

# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

February 19, 2026



## From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! On Wednesday, we gathered as a community for Ash Wednesday and began the sacred season of Lent. This is a meaningful time in the life of our Catholic school and our faith community. This season invites us to pause, reflect, and grow together in prayer, kindness, and gratitude. The ashes placed on our foreheads serve not only as a symbol of repentance, but also as a visible reminder that we belong to something greater than ourselves. A faith-filled community rooted in hope.

Lent is often described as a journey. It is a journey of the heart. We are encouraged to reflect on how we live, how we treat others, and how we can become the very best versions of ourselves. We are reminded that we are called to live with humility, compassion, and love.

Lent is not meant to be lived alone. It is a time when we walk together. This is a perfect opportunity for us to support one another, lifting each other up, and extending grace in our homes, classrooms, and friendships. When we model forgiveness, patience, and compassion for our children, we teach them lessons that last far beyond these forty days.

I encourage you to take simple moments as a family to talk about what Lent means to you. Perhaps it is choosing a family service project, setting aside a few minutes for prayer together each evening, or intentionally practicing gratitude at the dinner table. Small, consistent actions can have a powerful impact.

As we begin this season of Lent, let us embrace it not as a time of limitation, but as an opportunity to grow closer to God, to one another, and to the values that define us at St. John the Baptist Catholic School.



May this Lenten season bring peace to your hearts, strength to your families, and joy in the knowledge that we are walking this journey together.

God bless,  
Dr. Weingartz

### Upcoming Events

Stations of the Cross, 9:20am	<b>Feb 23</b>
End of 2nd Trimester	<b>Feb 27</b>
Parent-Teacher Conferences	<b>Mar 3 &amp; 5</b>
Stations of the Cross, 9:20am	<b>Mar 3</b>
Gr 3-5 Level 10:30am Sunday Mass	<b>Mar 8</b>
Stations of the Cross, 9:20am	<b>Mar 12</b>
No School - Spring Break	<b>March 16-20</b>

### Quick Links:

- [2026-2027 School Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Page](#)
- [Virtus Information](#)
- [Educational Benefits Form](#)
- [SJB Spirit Wear Store](#)

## TADS: Tuition Assistance and Tax Receipts

Applications for **Tuition Assistance** for the 2026-2027 school year are currently being accepted. If you would like to be considered for SJB tuition assistance, please **complete this application by March 15th**. Families must apply for assistance each year to be considered for SJB tuition assistance.

You will have the option to choose to be considered for an AIM Higher or CSA/AIM Higher grant during the application process. AIM Higher gives \$1000 grants to approximately 30 students at St. John's each year. These grants follow the students through 8th grade at a Catholic school, but you **MUST** complete the application each year to be eligible. **The deadline for these grant opportunities is February 27th.**

You may find the tuition assistance applications at [www.mytads.com](http://www.mytads.com). Create a new account or log into your current account.

### Tuition Receipts for Taxes

Parents can access the **Household Paid Tuition Tax Report** from the Billing area in either of these ways:

#### Option A (from the Billing home view)

1. Log in to <https://secure.tads.com/>
2. On the Home page, click the Visit button under Billing.
3. Above the list of Billing Accounts, click the blue hyperlink Household Paid Tuition Tax Report (left-hand side above their account listings).
4. Enter the Tax Year and click Submit.
5. Download the report as needed.

#### Option B (from inside a specific billing account)

While viewing a specific year billing account, click into the Reports tab to access the report.

## March After School Art



### Dark & Light: A Lenten & Resurrection Mixed Media Painting

Grades K-8  
Thursday, March 5th &  
Thursday, March 26th

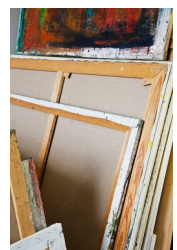
Acknowledge the Passion of our Lord and know that He has conquered death in this simple but powerful two-part painting in one class session.



### Art A-La-Carte: Canvas

Grades K-8  
Monday, March 23rd &  
Monday, March 30th

Choose from a random canvas to create something of your own design or use a project idea. An array of art supplies for completion will be provided.



### Leprechaun Watercolor Painting

Grades K-5  
Monday, March 2nd

Celebrate the luck of the Irish with a simple leprechaun drawing and paint it with watercolor.



Art classes are from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in  
the Art Room

12 students per class | \$25 a class

[Class Descriptions](#)

[Register Here](#)

### Spring Break J-Care

J-Care will be available during Spring Break on Monday, March 16 - Thursday, March 19. Find more information and register your child on the J-Care page of the SJB website (or click below).

**Registration for these school release days closes on Monday, March 9th at 9:00am.**

See the list of activities planned for this week below. Questions? Contact our J-Care Director, MacKenzie Kantor at [kantorm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kantorm@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-261-9113.

