

From the Principal

February 13, 2025

Happy Valentine's Day! We wish everyone a wonderful Valentine's Day and Presidents Weekend!

Tomorrow is our 100th day of school and Valentine's Day so we are excited to celebrate with our students. Students may come out of uniform tomorrow in Valentine colors or in an appropriate Valentine-themed shirt. Jeans or sweatpants are okay to wear. Even though it is not a "school spirit" day, we will still be collecting for our food shelf, so please remember your non-perishable food item or personal care item to help those in need in our community.

Thank you again for all your support of Wines to Wishes 2025. We had a successful event and are excited to announce that we have raised over \$120,000, including \$55,000 for this year's Fund-A-Need! We greatly appreciate everyone everyone's support of our school and of this year's fund-a-need supporting our teachers and staff as well as school security updates. Thank you for your incredible generosity! If you have auction items to pick up, please stop in the school office. Please note, as part of the tuition agreement, each family is asked to purchase two tickets to this event. Those who were unable to attend and did not already make their minimum donation, the \$100 W2W fundraising requirement charge for this event will be added to Tads tuition accounts.

As mentioned in last weeks Principal's Bulletin, the governor's proposed budget for the next year has cut out nonpublic pupil aid and transportation. The state of Minnesota has for decades made a commitment to ALL students to fund certain essential services such as nursing, counseling, instructional aids, and busing. The governor's proposed budget eliminates critical funding for students who attend nonpublic schools. This harmful decision unfairly targets families who rely on nonpublic schools that serve their child's needs. Please join us in encouraging our legislators to continue to support your choice to send your children to a nonpublic school

[Contact your legislators & learn more about this issue](#)

[Video: 'Inside the Capitol' - Governor's Budget Targets Nonpublic Schools](#)

[Stop Discrimination Against Non-Public School Students Flyer](#)

Below are some upcoming events:

- There is no school for all students in preschool through grade 8 on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day. J-Care and Care Crew will be closed.
- Next week on February 19th and 20th, our students will be attending the Eucharistic Miracle Display that will be at St. John's with their class as part of the Year of the Eucharist emphasis
- Sunday, February 23rd we will celebrate our 3-5 grade-level Mass with our parish community on Sunday at 10:30am. Please join us. All students in grades 3-5 who come to this Mass in their school uniform will receive an out of uniform pass from Ms. Laird following Mass.



Upcoming Events:

No School - preschool - 8  
February 17

Gr. 3-5 Grade Level Mass  
Sun, Feb. 23 10:30am

Gr. 6 FFF Morning  
February 26

Gr. 8 Retreat Day  
February 27

MS to TG for Show Choir  
February 28

**2025-2026  
Tuition Assistance**

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

Find applications at  
[www.mytads.com](http://www.mytads.com).

Deadlines for assistance applications:

AIM Higher or CSAF:  
February 28th

SJB Assistance:  
March 15th

- February 26th is our 6th grade Faith Family and Fellowship Morning. Join us for Mass at 8:30am followed by a short presentation by the 6th graders and then fellowship in St. Joseph's Hall. Please RSVP for this morning so that we can plan accordingly by completing a short google form: [6th grade FFF Morning](#)
- On February 27th, our 8th graders will be participating in a retreat day lead by NET Team Ministries.
- February 28th is the end of the second trimester.

If your child will be absent from school for any reason (illness, appointment, vacation, etc.), please be sure to notify the school office in addition to your child's homeroom teacher or advisory teacher. This can be done in one email to both the teacher and Joy Thienes in the school office at [thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org) or you can call the attendance line at 651-633-2211 ext. 1119 and leave a message regarding the absence. Thank you.

If you have not yet done so, please confirm your child's enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. As new students apply, we want to be sure that our current students have a spot at St. John's. Also, if you are planning to apply for tuition assistance, please complete your application soon. Aim Higher generously awards several \$1000 scholarships to students at SJB each year, but to be eligible the assistance applications need to be completed each school year and this year's deadline is February 28th.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm. See you on Tuesday.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



[Camp I Can Summer 2025](#) is brought to you by [Phoenix School Counseling](#) and the incredible team of counselors! For summer 2025, they are offering 8 sessions for boys and girls at 3 twin cities locations, designed to help kids become confident, empowered and resilient—all while having a blast!

Each 4-day session runs Mon-Thu from 9am-2pm and is packed with engaging activities, team-building games and more — all designed to inspire growth and confidence in campers.

Locations are Good Shepherd in Golden Valley, Holy Spirit in St. Paul and St. Therese in Wayzata - choose the location and dates and register at [Camp I Can Summer 2025](#).

# SJB Parish News

## Lent at St. John's

### Ash Wednesday, March 5

Services at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 pm, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

### Fridays, March 7 - April 11

5:30 pm ~ Mass  
6:00 pm ~ Fish Fry or Soup Supper  
7:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross  
*(Fish Frys are on March 7 and 21)*



### Saturdays, March 8 - April 12

8:30 am ~ Mass

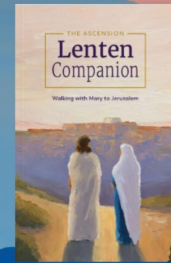
## JOIN A LENTEN SMALL GROUP

7 WEEKS...

SCRIPTURE | PRAYER | FELLOWSHIP

SINGLE?  
MARRIED?  
NEW PARENT?  
EMPTY NESTER?

VARIETY OF DAYS  
& TIMES AVAILABLE



THERE'S A GROUP FOR THAT!

SCAN THE QR TO SIGN UP

QUESTIONS? BROSTROMC@STJOHNNYB.ORG 651-434-5507

[Join a Small Group for Lent!](#)

## Vatican International Exhibition The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

158 Eucharistic Miracles  
22 Countries

Visually visit each Eucharistic Miracle, displayed on 2' x 3' laminated panels in St. Joseph Hall. This exhibition was conceived and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Thursday, February 20 from 3 pm - 8 pm  
Friday, February 21 from 9 am - 8 pm  
Saturday, February 22 from 2 pm - 7 pm  
Sunday, February 23 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Free Admission



Sponsored by:  
**Knights of Columbus**  
Saint John the Baptist Council 14250  
New Brighton, Minnesota

## FISH FRY

Join us on February 28, 2025

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The Knights are serving a fish fry

**Meal includes:** Fish, mac and cheese, tater tots, cole slaw, bread and butter, bars/cookies, lemonade, water, and coffee.

**Prices:** \$12/adult, \$8/ages 6-12, free/under 5, \$45/family maximum. Family is children and parents. Checks, cash, and credit cards accepted.

**Upcoming K of C Meals:**

- o March 7: Fish Fry
- o March 21: Fish Fry

Registration open for 5th-8th graders

**EXTREME FAITH**

June 23rd-27th, 2025

**Extreme Faith Camp** - For students currently in grades 5-8 to attend as campers (9-12 grade as leaders). Registration is NOW open! Use the QR code to the right or click below to register your child: [EXTREME FAITH CAMP REGISTRATION](#)