

**Saint John the Baptist  
Catholic School**



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Home of the Saints since 2018

**School Newsletter**  
**March 31, 2023**

The mission of Saint John the Baptist Catholic School is to educate God's children and promote Catholic values through academic excellence and service to others.

**Upcoming School/Parish Events**

- April 3** - Start of 4th Quarter
- April 5-6** - School Swimming @ MASC  
4K through 8th grade
- April 7** - NO SCHOOL, Good Friday
- April 10** - NO SCHOOL, Easter Monday
- April 12** - Youth Rally in Wausau for Grade 6-8  
Please get your permission slips in
- April 12-13** - School Swimming @ MASC  
4K through 8th grade
- April 23** - H&S Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- April 26** - Grandparents Day  
following 8am Mass
- April 27** - Walk for Virtues
- April 28** - NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service
- May 7** - First Communion - 1pm Mass
- May 12** - Middle School Science Fair
- May 18** - 4th Grade Field Trip - Madison
- May 26** - Middle School (5th - 8th grade)  
End of the Year Field Trip
- May 29** - NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
- May 31** - Last Day of School 3K, 5K, 8th grade
- May 31** - Kindergarten Graduation 8am Mass
- May 31** - 8th Grade Graduation 7pm Ceremony
- June 1** - Last Day of School 4K - 7th grade

**2023-2024 School Year Registration**

Online registration is available. Paper copies are also available from the school office.

**Last Lent Fish Fry's**

Next week (Good Friday) will be St. John's Last Lent Fish Fry of the year. You may order online until 1:00 pm on Friday's. You may also call in your order: (715) 352-3111 from 1:00pm to 7:45pm on Friday. You may also dine in or order to-go.

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**Wet Weather Gear**

As the snow melts and puddles form, please make sure to send your child(ren) with the appropriate weather gear. Snow boots, pants, and jackets are still needed for playing in the snow and during wet days.

**In-School Children's Raffle**

Reminder: if you would like to donate a basket for the In-School Children's Raffle please bring them to the school office by May 3rd. If you are interested in doing so, please let the school office know so we may plan accordingly.

**Grandparents Day**

We are inviting all grandparents to grandparents day on April 26. We have the student Mass at 8:00 am, grandparents are welcome to sit with their grandchildren. Following Mass we will go to the church dining hall for refreshments and board games.



**Hurry! Open Enrollment  
ends April 20, 2023**

**School  
Choice**  
W I S C O N S I N



If you have questions feel free to reach out to the school office @ 715-352-3000.

## Home and School

### **Grandparents Day**

St. John's would like to invite grandparents to join their St. John's students for Mass on Wednesday, April 26.



### **Walk for Virtues**

The Walk of Virtues will take place on **Thursday, April 27**, all are welcome to join us for a short walk around Edgar to show the different virtues. Anyone interested in joining should meet in the front of school by 1 p.m. (weather permitting). We are also asking families to make a virtue sign to carry during the walk. More information regarding the virtues will be sent home to families for ideas for their signs. After the walk, plan to join us for a little treat before the students will learn more about the virtues.

### **In-School Raffle Baskets**

We will again be holding an in-school raffle for our students! The students will be able to purchase tickets for two weeks prior to the drawing, tickets will be on sale for May 15-22. The winners of the baskets will be drawn at our year end school picnic on May 24. If you would like to donate prizes or a basket, please bring them to the school office by **May 3**.

Prize ideas include (but not limited to):

- Legos
- Remote control vehicles
- Snack bundles
- Lol surprise dolls
- Movie basket
- Anything your child would like to win



### **St. John's Food Court**

H&S will once again be taking a large roll in setting up and running the St. John's Food Court on May 18 and 19. The menu is still being finalized but will include morning coffee and rolls with the lunch/supper menu to include Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers and Hot Dogs. The next planning meeting will take place on Sunday, **April 16** at 6 p.m. in the church basement. Watch for more details to be sent via email and sign-up information through a google document.

### **Home & School Final Meeting**

Home & School Association held our last meeting of the year on Monday, **April 12!** Lots of great discussion on the remaining end of the year events that are quickly approaching will take place.

### **Changed Meeting Date/Officer Elections**

Home & School will need to change the date of our April meeting to Sunday, **April 23**, 6 p.m. in the church basement. Many upcoming May events will be discussed and finalized at this meeting, please make every attempt to attend! We will also be electing two officers, Chairperson and Secretary, if anyone is interested in serving as the Chairperson or Secretary, please contact one of the H&S current officers for more details!

Hello from 3K,

Easter is almost here! And we've been busy this March preparing for spring!

We kicked off March celebrating Dr. Suess' Birthday! It was a one fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish kinda celebration! With the Cat in the Hat and Thing 1 and Thing 2 visiting our classroom (aka the teachers) to tell some stories!

From there we dove right into the story of St Patrick to celebrate the trinity! Did you know that St Patrick was captured by pirates and became a slave but after his escape many years later returned to Ireland to share about God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit using the shamrock to help spread the message!

