# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 12, 2026

St John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Dear SJB Families,

***Greetings from the Principal's Office!***

I am so thankful for the many friends and family members who were able to join us for our Veterans Day assembly yesterday. It was a beautiful way for our school community to come together to honor the men and women who have served in the United States military, both past and present. A special thank you to Mrs. Jenny Carroll and VFW Post 724 for helping organize such a meaningful day and reminding us that freedom is not free, but is earned through the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of our veterans.




Throughout the month of November, we pause to reflect on all that we are thankful for and celebrate the many connections that make our Catholic school community so strong. Even as we move further into November, we have been blessed with some beautiful weather that allows us to enjoy time outside, soak up the sunshine, and make the most of these special moments together. I am continually filled with gratitude for our amazing SJB students, dedicated faculty and staff, and supportive families who make our Catholic school such a vibrant place to learn, grow, and live out our faith each day.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 12
**Fall Open House**
Nov 23-24
**No District Busing**
Nov 25-27
**No School – Thanksgiving Break**
Dec 1-2
**Reconciliation, gr 3-8**
Dec 4
**End of 1st Trimester**
Dec 10
**Band Concert**
Dec 11
**Preschool – gr 2 Christmas Concert**
Dec 17
**Gr 3-8 Christmas Concert**
Dec 21-Jan 1
**No School for Christmas Break**

## IMPORTANT LINKS

2026-2027 School Calendars

Preschool Page

Virtus Information

SJB Spirit Wear Store

S JB School Amazon Wish List

***Fall Open House***

Tonight, we are especially excited to welcome prospective families to our Fall Open House from 5:30–7:00pm! This is one of my favorite traditions of the year because it gives us the opportunity to showcase all the wonderful things happening at SJB. It is a chance for prospective families to explore our classrooms, meet our incredible staff, and experience firsthand the creativity, hard work, and joy that fill our school each day. If you know a family looking for a strong academic experience rooted in Catholic faith and a supportive community, please encourage them to join us. Our current families are some of our very best ambassadors, and we are grateful for your help in sharing what makes SJB such a special place for our Jaguars!

School Safe Environment Coordinator (Virtus): Alison Wacek waceka@stjohnnyb.org 651-633-1522 x 1127



Thank you for being such an essential part of our SJB Catholic school community. Wishing you a wonderful month filled with gratitude, warmth, and togetherness!

**Anna Nagle**
*Principal*




## Order your Butter Braids today!

Help support the 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip by purchasing Butter Braids. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, November 22nd.

Order online using the QR code or click the order link. We also have paper forms available (with payment via cash or check) in the school office or at the parish welcome desk.

Orders will be available for pick-up after Mass on Saturday, December 12th from 5:30pm - 6:00pm or Sunday, December 13th for 30 minutes after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.

Please reach out to Jenny Carroll with any questions, carrollj@stjohnnyb.org.

**Order Here**

## Branding Wearhouse BLACK FRIDAY SALE for SJB Spirit Wear!

Branding Wearhouse is holding a Black Friday Weekend Sale! All orders $50 or more placed from November 26th – November 30th will be 20%. Use code BFW2026 at checkout to receive the discount. Offer valid on new orders only placed between 11/26/26 - 11/30/26.

Note: The last day they are accepting holiday/Christmas orders is Sunday, 12/6/26 so if you are looking to order SJB spirit wear for a Christmas gift, be sure to order early!




## Give to the Max Day 2026 – Thursday, November 19th

Give to the Max Day is ONE WEEK from today, 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 19th. Early giving has started, though, which means you can show your support any time!

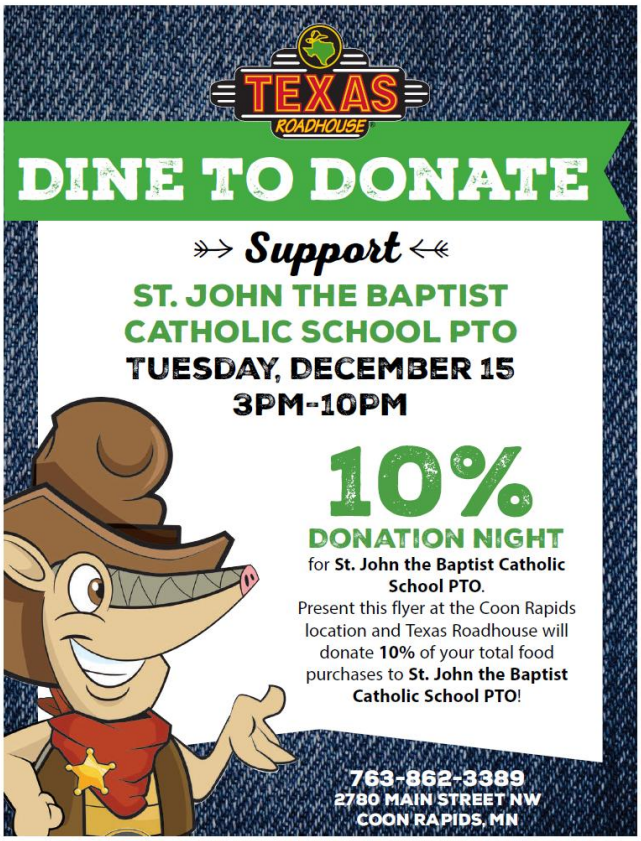
**What is St. John's raising money for?**
Check out our Give to the Max site to learn more about our goal of raising $10,000 to support our teachers, enhance our classrooms, and strengthen safety and security across our campus.

