

CARDINAL NEWS

StJB Parents Newsletter

November 6, 2022

** DRESS FOR COLD WEATHER

Cold weather is upon us! Please send your student with coats, hats and gloves.
Students can always opt to remove items if it gets too warm.



To protect the health of children and staff, students who are sick with any illness need to be kept home from school.

Students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Students who are sent home during the school day with a fever will not be allowed to return to school the next day as this would not allow for the 24 hour protection of the entire school community.

PARADE OF SAINTS



"When the saints go marching in!"

That was the song the second grade students sang at St. John the Baptist school in Plattsmouth while they paraded through the hallways and classrooms on Friday.

Every year, in celebration of All Saints Day, also known as the Feast of All Saints celebrated on November 1st, teachers and students watch as the second graders march through the school dressed as their favorite saint. The Parade of Saints has been a long-time tradition at St. John the Baptist and one that students look forward to as second graders.

According to **Angelica Prestridge**, second grade teacher, The Parade of Saints is part of a larger classroom religion project for students. The project includes researching their favorite saint and presenting interesting facts they have learned about their saint. "It's a fun way for the kids to learn about their faith and the lives of holy figures from history," said Prestridge."We also have a "Saint of the Day' in the classroom which gives the students exposure to many great saints."

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Let's Get Social!

Prestridge said the first step in the project, and probably the most important step, is the conversation that happens at home with parents. Prestridge said at the start of the project she will tell her students to go home and ask their parents if they were named after a saint. Students who are named after a saint, either first or middle name, will sometimes choose that saint to research for the project. Or, sometimes a student will choose a saint whose feast day is the same as the child's birth date or baptismal date.

Second grader **Zoey Koelzer** chose Mary as her saint because her middle name is Marie, and both of her grandmothers are also named Mary.



Zoey and Vivian dressed like Mary, their favorite Saint.

"I love this project because it is such a fun way to learn about our saints and it brings faith back into Halloween, said Donette Koelzer, Zoey's mother.

Halloween, also known as All Hallow's Eve, is the eve of All Saints Day when we celebrate all of the saints in heaven both known and unknown.

Koelzer said they explained to Zoey that family and friends who have died could be some of the saints they celebrate. That is why it is important to pray for loved ones who have passed away, especially on All Souls Day, added Koelzer.

"We also told Zoey that we are all working toward sainthood, so that one day we can be in heaven with Jesus," explained Koelzer.

Saints are important to the Catholic Church tradition and teachers like Prestridge help students learn the history of the Catholic faith through the stories of saints. Prestridge, who has taught second grade at St. John the Baptist for six years, says it's an honor to teach children about these holy men and women.

"I have the privilege of helping our second graders discover the great lives of our saints," said Prestridge. "But equally important is helping them see that he le for everyone."



(More photos from Parade of Saints in the back of this issue.



WATCH THE PARADE OF SAINTS
HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO - CLICK HERE.

Greetings from Dr. Beck



Dear Parents.

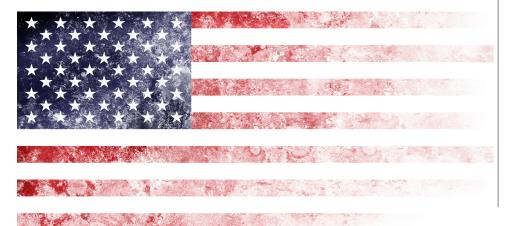
Very special greetings! This month we celebrate
Veterans' Day on November
11th. We express, in the name of the Lord, with the voices of millions of our fellow citizens, how very much we love our country, and we are grateful to God for our

beautiful America. We are thankful to God for our Catholic Church, our immense gratitude and thanksgiving to God for our country, for our beloved United States of America.

There are some things that we might like to change, and sometimes there seems to be a drift in our country away from the Lord; that some people are becoming increasingly secular and worldly.

But that is the more cause, for us who name the name of Christ...who believe in the Almighty, for us to gather in prayer and in supplication and in praise...

To continue reading Dr. Beck's full letter, click on this link.





Thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair!

BOOK FAIR2022 55

It was a huge success ... with more than \$3,500 in sales ... and raising more than \$1,600 scholastic dollars to support our teachers and fill their classrooms with resources for the students!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Week of November 7th



Congratulations **ADDYSON** HANNEMAN **3RD GRADE**

Celebrating the academic achievements and superior Catholic values of our STJB students.



Congratulations Addyson Hanneman



Congratulations Addyson Hanneman! Addyson is our Student of the Week.

She was nominated by her teacher for being a hard worker, helpful, kind to everyone, and because she always has a smile on her face!



