

I hope everyone has been keeping warm during our cold snap, however, it is looking a little warmer...just in time for Catholic School Week! Our theme for this year is Time Travel. We will be visiting many different decades/centuries next week, going all the way back to biblical times. As always, we will kick the week off worshipping God with our school and parish community at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 26th. Students should come in their school uniform for Mass and sit with their classes in the center sections of the Church. Following Mass is the school open house and a great opportunity to connect with your child's teachers. The Open House runs until noon. Be sure to stop into your child's classroom to pick up their out-of-uniform pass. During the open house, we will also hold our winter used uniform sale in the school cafeteria. The Knights of Columbus will also be hosting the Waffle Breakfast in St. Joseph Hall. Let's have a great turn out of students on Sunday to kick off Catholic Schools Week 2025!

We hope our students will enjoy their time travel this week. For more information about our Catholic Schools Week events and teacher raffle baskets please see the information below. New this year is a school-wide collection for our troops. We will be collecting items to send to military personnel serving our country. See below for the list of items we are collecting. Thank you for your generosity! Also, plan to join us for our annual Variety Show on Thursday, January 30th beginning at 12:45pm in St. Joseph Hall. Each grade will be performing a song or skit and it's always a lot of fun!

Catholic Schools Week wraps up with Wines to Wishes on Saturday, February 1st from 5:30 - 11:30pm. This event is our adult-only major school fundraiser of the year. The event hosts casino games, a silent and live auction, and great fellowship. Schedule of events are as follows:

- Silent Auction 5:30pm - 8:00pm
- Casino Games 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Live Jazz Music 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Live Presentations 8:30 - 10:00pm

If you would like more information on the event or if you haven't registered yet to attend, please go to the event website www.winestowishes.com. We are looking for several volunteers to help with this evening. Sign up for a shift or two at the following link: [W2W Volunteering](#). Please make sure to come and support our school and staff. See you there!

With the very cold weather we have had recently, our school unfortunately had a pipe burst in the school kitchen on Tuesday morning. The pipe was repaired that day, however, we did have water that ran in the lower level and entered the media center. Thankfully, there was not any permanent damage, but Media classes were moved for today to ensure everything is dried out completely. Students will be able to be back in the media center next week.

Below are a couple of upcoming dates we want you to be aware of:

- Non-Fundraiser PTO Out of Uniform Fundraiser Day is February 4th. Students who bring in a minimum of \$1 may come out of uniform on this day. Proceeds will be used for teacher appreciation events.
- We will be conducting Vision and Hearing Screenings for some of our students

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Upcoming Events:

No District Busing
Jan 23 & 24

Catholic Schools Week
Jan 26-31

Online Spirit Wear Shop
Jan 31 - Feb 9

Wines to Wishes
February 1

Non-Uniform for Teachers
February 4

Vision & Hearing Screening
February 11

Gr. 3 FFF Morning
February 12

**2025-2026
Tuition Assistance**

Tuition assistance applications for the 2025-2026 school year are available now!

Find applications at
www.mytads.com.

Deadlines for assistance applications:

AIM Higher or CSAF:
February 28th

SJB Assistance:
March 15th

on Tuesday, February 11th. Students in kindergarten, grade 1 or those new to SJB will be tested for both vision and hearing. Students in grades 3 and 5 will have their vision tested only. If your child does not fall into these grades but you have concerns about your child in either area, please let their teacher know and he/she can request to have them tested on this day.

- Third Grade will host parents or other special guests at the Grade 3 Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning on Wednesday, February 12th. Look for a RSVP email from the third grade teachers next week.
- Valentine's Day Classroom Parties are Friday, February 14th. Students may be out of uniform on this day wearing Valentine colors or an appropriate Valentine-themed shirt with jeans or sweatpants.
- No school on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day.

Finally, just a reminder that enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. Please register as soon as possible to assist us and we begin our planning for next year. Thank you to all who have already completed their enrollment.

Have a great weekend and see you on Sunday at the 10:30am Mass.
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Wines to Wishes 2025

Wines to Wishes 2025 is just over one week away!
We need your help to make this event a success for SJB!

REGISTER NOW! Invitations went home with students before Christmas. All [registration](#) takes place online. As a reminder, K-8 families are asked to purchase two tickets as part of the tuition agreement. Please note that our preschool families (with no K-8 students) receive complimentary tickets - a code was in the envelope with your invitation.

DONATIONS: If you are still wanting to donate, please get your donations in ASAP. We are finalizing the silent auction website and need the items to be photographed, cataloged, and entered on the site.

8th Grade Families: We are continuing our tradition of a separate **8th grade donation**, which will be used for the live auction. Please be sure to check out the [8th Grade Donation Letter](#) for more information and bring your donations to the school office.

Have a basket you don't want or need? Donate it to Wines to Wishes for our silent auction!
Drop any baskets at the school office.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Volunteers: We are looking for help next weekend! Check out the sign-up link and help for a shift or two:

[W2W VOLUNTEER LINK](#)

*Thank you for helping to make our 20th Wines to Wishes a success!
We are looking forward to celebrating twenty years of wishes with you!*

Catholic Schools Week 2025

Sunday, January 26th - Celebrating with the SJB Parish Community

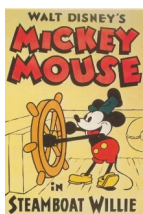
Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:30am

Students should wear their school uniforms and sit with their class during Mass. All K-8 students will sit in the middle sections of the Church - the front rows will be reserved. The front pews to the left of the altar will be reserved for preschool students and their parents/families

*School Open House following Mass until 12:00pm. KC Waffle Breakfast in St. Joseph Hall.