We created many crafts of shamrocks and wore green all the way up til spring break!

Students came back from break ready to jump into learning this week. We've been talking about Jesus' life, asking his disciples to follow him, the story of Lazarus, 5 loaves and 2 fish, why we have purple in church during lent and other important stories from the bible. We will start April with the Easter Story!

Students have been continuing to work on discovering new things through play. And are growing each and every day! They are working on writing their own name on their papers and coloring with quality work. In addition, they are exploring more books and reading!

Students are working hard to participate in lessons and stay on task. We are celebrating together with monthly class parties voted on by the students to share in our success of sticking to our classroom rules to be good listeners, be kind to others and be responsible.

This month the students picked a playdoh party! I am very proud of the students in our class and love watching them learn and grow each and every day!

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!



Hello from the 4K classroom!

Happy Spring! Hope everyone had a great spring break! It is nice to get back to our routine. The students have started to notice signs of springs. The sun is shining more, the snow is starting to melt, and their bears have come out of hibernation.

In our ABC bootcamp, we are learning about the letter X. The students found that it was easier to find words that end with an X than to find words that started with an X. As we are nearing the end of our alphabet we will begin to talk about rhyming words and word families!

In Math, we have been learning about positional words. The students had fun acting out these words. (on top, next to, etc.) This week we started measuring! The students have already had some practice measuring everyday items such as crayons, markers, and glue sticks. They are using cubes to measure how long each item is. They then compare the items they measured to decide which is longer.

In Religion, we have been talking about Easter and Palm Sunday. The students learned that the reason we get palm branches on Palm Sunday is because when Jesus entered Jerusalem he was welcomed with the people waving palm branches and lining the road with them.

This past month, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day! After reading the book *How to catch a Leprechaun*, the students made traps to try to catch a leprechaun at school...although they made awesome traps, they were unsuccessful in catching a leprechaun. Better luck next year!



# KINDERGARTEN

## newsletter

### WHAT'S ON

We welcomed Ms. Neider to our classroom and have been learning lots! St. Patrick's Day was filled with learning who St. Patrick was while participating in other fun activities.

Reading:

We learned 5 new letters including, P, M, N, R, V. While continuing to learn how to spell and say various words. We are learning and growing so fast!



### IN THE CLASSROOM

Science:

We continued investigating how plants grow and what they need to live. Connor and Adie planted radish's and marigolds in plastic cups.

Math:

We used Lucky Charms cereal to graph how many we had in each bag. We learned how to count by tens and how to add double digit numbers.

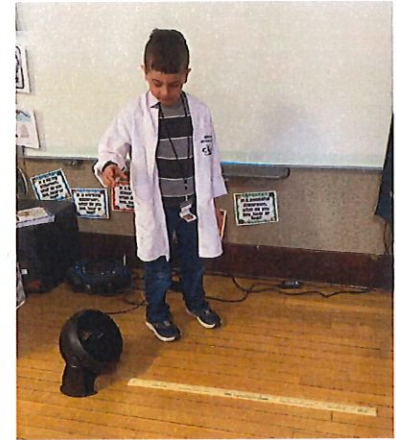
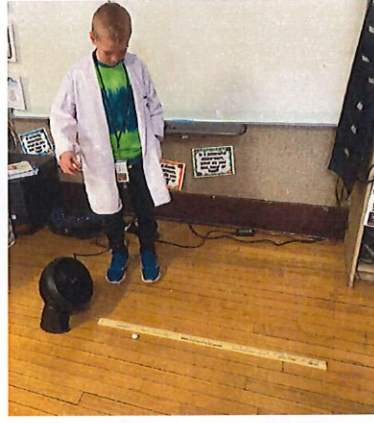
Religion:

We learned what Lent is and what we do for the time of year. Slowly, but surely we are starting to understand how to pray the rosary.

