

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

November 6, 2025



From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! What a wonderful week it has been in our great Catholic school community! Each day, we continue to witness the light of Christ shining through our students, teachers, and families. I am constantly reminded that when we place Jesus at the center of all we do, learning and joy naturally flourish at St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

This past week, our school gathered for its weekly school Mass, beautifully led by Mrs. Paige's 2nd graders. Their reverent participation and heartfelt prayers reminded us of the importance of gratitude and service. After Mass, we celebrated our JOY awards for Reverence in October. What an amazing way to gather together and acknowledge those students who have been leading by example in our school community. We are so proud of the generosity shown during our weekly spirit days and the amount of food that is being brought in to help support our food shelf at SJB. We have seen a significant increase in the number of families requesting assistance from the Food Shelf at SJB, and without your support, we would struggle to meet the needs of our community. This tangible expression of our faith truly reflects our school's mission and our JOY philosophy.

On Tuesday, our Middle school students went to the Junior Achievement center in St. Paul and participated in the educational programs of JA Biztown and Finance Park. These are great programs that SJB Catholic School has been participating in for many years. During this experience, students learn about financial literacy, budgeting, collaboration, and teamwork. Thank you to all of our volunteers and teachers who helped them prepare and participate in this experience.

Over the past few weeks, construction on the Preschool playground has been in full swing. This past week, we started to see the structure being assembled. We hope to start seeing students playing and enjoying this reimagined space for our youngest students at SJB very soon! We look forward to sharing pictures and a time-lapse video of the entire project, from start to finish!

Next week, we look forward to the Veterans Day assembly. Please keep our Veterans in your thoughts and

Upcoming Events

Picture Retake Day	Nov 11
Gr. 5 Faith, Family and Fellowship	Nov 12
SJB Information and Open House	Nov 13
No District Busing Days	Nov 24-25
No School (pre - 8) - Thanksgiving	Nov 26-28
First Sunday of Advent	Nov 30

Quick Links:

- [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Page](#)
- [Virtus Information](#)
- [Educational Benefits Form](#)
- [SJB Spirit Wear Store](#)



prayers on Tuesday and thank them for their service to our country. As we conclude another blessed week, let us take a moment to thank God for His many blessings—especially the gift of this faith-filled community. May we carry His peace into the weekend and continue to be witnesses of His love in all we do.

God bless,
Dr. Weingartz

Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day is Tuesday, November 11th from 8:00am - 10:30am in the Youth Room. Those students who did not have their photos taken earlier this school year or who would like to give picture day another shot, will have the opportunity to have their picture taken or retaken on this day. This will be the final photo opportunity for school photos at St. John's this school year. Students who are having their picture taken may come out of uniform on this day. If you have not seen your child's photo, you can take a look by going to www.jostenspix.com



Once there, you can either create an account or log into your account. Our school event code is FE175825.

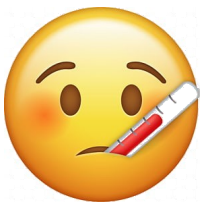
Remember - do NOT wear green for your photos!

Is My Child Well Enough for School?

As we enter the colder days of November, we notice an increase in illnesses among both students and staff. If your child is sick with a mild illness, you may be wondering whether your student should stay home or attend school. The following guidelines are intended to help with this decision.

If your student:

- Has a fever of 100° degrees or more, they should stay home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal without fever reducing medication.
- Has vomited or has had diarrhea, the student should stay home until 24 hours after the last episode.
- Has a rash that may be disease-related or the cause is unknown, check with their health care provider before sending your student to school.

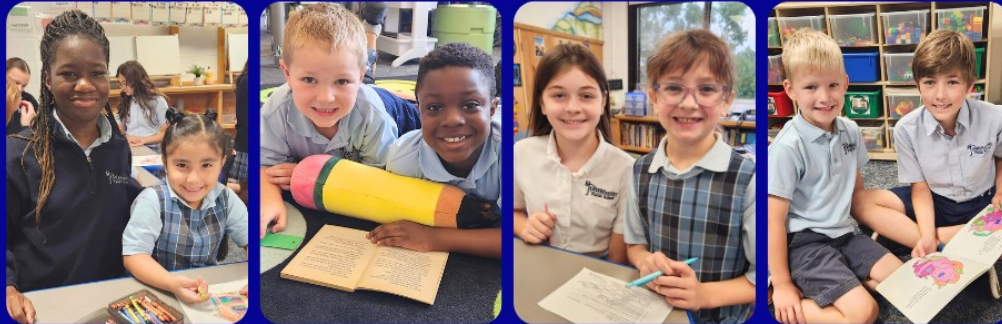


If your student is ill, please keep him/her home and report the symptoms or illness using the attendance line (651-633-2211 x1119) for tracking and attendance purposes. If your child has a contagious illness such as chicken pox, strep throat, pertussis, influenza, or COVID-19, please indicate that in your message.

