

Happy last week of February. We hope everyone is enjoying this weather warm up. As we look back at the past week we are so grateful that our students had the opportunity to learn more about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist through the Vatican Eucharistic Miracle Display. Additionally, our 3rd-5th graders assisted at the 10:30am Sunday Mass as greeters and readers. It was wonderful to see so many students at Mass. Our 6th graders hosted their families yesterday at their Faith, Family, and Fellowship event. Today, our 8th graders spent the day in a retreat run by the NET team.

March begins Saturday and Lent begins next week. Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our 40 day journey with Christ that leads to his resurrection. This is a time to refocus our lives and deepen our relationship with Christ through prayer, fasting, and penitence. As Father Paul stated in the homily, let's find a way to grow in wisdom and love of the Lord this Lent. Please join us for the all school Mass with ashes on Wednesday, March 5th at 8:30am. If you are unable to make that time, St. John's has other opportunities to receive ashes that day at the following times: 6:30am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm and 7:00pm. We will also have several opportunities as a school to attend Stations of the Cross this Lent. Our first Stations of the Cross will be held on Thursday, March 6th at 9:20am. The other opportunities are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11th at 9:40am
- Friday, March 21st at 1:00pm
- Thursday, April 3rd at 12:45pm
- Monday, April 7th at 1:30pm

Reminder that Spring conferences are next week on Tuesday, March 4th and Thursday, March 6th. These conferences are by request either by parents or teachers for grades 1-8. Confirmation slips of your conference time went out. Please contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have any questions.

A reminder that if you are planning to apply for tuition assistance for the 2025-2026 school year, please complete and submit your application soon. The deadline for these applications is March 15th for SJB assistance, however, this deadline is TOMORROW, Friday, February 28th to be eligible for an Aim Higher or CSAF award. Aim Higher generously awards several \$1000 scholarships to students at SJB each year, but to be eligible, the assistance applications need to be completed by February 28th. For those who currently receive one of these awards, you must complete an assistance application each school year by their deadline to continue to receive these scholarships.

March and the third trimester are starting and I want to highlight a couple of upcoming items during the month:

- Ash Wednesday is on March 5th - All School Mass with ashes at 8:30am
- Parent-Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, March 4th and Thursday, March 6th.
- Stations of the Cross on Thursday, March 6th at 9:20am



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### Upcoming Events:

MS to TG for Show Choir  
February 28

K-8 Conferences  
March 4 & 6

Ash Wednesday Mass  
March 5 at 8:30am

Stations of the Cross  
March 6 @ 9:20am

### 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

- Kindergarten Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning on Wednesday, March 12th. More information to come!
- March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. Students may come out of uniform on this day in Green or in an appropriate St. Patrick's Day themed shirt. Jeans or sweatpants are okay to wear.
- Reconciliation for our students in grades 2 - 5 on Tuesday, March 18th and for grades 6-8 on Wednesday, March 19th
- Spring Break is March 24 - 31. There will be no school for all students in preschool through grade 8 this week. J-Care and Care Crew are available on select days. Staff will have a workday on Monday, March 31st so there will be no school and no Care Crew or J-Care on this day. School resumes for students following spring break on Tuesday, April 1st.

Finally, remember to reach out your legislature and tell them to continue to fund Non-public school education through the Non-public School Aid. Find more information about the proposed efforts to end this funding and how to contact your legislator at the links below.

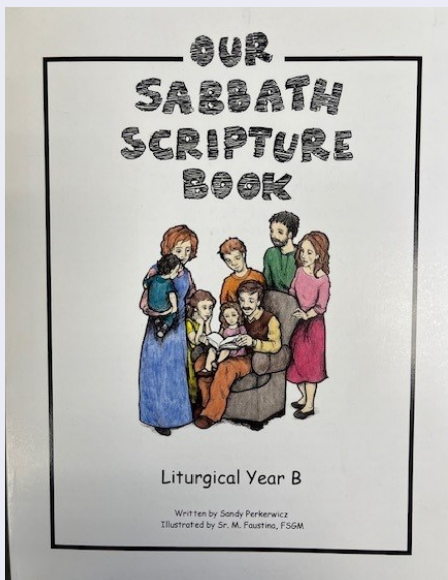
[Contact your legislators & learn more about this issue](#)

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

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

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



## Free Our Sabbath Scripture Book

The parish is offering a resource for you to use with your children of all ages entitled *Our Sabbath Scripture Book* for the Liturgical Year C.

The book follows the Pauline family with children of all ages and how they prepare their children before Mass each Sunday by looking at the Gospel reading. This is a great resource to keep in the car on your way to Mass, or read their adventures after Mass to spark conversation on what we can learn from the weekly scripture Gospel.

