

From the Principal

March 13, 2025

Happy Almost Spring! I hope everyone is enjoying this warmer weather.

Our virtue for the month of March is respect or recognizing the dignity of all people. In society, we often judge others based on outward appearance or abilities, but God loves each of us individually for who we are. We are unique and created in His own image. He loves us so much that he sent His only son, Jesus, to die for our sins, so that we may have the joy of spending eternity with Him in heaven. When we look at others from how God sees us, we can more easily treat others kindly and love others as He asks us to. As we continue through this Lenten season and walk with Jesus in His final days on earth, let us strive to be respectful of all people. Some saints the students will be learning about as examples of being respectful are St. Jeanne Jugan, St. Damien of Molokai and St. John Paul II.

As we enter our third week in March, we want to remind everyone of the following events:

- Monday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day and in honor of St. Patrick's work in spreading the faith throughout Ireland, students may wear green or an appropriate St. Patrick's Day - themed shirt with jeans or sweatpants.
- The next school Stations of the Cross will be held next Friday, March 21st at 1:00pm in the church. Please join us.
- The parish offers Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm. It is a wonderful way to journey with the Lord during this Lenten season. Also, the next Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 21st.
- We have our annual Lenten reconciliation opportunity for our students next week. Grades 2-5 will go on Tuesday, March 18th and Middle School will go on Wednesday, March 19th. For more information about other opportunities to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent, please see the [Lent page](#) of the parish website.
- Spring Break 2025 will be Monday, March 24th - Monday, March 31st and there will be no school for all students in preschool through grade 8. Care Crew and J-Care are available from Monday, March 24th - Friday, March 28th only. If you need care for your child during spring break, register them online (see below for information). There will be no Care Crew or J-Care available on Monday, March 31st. All school and parish staff will be at a retreat day. School resumes for all students on Tuesday, April 1st.

As you know this Lenten season we are journeying with Jesus and part of our journey is giving to others. This year our Lenten service project is to create Jared Boxes for children who are in the hospital. Please see the end of the bulletin for the flyer for more information about how you can create a Jared Box and send it to school. Students should also have come home with a hard copy of this information. Check out the [Jared Box Project](#) website to learn more about the program. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Finally, a reminder that if you are planning to apply for tuition assistance for the 2025-2026 school year, the applications should be completed by Saturday, March 15th.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



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Upcoming Events:

Reconciliation, gr. 2-5
March 18; 9:30-11:00

Reconciliation, gr. 6-8
March 19; 9:30-11:00

Stations of the Cross
March 21 @ 1:00pm

Spring Break
March 24-31

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:

SJB Assistance:
March 15th

Protecting Investment in Non-Public Education

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](#)

2024-2025 Yearbooks – Order NOW!

Order your 2024-2025 SJB Yearbook now! Our yearbook will include student pictures from preschool through 8th grade as well as candid photos that are taken throughout the school year.

The cost is \$12 per book, and the books will arrive before the end of the school year.

Orders need to be placed by Friday, April 4th using the link below.

<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09827506>

Please reach out to Michelle Barsness (barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org) with questions.



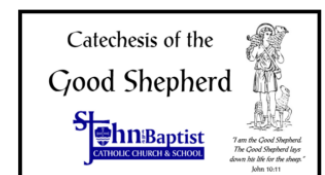
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Lent is a time of preparation, marked by the color purple, where the children prepare for the Easter celebration.



To introduce Lent to the children, we gathered at the prayer table to “bury our Alleluias.” The word Alleluia means “Praise the Lord” and as a Church community we give up singing or saying this word for Lent. As a fun visual, the children colored an Alleluia prayer card and helped bury them under sand.

Check out our [March Parent Pages](#) for information on Lent with Young Children.



Spring Break School Release Days – J-Care and Care Crew

Preschool Care Crew will be open for SJB’s Spring Break March 24th through March 28th from 7:00am - 5:30pm each day. Please sign up on the school website by Monday, March 17th if you need care for your preschooler during spring break.

Questions on Care Crew? Contact Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x 1209

Care Crew Registration

J-Care will be open during SJB’s Spring Break, March 24th through March 28th from 7:00am until 6:00pm each day. This year the theme for the week is **Summer Preview** days. Spring break will look similar to summer J-Care with experiments, field trips, electronic day, and a cooking activity! Reminder to send water bottles and lunches each day. The sign-ups are already posted on the school website and will close at 9:00AM on Monday March 17th.