*Used Uniform Sale in the school cafeteria following Mass until 12:00pm

NOTE: STUDENTS MAY COME IN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM ON ANY DAY THIS WEEK IF THEY CHOOSE TO NOT DRESS IN THE THEME OF THE DAY IF THAT IS MOST COMFORTABLE



Monday, January 27th - Celebrating our Community Yesterday's Legacy, Tomorrow's Promise

Dress Day: Animation Day - Dress as your favorite animated character or wear a shirt with an animated character on it

Movie and snack for student activity.

Tuesday, January 28th - Celebrating Vocations From Past Callings to Future Vocations

Dress Day: Biblical Times - Dress as your favorite person from the Bible.



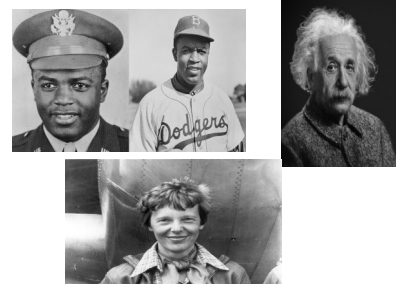
Wednesday, January 29th - Celebrating our Nation Celebrating our Nation, Across Time and Beyond

***Collection for our US Troops* See below for items requested.**

Dress Day: Dress your best - Students should dress up, not down today focusing on red, white and blue (if possible). Please wear nice pants, shirts, dresses, skirts, etc.

Thursday, January 30th - Celebrating our Volunteers Honoring the Past and Shaping the Future with Every Act of Service

Dress Day: Dress as a famous historical figure from any time period
Variety Show in St. Joseph Hall in the afternoon at 12:50pm



Friday, January 31st - Celebrating our Students Students Today, Changing the World of Tomorrow

Dress Day: School Spirit and hat day

Teacher Raffle Basket Drawing (information coming next week on raffle baskets!)

Student Activities: Top Golf (gr. 6-8), Bowling (gr. 3-5) and Zero Gravity (gr. K-2)

Saturday, February 1st - Wines to Wishes

Adult only event - Register to attend at www.winestowishes.com



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Join the SJB Community as we

CELEBRATE OUR NATION

We are excited to announce that this year we are collecting items to send to military personnel. These care packages will be sent to the men and women serving our country. We appreciate your generosity!

NEEDED ITEMS:

K-2

Lip balm
Word puzzles (ex.
Sudoku)
Small hot sauce
bottles

3-5

Decks of cards
Beef jerky
Socks
Small tissue packs

Middle School

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Lotion
Sunblock
Hackey sacks



JANUARY
29

WEDNESDAY

Students will bring items
to their classroom
teachers



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools Week is a week where we celebrate our wonderful school and to thank those who help to make it a great place to be!

We are excited for the fun activities planned for our students and community!

Join us as we travel 'back in time' and thank all those who help our school be a better place during CSW 2025!



Teacher Raffle: One fun activity we do each year for CSW is the Teacher Raffle. Teachers and other school staff put together fun baskets for a student raffle. Students may purchase tickets to try their luck at winning a basket. Tickets are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00.

Each student will receive an order form on January 23rd to complete and return with money to purchase tickets (ticket purchases are optional). Ticket orders will be filled by the student ambassadors and returned to the students beginning on January 27th and sold through January 29th. **No tickets will be sold after Wednesday, January 29th and all tickets are due back by Thursday, January 30th.** Students are strongly encouraged to not wait until the last minute to purchase or turn tickets in. Buckets for each basket will be in the hallway by the resource rooms for the completed raffle tickets. Baskets items will be available to view on Sunday during the open house.

Community News



February 11, 2025

TOTINO-GRACE OPEN HOUSE

Time to see why you belong at TG!

6:15 p.m. Check-in

6:30 Presentation

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Learn and Explore



REGISTER NOW



**MVSA WELCOMES
BEGINNER THROUGH
ADVANCED PLAYERS
8U-18U AND INCLUDES
ALL SCHOOLS IN THE
621 DISTRICT**

**REGISTER AT
MOUNDVIEW.SOFTBALLSYSTEMS.COM**

SJB Parish News

Christian Initiation of Children OCIC

Order of Christian Initiation of Children OCIC is the process of children in grade 3+ to prepare for catholic sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and Eucharist. This year our classes will meet weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:20am followed by Mass attendance for the child and parents. The celebration date is scheduled for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27. First session begins on Sunday, February 2 at 9:30am. Student must be enrolled in our school or formation programming as well as this [registration link](#). Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship for more information at 651.633.8333 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org.



Congratulations to our children enrolled in our First Sacrament's program who attended their retreat and then made their First Reconciliation last week. May God continue to lead you in holiness and may you experience His abundant mercy in this sacrament throughout your lives.



Knights of Columbus
Council #14250

WAFFLE BREAKFAST



Join us on January 26
9:00 am - Noon

All you can eat: waffles, scrambled eggs, sausages, syrup and sugar-free syrup, butter, fruit for the waffles, orange juice, coffee, milk, water. A gluten-free option is available on request.

Prices: \$14 per person, children 5 and under free, family maximum \$50. Cash, check, or credit card. Come and enjoy some breakfast and some fellowship, and support the Knights!

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING ON

DIVORCE

Transformed by the Healing of God

SPEAKER: DR. KATE WALSH-SOUCHERAY, ED.D.
M.A. THEOLOGY; M.A. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, EMERITUS

ST. JOSEPH HALL
WEDNESDAY, 2/12
6:30-7:30 PM



FOR ALL ADULTS WHO ARE DIVORCED OR HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY DIVORCE
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE WITH REGISTRATION

Register Now

Ice Fishing with Father Tournament

When: February 22, 2025
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Where: Long Lake Beach

Who: 50 parishioners and friends of SJB!

- Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- Ages 16 and older must have a MN fishing license




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