

Blessings to you all as we enter the third week of Lent and Spring Break! Spring is officially here, according to the calendar, so warmer days are ahead with all the fun spring events. We are out of school on Spring Break from Monday, March 24th - Monday, March 31st. There will be J-Care and Care Crew available on Monday, March 24th - Friday, March 28th only. Staff will be at an all-staff retreat on Monday, March 31st. We will be refreshed and excited to welcome students back when school resumes on Tuesday, April 1st.

During Spring Break, Father Paul is once again challenging us all to fulfill our Sunday Mass obligation through his **Bulletin Challenge**. All students who turn in a bulletin or mass leaflet from where they went to Mass over Spring Break (even if at St. John's) will receive a gift from Father Paul. Students should put their name and room number on the bulletin and turn it in to their teacher or the school office by Tuesday, April 8th. Let's continue to grow in our relationship with God even when we are on break! Go to www.masstimes.org to find a Mass wherever you are this break.

As we finish out the last few months of the current school year, we have also been busy planning for next year. The [2025-2026 general calendar](#) is now available on our website. One thing to note is that there is an extended Easter Break so our staff can attend the National Catholic Education Association Conference taking place in the Twin Cities. Additionally, we wanted to let you know of a staffing update for next year. Mrs. Lisa Simon, one of our second-grade teachers, will not be returning next year. She has decided to take a break from the classroom to expand her tutoring business to focus on students who struggle with reading. We are grateful for her service to our students and families this school year and will enjoy spending the remaining few months with her as part of our school community.

During this Lenten season, we are journeying with Jesus and part of our journey is giving to others. As you know, 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. Spring break would be a great opportunity to spend some time giving to others and putting together one of these boxes with your child. Check out the [Jared Box Project](#) website to learn more about the program. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Here are some important reminders of upcoming events:

- School Stations of Cross tomorrow at 1:00 pm. There will also be Stations of the Cross tomorrow evening at 7:00pm and the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry from 5:00-7:00pm in St. Joseph Hall.
- First Eucharist Retreat is Sunday, April 6th from 2-4pm for all second-grade students preparing to receive the sacrament of First Communion in May.
- The 1st grade Faith, Family, and Fellowship Morning is Wednesday, April 9th. Join us for Mass at 8:30 followed by a presentation and fellowship in the hall. Please rsvp here: [1st Grade FFF Morning RSVP](#)
- The next PTO Non-Uniform Day for Teacher Appreciation will be on Thursday, April 10th.
- Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on Sunday, April 13th. During this week,

Upcoming Events:

Stations of the Cross March 21 @ 1:00pm
Spring Break March 24-31
Classes Resume April 1
Stations of the Cross April 3 @ 12:45
Stations of the Cross April 7 @ 1:30pm
Grade 1 FFF Morning April 9
PTO Non Uniform Day April 10
Holy Week Retreat Days April 14-17
No School - Good Friday April 18
Easter Egg Hunt April 19
No School - Easter Monday April 21

the students and staff of SJB school will be having their annual Holy Week Retreat where we will remember and walk with Jesus on his final days. More information to come later on what this week will look like.

- There is no school on Good Friday, April 18th and Easter Monday, April 21st.
- K-2 has their grade level Mass on Sunday, April 27th at the 10:30am Mass. Join us for Mass and K-2 students who come in uniform will get an out of uniform pass.

Finally, as was communicated this week via email, we are pleased to again offer the SJB Discipleship Grants for the 2025-2026 school year for families who are active members of the St. John's Parish or School community. The application is open now through Friday, April 4th. Please complete the short google form: [SJB Discipleship Grant Application](#)

Enjoy your Spring Break. Be safe and come back refreshed.
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

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.



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ORDER DEADLINE SATURDAY 04.13

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SJB Parish News

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



April Family Formation

Parent Program

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

5:30 DINNER (OPTIONAL)

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

O Most Holy Week



Join Fr. Paul Shovelain as he leads us through an understanding of Christ's Paschal Mystery through the liturgical prayer during Holy Week. Come be inspired to make this your best Holy Week.

All adults are welcome.



Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program

2025 Themes:

The Sacraments
and the

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

Limited 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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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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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.