

February 22, 2024

From the Principal

Our theme this Lent is "Step Up Close to Jesus." Over the next several weeks, our students will have the opportunity to share how they have stepped closer to Jesus by writing it on a foot and placing it on the wall. We cannot wait to see this wall filled up with the beautiful ways our students have grown closer to Jesus this Lenten season.



On Sunday, February 25th, we will celebrate with the parish at our grade 3-5 Mass at 10:30am. Join us as we live out our relationship with God by leading and celebrating Mass together with the parish community. Students in grades 3-5, please wear your school uniform to Mass this day.

A reminder that the 2024-2025 tuition assistance applications are now available. A new application **MUST** be completed each year to qualify for assistance. If you would like to apply for help with school tuition, this application must be completed by March 15th. **Note that to be eligible for Aim Higher or CSAF grants, this deadline is tomorrow, February 23rd.**

The second trimester ends next Friday, March 1st and we will be holding our spring conferences on March 5th and 6th. These conferences will be held in-person. Spring conferences may be teacher or parent requested. All students should have brought a conference slip home this week. **Please remember to return your conference slip no later than Monday, February 26th.** If you did not see this form, please contact your child's teacher. Kindergarten teachers would like to meet with all families and will send out a signup genius for parents to sign up for a conference time. For students in grades 1-8, conferences can be teacher or parent requested.

Finally, we would like to again thank all those who helped with Wines to Wishes this year and to acknowledge our event sponsors for their support of our school. See below for a list of these sponsors. Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird

Upcoming Events:

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

Stations of the Cross
Feb 29, 9:10am

End of 2nd Trimester
Mar 1

Reconciliation, gr. 2-5
Mar. 5

Stations of the Cross
Mar 5, 12:30pm

Reconciliation, gr. 6-8
Mar. 6

Spirit Wear Store Now Open

The SJB Spirit wear online store is NOW OPEN until Sat, March 3rd.

This will be the FINAL opportunity to order SJB spirit wear this school year.

[SJB Spirit Wear Store](#)



Tuition Assistance for 2024-2025

Tuition Assistance applications are available for the 2024-25 school year. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AID.**

Go to www.mytads.com and click on the section marked Financial Aid Assessment

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

To be eligible for AIM Higher or CSAF grants - **February 23rd**

For SJB Tuition Assistance - **March 15th**

Tuition Paid Tax Report

To view your Tuition Paid Tax Report in TADS:

- 1) Log in to your tads account.
- 2) On the Home page, click the "Visit" button under "Billing".
- 3) Above your list of Billing Accounts, click the BLUE hyperlink for "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report"
- 4) Enter the Tax Year and click "Submit".
- 5) This will produce a tax report that you can download as needed.

Spring Athletics at SJB – Registration Now Open

Registration for spring sports at SJB is now open. The following sports will be offered this spring pending enough student interest and coaches.



Softball: Girls in grades 5-8

Baseball: Boys in grades 5-8

Track & Field: Boys and girls in grades 4-8

Sign up using the following links: [Baseball/Softball](#)

[Track and Field](#)

Questions? Contact Mr. Cole Van Beusekom at vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org



Camp I Can

Camp I Can is an Emotional, Behavioral and Relationship skills camp. Camp I Can is staffed by experienced Phoenix School Counselors, and offers the opportunity for campers to grow their social skills, emotional management, kindness and friendship, self-awareness and

conflict resolution. Camp I Can offers fun activities and lessons, team-building experiences, fun games, and more! Camp I Can is a day camp, which runs from 9 am to 2 pm for four days. Camp I Can sessions are

split by grade levels, the groupings consist of students going into 1st-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th grade. To register visit <https://form.jotform.com/campicanpsc/2024>. For more information about Camp I Can, visit our website <https://www.campicanusa.com/>.



Totino-Grace is pleased to announce four new \$5,000 renewable scholarships have been announced for the Totino-Grace Class of 2028!

This scholarship will be awarded to four students from families whose parent(s) do not have a four-year college degree, have demonstrated financial need for tuition assistance (TADS application must be on file), and the potential to excel academically.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to apply. The deadline to apply is March 18, 2024.

Questions? Contact [Linda Aase](#).



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Becoming Catholic – OCIA Program at St. John the Baptist

Our preschool and school community is blest with another large group of parents seeking to become Catholic and fellow parents supporting them in the sponsor role. Please keep our candidates and their sponsors in your prayers as they prepare for full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30 at 8pm in the Church. For more information on the Becoming Catholic OCIA program, contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org



Entire OCIA class at the Rite of Sending this last Sunday, February 18th



Candidates, sponsors and family members with Archbishop Hebda at the Rite of Election on Sunday, February 18 at the Cathedral.



Our school candidates:
Back row: Mike Person, Aaron Knight, Dustin Allen
Front row: Ryan Reddy, Laura Pitzl, Crystal Yates, Betsey Krohn. Not pictured - Tim Hardy



School candidates and sponsors:
Back row: Ryan Reddy, Ryan Meyer, Mike Person, Ben Stori, Aaron Knight, Dustin Allen, Don Brown, Ricky Longnecker
Front Row: Jacinta Guzik, Beth Griffith Cleary, Laura Pitzl, Crystal Yates, Betsey Krohn, Tim Hardy, Shelley Paige

Lent at St. John's

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22

5:30 pm ~ Mass

6:00 pm ~ Fish Fry or Soup Supper

7:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

(Fish Frys are on March 8 and 22)



Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, & 23

9:30 am ~ Mass

Extreme Faith Camp 2024

When: July 29-August 2, 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 for Middle School Campers:

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



Knights of Columbus
Council #14250

WAFFLE BREAKFAST

Join us on February 25
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

All you can eat: waffles, sausages, regular and sugar-free syrup, fruit for the waffles, orange juice, coffee, milk, and water. A gluten-free option is available on request. Come and enjoy some breakfast and some fellowship, and support the Knights!

Circle of Women

Thursday, February 29,
upstairs in Room 206/208 at 9:15 am-11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages to our gathering on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Our speaker will be former St. John's staff member Jessica Balzarini, who will present "Lent: A Time to Witness" Join us as we share our faith and time in prayer with one another. Childcare is available. Grab one of our brochures from the kiosks or watch your Flocknote for details.

Any questions? Call Michelle (763-442-4936). Hope to see you there!