**Spring Break  
J-Care Registration**

SPRING *Break* MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>

<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>ELECTRONICS DAY</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><b>ZERO GRAVITY</b></p> <p><b>ADDITIONAL \$15</b></p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>SLIME DAY</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>COLOR ME MINE</b></p> <p><b>AT SJB</b></p> <p><b>ADDITIONAL \$20</b></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p><b>CLOSED</b></p>

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**SUMMER J-CARE 2026 RUNS**

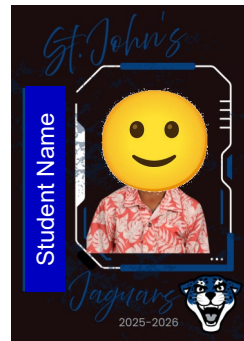
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**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>**

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**Wines to Wishes**

We have framed student player cards of all students in grades K-8 available for purchase for \$10 each. Send cash or check (to St. John's) and we can send them home with your child or stop in the school office to get your child's card.




Sample Player Card

**If you still have your Name Tags from the event, send them with your child or drop them off at the school office!**



**If you won a basket item and would like to donate the basket back to SJB, drop it off at the school office!**



**Thank you to our Spirit of the Games Sponsors!**

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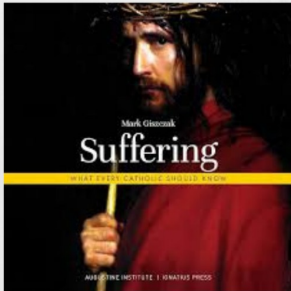
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# LENTEN SERIES

Continuing the conversation from our Parish Mission, this six part series is a book study on Dr. Mark Giszczak's *Suffering: What Every Catholic Should Know* with main point teachings, small group discussion and prayer reflections. A meaningful way to enter into the lent to discover the salvific meaning of suffering.

Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship & Fr. Derek Gilde, Parochial Vicar at St. John will take turns leading the sessions.



Register through QR code or [www.stjohnnb.com](http://www.stjohnnb.com) \$15 covers price of the Book, Materials and Hospitality Child Care Available



6 Part Series

Wednesday Mornings  
9:30-11:00AM

February 18  
February 25  
March 4  
March 11  
March 18  
March 25

Room 206/208



Contact Jill Fink at 651-633-8333 Ex. 1280 or [Finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:Finkj@stjohnnyb.org)

**Register NOW**

## Lent at St. John's

**Fridays, February 20 - March 27**

5:30 pm ~ Holy Mass

6:00 pm ~ Fish Fry or Soup Supper

*(Fish Frys are on February 27 and 20, starting at 5:00 pm)*

7:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

**Saturdays, February 21 - March 28**

8:30 am ~ Holy Mass

## Cana Dinner

March 7, 2026

5:30-8pm

Speakers

**Bernadette and David Gockowski**

*"To Whom Shall We Go but You?" Remaining with the Lord in Marriage*



**Register Here**

Register here by Feb 27  
\$50/ Couple or  
Reserve a table of 8 for \$180  
Assigned Seating

Married and engaged couples are invited to attend the Cana Dinner.

Enjoy a social hour of drinks and cocktails (5:30-6), followed by a plated dinner of chicken or beef. Couples have an opportunity to renew their marriage vows and then hear from the speaker. Evening concludes at 8pm.

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



# Fish Fry

Join us on Friday, February 27  
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Meal includes:** Fish, mac and cheese, tater tots, cole slaw, bread and butter, cookies, lemonade, water, and coffee. (Gluten-free option available.)

**Prices:** \$15/adult, \$10/ages 12 and under, \$55/family maximum. Family is children and parents. Checks, cash, credit cards accepted.

**St John Baptist**  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

## March Family Formation Parent Program

Wednesday, March 4th, 6:00-7:30 pm  
 in St. Joseph Hall



### Confession Night



Optional dinner will be served at 5:30 in St. Joseph Hall. Deacon Peter Romens will be talking about God's forgiveness and mercy and there will be an opportunity for confession! The program starts at 6:00 pm. All adults are welcome!



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## Summer Youth Events



### Extreme Faith Camp

EFC Registration is now open for St. John the Baptist's week of camp! The dates are June 29th-July 3rd. This will be an incredible opportunity for your kids to encounter the Lord while having a full week of outdoor adventure! **Click below to register your middle schoolers as campers and your high schoolers on the prayer team or extreme team.** Here is some information on what high schooler involvement looks like:

**Prayer Team:** 9th graders will get to experience the other side of camp! They will get to have time for much intercessory prayer for the campers, help with meals, and certain activities, all while also enjoying time at Trinity Woods!

**Extreme Team:** 10th-12th graders will get to lead the middle school small groups and be a part of the programming that they got to enjoy as campers!

Middle School Registration

High School Registration

### Save the Dates for VBS and Totus Tuus

**Vacation Bible School** will be held at St. John's Tuesday, June 9th - Thursday, June 11th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. VBS is for students 3 years old (and potty trained) through students entering 1st grade in fall of 2026.

**Totus Tuus** will be held at St. Joh's Monday, July 20th - Friday, July 24th from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Totus Tuus is the grade school program for students entering first through fifth grade in fall of 2026.

Registration and more information for both programs will be coming in March. Questions? Please email Jen Livermont at [livermontj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:livermontj@stjohnnyb.org).