

March 6, 2025

From the Principal

Blessings to you all this Lent! We hope everyone stayed safe during our snow day. Our students had a wonderful time at recess today with all the new snow!

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent when we are asked to turn away from sin and turn to the Lord. This is wonderful time to reflect on our lives and determine how we can grow in our relationship with God, developing a deeper and stronger reliance on Him through prayer, fasting, and alms giving.

The Lenten theme at St. John's is being transformed by Christ in the desert and here at school will be walking with Christ in various ways. Our weekly Stations of the Cross, School Reconciliation, and Holy Week retreat are just a few ways we will journey with Him. Our all-school service project for Lent this year will be the [Jared Box Project](#). We will be sending out more information next week on this project.

We are excited to announce that eight of our 7th grade students were chosen to present their zoo stem design challenge projects at the Minnesota Zoo on Tuesday. Their challenge was to develop a solution to a real problem faced by zookeepers and staff at the Minnesota Zoo. This year, students were challenged to apply their science and math knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving skills to engineer an innovative enrichment or exhibit design solution for the Minnesota Zoo's white-cheeked gibbons. The two groups of 7th graders took 2nd and 3rd place overall. Congratulations! We are so proud of you!



Estella A., Emma B., Linnie M., Maeve S., Elliana R., Alaina S., Elizabeth C., Izzy C. and MS teacher Mrs. Troxel



Congratulations as well to over 60 SJB alum who made the A and B honor rolls at Totino Grace High School for the first semester of the 24-25 school year. See the full list of students [here](#). Keep up the great work!

Here are the important upcoming events:

- Join us for our next school Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 11 at 9:40am. Also join the parish on Friday evenings during Lent for Stations of the

Upcoming Events:

- Daylight Saving Time Begins - Spring Forward March 9
- Stations of the Cross March 11 @ 9:40am
- Kindergarten FFF Morning March 12
- Reconciliation March 18; 9:30-11:00
- Reconciliation March 19; 9:30-11:00
- Stations of the Cross March 21 @ 9:40am

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

Cross at 7:00pm.

- Kindergarten Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning on Wednesday, March 12th. We invite our kindergarten parents and other special guests to join us for Mass at 8:30am, followed by a short presentation by the kindergarten students and concluding with hospitality in St. Joseph Hall. Please rsvp for this morning so that we can plan accordingly: [Kindergarten FFF Morning RSVP](#)
- Monday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. Students may wear green or an appropriate St. Patrick's Day themed shirt with jeans or sweats to celebrate St. Patrick's work in spreading the faith throughout Ireland.
- School Reconciliation is set for March 18th and March 19th for students in grades 2-8.
- Spring Break is March 24 - 31 and 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 - sign up for care during break on the school website (see below for links). 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.

Have a wonderful rest of your week and a great weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Message From Father Paul Shovelain

I hope and pray your season of Lent is off to a good start. As communicated in our February 25 email, Ann Laird, our school principal, will be leaving at the end of this school year. We are deeply grateful for her 11 years of dedicated service to our school community and for the growth we have experienced under her leadership.

During this transition, I am working closely with the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The principal position has been posted, and we encourage you to share the opportunity with others. Applications will be accepted through March 28. Click [here](#) for the information about the position.

Please keep our school in your prayers during this time of change. I remain fully committed to our wonderful Catholic school as we strive to follow Christ's example and guide our students in encountering Him and growing as His disciples.

Additionally, we welcome your thoughts on important things to look for in our next principal to assist in the hiring process. Please take a few moments to complete this short survey to share your thoughts and priorities as we move forward in this process. Your feedback will be invaluable to me and our search committee. Please complete the survey by **March 21st**. Click [here](#) for the survey.



As the Father loves me, so I also love you,
Father Paul Shovelain
Pastor

Spring Sports at SJB

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 is open now through 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

Join Ms. Perez in March to make 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.



Leprechaun Watercolor



Dark & Light: A Lenten & Resurrection Mixed Media Painting

**MARCH ART
CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

**MARCH ART
CLASS REGISTRATION**

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

J-Care will be open for 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. See below for the week of activities planned. 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

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

SPRING BREAK 2025

THEME: SUMMER

PREVIEW

MARCH
24TH -28TH

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/fhwojtimm>

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

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



FISH FRY

Join us on March 7, 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 Meal:

- o March 21: Fish Fry



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 arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org.



Register Here

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.



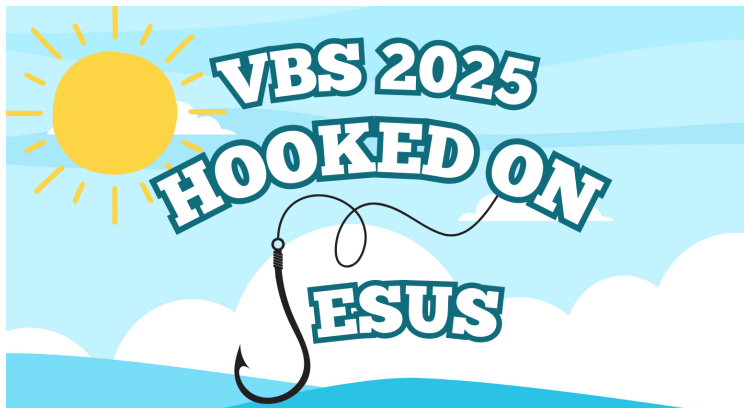
Faith and Recovery Ministry

Faith and Recovery is a new ministry at SJB that seeks to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments (including alcoholism, drug addiction, issues of sexual purity, compulsive overeating, and food addictions, gambling addiction, codependency and the impact on family, and general fear, control, and anxiety). We will utilize aspects of two national Catholic recovery programs, Catholic in Recovery and Calix. Both programs offer support for individuals through recovery meetings overlapping the principles of the spiritual wisdom of 12-step recovery with the sacramental life of the Catholic Church.

Meetings will be held **weekly on Wednesdays after the 5:30 pm Mass** in room 207 upstairs. All meetings are in strict confidence and anonymity. Please come to learn about the process if you are new or seasoned. We look forward to the journey with you. Let us pray for and with you!

If you are struggling, please confidentially contact ministry leader Chris Seiple at 612-790-8410 or cseiple71@yahoo.com.

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!



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



Volunteer to get a discount!
Email me at livermontj@stjohnmyb.org




Registration open for 5th-8th graders

EXTREME FAITH



June 23rd-27th, 2025

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

TOTUS TUUS

EXTREME FAITH CAMP