

We are entering the final week of Lent starting on Palm Sunday, April 13th. This week is known as Holy Week and recounts the last days of Jesus' life, His death on the Cross and ending with His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. During Holy Week, we will be reliving these days during our Holy Week Retreat. On Monday, we will remember Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) with a graffiti wall for students to write words of praise for the King of Kings and learning about Palm Sunday. On Tuesday, we will recall the washing of feet at the Last Supper and some of our 8th grade students will do a dramatization of the Last Supper and agony in the garden. Wednesday, we will be remember His Death for our sins and venerate the Cross. Finally on Thursday, we will worship Him, celebrate His Resurrection and thank Him for His great gift in Adoration. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday and Thursday in the Church at 1:30pm.

St. John the Baptist will hold Holy Week services next week.

- Communal Reconciliation for Lent - Sunday, April 13th at 3:30pm
- Holy Thursday, April 17th at 7:00pm
- Good Friday, April 18th
  - 12:00pm Stations of the Cross
  - 3:00pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
  - 8:30pm Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness and Shadows
- Holy Saturday, April 19th
  - The Great Easter Vigil at 8:30pm
- Easter Sunday, April 20th at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am

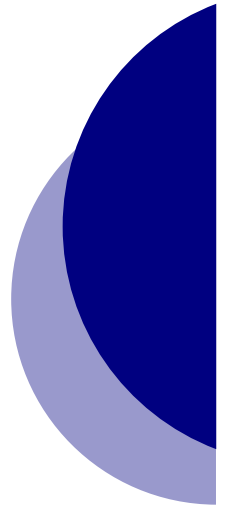
We encourage you to join the parish for these important worship opportunities. See the [Lent page](#) for details on the liturgies or the [Holy Week](#) page for the livestream links.

We invite all of you to join the parish for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00am. See below for more information. There is a need for several volunteers to help with this event. Sign up for a shift here: [Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer Signup](#)

Here are some other upcoming events:

- There will be NO DISTRICT BUSING on Thursday, April 17th. The district buses will not run on this day and students who normally use these buses will need transportation to/from school. The charter routes to the Blaine area will run normally. Morning drop-off will be in the north (gym) parking lot (7:30-7:50am). Afternoon pickup is from the main Church parking lot (2:30pm). Pre-school drop-off/pickup procedures will be the same.
- There is no school on Good Friday, April 18th and Easter Monday, April 21st for all students in preschool through grade 8. J-Care and Care Crew will be closed.
- Spring NWEA testing for grades K-8 will take place April 22 - May 2.
- 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.

Tomorrow, Friday, April 11th is the final day to apply for one of the Knights of Columbus grants for the 25-26 school year. The KC Council #14250 is offering 5 - \$500 grants for our families. Three of the grants will be awarded to KC members



### Upcoming Events:

- Holy Week Retreat Days  
April 14-17
- No District Busing Day  
April 17
- No School - Good Friday  
April 18
- Easter Egg Hunt  
April 19
- No School - Easter Monday  
April 21
- Read-A-Thon  
April 22-May 2
- May Crowning  
May 1

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and the other two will be awarded to families who are active participants of the parish and/or school, but not necessarily KC members. [KC Grant Application](#)

Finally, we again ask you to please reach out to your state legislator regarding Governor Walz's proposed bill to end Non- Public School Aid that is currently being debated in our legislature. New Brighton's Senator Mary Kunesch is the current chair of the Education Finance Committee. Reach out to her or your local legislator and ask them to vote yes for continuing to assist all students in getting the best education possible. St. John's has received over \$40,000.00 in textbook aide, professional development funding for staff, and school counseling just this past year. This money is extremely important for our school. You may either send an email or phone. Below is information on how to do this and a script for calling your legislator. Thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



**Sign Up Here to Volunteer!**

## URGENT – Make Your Voice Heard for Non–Public Funding

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Unfortunately, Governor Walz has doubled down on his proposal to eliminate this critical funding in his [revised budget](#) released Friday, March 21.

**This means we must act again—this time by contacting the Governor directly.**

Every student deserves access to the resources they need to succeed, no matter where they go to school. This harmful proposal would defund essential services like textbooks, nursing, counseling, testing, and transportation, unfairly targeting families who rely on nonpublic education.

**Please take a moment to call the Governor's office and respectfully urge him to drop this harmful proposal.**

Click the button below to make the call. It only takes a minute, but it could make a big difference for our students.

