PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 5, 2026

St John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Dear SJB Families,

Greetings from the Principal's Office!

What a fun week at SJB! After a big weekend of trick-or-treating for those who participated, celebrating All Saints Day, and remembering All Souls Day, I think we could all feel a little lack of energy as we entered the building on Monday morning. However, that quickly changed as students saw their friends, and the building came to life!

We had so many fun things happening throughout the week! Our preschoolers took turns running in the rain down the sidewalks from door to door with Ms. Anna during one of our indoor recess days. Our sixth graders explored the layers of the Earth using hard-boiled eggs in science class with Mrs. Troxel. Our middle school students headed to BizTown and Finance Park, where they learn about financial literacy, budgeting, collaboration, and teamwork. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers and teachers who helped them prepare for and participate in this experience.

We also welcomed our fifth-grade families for Faith, Family, and Fellowship! Students kicked off the month of November by sharing what they are learning about gratitude and the many things they are thankful for. They also received their very own Bibles, gifted to them by St. John's, as a reminder of the truth and love found in God's Word. And those are just a few of the many wonderful things happening around our school!

What a week! Here are a few additional things to highlight:

Non-Busing Day – Tomorrow!

My apologies for this not making it onto our school calendar until now, but a reminder that tomorrow, Friday, November 6, is a non-busing day!

The district buses (those serving New Brighton, Mounds View, Arden Hills, etc.) will NOT run on Friday due to no school for the Mounds View district schools. All students who typically ride these buses will need transportation to and from school. We will have a slight change to morning drop-off for our K-8 students only. Preschool drop-off and pickup procedures will remain the same.

- **Morning Drop-Off:** All K-8 students should be dropped off in the north parking lot at the gym entrance (Door #7). Please drive north on 2nd Avenue as usual, past the flagpole entrance (Door #6), and turn right into the north lot. Stay in the dropoff line and exit the lot on the east side. For safety reasons, please do not park in this lot or turn around and exit through the west side. Morning drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m.
- **Afternoon Pickup:** Pickup will take place in the main church parking lot as usual. Please pull into a parking space with your vehicle facing outward to improve visibility when exiting. Afternoon pickup is at 2:30 p.m.

Please note: SJB charter buses serving the Blaine area will run as usual.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 6
No District Busing
Nov 11
Veterans Day; Mass and Program
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

IMPORTANT LINKS

2026-2027 School Calendars

Preschool Page

Virtus Information

SJB Spirit Wear Store

S JB School Amazon Wish List

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

Domino's Pizza - Friday, November 20th

We are excited to try out a new hot lunch option! On Friday, November 20th, we will be offering Domino's Pizza as part of our school lunch program. In preparation, we need to get an estimate of how many students plan to take school lunch that day, as the order must be submitted the week beforehand. Please look for a message from your child's classroom teacher with more information. We ask that you talk with your child about whether they would like to participate so we can be sure to order enough pizza for everyone!

Fall Open House

Mark your calendars for our Fall Open House on Thursday, November 12th, from 5:30–7:00pm! We are excited to welcome prospective families to explore our classrooms, meet our wonderful staff, and discover what makes SJB such a joyful, nurturing, and faith-filled place to learn and grow. If you know a family looking for a strong academic experience rooted in Catholic faith and a supportive community, please encourage them to attend. Our current families are some of our best ambassadors, and we appreciate your help sharing all the wonderful things happening at SJB!

Honoring Our Veterans

We are incredibly excited for our Veterans Day Assembly following Mass next Wednesday, November 11th! We warmly welcome veterans and their families to join us for our all-school Mass at **8:30am**, followed by a short program honoring their service and sacrifice. Please consider inviting a veteran in your family or someone special in your life to join us for this special celebration! If you would like a veteran to be recognized during our program, please be sure they are planning to attend and take a moment to complete **this form** so we can include them in our recognition. We are grateful and look forward to the opportunity to recognize these heroes and thank them for their service!



Have a wonderful weekend, and as always, thank you for being part of our SJB family!

Anna Nagle
Principal



It's Time for Butter Braids!

Help support the 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip by purchasing Butter Braids. Orders will be accepted beginning on Sunday, November 1st 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

Veterans Day Program

In honor of Veterans Day, St. John's School will be hosting a Veterans Day Program on Wednesday, November 11th to recognize and express our gratitude to the brave men and women who have served or are currently serving our country. We would love to welcome veterans and active-duty military members connected to our school community as our guests. This includes parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and close family friends of our students. We invite them to join us for Mass at 8:30am followed by the program and will wrap up at approximately 10:00am.

