

April 17, 2025

From the Principal

Happy Holy Week and Easter!

This week our students have spent time each day with the Lord during our Holy Week retreat. It has been a wonderful time of reflection and remembrance for all of us. As we continue into the last days of Holy Week leading into Easter Sunday, we hope it is a time where you can enter into the last days of Jesus' life here on earth in a special way. Below you will find the Holy Week and Easter services that will be offered here at St. John's:

- 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.

The annual parish Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00am. Please join us for the fun! See below for more information. There is a need for a few more volunteers to help with this event on Saturday. Sign up for a shift here: [Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer Signup](#).

Below are a few upcoming events:

- There is no school for all students in preschool through grade 8 on Good Friday, April 18th and Easter Monday, April 21st. J-Care and Care Crew will be closed on both days.
- 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.
- Our special May Crowning Mass will be held on Thursday, May 1st at our 8:30am school Mass. At this Mass we will honor our spiritual mother, Mary. This Mass is also the beginning of our 8th grade celebrations. Our 8th grade families are invited to hospitality in St. Joseph Hall following Mass. Please RSVP for hospitality [here](#).
- The annual Spring Family Fun Night will take place at St. John's on Friday, May 2nd from 5:30-7:30pm. There will be games, prizes and ice cream - all free for our families. A food truck will be onsite for those who would like to purchase dinner that night. Save the date and plan to join us for a fun evening! We are looking for volunteers to help - sign up for a shift or two here: [Spring Family Fun Night Volunteers](#)

Have a wonderful weekend. Happy Easter to all!

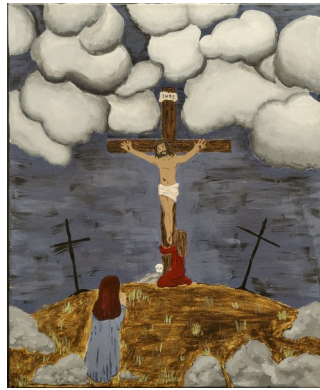
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events:

- No School - Good Friday  
April 18
- Easter Egg Hunt  
April 19
- No School - Easter Monday  
April 21
- Read-A-Thon  
April 22-May 2
- K-2 Grade Level Mass  
April 27 @ 10:30am
- May Crowning Mass &  
Gr. 8 FFF Morning  
May 1
- Spring Family Fun Night  
May 2; 5:30-7:30pm

## 2025 Catholic School Visual Arts Exhibition

Eighth Grade students here at St. John the Baptist participated in submitting sacred art works created in groups for the Second Annual Visual Arts Exhibition for 7th-12th grade Archdiocesan Catholic school students. This year's theme was 'The Saints'. Two artworks from our school were selected for this juried exhibition as finalists from St. John's and have been invited to participate in a reception on May 2 at the Hoedeman Gallery of Sacred Art on the campus of University of St. Thomas with Bishop Michael Izen. Prizes will be awarded the night of the reception for those finalists who placed within their grade level category. We are so proud of all of our participating eighth graders and congratulate those who made it to the next round! Below are all the submissions from our eighth grade students!



## Summer J-Care – Registration NOW Available

With summer quickly approaching, we are busy planning for a fun-filled summer of activities and events. J-Care offers a fun and unique experience that gives kids the opportunity to meet new friends and socialize, explore and discover new interests, be physically active and create lasting memories. J-Care will be heading off to all kinds of different places.



**SUMMER J-CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K-8 AT SJB IN THE FALL OF 2024.**

J-Care registration is now open. To find summer registration materials go to the [J-Care](#) page of the school website and click on [Summer J-Care](#) for calendars (coming soon!), registration materials and more.

Contact MacKenzie Kantor- J-Care Director with any questions: [kantorm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kantorm@stjohnnyb.org)



## SJB Preschool Corner

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Holy Week

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week leading up to the Easter Vigil! On Palm Sunday we wear red, wave palm branches, sing "Hosanna," and recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as well as Jesus' entry into our own hearts. Check out our [Parent Pages](#) for information on Palm Sunday and how you can engage your children in faith

### Summer Care Crew

Summer Care Crew is offered to those children registered at St. John's Preschool for the 2025-2026 school year. Please see the [Preschool](#) page on the school website or the [Summer Care Crew](#) for information and registration materials.

Contact Preschool Director, Andrea Schroeder, with any 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.

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

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](#)

## 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*



### 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

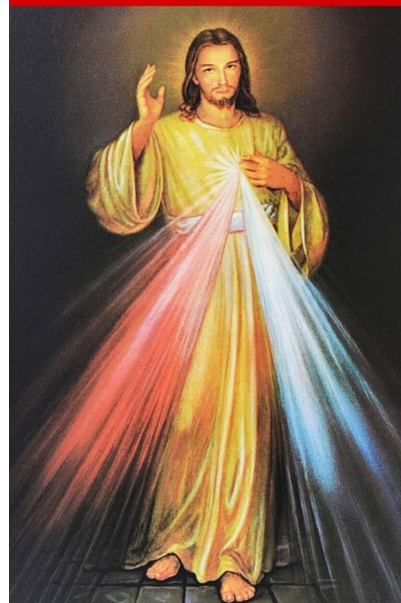
Registration open for 5th-8th graders

**EXTREME FAITH**

June 23rd-27th, 2025

**EXTREME FAITH  
CAMP REGISTRATION**

## Divine Mercy



Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Novena from Good Friday through Divine Mercy Sunday (April 18 - April 27)

Join Father Paul or a St. John's Staff Member on Facebook as we will be praying it every day at 3:00 pm (except for Good Friday at 2:00 pm)

Then join us on Divine Mercy Sunday to pray in person with Adoration!

**Sunday, April 27  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in  
the Church**

Sponsored by:  
**Knights of Columbus**  
 Saint John the Baptist Council 14250  
 New Brighton, Minnesota



# Waffle Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, April 27  
 9:00 am - Noon

**All you can eat:** waffles, scrambled eggs, sausages, syrup and sugar-free syrup, butter, fruit for the waffles, orange juice, coffee, milk, water. A gluten-free option is available on request.

**Prices:** \$14 per person, children 5 and under free, family maximum \$50. Cash, check, or credit card. All proceeds go to support youth registration for Extreme Faith Camp this summer.

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## May Family Formation Parent Program

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7  
 5:30 DINNER (OPTIONAL)  
 6:00-7:30 PM ST. JOSEPH HALL

### On This Rock I Will Build My Church



Claire Brostrom, our Coordinator of Evangelization will present about the authority of the papacy in the Catholic Church as well as our current Year of Jubilee.

All adults are welcome.






Scan to Register

**MAY 9-10**

# ENCOUNTER

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY  
 TWIN CITIES CAMPUS

## SCHOOL OF HEALING

2-DAY WEEKEND SCHOOL

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
 835 2ND AVE NW, NEW BRIGHTON, MN

**PRESENTERS**



DR. JAMES SHACKELFORD



FR. JOSEPH TAPHORN



TERESA SHACKELFORD



FR. NICK VANCE