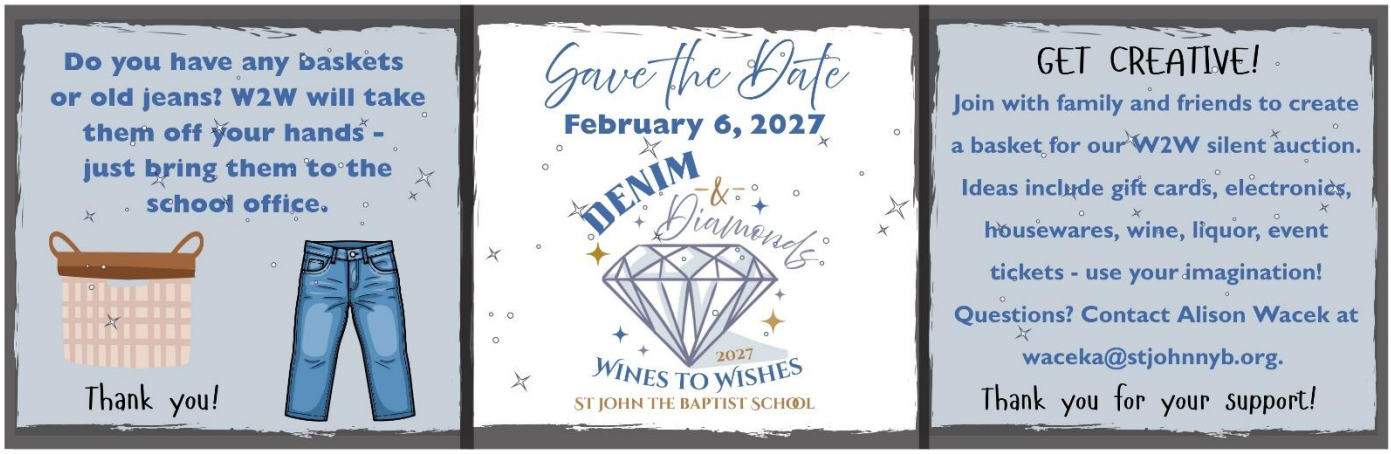
**How can I support St. John's?**
There are three amazing ways to support our campaign!
1. If you are financially able, please donate to our campaign through our Give to the Max site. Donations are tax deductible.
2. Share our campaign with family and friends through email, social media, and word of mouth.
3. Prayers are always appreciated for a successful giving campaign!




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


7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 11
PROVIDENCE ACADEMY
15100 Schmidt Lake Road, Plymouth
SPECIAL DRAWING!
All adult attendees are invited to enter a free drawing for a $500 prize! The winner may choose to apply a $500 grant toward tuition at a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, or direct a $500 grant to a Catholic school or parish of the Archdiocese.
GROWING UP HUMAN IN AN AI WORLD
What parents in our Catholic schools and parishes need to know about raising children who can think, learn and be happy in a world of artificial intelligence
FEATURING DR. JARED COONEY HORVATH
Neuroscientist, educator and author of "The Digital Delusion"
Artificial intelligence is changing the world our children are growing up in. But how does technology affect the way children learn, think and develop? And what can parents do to help them thrive?
Join Dr. Jared Cooney Horvath for an engaging evening exploring what the science of learning tells us about technology, AI and the developing mind. Discover why attention, effort, memory and human relationships matter for learning, and what parents can do to help their children develop the virtues, knowledge, relationships and skills they need to flourish.
Dr. Jared Cooney Horvath is a neuroscientist, educator and author whose work explores how people learn and how digital technology shapes education. Through his writing and presentations, including "The Digital Delusion," he translates research on the brain, memory, attention and learning into practical insights for educators and families.
Register Here
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TEXAS ROADHOUSE
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Support
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL PTO
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
3PM-10PM
10%
DONATION NIGHT
for St. John the Baptist Catholic School PTO.
Present this flyer at the Coon Rapids location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to St. John the Baptist Catholic School PTO!
763-862-3389
2780 MAIN STREET NW
COON RAPIDS, MN


Do you have any baskets or old jeans? W2W will take them off your hands - just bring them to the school office.
Thank you!
Save the Date
February 6, 2027
DENIM & Diamonds
2027
WINES TO WISHES
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL
GET CREATIVE!
Join with family and friends to create a basket for our W2W silent auction. Ideas include gift cards, electronics, housewares, wine, liquor, event tickets - use your imagination!
Questions? Contact Alison Wacek at waceka@stjohnnyb.org.
Thank you for your support!