[Make Your Phone Call](#)

*Is the phone line busy? Here's what you can do:*

- Wait on the line
- Call back later in the day
- Leave a voicemail message if presented with the option

### Suggested Phone Call Script

You can read from our provided script below or share your own thoughts on the topic—whatever makes you most comfortable. Reminder to always be respectful when speaking with elected officials and their staff.

*Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a constituent from [Your City].*

*I strongly oppose the elimination of nonpublic pupil aid in the Governor's budget proposal. These vital funds ensure that Minnesota children attending nonpublic schools have access to essential educational resources, including textbooks, counseling services, and transportation, like all other students in the state.*

*Cutting over \$50 million in aid per year would unfairly target these students and make educational choice unaffordable for many families. Nonpublic schools save the state nearly \$500 million annually by educating kids outside the public system, and these cuts undermine that savings and the principle of supporting all students.*

*I respectfully call on Governor Walz to drop this harmful proposal and urge legislators to reject any attempt to eliminate nonpublic pupil aid. Thank you!*

### What else can I do?

**EMAIL:** After you have placed a phone call, send an email message to the Governor and your state legislators by clicking the button below. They need to hear from you!

[Send Your Message](#)

**SHARE:** Share the webpage URL below with your family, friends, fellow parishioners, and school community, and urge them to contact Governor Walz and state legislators, too. There is power in numbers!

[https://www.mncatholic.org/action\\_23393](https://www.mncatholic.org/action_23393)

**LEARN:** Read our *Inside the Capitol* blog post on Nonpublic Pupil Education and Transportation Aid to under-

[Read Inside the Capitol](#)

## John W. Hajlo Scholarship for 6–7 grade students

The Catholic Athletic Association will award several **\$1,000 scholarships** to current 6th and 7th graders to help offset tuition costs for the following academic year. To apply, students that attend a CAA member school must be nominated by a school athletic director or administrator and submit a 100-word essay explaining the values of a Catholic education and how participating in the CAA has positively impacted their life.

**Application deadline:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025

To apply, please visit: <https://stpaulcaa.org/hajlo-scholarship>

Help us honor excellence and support future students—spread the word! For questions, contact CAA Director of Operations, Megan Jacobson at (651) 2321-1013 or [megan.jacobson@stpaulcaa.org](mailto:megan.jacobson@stpaulcaa.org).



## SJB Preschool Corner

SJB Preschool is hiring assistant teachers and Care Crew teachers for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Assistant Teachers** - hours are 7:30am-3:30pm during the school year.

**Care Crew Teachers** - hours are M-F 2:30-5:30pm

Contact Preschool Director, Andrea Schroeder, if interested or with further questions:

[schroedera@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:schroedera@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-1522 ext. 1209

Upcoming dates for Preschool:

Field trips to Pinehaven Farm - May 15th and May 16th



End of the Year Preschool Program - May 28th

Contact your child's preschool teacher with questions about these activities.



# SJB Parish News

## Becoming Catholic

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Elect and Candidates 2025




Registration open for 5th-8th graders

**EXTREME FAITH**

June 23rd-27th, 2025

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CAMP REGISTRATION**



Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

10:00 am Blessing - West Lot  
Egg hunt:

K & under at school playground  
1st & up at Vet's Park

*Games, Crafts, Goodie Bags  
Refreshments for sale  
by SJB Ambassadors*

Bring your own basket or bag for the the hunt.  
The Egg Hunt will be held completely outside  
(unless we have storms/rain). Please dress  
for the weather and park conditions!

Children must be accompanied  
by an adult



Questions? Email  
livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

## Holy Week Schedule

### Holy Thursday, April 17

**7:00 pm** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - with incense  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass and until midnight  
(Chapel of the Angels)

### Good Friday, April 18

*The church is open all day for your prayer.*

**12:00 pm** Stations of the Cross

**3:00 pm** Solemn Good Friday Liturgy - with incense

**8:30 pm** Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness and Shadows

*The Adoration Chapel is closed during the Triduum*

*The administrative office is closed on Good Friday*

### Holy Saturday, April 19\*

**10:00 am** Egg Hunt (Blessing in West Parking Lot)

**12:00 pm** Blessing of the Food (Chapel of the Angels)

**8:30 pm** The Great Easter Vigil - with incense

*No scheduled Confessions on Holy Saturday*

*No 4:30 pm Mass*

### Easter Sunday, April 20\*

**7:30 am** Easter Sunday Mass (Organ & Cantor)

**9:30 am** Easter Sunday Mass (Organ & Choir) - with incense

**11:30 am** Easter Sunday Mass (Organ & Cantor)

*No 5:30 pm Mass*

*\*Note these Mass times are for this weekend only*