If you have a veteran in your family or know a veteran in our community who would like to attend and be recognized, please extend this invitation to them. To help us plan for seating and recognition, please complete our **Veterans Day Attendance Form**

We look forward to coming together as a community to honor those who have served our country. Thank you for your help in making this a memorable event for our veterans.

St. John the Baptist
After School Art



All classes are from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Pick up is at Door 5 near the Playground and J-Care entry. In inclement weather it will be in the vestibule, near the interior J-Care Door.

Grade level is noted for each class.
Accommodation can be made by grade level and/or experience as needed for the grade level range fixed to every class.

12 students per class, $25 dollars per student
Charge for the class is made after attendance in your TADS Account according to the Sign-Up Genius.

Email your child's teacher with the date of your child's class so they don't put them in the car line or on the bus.

Monday, November 9, 2026



Plaid Acorn Cap Project
Grades K-5

Monday, November 16, 2026



Turkey Watercolor Painting
Grades K-5

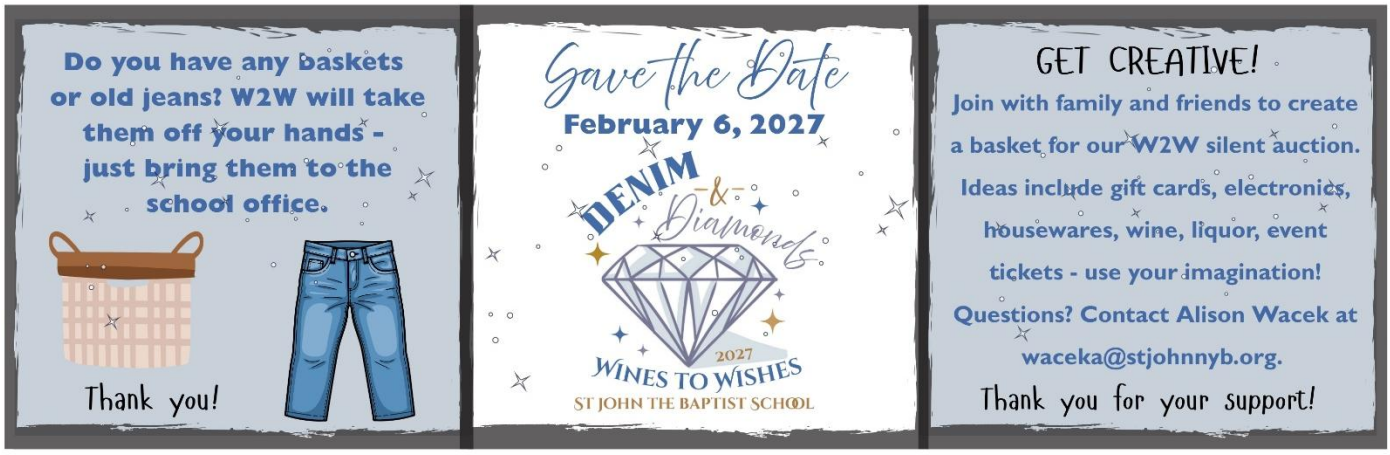
Monday, November 30, 2026



Advent Wreath Collage
Grades K-8

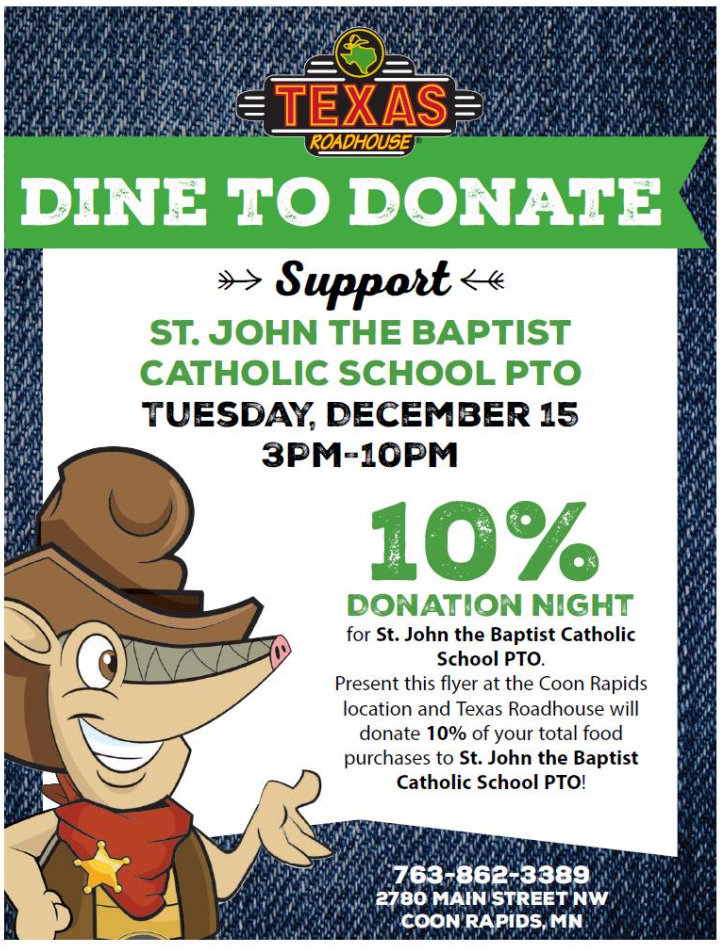
REGISTER HERE for November After-School Art Classes

