

# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

**April 2, 2026**



## From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! Today we observe Holy Thursday, a sacred moment in our Church calendar that invites us to reflect on service, humility, and great love for one another. As we remember the Last Supper, we are reminded of the powerful example Jesus gave us. Calling each of us to care for one another with compassion and grace. This day marks the beginning of the Triduum, the holiest time of the year for our Christ-Centered community.

Throughout this past week, our students have been actively participating in meaningful activities and reflections to commemorate the journey from Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, to the joy of the Resurrection. From prayer services and classroom discussions to hands-on experiences, these moments have helped deepen their understanding of Christ's sacrifice and the hope we celebrate at Easter.

As we look ahead, we prepare with joyful anticipation for Easter this weekend. Easter is the cornerstone of our faith, a celebration of hope, renewal, and the promise of new life. It is a beautiful opportunity for families to come together in prayer, gratitude, and celebration of the Resurrection. I'm looking forward to seeing so many of you this Saturday at the Easter Egg Hunt at 10am! It should be a wonderful family event that we host here at SJB!

We are also excited to share that production began this past week on our new school marketing video. This project is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the vibrant Catholic faith, learning, and community that make our Catholic school so special. We have already seen great enthusiasm from students, parents, and staff participating in the filming, and we look forward to sharing the finished product with you in the near future.

Please also note that there will be no school for all students in preschool through grade 8 tomorrow, April 3rd for Good Friday and on Easter Monday, April 6th. In addition, there also will be no school for students in grades K-8 only next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7-8. Classes will resume on April 9th. This time allows our dedicated teachers to attend the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Asso-

### Upcoming Events

No School - Good Friday & Easter Monday	<b>Apr 3-6</b>
SJB Easter Egg Hunt	<b>Apr 4</b>
No School K-8 ONLY - NCEA Conference	<b>Apr 7-8</b>
PTO Non-Uniform for Teachers	<b>Apr 14</b>
NO Busing Day	<b>Apr 17</b>
Gr 8 Washington, D.C. Trip	<b>Apr 21-24</b>
K-2 Grade Level Sunday Mass, 10:30am	<b>Apr 26</b>

### Quick Links

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

ciation) conference, where they will continue to grow professionally and bring back new ideas and inspiration to enrich our SJB classrooms.



We are grateful for your continued partnership in nurturing both the academic and spiritual lives of our students. May your family have a blessed Holy Thursday, a meaningful Good Friday, and a joyful Easter.

God bless,  
Dr. Weingartz



**No School for students in K-8 ONLY on April 7-8 for the NCEA Conference. There is **NO J-CARE** available.**

**Preschool classes and Care Crew will be **IN SESSION AS NORMAL** on those two days.**

## 2026-2027 SJB Discipleship Grant Application

The application for the SJB Discipleship Grant for the 2026-2027 school year is now available. The grant is open to those who are active parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church and School and any grants awarded may be applied to either preschool or K-8 tuition for the 2026-27 school year. **The application deadline is next Friday, April 10th.**



2026-2027 SJB Discipleship Grant Application: <https://forms.gle/tGerqkScTA3jMfLj8>

## 25-26 Yearbooks - Order NOW!

The window to order a yearbook is now open! Our 25-26 yearbook includes student pictures from preschool through 8th grade as well as candid photos that are taken throughout the school year. Ordering takes place online, and the book will arrive before the end of the school year.



The cost of the 25-26 yearbook is \$12 per book.

\*Note that Jostens has their own service fee and tax on top of the cost.

Order window open until Thursday, April 30th: [Jostens Yearbook Orders](#)

Questions? Contact Michelle Barsness at [barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org)

### April After-School Art Classes

#### Three Little Birds Watercolor Drawing

Grades K-5



Monday, April 13, 2026  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026  
Draw some sweet little bird friends and then use some special watercolor techniques to create your drawing into a painting.

#### Mixed Media Air Dry Clay Birds

Grades K-5



Thursday, April 23, 2026  
Monday, April 27, 2026  
Students will learn how to dye air dry clay to create bird figures in their own little nest. A variety of materials will be used to create unique new species!

#### Mixed Media Butterfly Wings

Grades 3-8



Thursday, April 9, 2026  
Students will create unique butterfly wings using oil pastel blending techniques and then use a unique watercolor technique for their background. A simple take on a beautiful



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 Athletic Spirit Wear Now Available!

We're excited to share that new spring sport spirit wear is now available!

We've added options for track, baseball, and softball, making it easy to show your support for our student athletes this season. Be sure to check out the selections and find your favorites.

Orders for athletic spirit wear or any SJB spirit wear can be placed directly through the SJB Online spirit wear store.



[SJB Online Spirit Wear Store](#)

*Thank you for supporting SJB athletics - Go Jaguars!*

# Holy Week Schedule

## Holy Thursday, April 2

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)  
 Seven Churches Pilgrimage (Handout with suggested route available)

## Good Friday, April 3

*The church is open all day for your prayers.*  
 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
 3:00 pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy – *with incense*  
 8:00 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 4\*

10:00 am Egg Hunt (Blessing in West Parking Lot)  
 12:00 pm Blessing of the Food (Chapel of the Angels)  
 8:00 pm The Great Easter Vigil – *with incense*  
*No scheduled Confessions on Holy Saturday*  
*No 4:30 pm Holy Mass*

## Easter Sunday, April 5\*

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 Holy Mass*

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

# Becoming Catholic

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)



## Elect and Candidates 2026

Sponsor: Julie Carlson	Sponsor: Chris Seigle	Sponsor: Darren Anderson	Sponsor: Tom Vike
Sponsor: Katie Fox	Sponsor: Kayden Fox	Sponsor: Laurie Blake	Sponsor: Ricky Longnecker
Candidate: Nick Meyer	Sponsor: Sally Stronge	Candidate: Anna Palka	Sponsor: Rick Miller
Candidate: Zackary	Candidate: Alex Tangren	Sponsor: Marlene Heying	Sponsor: Beth Whelan

You are invited to attend the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4 at 8:00pm in the Church. We have many Elect and Candidates who will be initiated into the Catholic Church.

