



Principal's Bulletin

March 28, 2024

From the Principal

Blessings on this Holy Week!

In addition to our normal schedules, we have spent time over the last few days stepping up close to Jesus in His final days from His triumphant arrival into Jerusalem until His passion, death and resurrection. We invite you to join us at St. John the Baptist Church for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies:

Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29th

12:00pm Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

8:00pm Tenebrae: Service of darkness and shadows

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:00pm The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am

See the [Lent page](#) of the parish website for more details on these liturgies as well as other Lenten events for the remaining days of Holy Week through Easter Sunday.

Join the parish for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, March 30th at 10:00am. This is a great way to kick off your Easter celebration. Hope to see you there. See below for more details.

Below are some upcoming items to be aware of:

- There will be No School for all students in preschool through grade 8 tomorrow, Good Friday, March 29th and Easter Monday, April 1st. There is no J-Care or Care Crew available on either day.
- PTO is hosting their next Non-Uniform for Teachers fundraiser on Thursday, April 4th. Students who bring in a minimum of \$1.00 may come to school out of uniform.
- There will be No District Bussing on Wednesday, April 10th, Thursday, April 11th or Friday, April 12th. Morning drop-off will be at the north/gym lot and afternoon pickup from the main Church lot. Preschool drop-off and pickup will remain the same. The two SJB charter buses to the Blaine area will run normally.

The entire staff of St. John the Baptist wishes all our families a Blessed Triduum and Easter. See you on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Ms. Ann Laird

Upcoming Events:

Good Friday - No School
Friday, March 29th

Easter Monday - No School
Monday, April 1st

PTO Non-Uniform Day
Thursday, April 4th

Vision/Hearing Screening
Monday, April 8th

No Busing Days
Wed-Fri, April 10-12

ORDER YOUR 2023-2024

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 5th using the link below:

[SJB Yearbook Order](#)

YEARBOOK

Vision and Hearing Screening

We are in need of several volunteers who would be available to help with our screening. No prior training or education is necessary. Volunteer commitment is from approximately 8:00am - 2:00pm. Please contact Joy Thienes by Tuesday, April 2nd at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org if you are interested and available. **All volunteers must be Virtus compliant.**

Summer J-Care at SJB

SUMMER J-CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K-8 AT SJB IN THE FALL OF 2024.

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

Contact MacKenzie Kantor- J-Care Director with any questions: kantorm@stjohnnyb.org

SJB PTO
TEACHER
APPRECIATION

NON-UNIFORM FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY,
APRIL 4TH

To participate in the non-uniform fundraiser, on April 4, 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.



TG Summer Camps

ACADEMICS ARTS ATHLETICS

TAKE SUMMER TO THE NEXT LEVEL



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Totino-Grace Summer Camps are a great way to let your child explore new activities, expand current interests, discover talents and develop emerging skills. Experiences are available for students in elementary, middle and high school.

REGISTER AT [TOTINOGRACE.ORG/CAMPS](https://www.totinograce.org/camps)



SJB Parish News



Rise
An All Parish Retreat
April 12 & 13

- This parish-wide retreat is open to all adult parishioners
- We will have Adoration, Reconciliation, Eucharist, inspiring presentations, time for reflection, and more!
- Continental Breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday
- Retreat concludes with 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday
- \$20 Registration fee until April 1 then price goes up to \$40 until registration closes April 8

Speakers:
Bishop Williams
Ryan O'Hara
Father Paul

Schedule
April 12
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
April 13
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
(Childcare available)

Register online at stjohnnyb.com or scan the QR code

[Register and/or Learn More](#)



Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

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 8th

Graders for D.C. Trip

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

OCIA – School Candidates

Our preschool and school community is blest with 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



SCHOOL CANDIDATES

Back row: Mike Person, Aaron Knight, Dustin Allen
Front row: Ryan Reddy, Laura Pitzl, Crystal Yates, Betsey Krohn. Missing Tim Hardy



SCHOOL CANDIDATES & SPONSORS

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

Restore to Gather Campaign

The Restore to Gather Campaign, which includes funding for several school projects and a new School Operations Endowment Fund, is nearing our \$5 million goal, thanks to many parishioners and school parents who have pledged their support. You will soon hear more about upcoming improvements and repairs to our school restrooms, playground, and carpeting.



HOW TO FULFILL YOUR PLEDGE

Online: Select “DONATE” at the top of our parish website (www.stjohnnb.com), choose “Donate Online” and the “Restore to Gather Capital Campaign” Fund, then complete the online form.

US mail: Complete your check payable to **St. John the Baptist** (memo line: *Restore to Gather*) and mail to the parish office – 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112.

Sunday Mass collection: Contributions may be brought to Sunday Mass. For your convenience, *Restore to Gather* envelopes can be found on the campaign display in the Plaza.

Donor-advised funds: You may also contribute gifts from donor-advised funds. Contact Mary May, Director of Development, at 651-633-8333, ext. 1253, or email maym@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

We are still in the process of closing the gap to our \$5 million goal. If you would like to make a commitment to our campaign, you can make your pledge online by visiting our parish website: <https://stjohnnb.com/donate/campaign/> Then click on the “Pledge Your Support Here” button.

Youth Events at SJB

Middle School Good Friday Retreat

Friday, March 29th, 2024, 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm at St. John’s

The retreat will begin with the 3:00 Good Friday Service at St. John’s. Your middle schooler is welcome to sit with their family or in the reserved section. After the service, we will have a brief orientation in the youth room followed by small groups, a meatless and simple dinner, a presentation on Good Friday, a special Good Friday Procession for youth ministry, a rosary and divine mercy chaplet and closing small group. The retreat will end with Tenebrae at 8:00pm. Again, middle schoolers are invited to sit with their families or in the reserved section. We will not be showing the film, Passion of Christ, as has been done in the past.



Youth 365 Resurrection Feast

Sunday, April 7th 9:00am-1:00pm in St. Joseph’s Hall

All are welcome to St. John’s the Sunday after Easter, April 7th for a resurrection feast in support of youth ministry. All proceeds (free will offering) will go to the Youth 365 fund which provides scholarships for camp, helps to provide quality resources to our youth ministry programs and updates to the youth room! The feast will be from 9:00am to 1:00pm and will serve a variety of breakfast foods.