You can pick up your **free copy** in the school office. Supplies are limited.

For more information you can contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.8333 ext. 1280.

## Spring Sports at SJB

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SJB Athletics will offer Baseball, Softball and Track & Field this spring (pending enough students to host full teams)

- ⇒ Baseball is open to boys in grades 5-8
- ⇒ Softball is open to girls in grades 5-8
- ⇒ Track & Field is open to girls and boys in grades 4-8

Registration for all spring sports will take place February 20 – March 12 via the online link that may be found on the [Athletic Page](#) of the school website or by clicking the links below.. March 12th is the deadline to register your child(ren). Please reach out directly to [Mr. Cole Van Beusekom](#) with questions.

**BASEBALL  
REGISTRATION**

**SOFTBALL  
REGISTRATION**

**TRACK & FIELD  
REGISTRATION**

## March After-School Art

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Join Ms. Perez in March to make Zentangle Flower Doodle Drawing, Leprechaun Watercolor Painting, or Dark & Light: A Lenten & Resurrection Mixed Media Painting. Class information and the Registration Link may be found on the [Art Page](#) of the school website or by clicking the links below.



Zentangle Flower Doodle Drawing



Leprechaun Watercolor



Dark & Light: A Lenten & Resurrection  
Mixed Media Painting

**MARCH ART  
CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

**MARCH ART  
CLASS REGISTRATION**

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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Since our Christmas celebration in the atrium, we've been in the liturgical season of ordinary time marked by the green coloring.

During this season we have focused on presenting to the children the parables of the Kingdom of God; specifically, the parable of the Good Shepherd, the Mustard Seed and the Precious Pearl. Jesus used parables because they are a story with many interpretations, and we ponder together with the children the hidden meaning.

Check out the [February Parent Pages](#) for information on Holy Habits and Blessings





# SJB Parish News

## Lent at St. John's

### Ash Wednesday, March 5

Holy Mass 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 ~ Holy 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 ~ Holy Mass



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:**

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



## 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!](#)

## March Family Formation

### Parent Program

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

5:30 DINNER (OPTIONAL)

6:00-7:30 PM ST. JOSEPH HALL

## Building Faith & Character: The Role of Family in Behavior & Reconciliation

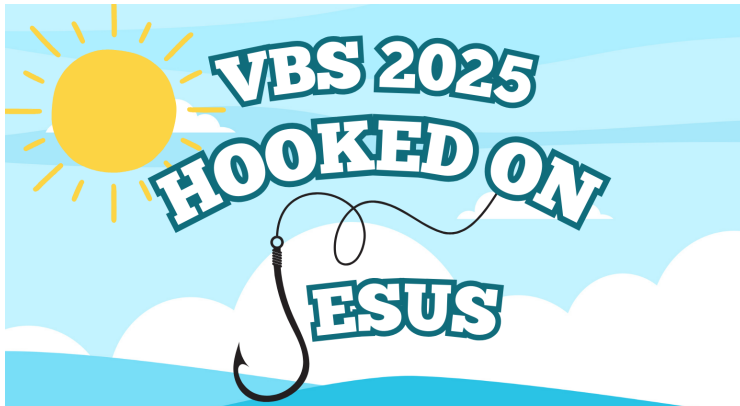


Join Mrs. Anna Nagle, K-5 Dean and Dr. Alison Howard, Director of Student Services from SJB school staff as they bring insights into how parents can model and shape children's behavior toward the goal of a reconciling faith filled family.

All adults are welcome.



## Summer Youth Camps



**VBS 2025  
HOOKED ON  
ESUS**


Tuesday, June 10-Thursday, June 12, 2025

**\$45**  
T-shirt  
Included



For children 3 years & potty-trained through students entering First Grade

**9:00AM**  
to Noon

VBS is a fun way to experience Christ's teachings through hands-on play, prayer, Bible stories, crafts, snack, and playground time. Water fun on the last day!




Register online here:  
<https://stjohnnb.com/vacation-bible-school/>







**Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program**

2025 Themes:  
The Sacraments  
and the  
Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary



Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer program dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship taught by college students. The program is split into the grade school day program and the middle school/high school evening program.







**Grade School Day Program:**

The day program is for students entering grades 1-5 in the fall and is \$75. The program runs Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18, 2025 from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm and includes songs, skits, games, prayer, small groups, Mass, recess and large group presentations. We will end the week with a human sundae and water fun!

Volunteer to get a discount!  
Email me at [livermontj@stjohnmyb.org](mailto:livermontj@stjohnmyb.org).

Register on our website at:  
<https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/totus-tuus-2/>


Registration open for 5th-8th graders

**EXTREME FAITH**



June 23rd-27th, 2025

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

TOTUS TUUS

EXTREME FAITH CAMP