## Greetings from Grades One and Two~

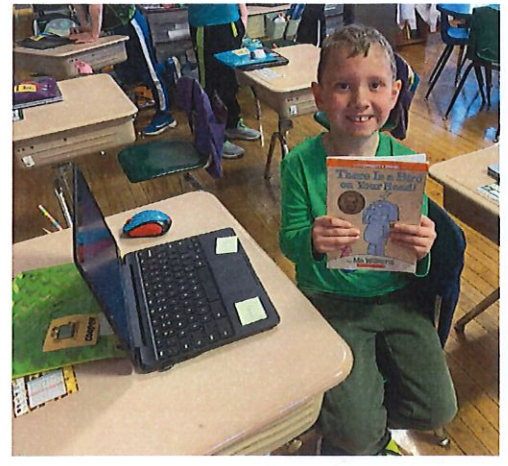
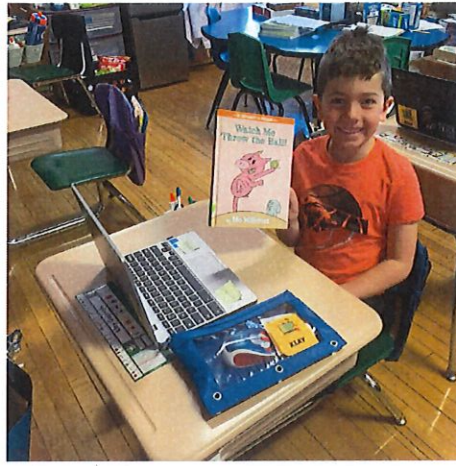
Happy Spring! Even though the weather still has a few tricks left for us, we have enjoyed the warmer temperatures outside. Inside we are still working hard to learn all we can! In Science we finally solved the mystery of why new chalta trees are not growing in the Bengal Tiger Reserve. It turns out that there is a fence preventing the elephants from entering the reserve. That means they can't eat the chalta fruit and disperse the seeds in their droppings. Along the way, we learned a lot about seed dispersal and what a seed needs to grow into an adult plant that can produce more seeds. One activity we did was using a model to help us discover what kind of seeds are best dispersed by the wind. Next up, we will study the properties of different materials to develop a glue we can use at school. In Social Studies, we did a unit about Money and learned why it is important to save money so we can be consumers and use our money to buy goods and services. In Religion, we continue to learn about the Mass as Ruthie, Kash, and Sam prepare for First Holy Communion in May which is just one month away! We have also been journeying through Lent with Jesus, learning how our attitude can affect our experiences. We are also enjoying "The Trouble with Lent" which was given to us by the parish. It is a great story, and we are learning a lot about Lent by reading it. Best part~we get to keep the book!! We will wrap this up with some exciting news from Grade One: Klay, Max, and Cooper got to start taking AR tests this week. They are off to a great start.

~Grades One and Two



Super Plant Scientists!





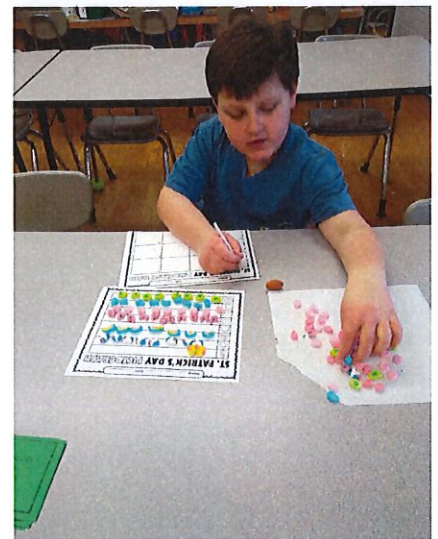
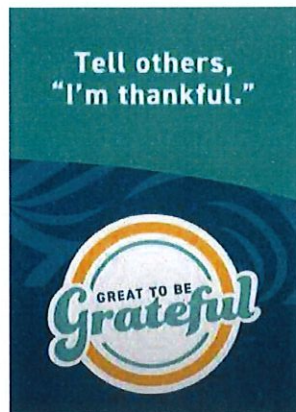
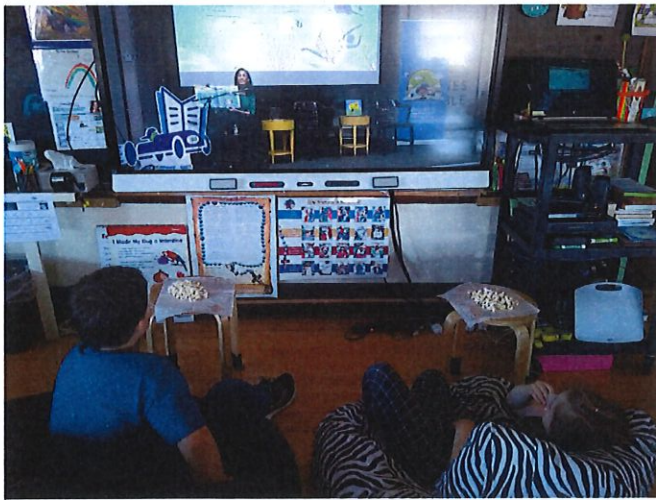
Ready to take our first AR test. We all got 100%!




+Greetings St. John Families!+

Today 3/4 students were happy to lead the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with scriptural meditations on Our Lord's Passion. **From St. Faustina's Diary, Jesus had said, "I give great graces to souls who meditate devoutly on My Passion."** We had Bl. Peter Kibe for our "Be a Saint" featured Catholic Sprouts Saint for the month of March. The challenges for the month with Bl. Peter Kibe were: learn and pray the **Surrender Prayer**, write a letter to Jesus, make a pilgrimage on foot, and discern religious life. To conclude the month, Sr. Mary Bethany had a tip for practicing gratitude amidst hardships: "Instead of focusing on the negative, say "I'm thankful" and focus on the positive...we are greatly loved and have many blessings from Our Father for which we can be thankful." In Nigeria, it's part of the culture to always praise and thank God. A nun from Nigeria shared her secret about a big set of beads she carried saying she would pray "Thank You, Jesus" 1,000 times on those beads. "Thank you, Jesus" 1,000 times a day and smiling as you pray it would be a beautiful challenge to meet.

