

April 11, 2024

## From the Principal

Happy Spring! It seems that spring has finally sprung following our late snowfall in March. We hope that everyone is enjoying the weather and this weekend looks to be especially nice.

Congratulations to five of our students who received sacraments this past Sunday. Two students were baptized into the faith and all five received First Eucharist. Congratulations and welcome to the Catholic faith! Know of our prayers and support for them as they continue their faith journey. If you have an older child desiring the sacraments contact Deacon Michael Lane, Sacrament Coordinator at [lanem@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:lanem@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.1540 ext. 1219



Congratulations to our SJB students:  
Calvin (gr. 7), Max (gr. 5),  
Vaughn (gr. 5), Jaxson (gr. 6) &  
Bryce (gr. 3)

We are excited to announce that we are finalizing plans and bids for our bathroom, playground, and carpet projects. These school projects are set to start this summer and be completed by the time school starts next year. In addition, we are also hoping to have our new MS lockers from 2024 W2W Fund-A-Need donations installed and ready for our Middle School students. We are grateful for the parish and school families' generous support of these projects.

Just a couple of reminders of upcoming events:

- The SJB Read-A-Thon begins today and goes until Thursday, April 25th! Please see below for more details. A special thank you to our sponsors - [Tina Bobnick Photography](#) and [Moore than Dance](#).
- Sunday, April 21st we will celebrate with the parish at our grade K-2 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 K-2, please wear your school uniform to Mass this day.
- First Communion Retreat – Sunday, April 21st.
- 1st Grade Faith, Family Fellowship Morning – April 24th Join us for 8:30am mass followed by a short program in the Church and then fellowship in St. Joseph's Hall. RSVP for the morning [HERE](#).
- Spring Family Night – Friday, May 3rd from 5:30-7:30pm. Watch for more details to come on this fun family event at SJB!
- First Communion Weekend – May 4th-5th

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the nice weather.

Ms. Ann Laird

## Upcoming Events:

### No Busing Days

Wed-Fri, April 10-12

### Gr. 2 - Mill City Museum

Friday, April 12

### Gr. 4 - History Center

Wednesday, April 17

### K-2 Sunday Mass

Sunday, April 21; 10:30am

### First Eucharist Retreat

Sunday, April 21

## Drama at SJB

For several years, SJB had a drama program and the students put on a performance for family and the community. We are looking to see if there are any parents who would be interested in directing a performance next school year? Please let us know by April 19th if you are interested in this volunteer position for the 24-25 school year. If we do not have any interest, we will donate our drama collection.

## St. John's is hosting a Read-A-Thon!

Our second annual Read-A-Thon has begun! Our Read-A-Thon started today and our students have already read over 2000 minutes! We are working on meeting a school wide goal of 84,420 minutes! If we meet our goal we will have a pizza party!



Read·A·Thon

If your child is not registered for the Read-A-Thon yet, you can go to [www.read-a-thon.com/readers](http://www.read-a-thon.com/readers) to register. Contact your child's reading teacher for the correct reading code.

Please consider donating to our Read-A-Thon. Profits from our Read-A-Thon will go towards purchasing books for our media center. You can donate by going to your child's class page and choosing the DONATE button.

*We would like to thank our sponsors Moore Than Dance and Tina Bobnick Photography.*



### Happy Reading!



Some of our first grade students taking time to read today

## Summer J-Care at SJB

With summer quickly 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 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](mailto:kantorm@stjohnnyb.org)



## April After-School Art Classes

To register for any of the classes below, go to the [Art Page](#) of the school website. Please be sure to note the grade requirements for each class. All billing will be done through Tads.



After School Art 2024



Three Little Birds Watercolor Drawing

Grades K-5

Monday, April 15, 2024

12 students; \$25

Draw some sweet little bird friends and then use some special watercolor techniques to create your drawing into a painting.



Crazy Daisy Painting

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

12 students; \$25

Students will use acrylic on canvas to create a fun and unique floral painting with simple flower shapes and added pattern details.



Glass Mosaic Crosses

Grades 5-8

Thursday, April 18, 2024

12 students; \$25

Using colored glass, students will create glass mosaic crosses for their bedrooms or homes. A beautiful reminder of the Resurrection of Jesus.



Mixed Media Butterfly Wings

Grades 3-8

Monday, April 22, 2024

12 students; \$25

Students will create unique butterfly wings using oil pastel blending techniques and then use a unique watercolor technique for their background. A simple take on a beautiful image of spring.



Mixed Media Air Dry Clay Birds

Grades K-5

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

12 students; \$25

Students will learn how to dye air dry clay to create bird figures in their own little nest. A variety of materials will be used to create unique new species!

**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://TOTINOGRACE.ORG/CAMPS)**

**TOTINO-GRACE - ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE LACROSSE**

**YOUTH NIGHT**

**Calling all youth lacrosse players! Join us for Game Night!**

Help spread the word about TG/SAV Lacrosse among future youth athletes! All youth lacrosse players get FREE Admission when they wear their jersey!

**Friday, April 19 at 7pm**

- Play Lacrosse Bingo!
- Half-time Ball Toss for Prizes!
- Bring a friend or teammate!

**St. Anthony Village High School**  
3303 33rd Ave NE, St Anthony, MN 55418

**Wear Your Jersey Admission is free**

Find us on Instagram @TCSAV.boyslacrosse

Can't make it? Season Schedule & More on LinkTree

## Becoming Catholic OCIA

# Becoming Catholic

## OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

### Elect and Candidates 2024



**This could be YOU  
next year!**

If you have been considering becoming Catholic, come to the OCIA Information Session on Sunday, April 28th at 9:30am

**Questions on the program?**

Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-1540 ext. 1280

# Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic  
OCIA Information Session

Sunday, April 28  
9:30 am

(time convenient between the morning Masses)

in St. Joseph Hall

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



For more information contact  
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