

Happy February! We hope everyone is doing well as we enter February and inch closer to our 100th day of school and spring.

Our virtue for the month of February is prudence or making good decisions in specific circumstances. Most of the time we easily know the difference between right and wrong, however, sometimes we have to choose between two "good" things and to make the right choice we need to have prudence. The virtue of prudence asks us to choose to respond to those who hurt us with an "I" message or to let them know how their hurtfulness made us feel rather than lash out and hurt them in return. We look to Blessed Junipero Serra, St. John Neumann and St. John XXIII for examples of prudence and strive to use prudence to help guide our conscience as we make important decisions in life.

We hope everyone enjoyed Catholic Schools Week and Wines to Wishes. It was a wonderful way to cap our celebratory week and are thankful for all those who supported our 20th Wines to Wishes event. Additionally, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to our chairperson, Michelle Barsness, along with all those who assisted her in planning, decorating, setting up, cleaning up or anything in between. This event takes many volunteers and we appreciate all those parents and staff members for their work in putting together a great event. Thank you for the many donations of auction items or financial assistance and sponsorships. We are grateful to all of you.

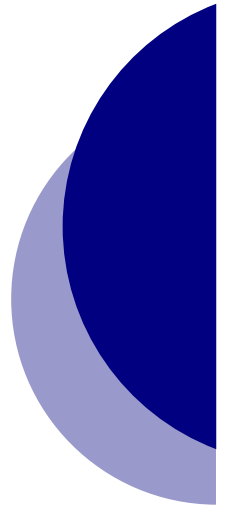
Below are a couple of Wines to Wishes items that were emailed to families earlier this week:

- ◆ We still have 60 students who need to be brought to the General Store! If we can get every student there, the entire school will receive a non-uniform day and a treat. Send as many students as you would like - each costs \$10
- ◆ Parties: We have spots available in four parties, and two of those parties are specifically for our students hosted by our teachers. Be sure to check those out!
- ◆ Non-Uniform Passes: Each student may have a maximum of two passes.
- ◆ We also have a few items that did not sell, so please feel free to bid on those as well.
- ◆ Fund-A-Need: We are still taking donations! You may do this after logging into the Silent Auction Pro site and clicking on the Donate button.
- ◆ The auction will close this coming Friday at 12pm. Visit the Silent Auction Pro site for the catalog and to bid: <https://bit.ly/3Hr5eiU>

As a reminder, if you have already purchased an item, please stop by the school office to pick it up. Non-uniform passes (purchased and earned) will be sent home with students next week. If you purchased a party spot, information will be emailed to you at a later date (there is nothing to pick up).

Even though Catholic Schools Week and Wines to Wishes is behind us, we continue to roll on here at SJB in our final weeks of the second trimester of the school year with these upcoming items:

- We will be conducting Vision and Hearing Screenings for some of our students on Tuesday, February 11th. Students in kindergarten, grade 1 or those new to



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Upcoming Events:

- Online Spirit Wear Shop  
Open NOW - CLOSES on Feb 9
- Vision & Hearing Screening  
February 11
- Gr. 3 FFF Morning  
February 12
- 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

**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

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

- February 12th is our 3rd grade Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning. Join us for Mass at 8:30am followed by a short program and then fellowship in St. Joseph Hall. If you haven't sent in your rsvp yet, please do so here: [3rd Grade Faith, Family and Fellowship RSVP](#)
- February 14th is Valentine's Day and our classroom parties. Students may be out of uniform and wear Valentine's Day colors or an appropriate Valentine-themed shirt. Students may also wear jeans or sweat-pants.
- February 14th is also our 100th Day of School. We hope our younger students enjoy celebrating!
- 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.
- Our 3-5 Grade Level Sunday Mass is February 23rd at 10:30am. Students should come in uniform and join us in worshipping with our parish community.
- February 26th is our 6th grade Faith Family and Fellowship Morning. Join us for Mass at 8:30am followed by a short program then fellowship in St. Joseph's Hall. More information will be coming soon!

Finally, we want to draw your attention to a proposed effort by our state leaders to withdraw Non-public Pupil Aid and Transportation. For decades, the state of Minnesota has given non-public schools money for textbooks, school nurse, and transportation so that all students receive basic benefits from state funding. The money SJB receives help us keep our tuition affordable, purchases needed textbooks and instructional materials, benefits from a district nurse and on site school nurse to help keep our students healthy, and transportation for district students. All Minnesota Non-Public Schools as well as Minnesota Catholic Conference want us to let our legislators know to oppose this proposed effort. Click below to watch a video regarding this issue or to read a flyer to learn more about the proposal and how to contact your legislator.

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

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

Please join us in encouraging our legislators to continue to support your choice to send your children to a nonpublic school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



### School Spirit Online Store

The FINAL online school spirit store is NOW OPEN and runs through Sunday, February 9th. You may find the link to the store on the Uniform page of the school website or by clicking the link below. This will be the FINAL opportunity to order spirit wear this school year.

[School Spirit Online Store](#)

# SJB Parish News

## Summer Camps at SJB – Save the Date or Register NOW!

**Vacation Bible School** will be held on Tuesday, June 10 – Thursday, June 12 from 9:00am - 12:00pm for students who are 3 years old (and potty-trained) through those entering first grade.

**Totus Tuus** - the grade school day program - will be held on Monday, July 14 - Friday, July 18, 2025 from 9:00am - 2:30pm for children entering grades 1-5.

**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](#)



## Life After Divorce – Seeking Transformation through God’s Healing

An evening for all adults who are divorced or who have been affected by divorce. Dr. Kate Walsh-Southeray, ED.D. will be the speaker on Wednesday, February 12th from 6:30-7:30pm in St. Joseph Hall.

Register for child care if needed at the following link: [Childcare Request](#)

## Employment Opportunity

St. John’s Parish is hiring a Assistant Kitchen Coordinator . The role of this position is to plan and coordinate weekend hospitality and plan, prepare, and serve dinners related to special parish events. This individual would also maintain an oversight role of Bethany Kitchen (the St. Joseph Hall kitchen).

To apply please submit your resume or employment application (found here: <https://stjohnnb.com/contact/job-opportunities/>) to Teri Shea, [sheat@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:sheat@stjohnnyb.org). Fax: 651-633-7404.

## Vatican Exhibition at SJB

St. John's is blest to be hosting the Vatican International Eucharistic Miracles display. Our school children will be viewing this display February 19-21. We also encourage you to come as a family at the public viewing times that are listed.

### 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**



Watch the following video of an interview with Blessed Carlos Acutis's mother – how awesome is that to hear from the woman who raised a saint! She attributes her own faith conversion due to her son.



**“CARLO SAVED ME”**  
**MOTHER OF THE FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT**

# Middle School SUMMIT

**Feb 7th**

2nd Friday of every Month  
**7 - 8:30 pm**

**GAMES,  
SNACKS,  
FORMATION,  
& PRAYER**

**Come to the Summit & Be Transformed**

## 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](http://stjohnnb.com)



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# 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