Math 3 would not miss the chance to celebrate Pi Day and St. Patrick's Day. We are thankful for the delicious pie shared with us. Lucky Charm marshmallows made tasty St. Patrick Day pictographs that set up assorted math problems for us. Our Math units continue on with fractions and units of measurement. ELA 3 finished up adverbs/conjunctions and have just started punctuation/capitalization. At the start of March we joined the Read Across America Day live event with authors Peter H. Reynolds and Naaz Khan. Mid-March we started extra practice with Math and Language using Khan Academy. We have a goal of leveling up more than 30 rings by April 4. We are in our 25th ring. Keep on leveling up! ✨😊✨



 We discovered "March Madness" music style this year. Although Spring Break limited our participation, brackets were filled out with our predictions of which Sousa March would be added to the March Mania Hall of Fame for 2023. **In honor of the competition's 10th anniversary, the United States Marine Band presented an all-Sousa edition of March Mania,** featuring 32 of the March King's more than 120 composed marches! Sousa's second march from 1876, "The Honored Dead," took top honors at the livestream champion reveal. "The occasion for the march's composition is not known. When President U. S. Grant died in 1885, Sousa arranged the piece..., apparently at the publisher's request. It has rarely been performed but was fittingly used by the U. S. Marine Band in Sousa's funeral procession." Our brackets had a range of matches that went from 8 up to 16. Maddie with 8 and Norah with 16 earned bragging rights by picking the correct champion! If you happen to be a fan of the genre of march music, the Official Website of the US Marine Corps is filled to the brim with resources. Creative comments on the competition can be found at [www.marineband.marines.mil/News/Article/](http://www.marineband.marines.mil/News/Article/) --"THE HONORED DEAD" OUTLIVES THE COMPETITION: "What started out as a clear underdog with questionable pedigree, turned out to be an undertaker, burying its competition one after another." ~Mrs. Bergs



# MR. POSPICHALS

MARCH 31, 2023



## Upcoming Events

- Report Cards - April 5th
- Start of the 4th quarter
- April 5-6 School Swimming @ MASC
- April 7th No School, Good Friday
- April 10th - No School Easter Monday
- April 12-13 School Swimming @ MASC.
- April 26th Grandparents day
- Walk of Virtues
- April 28 - Teacher Inservice day, no school.
- Madison Field trip May 18th

## CLASSROOM LEARNING

**Fourth Grade Math** - They will continue to work with fractions. In the previous unit, they found equivalent fractions and compared them. In this next unit, they will start to multiply, add, subtract, and divide fractions. In order to sharpen their skills, I have the students complete Xtra math in the morning and Rocket math in the afternoon. Each session is only ten minutes. Also, they still enjoy playing Prodigy while learning new skills that coincide with their textbook.

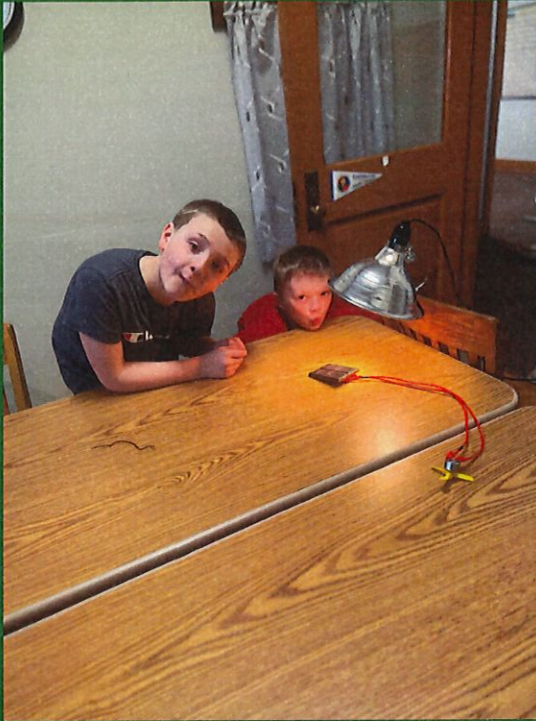
**Science 3/4** - The third and fourth grades have just completed the Energy Conversions Unit. We will now be starting the unit on light and vision.

