

**Saint John the Baptist
Catholic School**

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School Newsletter

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Upcoming School/Parish Events

- May 6** - Youth Night - Grades 5 and up
- May 8** - 4th and 5th Grade Track Meet
- May 10** - 3K field trip to Public Library
- May 10** - 3rd and 4th Madison Field Trip
- May 15** - Middle School Field Trip
- May 16-17** - Food Truck
- May 15-22** - Book Fair
- May 20** - Youth Night - Grades 5 and up
- May 20** - Elementary School Field Trip
- May 22** - School Picnic
- May 23** - 7th and 8th Grade Band Field Trip
- May 27** - NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
- May 29** - Kindergarten Graduation @ 8 am Mass
- May 29** - 8th Grade Graduation @ 7 pm
- May 29** - Last day of school for 3K & 8th grade
- May 30** - Last day of school, half day for 4K-7th grade
- May 30** - End of Quarter 4
- May 31** - Summer Campfire Kickoff - 7:00 pm

Raffle Tickets

Please make sure to return any sold or unsold raffle tickets by May 15th. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Nancy Hackel at the parish office: (715) 352-3011.

Donations

Please make sure to get in your donations for the the following events: School Picnic (due May 22nd), and Graduation Ceremonies (due May 24th). If you would like a reminder of which donations your family is responsible for, please reach out to Mr. Martinez.

Summer Program

Registration for our new Summer Program is now open! Registration is open for students who have completed 3K through 4th grade. Students who have completed 5th grade and up are welcome to help for the program. Check out the link in the email for more information.

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2024-2025 School Year Registration

Thank you to all who have registered, it is not too late to register so please make sure to let your friends know how wonderful St. John's School is!

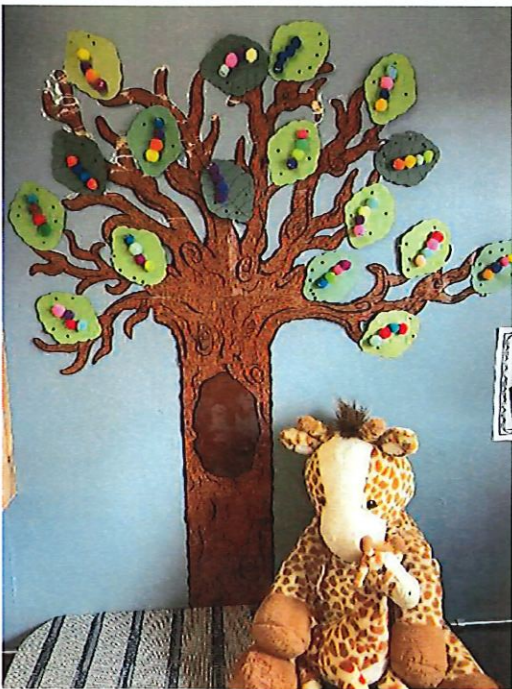
Youth Group

We have two upcoming events that we need volunteers for: May 11th and 12th. We will be preparing for our Mother's Day Rose Sale, all proceeds from the rose sale goes to Wisconsin Right to Life. On May 15th and 16th, we will be helping unload boxes of books for the Women's Club. Please contact Nancy Hackel if you would like to help: (715) 352-3011 or @ evangelize@stjohnedgar.org

3K APRIL NEWS

Our month of April began with a return to school after a week off and a surprise treat in our bean jar. The children were excited to see jelly beans in place of dried beans and it is a treat they continue to enjoy throughout the month.

Spring is in the air and our class learned about new life and that Jesus is risen! We read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and saw how the caterpillar turned into a beautiful butterfly. Our class then made a caterpillar of our own from pompoms and googly eyes to put on leaves for our classroom tree. Next, we made beautiful butterflies to decorate our windows.



With our letter V we learned about vegetables and had to decide if something was a vegetable or a fruit. We had fun listening to a Veggie Tale story about how God made each of us special. Some of the students also colored pictures to thank the veterans from St. John's parish that will fly on the May Honor Flight.

The letter W brought more words to learn including wolf. We read the story about the three little pigs and the wolf and we also learned about the Bible story about the Good Shepherd. We had 17 little cotton ball sheep that were all special to our Good Shepherd, Jesus. The 3K students learned how Jesus protects us and we are His sheep. We also played a game hiding a sheep behind a bush and each child took a turn helping the shepherd find the lost sheep.