# SJB Parish News

## Only One Thing Is Necessary

HOW CATHOLIC FAMILIES CAN STRIVE TO BE UNITED IN THIS LIFE AND THE NEXT

**SJB Plan 2026-27**

**November – Gratitude and Trust in God**

**Virtue:** Humility – Accepting your limitations and God-given talents

**Theme:** Recognizing God's Blessings

**Focus:** Gratitude helps us recognize God's presence in daily life.

**Feast of the Month:** Christ the King (November 21-22) – Place all trust in Christ who is King of heaven and earth.

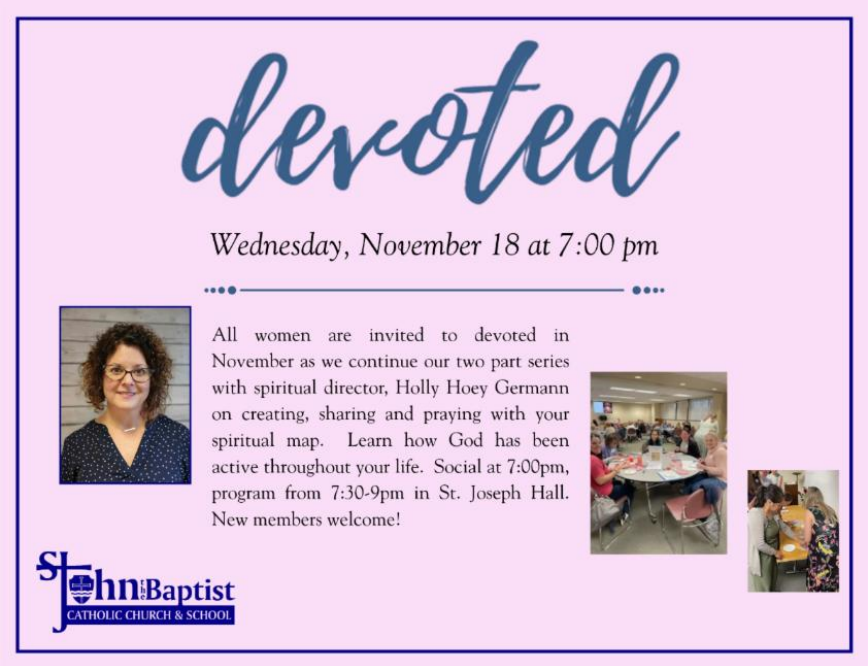
**Pastoral Letter Connection:** *"From Sunday to Sunday, daily Mass to daily Mass, sacrament to sacrament, we center ourselves on Christ, that 'one true thing.' We quiet our souls. We sense the stirrings and nudges of the Holy Spirit."* (23)

**November Week 2: Service to Others**

- Activity: Write a thank-you note to someone who has helped your family
- Donate socks or underwear to the St Vincent DePaul drive. Collection bins may be found in St Paul Plaza

**November Week 1: Gratitude Jar and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- Activity: Each member of the family can write one blessing on a small piece of paper and place it in a jar each day this week.
- Read and pray together Psalm 100.
- Read one thing from the gratitude jar each night at dinner.









## St Vincent DePaul Sock Drive

**It's that time again!** As we enter the season of giving thanks for our many blessings, we invite you to share those blessings with neighbors in need by donating **new men's and women's socks and underwear** for the homeless.

**Collection Bins:** Located at all church entrances starting this weekend.

**Drive Dates:** Saturday, November 14 through Sunday, November 29.

***Thank you so much for your continued generosity and consideration!***

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



## Thanksgiving Hospitality Volunteers Wanted



SJB parish is looking for volunteers to help with Thanksgiving hospitality on Thursday, November 26 after the 9:00 am Mass. Start your Thanksgiving with Mass and then Commitment is about 90 minutes after Mass and includes informing kitchen when food is running low, pouring beverages and cleaning tables. If you are interested, please reach out to Kathy Wiggin at wiggink@stjohnnyb.org or text 651-746-9637. Thank you! Note: These hours may be counted toward your volunteer commitment.