

April 25, 2024

## From the Principal

April is coming to a close early next week and May is quickly approaching. During the month of May, we honor Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a number of ways together as a school and in our classrooms. During the month of May, we will be praying a decade of the rosary each morning during announcements and prayer and asking Mary in a special way to intercede with her son, Jesus, on our behalf. We will also honor Mary at our May Crowning Mass on Wednesday, May 1st at 8:30am. Please join us on this special day. As partners with us in the educational and spiritual growth of your children, think about how you can honor Mary in your home during the month of May.

We have many upcoming event in May leading up to the end of the school year. Below are some of those events:

- As mentioned, our special May Crowning Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 1st at our 8:30am school Mass. At this Mass we will honor our spiritual mother, Mary. This Mass is also the beginning of our 8th grade celebrations. Our 8th grade families are invited to hospitality in St. Joseph Hall following Mass. Please RSVP [here](#).
- Our annual Spring Family Night will be held at SJB on Friday, May 3rd from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a fun family event with games, inflatables, a book fair, and ice cream! See below for the details. We will need some volunteers to help run the evening. Please consider signing up for a shift or two [HERE](#).
- Spring NWEA testing will continue for students in grades K-8 next week. Please try to limit student absences so we can successfully complete the tests for students. Check with your child's teacher for days your child will be testing.
- Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th our second grade students will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion. Please join us in praying for them as they receive this important sacrament.
- Monday, May 6th we are having our "Move-Up Day" where our students visit their next grade level for about a half-hour in the morning so they can meet the teachers and learn a little bit about what next school year will look like.

We are pleased to announce that we have two grant options available for our families to assist you in paying for school tuition for the 2024-2025 school year: SJB Discipleship Grant and Knights of Columbus Grant. The SJB Discipleship Grant is available to all those who are active parishioners at St. John's Church. The Knights of Columbus are offering 5 - \$500 grants for the upcoming school year. Three of these will be for those who are current members of the Knights and the remaining two are for any family that are active within the school or church community. Both grant applications should be completed by Thursday, May 2nd. Please click on the links below to apply:

[Knights of Columbus Grant](#)

[SJB Discipleship Grant](#)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird



Upcoming Events:

**May Crowning Mass 8:30am**  
Wednesday, May 1

**8th Grade FFF Morning**  
Wednesday, May 1

**Spring Family Night**  
Friday, May 3

**First Eucharist Weekend**  
Weekend Masses

**2nd Grade FFF Morning -  
First Eucharist Celebration**  
Wednesday, May 8

**8th Gr. Washington DC Trip**  
May 7-10

**7th Grade Retreat Day**  
Thursday, May 9

**Staff Appreciation Week**  
May 13-17

## Volunteer Hours 2023-2024

---

Volunteer hours are part of the tuition agreement each school year. We ask families of students in grades K-8 to complete 20 hours of volunteer time in the school or Church during each school year.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO TURN IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!**



Please send your hours to the school office or via email to Joy Thienes at [thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org). You may use this [Volunteer Tracking Form](#), your own tracking form or just simply an email with your volunteer hours noted is fine.

We ask that you have these hours submitted by Friday, May 17th. You may estimate any volunteer hours you plan to complete through the end of the school year.

The hour commitment for the 23-24 school year is 20 hours or \$500. Any hours not completed will be charged to your Tads accounts at a rate of \$25 per hour up to \$500.

## May After-School Art

---



**Crazy Daisy Painting, Grades 3-5**

Monday, May 6, 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.

**Saint Stick Puppets: Marian Edition, Grades 3-8**

Monday, May 13, 2024 or Monday, May 20, 2024: 12 students; \$25

Students will create 4 well-known Marian titles from our Catholic faith. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Grace, and Our Lady of Lourdes. Perfect for imaginary play or a mini plant stake for a Mary Garden.



**Mixed Media Air Dry Clay Birds, Grades K-5**

Thursday, May 16, 2024 or Tuesday, May 21, 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!

Register for any of these classes on the [ART PAGE](#) of the school website.

## 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, registration materials and more.

Contact MacKenzie Kantor- J-Care Director with any questions: [kantorm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kantorm@stjohnnyb.org)

# St. John the Baptist



**Friday, May 3, 2024**

**5:30 - 7:30 pm**

We Cater To Go food truck will be on site again  
this year for families to purchase dinner.

Made to order Barbacoa beef or shredded chick-  
en burrito or bowl with cilantro lime rice & black  
beans and lettuce, pico, cheese, sour cheese  
& guacamole. (\$13.00)

Mac and cheese with a hot dog. (\$7.00)

**(cash or card accepted)**

**FOOD TRUCK**

**CAKE WALK**

**AIRBRUSH TATTOOS**

**GIANT SLIDE**

**HUMAN FOOSBALL**

**GAMES**

**GLAMOUR HAIR**

**CONNECT 4 BASKETBALL**

Event is FREE

Free-will offering will be accepted

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Stop by the School Gym for the  
1:55 BOOKFAIR**

THANK YOU FOR

# BEE-ING

THE SWEETEST

teachers & staff!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



**TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 13-17**  
**DUTY FREE WEEK | PTO TAKES ON LUNCH & RECESS DUTY ALL WEEK**

*Mon*

Enjoy a grab and go breakfast served in St. Joseph's Hall. Enter the basket raffle!  
6:30-8:30AM

*Tues*

Coffee cart and donuts in the church parking lot.  
7:00-8:00AM

*Wed*

Your wish is our command! Today is teacher wish list day and a surprise gift from your SJB PTO!

*Thur*

Lunch served in St. Joseph's Hall!  
10:25AM-12:30 PM

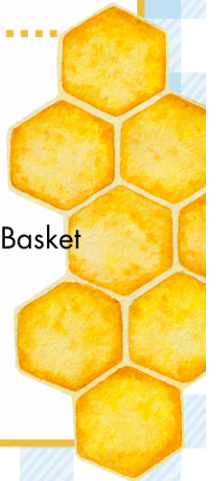
*Fri*

Drinks on us! Appreciation happy hour, bingo, and prizes in the science lab. 2:40-5:00PM

*Daily Raffle!*

- Tues:** Buzzing About Summer Basket
- Wed:** Bee a Baker Basket
- Thur:** Honey, I'll have an Old Fashioned Basket
- Fri:** You BEE-long Relaxing Basket
- Every Day:** \$25 Visa Gift Card

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!**



## 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  
Jill Fink  
Director of Discipleship  
651.633.1540 ext 1280 or  
[finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org)





# Disciple Maker Index Survey

*We want to hear  
from you*



Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith. Father Paul is asking that each adult in the parish take this survey.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in!** The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. John's.

**Take the DMI survey today.** Scan the QR code and fill it out on your phone.

- Your input helps your understanding of discipleship and strengthens our parish.
- Results help leadership prepare for the future.
- Confidential.
- The survey takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete.
- The survey is open through May 16 - so take it today!



If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up your survey at the Harvest Table. When you have completed a paper copy please bring it to the Welcome Desk to submit it.

Questions can be directed to Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280.