Grandparents Day was celebrated in April and the children made special artwork for their grandmas and grandpas thanking them for helping them grow. They always enjoy those moments shared with grandparents which included eating a few treats!

We also had a guest in our classroom in April, my daughter Tanya, to read a book "It's Great to be Kind." She recently was honored to be crowned Mrs. Wisconsin America and brought in a crown for the kids to try on making them feel like princesses and princes. The story was about a little boy who on dress up day in school dresses up as a king. He thought a king orders people around and gets what he wants all the time. After making his friends sad and he himself felt lonely and sad for being mean he learned that it is much better being kind and sharing with his friends. The kids all agreed it is much better to be kind.



3K students with Tanya, Mrs. Wisconsin America



In April we also talked about Earth Day and discussed recycling and how we can make new things out of boxes, cans, and even plastic. We also learned that we are to take care of everything on Earth every day, not just Earth Day. We reviewed the story of creation and watched a video "How God Made Everything."

Our class moving on in the alphabet learned the letter X and about x-rays and all our bones and ways to keep them strong and healthy. A picture of Mr. Bones showed all the bones we have in our bodies. We sang and danced to a song "Ba Ba Bones" and learned how our bones are connected together.

We concluded our month with our final letter of the alphabet the letter Z hearing stories about different animals in the zoo and making a zebra out of the letter Z. We now completed the entire alphabet and of course had to celebrate! We had zebra cakes and played our instruments to the song "Celebration."



3K students saying "Hooray we learned all our ABC's!!"
Their zebra artwork is hanging on the wall behind them.



The children playing instruments to the music
“Celebration.”

Another thing completed for the month was Catechesis of the Good Shepherd which they enjoyed very much.

The month of April now comes to a close but brought us lots of smiles and fun. It's hard to believe we only have one more month of school left together. We can't wait to see what this new month has in store for us.

Our Mission

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4K

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WHAT'S ON

The 4K has been doing so much this last month. We had some great days to go outside to play and learn. The students have been working very hard on their numbers and sight words. We have started working on words as well.



IN THE CLASSROOM

Science:

We talked about the earth and plants. We did lots of fun projects such as, planting flowers and making rain in a cup!



REMINDERS

May activities:

16th-17th Garage Sales

15th-22nd Book Fair

20th - Elementary Field Trip

22nd- School Picnic



K/1 HOMEROOM!

Happy May!

In Superkids, the Kindergarteners are learning the last few letters in the alphabet, X, Y, and Z. They have also started an ABC countdown to the end of the year where each day they celebrate a letter of the alphabet. We started with Art day where the students followed a directed drawing of themselves with a graduating hat!

In Math, the students have been continuing addition and subtraction facts. With the nice weather, we even practiced outside with chalk! The students have been learning to skip count and count up to 120 as well as write numbers up to 120.

In Religion, we celebrated our saint of the month- St. Philip Neri. We also talked about St. John Paul II as he was on our Walk for Virtues sign. The students learned about virtues before the walk as well. We focused on the virtue magnificence- doing great things for God.

In Science, we learned all about the Solar Eclipse and were able to watch it on live stream as we couldn't see too much outside. We also learned about Earth Day and ways we can help the Earth- recycling, eating leftovers, turning lights off, etc.



First Grade

In Superkids, the First graders are learning to read and decode words with /aw/. The students had a lot of fun learning this as whenever they heard the /aw/ sound they would yell “aw, shucks!” We have continued practicing new sight words. The students practice by writing the words as well as by playing sight word memory match.

In Math, the students are reviewing and practicing everything we learned this year. We have had more practice with story problems, addition and subtraction with two two digit numbers, place value, and telling time!





APRIL NEWS IN GRADES ONE AND TWO



With Second Spring in full swing, it is getting difficult to stay indoors and work. We manage to keep busy, and the days go by quickly!

Easter isn't over yet!

While we came back to school two days after Easter Sunday, we learned that the Easter Season lasts 50 days. Then we celebrate Pentecost which is Sunday, May 19th. We have been



celebrating the Easter Season with stories, prayer, and art. Alleluia!