Wines to Wishes 2027



Watch for more information coming soon on classroom baskets!





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.

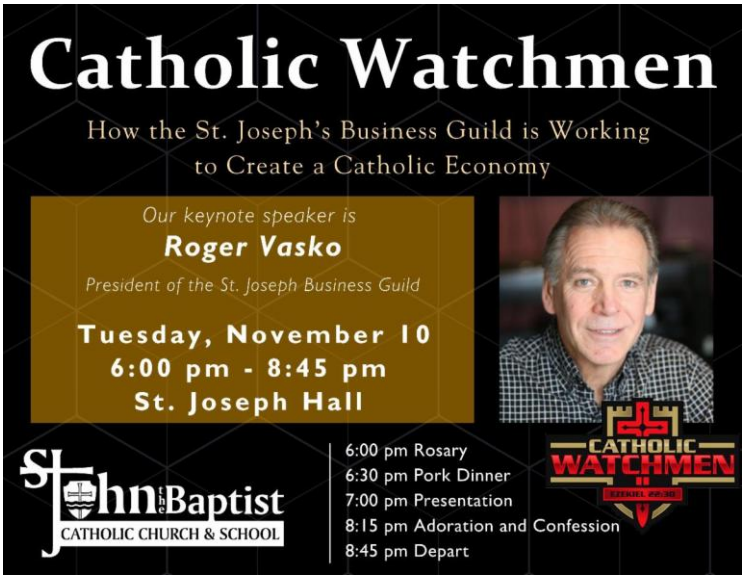
Pastoral Letter Connection: *"From Sunday to Sunday, daily Mass to daily Mass, sacrament to sacrament, we center ourselves on Christ, that 'one true thing.' We quiet our souls. We sense the stirrings and nudges of the Holy Spirit."* (23)

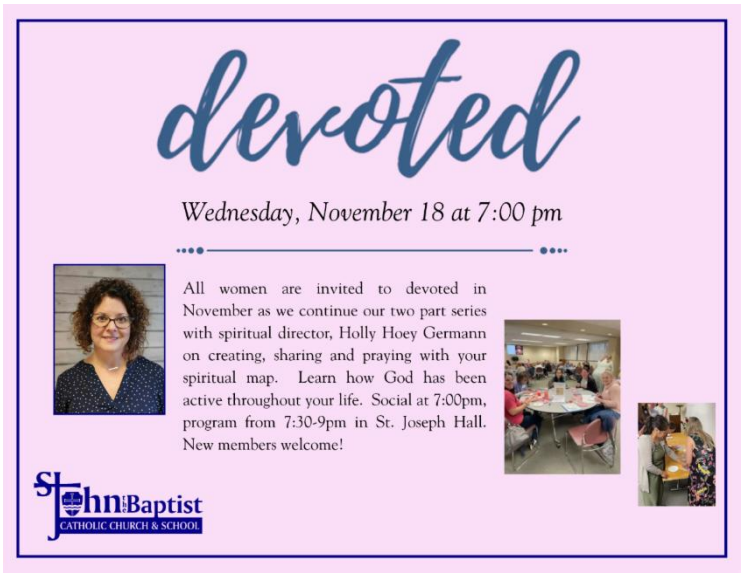
November Week 1: Gratitude Jar and Prayer of Thanksgiving

- 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 is Back!

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

Grateful Hearts
GROWING TOGETHER

Thank you to everyone who has completed their **Grateful Hearts Growing Together** response form and returned it to the parish. You are helping us reach our goal of 450 responses! There is still time to return your completed form if you haven't done so already, and extra copies are available at the Harvest Table along with business reply envelopes. Simply mail your form to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. You can also complete your form online using the button below. **Your response is requested by Sunday, November 8.**

Questions? Please contact Director of Development Mary May in the parish office at 651-633-8333, ext. 1253, or email maym@stjohnnyb.org.

Grateful Hearts Growing Together Signup