Those involved from our school community are Erica Davis as an Elect and sponsors Julie Carson, Katie Fox, Ricky Longnecker, Mathew Grosjean and Eric Fromming. We also have some former students of SJB school including Kayden Fox and Sophia Whelan.

# Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

10:00 am Blessing - West Lot  
 Kindergarten & 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 hunt. The Egg Hunt will be held outside with some portion inside based upon weather. Please dress for the weather and park conditions!

Children must be accompanied  
 by an adult



Questions? Email  
[livermontj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:livermontj@stjohnnyb.org)

**Volunteer for the  
 Easter Egg Hunt**

# APRIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 8** WED FAMILY FORMATION & BIBLE STUDY - DINNER AT 5:30PM 6-7:30PM
- 10** FRI MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT 7-8:30PM
- 15** WED BIBLE STUDY 6-7:30PM
- 22** WED BIBLE STUDY 6-7:30PM
- 29** WED BIBLE STUDY 6-7:30PM

Open Youth Room:  Tuesdays 2:30-4pm

— 17th Annual —



## YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join ICS and celebrate 87 years of faith-based academics supporting both the school and parish.

Reception and Silent Auction: 5:30 pm

Dinner, Program, Live Auction & Fund-A-Future: 7 pm

Location: Banquets of MN, 6310 Hwy 65 in Fridley

This year's featured honoree:

Sister Clarinda Coffel



[onecau.selqueenofmay](http://onecau.selqueenofmay)



For Tickets, Sponsorships or Auction Donations:  
Katherine Torres 763 788-9065 and [ktorres@immac-church.org](mailto:ktorres@immac-church.org)



## GRANDPARENT MINISTRY

*The Gift of Being Grand -  
God's Call to Grandparents*

All grandparents are invited to a complimentary dinner and presentation on Wednesday, April 22nd in Room 208. Our featured presenter is Chrystal Crocker, former Director of the Office of Evangelization for our Archdiocese. Dinner begins at 6:10pm with the presentation starting at 6:40pm.



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND  
IN ROOM 208  
COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT 6:10PM  
PRESENTATION AT 6:40PM  
PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 19TH**



RSVP and Questions to Rita Spiess at [rspieess1@msn.com](mailto:rspieess1@msn.com)

## April Family Formation Parent Program

Wednesday, April 8th, 6:00-7:30 pm  
in St. Joseph Hall



### Our Father who art in Heaven



Optional dinner will be served at 5:30 in St. Joseph Hall. Fr. Derek Gilde will be talking about Fatherhood and our relationship with God the Father. The program starts at 6:00 pm. All adults are welcome!



TOTINO-GRACE  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS

**18TH & VINE**  
SWING DANCE & JAZZ CONCERT

AND BBQ DINNER  
WITH STUDENT PERFORMANCES

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH  
DINNER 4:30-6:30PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH  
DINNER 4:30-6:30PM  
JAZZ & SWING 7:00-10:00PM

Tickets online or at the door <https://tgtheater.ludus.com>

**E<sup>3</sup>** Totino-Grace  
**ENGINEERING**  
Institute

Class of 2026  
**Totino-Grace E3 Engineering**  
students are proud to present the culmination of their senior capstone projects at this year's **Engineering Institute Capstone Exhibition**. The event, held at Totino-Grace High School, is free and open to the public.

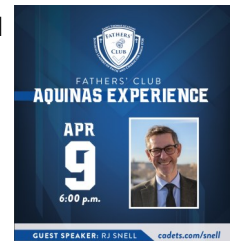
**Totino-Grace High School  
Engineering Institute Capstone Open  
House Exhibition**  
Sunday, April 12, 2026  
1:00pm - 3:00pm



**A Night for Dads, Sons & Real Talk: Thursday, April 9**

What does it actually mean to be a "real man" in 2026? Is it about career success? Physical toughness? Social media influence? Saint Thomas Academy is proud to host Dr. RJ Snell from the renowned Witherspoon Institute for a talk that challenges the status quo: **"How to Be a Real Man (and it's not what you've been told)."** This evening is an ideal "preview" for 8th-grade boys and their fathers to experience the mentorship and character development that defines the Upper School experience.

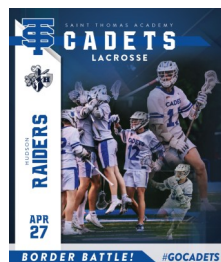
- **Date:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Focus:** Navigating the modern world with hope, integrity, and excellence.
- **Includes:** Food, fellowship, and a message that lasts.
- **RSVP:** [cadets.com/snell](https://cadets.com/snell)



**Cadets Lacrosse Night: Monday, April 27**

We invite your students to get a front-row seat to the energy of our high school programs. This is a great chance for future Class of 2030 members to see the campus in action.

- Free Admission for all youth students.
- Exclusive Pre-Game Sideline Access: Get an up-close look at the action during warm-ups.
- Future Cadet Spirit: Special gear giveaways for visiting middle schoolers.



**Cadets Baseball Night: Friday, May 1**

Join us at the diamond for a night of great baseball! We'd love to see your 8th graders in the stands as they look ahead to their own high school athletic journeys.

- Free Admission for all visiting students.
- Ballpark Snacks: Traditional game-day treats provided.
- Meet the Team: Join us for a "meet and greet" on the field with Upper School players and coaches.