Alleluia...He is Risen!

Interview with Fr. Alan and Seminarist Alex Radtke



Our April Saint-of-the-Month was St. Philip Neri. One of our challenges for the month was to chat with a priest about vocations. We enjoyed the chance to sit down with Fr. Alan and Seminarist Alex Radtke and ask them questions about their vocation.

Saint of the Month~Saint Philip Neri

Earth Day Is Every Day!

April 22nd is Earth Day, a day dedicated to learning how to protect the beautiful planet God gave us and plan for a brighter future. We studied the pangolin ~ a critically endangered animal very few people know about ~ to help us understand that every part of creation is important. Even the disappearance of a little known mammal has great consequences for its environment.



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Happy May! We dedicate the month of May to Mary, Our Blessed Mother.

The celebration for our Saint of the Month, St. Philip Neri, brought smiles to our faces. We had a line of eager stand up comedians as we enjoyed popsicles. Keep smiling as you continue with St. Philip's challenges--Pray and memorize **God Alone Suffices**, learn a new joke, chat with your parish priest about vocations (Thank you, Father Alan!), and as you try something new, strive to find joy.

Our Life With Jesus Religion text concluded with our Blessed Mother and the Communion of Saints. Pray for one another, especially for the souls in purgatory, the Church Suffering. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

Math 3 has been learning about units of measure including weight, liquid volume, and time, and using the four operations to solve problems involving measurement. Splash Learn has one more week to go, and we are hoping to finish strong. **ELA 3/4** will review parts of speech by diagramming sentences. **Social Studies 3/4** will hold off on our final region briefly to focus on WI before our Madison trip. **Reading 3/4** is finishing up Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.



Music K8 cover entries? We have the results! Congratulations to Drew Murkowski, a Most Humorous Finalist! Receiving Honorable Mentions, we also congratulate Isla Conway, Lily Wozny, Elizabeth Bergs, and Cecilia Mills! You can view all their entries and explore all of the remaining 2024 winning entries at <https://www.musick8.com/contest/WinnersList24.php>

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Grandparents' Day and our Walk for Virtues! The students are always so excited for those events 😊



Sharing jokes!

God Alone Suffices

I offer you, Lord, my thoughts: to be fixed on you; my words: to have you for their theme; my actions: to reflect my love for you; my sufferings: to be endured for your greater glory. I want to do what you ask of me: in the way you ask, for as long as you ask, because you ask it. I pray, Lord, that you enlighten my mind, inflame my will, purify my heart, and sanctify my soul. (Pope Clement XI)



♥ Heavenly Father, we lift up our grandparents to you today. We thank you for the love and guidance they have given us, for the stories they have shared, and for the wisdom they have imparted. We ask that you bless them with good health, joy, and peace. May they feel your loving presence in their lives and know that they are cherished and loved. Amen. ♥



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Grandparents' Day ♡

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Music K8 Cover Awards



Discovering Wisconsin



Ready for the Walk for Virtues
Thank you to all that support our school!



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NEWS FROM

Mrs. Michlig

Social Studies/Geography

It has been a busy week getting back into the swing of things! I am excited to be back in the classroom with the students.

In 5/6 social studies, we have jumped in to learning about Africa. We have discussed Africa's economy, landmarks, geography, and culture. We even learned how to speak a little bit of Swahili in class!

In 7/8 geography, we started our unit on India. We have been learning about the Indian culture, including their beliefs in Hinduism and Buddhism.

English

In English class, students have completed a creative writing project by researching potential careers they could pursue. We are finishing up our grammar unit on sentences and will move on to learning about conjunctions, interjections, punctuation, and capitalization. The students are looking forward to beginning their final writing unit, which will be writing trickster tales!

Religion

Mr. Radtke continues to teach our religion class, and right now the students are learning about Jesus being rejected by the proud. They have been working hard on making cards for our Honor Flight Veterans!