NOMINATED STUDENTS

Preschool 4

Carmen Grundmayer- she is a good friend, and has now been able to print her name!

Kindergarten

Emery MacTaggart – She is a great helper in the classroom and a great friend to her classmates!

1st Grade

Abigail Hendershot – She has been trying so hard in the classroom and she is a great friend!

2nd Grade

Harper Pedersen – She is a hard worker, participates in class discussion and is a good friend to others!

3rd Grade

Addyson Hanneman – She is a hard worker, always has a smile on her face, helpful, and kind to everyone!

4th Grade

Theron Finn – He is kind, respectful, and responsible, listens well, and works hard to follow the rules and get his work done!

5th Grade

Betsy Bronson - She has been working hard and trying to be a good friend!

6th Grade

Ashton Carpenter - He is very reverent at Mass and helpful to the younger servers. He is also respectful of others and uses good manners!

7th Grade

Landon Van Erdewyk- He is very attentive during instructional class time!

8th Grade

Brandon O'Shea- He is very respectful and helpful to the substitutes!





We apologize for the errors in the junior high honor roll list published last week. We have corrected the list to now include those students who were omitted last week.

To view the UPDATED 1st Quarter Junior High Honor Roll, please click on this link.

School Picture Re-Take Day is Thursday, Dec. 1st!



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



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NOVEMBER 6th
PARISH BULLETIN

VIEW LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS
FOR NOVEMBER HERE

IMPORTANT DATES

October 31 - Halloween Parties

November 1 - All Saints Day - No School

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 13-16 - Discover Catholic Schooks Week (national awareness week)

November 14 - 5th-8th Grade at Lourdes One Act Matinee in morning

November 17- Lourdes Central Catholic visits 5th-8th Grade in the morning to talk about "Life as Knight in High School"

November 18 - Early Dismissal at 1:00 PM (Staff Meeting)

November 18 - Mid quarter

November 23 – 27 – Thanksgiving Break

December 1 — Picture Re-Take Day

December 8 — Immaculate Conception—Holy Day- No School

December 13 — PreK-2nd Grade Christmas Concert at 7 pm

December 14 — 3rd-8th Grade Christmas Concert at 7 pm

December 16— Early Dismissal at 1:00 PM (Staff Meeting)

To view or download the 2022-23 school calendar here.

Let's Get Social!





STJB FAMILY NIGHT OUT



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH 3:00-9:00 PM

✓ DINE IN OR CARRY OUT
✓ MENTION STJB WHEN YOU ORDER
✓ A PORTION OF ALL SALES WILL BE DONATED TO STJB!





HEY PARENTS,

mark your calendars and make plans to attend the

SPRING DINNER PLANNING MEETING

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9th

7 PM | PARISH COMMONS

Parents are encouraged to give at least FIVE hours of their family's required stewardship hours to the Spring Dinner fundraiser.

This is the school's largest fundraising event of the year and we need all hands on deck.

JOIN SAC!

The STJB School
Advisory Council needs
you! Consider applying
to become a SAC
member!

Get involved! Being a
School Advisory Council
member is a good way
to be an important part
of your child's
education and help our
school improve.

To learn more or to download an application, click here.



Formerly ThankScriping Day

NOV 17-18

Our biggest eGift card bonus event of the year!

Mark your calendar—Raise Days is back with 150+ bonuses. Participants can stockup for all their holiday shopping and earn even more.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards
- · Participants must have an online account to participate

Participants can plan ahead with a sneak peek of all brands on bonus-available Wednesday, Nov 16.

EARN MONEY FOR THE STJB!

For every gift card purchased, the school and parish receive earnings up to 20% from the gift card brand you are purchasing. To order gift cards, complete an order form (see forms page of school website for order form) with your payment to the school office by Monday at 10:00am. Cards are ready the following Thursday afternoon and sent home in your student's backpack.

Questions? Contact Noni Thiesen at the rectory, Noni-Thiesen@cdolinc.net.





2023

BASEBALL, AND SOFTBALL SOFTBALL REGISTRATION!

TO REGISTER, CLICK HERE

REGISTRATION CHECKS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO MRS. TILSON IN THE ST. JOHN'S FRONT OFFICE OR MAILED TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE FORM



Spotlight on Our Teachers

Teacher Tuesday is a new series that spotlights the teachers at St. John the Baptist. This special feature gives you an opportunity to know each of our teachers a little better and also allows us to recognize them for the amazing people that they are ... and the important work they do everyday developing students by teaching to their minds, their hearts and their soul.

CLICK HERE - TEACHER SPOTLIGHT SERIES



fascinates me how her words are still impactful and inspiring centuries later.

There is even a musical written about her life called "In the Green!"