For questions regarding other illnesses, please visit the link below put together by the Mounds View School District. [Is My Child Well Enough to Go to School?](#)

St. John the Baptist ~ Fall Open House

Thursday, November 13th ~ 5:30p - 7:00p



Join us any time between 5:30p - 7p to take a tour of our campus, meet members of the SJB community, and ask questions about our school (preschool - grade 8).

Most importantly, learn why St. John the Baptist is the perfect fit for your child.

www.stjohnnyb.org



RSVP Here!

Give to the Max Day - November 20th

Give to the Max Day will be here before we know it, so we wanted to share some information with our families as early giving has officially begun!

What is Give to the Max Day?

Give to the Max is a statewide giving campaign where thousands of individuals and organizations across the state of Minnesota support nonprofits and schools.

When does Give to the Max happen?

The official Give to the Max Day is on Thursday, November 20th. Early giving has started, though, which means you can show your support any time now through November 20th.

What is St. John's raising money for?

Check out our [Give to the Max site](#) to learn more about our goal of raising \$10,000 for essential safety enhancements across our campus.

How can I support St. John's?

There are three amazing ways to support our campaign!

1. If you are financially able, please donate to our campaign through our [Give to the Max site](#). Donations are tax deductible.
2. Share our campaign with family and friends through email, social media, and word of mouth.
3. Prayers are always appreciated for a successful giving campaign!



Early giving for Give to the Max has officially begun! Our goal this year is \$10,000, which will be put towards essential safety enhancements across our campus. Read more on our site!

www.givemn.org/organization/stjohnnyb

Thank you in advance for your support! We are grateful to each and every one of you!

Volunteer Opportunities at SJB

Dismissal Cone Setup: Do you pick up your child each day from school? Do you have the flexibility to come a few minutes early - around 2:20pm each day? We are looking for a parent or parents to assist us with putting out the cones at dismissal time to block off the north-east corner of the Church parking lot and 2nd Avenue on the curve outside the school in that same location. If you are willing and able to help us, please contact the school office at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org. Thank you for your consideration!



Art Room At-Home Cutting Project: Ms. Perez, SJB Art Teacher, is looking for some assistance with an upcoming art project and is looking for a volunteer or two to help with a cutting project. This would be an at-home opportunity and she will provide all the materials (you will need your own scissors). If interested in this project, please email Ms. Perez at pereze@stjohnnyb.org.

Poinsettia Fundraiser



The 8th grade class is working on raising money for a really exciting trip to Washington, D.C., in May 2026! To help cover the costs of the trip, they are selling beautiful poinsettias that you can use to decorate your home for the holidays. The poinsettias come from Pletscher's Greenhouses, and they are known for being really pretty and great quality. Plus, they come in red, pink, and white, so you have options for what matches your holiday decor!

4 1/2" pot – \$13.00 | 6 1/2" pot – \$18.00 | 8 1/2" pot – \$28

Order online at the following link: [Poinsettia Order](#) or stop at the school office to order and pay via check (to St. John's) or cash. Orders will be accepted through November 12th.

Orders may be picked up in St. Joseph Hall on
 Fri., Dec. 5 from 2:30-3:30pm
 Sat., Dec. 6 after 4:30pm Mass
 Sun., Dec. 7 after 8:30am or 10:30am Masses



Wines to Wishes 2026

Our 21st annual Wines to Wishes gala will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026.

Next planning meeting - Thursday, November 13th in St. Joseph Hall

We are currently looking for items for our **live auction** - "big ticket" items such as hotel stays, travel destinations, concert tickets, sports tickets, etc. If you are able to donate or have a connection to someone who is able, please let us know.

We are also accepting donations for our **silent auction**. Create a basket or donate single items that can be combined into a basket – gift cards, popular electronics, wine/liquor, housewares, or tickets to future theater, music, or sporting events. Use your imagination and get creative! New items only, please. Monetary donations also accepted. Drop any donations at the school office

Each class has a basket theme and are collecting donations for their **class basket** to be part of the W2W silent auction. The class basket that gets the highest donation at W2W will receive a **Donut Palooza** for their class!

Have unused **baskets/containers** at home? Drop them off at the school office at any time and we will repurpose them for our W2W silent auction!

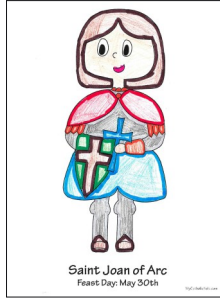
Follow the Wines to Wishes Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest gala information!