Math

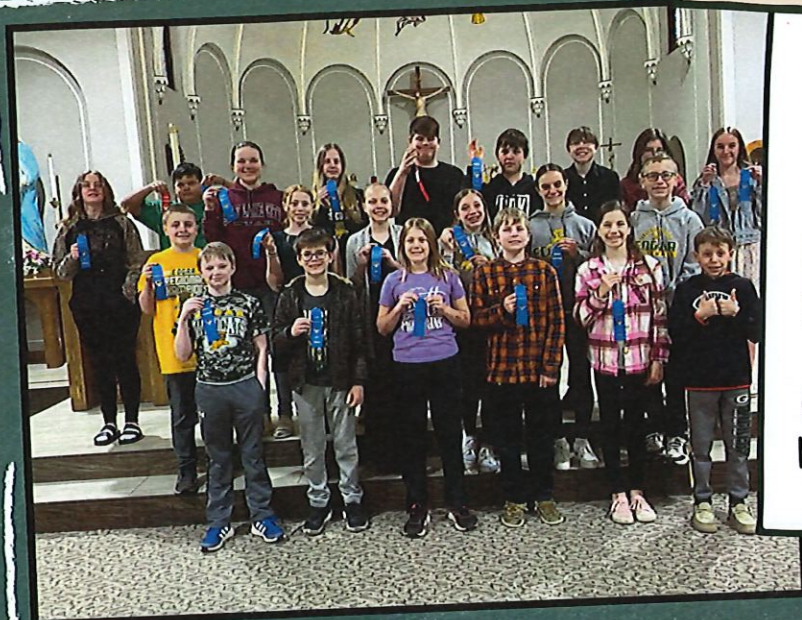
The students have been studying their multi-digit multiplication and division facts for a while and now we have moved on to adding and subtracting fractions. Later in this unit, we will be working on comparing products and interpreting diagrams.



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This Month In 7/8 Homeroom



April was full of learning and events! The students dove into their swimming lessons following spring break. Shortly after, the NERR Forensics Competition took place at St. Anthony's in Athens. Finally, the 2024 Math League Competition was held in Pittsville! Keep up the great work, students! We are on the home stretch!



2024 Forensics Performances



Upcoming School Activities

- Science Fair!
- End of the Year trip!
- Saint of the Month

Middle School Subjects



Students continue to work hard in Math. Sixth grade is now learning about inequalities. 7th has been switched over to a review about angles. 8th graders have been learning about the powers of ten and exponents. In Science, 5/6 grade students will start their final unit on ecosystems. The 7/8 graders are continuing to learn about chemical reactions. The middle school students will present their science fair projects on May 9th! In religion, the 7/8 graders will continue learning about the sacraments, the parts of the Mass, and the Holy Eucharist.



Spring



A Note From Ms. Wozny



To be honest, I start to panic a bit at the end of April! There is still so much to do, and it means that a real change will soon take place at St. John's as the 8th grade class graduates. While the lure of summer break can be distracting, we continue to prepare for the end of the year: Yearbook, graduation plans, field trips, school picnic... The list goes on!

<https://edgarcatholic.org/stj/>

Hello from Art!

Wow. How can it be May already?! Wasn't it just Easter? Speaking of Easter, those stained glass window collages and egg carton tulips we had hoped to get out for the Easter breakfast (but didn't) were finally done (well most of them anyway) for grandparent's day and they looked great! Thanks to all those who shared their art talents for this special event! If you were unable to be there, here are a couple pictures of the decorations students made:



Soon after the window collage project, it was time for Mrs. Wierzba to demonstrate how to use watercolors and tissues to paint all those April shower cloudy skies (with a few rainbows, birds and honor flight planes of course). Not everyone is into clouds however so I may have allowed three certain gentlemen to paint a football field instead.



Those students who did the sky paintings found out they made nice backgrounds for landscapes. Older students are currently working on some nice ones. Younger students meanwhile were busy making cherry blossom Mother's day cards and another surprise gift for moms. I hope they bring some smiles! Blessings to all!

Mrs. Wierzba

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders picked up so much trash on Earth Day this year. Each class competed to get the highest amount to pick the game with play on Friday.



ELEMENTARY

3rd and 4th grade are pictured looking for trash on Earth Day around church. Fun was had by all the elementary students!

PRESCHOOL

Earth Day was such a fun day for the preschoolers, they loved exploring the school grounds and trying to find trash.



All grades started their soccer units and have had a great time learning different skills like not being able to use their hands and only using their feet.