service with the distribution of ashes at the following times: 6:30am (Word Service with ashes), 12:00pm (Word Service with ashes), 5:30pm (Mass with ashes), and 7:00pm (Mass with ashes).
- Thursday, February 15th we have Stations of the Cross at 9:10am in the Church. You are welcome to join us. The students and staff will have Stations of the Cross once per week during Lent. The other two days in February are Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 9:10am and Thursday, Feb. 29th at 9:10am.

Upcoming Events:

Wines to Wishes
Feb 3

PTO Non-Uniform Day
Feb 6

6th Grade Retreat
Feb 7

Valentine Celebrations
Feb 13

Ash Wednesday-Mass 8:30
Feb 14

Stations of the Cross
Feb 15

No School
Marathon Reward Day
Feb 16

No School
Presidents Day
Feb 19

Stations of the Cross
Feb 20

Grade level Mass, gr. 3-5
Sun, Feb 25; 10:30am

- There will be no school on Friday, February 16th and Monday, February 19th. J-Care available only on Friday, February 16th. Please [register your child](#) online by Feb. 12th at 9:00am if he/she will be attending J-Care. Note that Preschool Care Crew is not available on either day.
- Father Paul's Ice Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 17th.
- Wednesday, February 21st we will host our 3rd grade Faith, Family, and Fellowship morning. We invite our 3rd grade families to join us for Mass at 8:30am followed by a short program in the Church and then hospitality in the hall.
- Sunday, February 23rd is our 3-5 grade level Mass at 10:30am.

I hope you all have a wonderful end to the week and I look forward to seeing you at Wines to Wishes!

Ms. Ann Laird

Wines to Wishes 2024

Wines to Wishes is this Saturday! Join us as we go back to the Wild West!









**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
TO HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A
SUCCESS!**

**Sign up for a shift:
[W2W Volunteers](#)**

Doors open at 5:30pm
Silent Auction: 5:30-8:00pm
Casino Games: 6:00-8:15pm
Live Presentations/Auction: 8:30-10:00pm
Event Website: www.winestowishes.com











SJB PTO
TEACHER
APPRECIATION

NON-UNIFORM FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, FEB. 6TH

To participate in the non-uniform fundraiser, on Feb. 6, put a \$1 donation (minimum) with this flyer in your child's folder and you can send them to school out of uniform that day! Proceeds go to fund teacher appreciation events throughout the school year.



SJB Parish News

First Sacraments

Congratulations to our students enrolled in our First Sacraments program who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 27. May you continue to experience the tender love and mercy of our good and gracious God all your life in this sacrament. The children and their parents will now start preparing for their First Holy Communion in May. Please keep our families in your prayers.

For information on First Sacraments program at St. John's, contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280



SAVE THE DATE!

Ice Fishing with Father Tournament



When: February 17, 2024
11 am-1 pm

Where: Long Lake Beach

Who: 75 parishioners and friends of SJB!

Register by scanning the QR code or on our parish website: stjohnnb.com



Cana Dinner

FEBRUARY 17, 2024



Steve & Christy Broszko

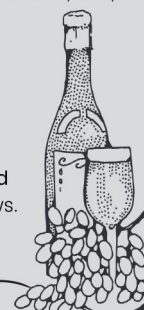
The Sacrament of Matrimony: Recapturing the Good Wine



\$65/couple: Includes a catered dinner of your choice of pork tenderloin or walleye.

Register now with the QR code to reserve your spot!

Married and engaged couples, join us for a romantic evening to celebrate marriage. Happy Hour begins at 5:30pm followed by a candlelit dinner, a witness talk from Steve and Christy Broszko and recall your marriage vows. The evening concludes at 9 pm.



Volunteers needed!

The Cana Dinner is an evening celebrating marriage, filled with fun and laughter! This year's dinner will be table service and so we're looking for some help to pull it off in style!

No planning meetings. As a server, you'll also enjoy the meal, renew your marriage vows and take in the presentation. Please contact me if you are interested in serving at this year's Cana Dinner.

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FISH FRY

Join us on February 9, 2024
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Meal includes: Fish, mac and cheese, tater tots, cole slaw, bread and butter, bars/cookies, lemonade, water, and coffee.

Prices: \$12/adult, \$8/ages 6-12, free/under 5, \$45/family maximum. Family is children and parents. Checks, cash, credit cards accepted.

The Knights use the proceeds towards SJB School Scholarships, Sharing and Caring Hands, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, KOC Free Throw contest, donations to Cana Dinner, Priests for Life, the Laboure Society, and several other great organizations/events.

Youth Group News

Middle School Youth Group – Play Hard Pray Hard

Friday, January 26th, 7-8:30pm in the youth room.

Students in 6th-8th grade are invited to join us for a version of dodge-ball followed by the luminous mysteries of the rosary.

Extreme Faith Camp

This year, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and school is once again participating in summer camp for middle school students. Last year we brought 100 people from our community to camp! I encourage you to consider registering your current 5th-8th grader! Leader registration coming soon! See the Youth Ministry emails for more information as it is released.

When: July 29th-August 2nd, 2024

Where: Trinity Woods Camps in Trego Wisconsin (formerly Heartwood Resort)

Who: Our parish community! Current **5th-8th graders** attend as campers. Current **9th-12th graders** attend as leaders. **Adults** participate as leaders and chaperones.

What: High adventure activities, lake time, mass, prayer experiences, messages of God's love and so much more!

Cost: Reserve your child's spot early to get the best pricing! Use the QR code or the following link: [Registration](#)

- ⇒ Before Mar 1st \$550
- ⇒ Before April 1st \$575
- ⇒ Before May 1st \$600
- ⇒ Before July 1st \$625



NEW Merit Based Scholarships for Summer Camp – 6th-12th graders

Students can apply for a variety of scholarships based on their parish involvement as altar servers, liturgical ministers, serving at parish events, and participating in bible studies and discipleship groups. Each student may apply for multiple scholarships using one application. There is no limit to the amount of money that a student can be awarded. Applications will open on May 1st and are due on June 1st and will be based on the previous program year from June-May. For now, you can make a deposit of \$100 per camper and follow up with the scholarship application later. We encourage you to set goals with your child to earn a variety of scholarships over the course of this year.

New Youth Ministry Scholarships:

- * St. Zechariah Liturgical Minister Scholarship
- * St. Mary Early Childhood Volunteer Scholarship
- * St. Martha Parish Service Scholarship
- * St. Paul Bible Study Scholarship
- * St. Timothy Discipleship Scholarship
- * St. Luke the Evangelist Scholarship

See the Youth Ministry email for more information about each scholarship and instructions on how to apply

Questions? Contact Sarah Wilder at wilders@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1540 x 1254