[Wines to Wishes - St John the Baptist](#) Instagram: [winestowishes](#)





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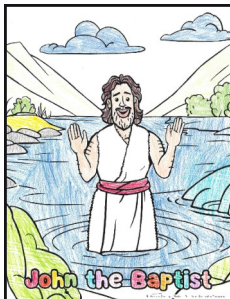
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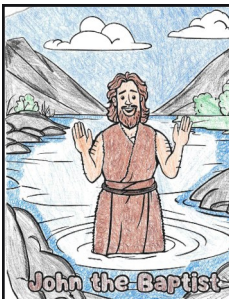
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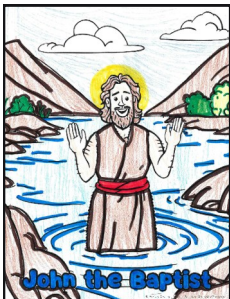
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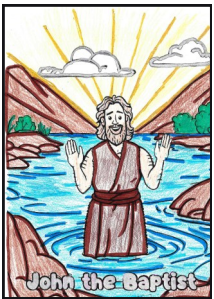
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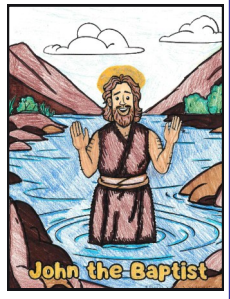
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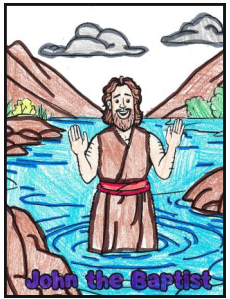
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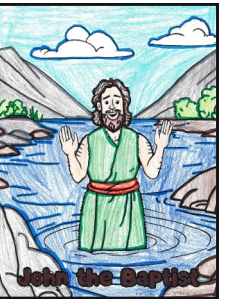
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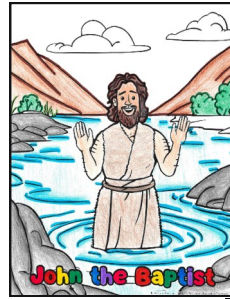
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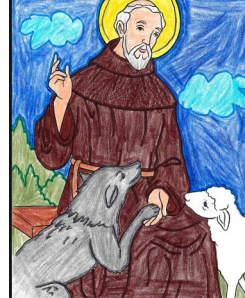
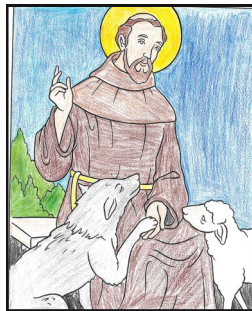
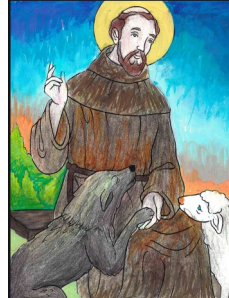
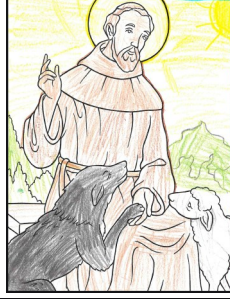
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Saint John the Baptist

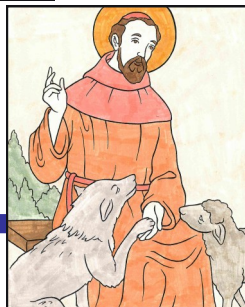
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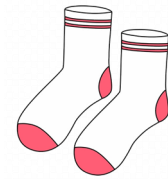


All Saints
Coloring Contest



St. Vincent de Paul Sock Drive

The season of giving is almost here again, and in keeping with that spirit, our parish will be collecting new socks and underwear for the homeless among us. Simply drop off your items in the blue bins located at the church entrances from **November 15 through November 30**.



Thank you for your generosity!

Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me.” Mt 25:40

GRANDPARENT MINISTRY

How to Pass on the Faith to Our Grandchildren

All “new and seasoned” grandparents are invited to a complimentary dinner and presentation on Wednesday, November 12th in St. Joseph Hall. Our featured presenter is Jill Fink, our parish’s Director of Discipleship. Dinner begins at 6:10pm with the presentation starting at 6:40pm.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
IN ST. JOSEPH HALL
COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT 6:10PM
PRESENTATION AT 6:40PM
PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 9TH



RSVP and Questions to Rita Spiess at rspiess1@msn.com

Catholic Watchmen

Serving the Church

Our keynote speaker is

Don Trudeau

District Master

from the Knights of Columbus



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ST. JOSEPH HALL



6:00 pm Rosary
6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Presentation
8:15 pm Adoration and Confession
8:30-45 pm Depart

Circle of Women



Thursday, November 13, 2025

upstairs in Room 206/208 at 9:15 am-11:00 am

We welcome women of all ages to Circle of Women. This meeting, Shellee Leif will give a talk titled “How Ignatian Imaginative Prayer Deepens your Personal Relationship with Jesus.”

Childcare is available. Grab one of our brochures from the kiosks or watch your Flocknote for details.



Any questions? Call Molly (763-458-2316)
Hope to see you there!

PICK-UP YOUR BUTTER BRAIDS!



Pick up November 14 (12 pm - 3 pm)
November 15/16 after Masses