Questions on J-Care? Contact MacKenzie Kantor at kantorm@stjohnnyb.org or 651-261-9113

J-Care Registration

SPRING BREAK 2025
THEME: SUMMER PREVIEW **MARCH 24TH -28TH**

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| Monday | MAKE YOUR OWN CRAYONS Work together to peel, melt and create your own crayons out of different molds to take home. | 24th |
| 25th | CLIMB ZONE-MOA Join friends and climb up different themed walls within the Mall of America. Bus Leaves @ 12:00PM Bus Returns @ 3:30PM Additional \$10.00 Field Trip Fee **Online Waivers Required Waiver-> https://roller.app/s/fhwajtmm | Tuesday |
| Wednesday | ELECTRONICS DAY Bring in your favorite electronics, or games to share with friends. J-Care is not responsible for lost or stolen items, phones are not allowed. | 26th |
| 27th | EAGLES NEST Join friends as we walk over to the Eagles Nest and play. Leaving SJB @ 11:30AM Return to SJB @ 3:00PM Additional \$5.00 Field Trip Fee | Thursday |
| Friday | KIDS IN THE KITCHEN Create your own beach scene with pudding, crackers and sea creatures. | 28th |

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Lent at St. John's

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



Transformed to Prepare for Heaven

Estate Planning for You and Your Family

Wednesday, March 26 in St. Joseph Hall

Doors Open: 6 pm (following 5:30 pm Mass)
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres
Program: 6:30 - 8 pm

Fr. Paul Shovelain
*Transformed for Eternal Life
with the Sacraments*



Tanner Gosda
Financial Advisor at Provision
Financial Group of Ameriprise
Leaving a Legacy



Attorney Marty Schutz
Estate Planning



RSVP by Thursday, March 20. See "Upcoming Events" at stjohnnb.com to register online, scan the QR code, or contact Rita Arndorfer, 651-633-8333, ext. 1220 or arndorfer@stjohnnyb.org.



Register Here

Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program

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

20 Spots
Remain!



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 livermont@stjohnnyb.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

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EXTREME FAITH
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St. John the Baptist School 2025 Lenten Service Project



Age groups suggested by last names

Feel free to pick what best suits your family

Infant (ages 0–12mon): Last names A–E

Toddler (ages: 1–3yrs): Last names F–J

Preschool (ages 3–5): Last names K–O

Elementary (ages 5–8): Last names P–S

Tween/Teen (ages 8 and up): Last names T–Z

This year we will be collecting completed boxes for The Jared Box Project.

A Jared Box is a plastic shoe-sized storage box filled with small gifts, toys, games, crayons, coloring books, and fun activities. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. The boxes are given to children at the local hospitals to provide a special, fun diversion.

We are asking that each family makes 1 box and send it to school. The school will take care of the labels, the notes for inside, and the activity sheets.

See the suggestion list for items to pack in your box.

There are a variety of age groups to cover, so we are asking you to fill a suggested box by your last name. If you are feeling generous and would like to create more than one box, you are welcome to!

When the completed box is turned into school, we will need to know the following information so it can be labeled correctly:

Age Group and Boy or Girl

For more information regarding this project, please visit: www.thejaredbox.org

All completed boxes due no later than Friday, April 4

For any questions regarding this project, please contact:

Mrs. Bridget Troxel
Middle School Teacher / Religion Chair
troxelb@stjohnnyb.org

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Fast + Pray + Give

St. John the Baptist School

2025 Lenten Service Project

Jared Box Project Suggested Toy List

Infant (0 to 12 months)

Softcover books, cardboard books, rattles, bibs, stacking blocks, farm animal sets, clip-on toys for strollers or cribs, crib mirrors, bath toys, stuffed animals, balls, busy boxes, light-up toys, musical toys, Oball toys. Lamaze®, Bright Starts®, and Sassy® brand toys are great.

Other toys that are labeled as suggested for infants.

Be aware of choking hazards.

Toddler (1 to 3)

Softcover books, cardboard books, stacking blocks, farm animal sets, small toys that clip on strollers, bath toys, stuffed animals, balls, busy boxes, musical toys, colorful pillowcases, fun socks, chunky crayons, coloring books, flashcards, plastic cars, puppets, soft dolls.

Other toys that are labeled as suggested for children under 3.

Be aware of choking hazards.

Preschool (3 to 5)

Crayons, coloring books, grab-n-go activity kits, reading books, stickers, sticker workbooks, activity books, matchbox cars, NERF or rubber balls, stuffed animals, flashcards, fun socks, small action figures, small dolls, travel size games, Silly Putty, simple puzzles, card games (Go Fish, Old Maid, Memory), colorful pillowcases, dress up items, farm animal sets, dinosaurs.

Other toys that are labeled as suggested for Preschoolers.

Elementary (5 to 8)

Crayons, markers, colored pencils, pens, coloring books, word searches, activity books, reading books, joke books, matchbox cars, NERF balls, stuffed animals, stickers, Silly Putty, LEGO kits, craft kits, Slinky, travel games (Sorry, Connect 4), hand lotion, colorful pillowcases, reusable water bottle, fun socks, action figures, puzzles, deck of cards, UNO card game.

Other toys that are labeled as suggested for school-aged children.

Tweens & Teens (8 and up)

Crayons, markers, colored pencils, pens, coloring books, word searches, doodle pads, writing journals, Silly Putty, stuffed animals, card games, LEGO kits, puzzles, brain games, books, magazines, Chapstick®, hand lotion, fun socks, colorful pillowcases, jewelry making kits, craft kits, paint sets, reusable water bottle.

Other items that are labeled as suggested for teens.

All items must be new. No food items. No tiny items due to choking hazards.

No snow globes or glass items that can break. No pencil sharpeners.

No bubbles. No holiday items.

Keep in mind, toys need to fit into a plastic shoe box.