**Social Studies 3/4** - They are currently working on a unit on the southeast. Just as they completed the exercise for the northeast

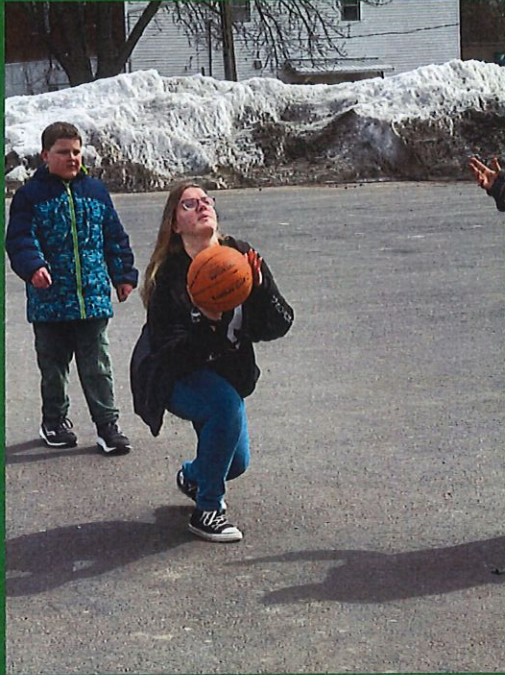
**Language & Spelling 4** - The fourth-grade class is learning about pronouns. Students will be learning how to write descriptive writing after completing the unit on pronouns.

**ELA 6** - The sixth-grade class is almost done with the unit on verbs. Upon completing this unit, they will start a writing unit on persuasive writing. The sixth grade class has also been working hard to prepare for forensics. I am happy to announce

# Science Experiment

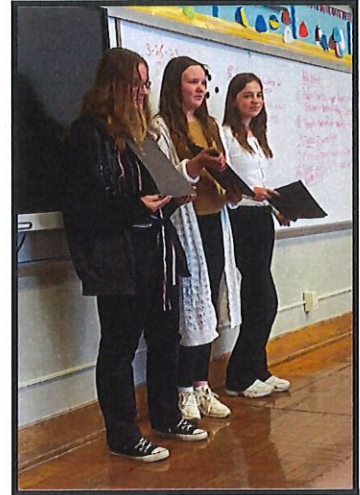


# Fun at Recess



I really thought March would go out like a lamb this year. What happened?!?

Well, we've been making up for the unfortunate weather with some really productive school days. Since the beginning of March, the middle school students have been practicing diligently on their Forensics performances. Their hard work paid off at the **Forensics Tournament** hosted by St. Anthony's in Athens on Wednesday, March 29th. Many performances earned first or second place ribbons! Congratulations to all the students for their efforts! However, they are not quite off the hook yet. They will be performing their pieces at least one more time for a grade in ELA. Keep practicing, middle schoolers!



In 7/8 Science, the students are wrapping up their learning of the Earth, Moon, and Sun unit. How and when do lunar eclipses happen? Why doesn't this event happen more often? These are questions the 7th and 8th graders could answer.

The 5/6 Science class has been learning about ocean currents, the prevailing winds, and El Nino. Using models, simulations, and information from articles, they have been learning how the ocean affects the climates of New Zealand and Peru. It's a pretty amazing system!

In 8th grade math, the students are learning about plotting data in graphs. In 7th grade, solving equations and working with inequalities are the focus, and in 6th grade math, the students are using variables in equations. **Teacher: What is  $2n + 2n$ ?**  
**Student: I'm not sure. That sounds  $4n$  to me. :)**

Hope you have a Happy April Fools Day! Be careful. The students have been thinking about ways to fool their families.

Hope you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!

Mrs. Wozny



# MRS. MICHLIG'S newsletter

## MARCH NEWS

*Hello everyone! The school year is just flying by and we are continuing to have fun and learn lots as spring arrives!*

In **7th and 8th grade social studies**, we have been learning about ancient China, including the Han and Qin Dynasties and Fr. Matteo Ricci.

In **5th and 6th grade social studies**, we have finished our chapters 10 and 11. In chapter 11, we specifically learned about the history of Catholics in the early United States. It was very challenging to be Catholic in a brand-new, mostly Protestant country. We will be moving on to our chapter 12 which begins to discuss Lewis and Clark, Westward Expansion, Manifest Destiny, and the War of 1812.

In **5th grade English Language Arts**, we finished our tall tales and are beginning to learn about different types of sentences and how to write persuasively.

In our **5th and 6th grade religion class**, we have been continuing to learn about Theology of the Body. In 6th grade, we are acknowledging that we are all made in the image and likeness of God by making origami, analyzing literature and art, reenacting skits, and learning about people who are different than we are.

Lastly, in **5th grade math**, students have finished their unit 6 and have started unit 7. In unit 7 we will be learning about geometry, including learning about the coordinate plane, the hierarchy of shapes, and numerical patterns. In our last unit of the year, unit 8, we will be reviewing and practicing everything we have learned this year so we are ready for 6th grade math next year!

**Our middle school students competed in the NERR forensics competition at St. Anthony de Padua in Athens this past Wednesday, March 29th. They all did phenomenal! In total, St. John's brought home 23 first place ribbons, 5 second place ribbons, and 2 third place ribbons! Congratulations to all the middle school participants!**









Fellowship



And the  
Winners Is ...



Donut  
Sunday  
April 2nd  
after 9 am Mass

Good Coffee  
is a pleasure.

Good Friends  
are a treasure.



Spring Raffle  
Drawing TODAY



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SPRING  
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# Youth Group Family Event

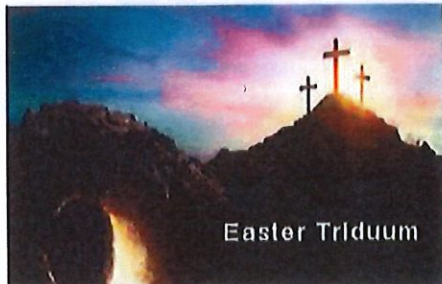
## Family Fun Night

Monday, April 3, 2023

When: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Where: Church Dining Hall

Join us for spiritual reflection on Holy Week and the Significance of the Triduum



Easter Triduum

Jesus triumphs over the grave!

All Families are Welcome!

### HOLY WEEK



### Seder Meal - Symbols



Shank bone = Jesus Sacrifice



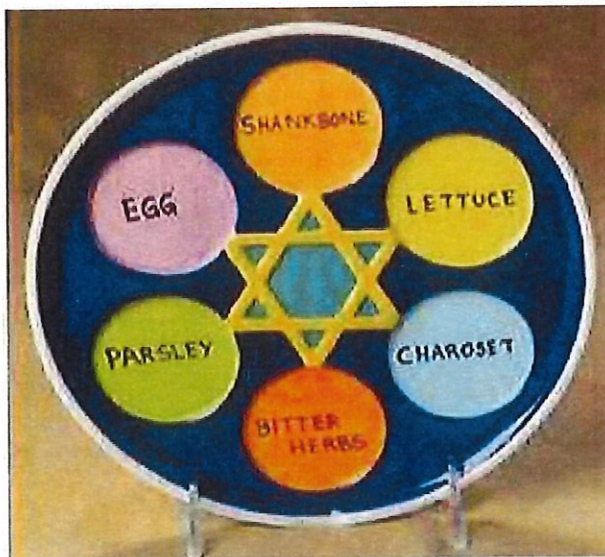
The Egg = Spring & the Circle of Life



Vegetables (Parsley) dipped in salt water = sweat and tears shed by the Israelites in Egypt.



Horseradish (Herbs) = the bitterness of Egyptian slavery



The Seder Meal symbolized the Passover (when the Israelites were spared) and the Exodus from Egypt.



Lettuce = Bitterness



Charoset (chopped apples, nuts, and spices) = the mortar used in the bricks during the Israelites' slavery



Unleavened Bread = Commemorates the bread eaten during the flight from Egypt

# *Easter Triduum*

## HOLY THURSDAY

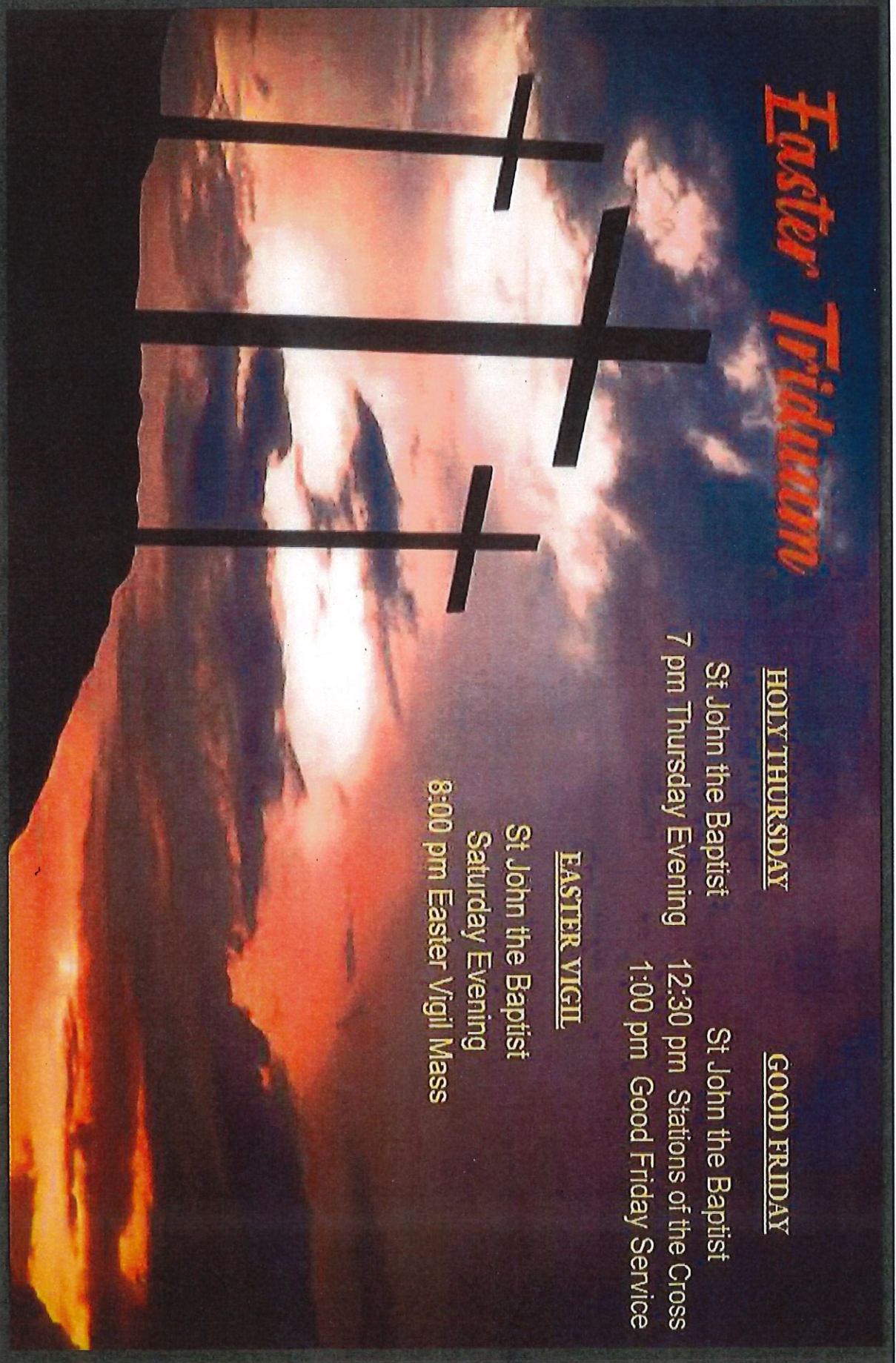
St John the Baptist  
7 pm Thursday Evening

## GOOD FRIDAY

St John the Baptist  
12:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
1:00 pm Good Friday Service

## EASTER VIGIL

St John the Baptist  
Saturday Evening  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass



# *Easter Sunday*

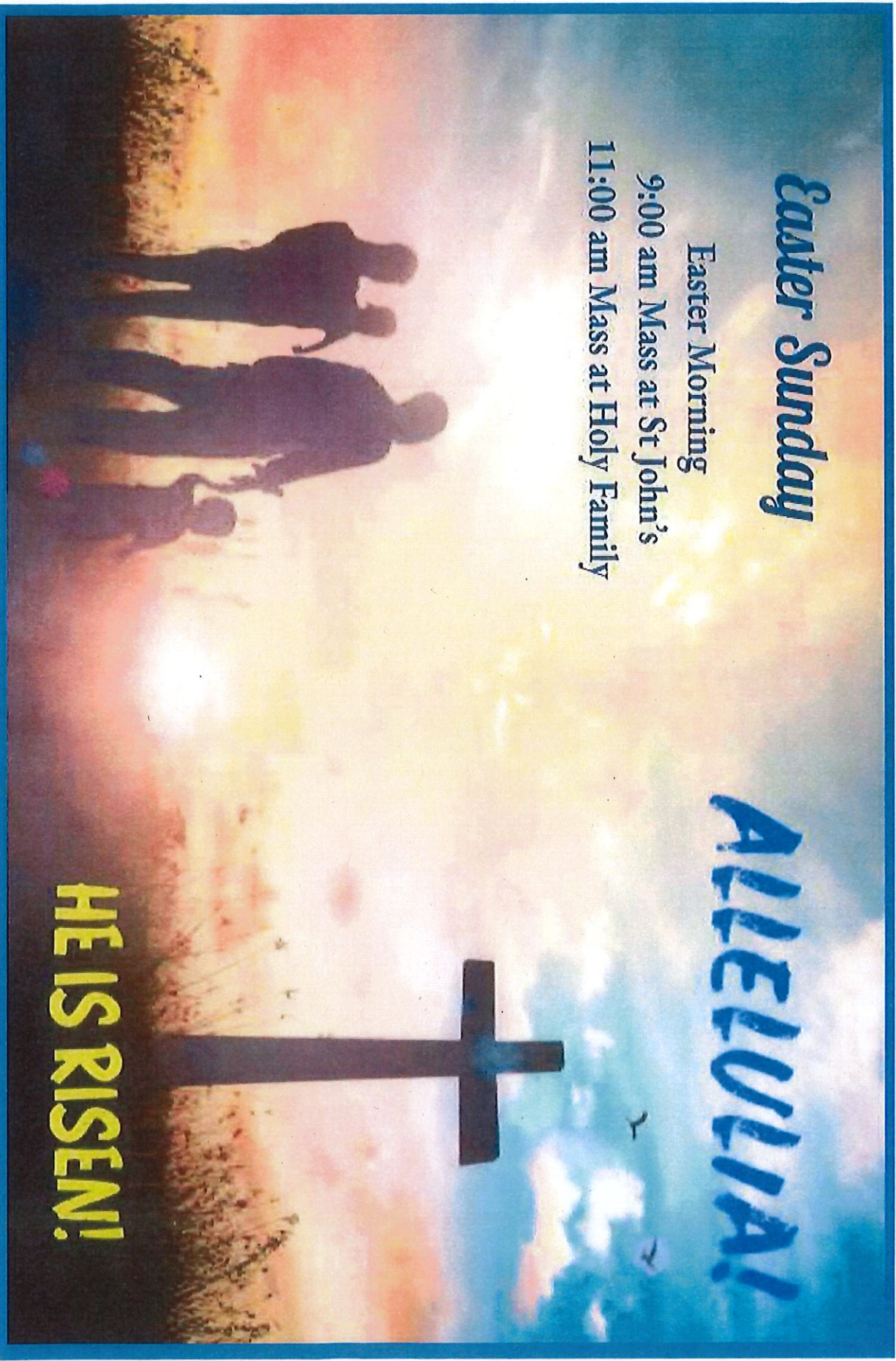
Easter Morning

9:00 am Mass at St John's

11:00 am Mass at Holy Family

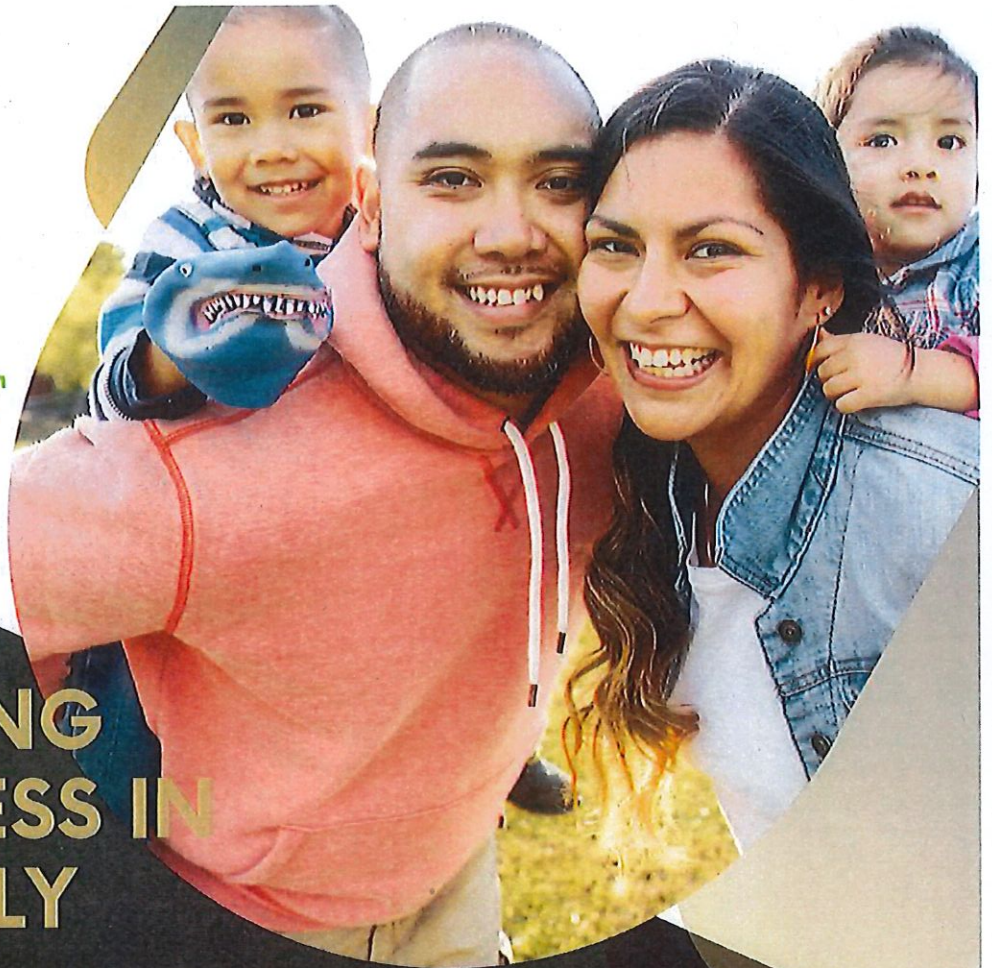
# ALLELUIA!

# HE IS RISEN!



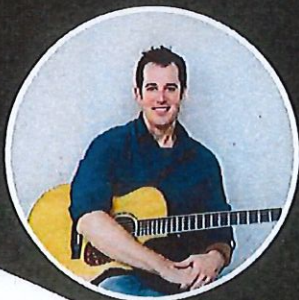


**WDREL**  
Wausau Deanery  
Religious Education  
Leaders  
**Presents:**



## DISCOVERING THE HOLINESS IN YOUR FAMILY

Many parents wonder how to most effectively cultivate durable faith in the lives of their children. Where are the resources? What are the latest trends? How do I help my child to see the greatness of the church the way that I do? Cooper will share tips and ideas from his own experience for strengthening your faith and cultivating a family that pursues holiness in the everyday.



### **FEATURING: COOPER RAY**

Speaker, Musician and  
Fellow Disciple

**TUESDAY  
APRIL 11, 6:30 PM**

**FREE ADMISSION!**

**HOSTED AT CHURCH OF THE  
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