



## SJBS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MARCH 12, 2018



Ι	Ιησους	=	Jesus
χ	Χριστός	=	Christ
θ	θεός	=	God
ύ	υιός	=	Son
ς	σωτήρ	=	Savior

Many of us in the Church have seen the simple drawing of a fish depicting five Greek letters. Often times we can spot this symbol as a bumper sticker on cars. Have you ever wondered what it means? The letters in the fish form an acrostic that stands for Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior.

Ichthys is the Greek word for fish and each letter represents one word: I- Iesous (Jesus), X- Christos (Christ), O- Theou (God), Y- Yios (Son), E- Sotare (Savior).

Images left in the catacombs, or underground cemeteries, informed archeologists and scholars that the early Christians, facing persecution for their faith, used this secret symbol known as the “Believers Sign” to reach out to one another and to let one another know of their Christian faith.

As we approach the final weeks of Lent, in preparation for a joyous Easter, like the early Christians, let us pause and reflect on what it means to be a believer and follower of Christ. Let us consider then how our personal Lenten practice has prepared us to reach out in our own communities and be “Fishers of Men” *Matt. 4:19*.

St. Elizabeth’s is offering a penance service March 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 7:00 pm. Haven't been to Confession in a while? No worries...If you haven't received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to welcome you. There will be many priests eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament,” “Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!”

## REGISTRATION

To date we have 23 students registered for Kindergarten.

We are now accepting new applications for students wishing to enroll in the fall of 2018 in Grades Nursery through Grade 8. Students should be 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup> to attend kindergarten. Full time and part-time openings are available in our Nursery School program. If you would like more information, please go on our website and/or contact the school.

Registrations should be returned by March 30 for grades 1 – 8.

Grade 5 presenting the Stations of the Cross this week. During Lent the students will attend the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12:30 when we are in school. On March 23 Grade 8 will lead us with their own interpretations of the Stations of the Cross. If you are available, please join us. Stations will also be offered in the evening at 7:00 pm in the church.



## Testimonial

My name is Matthew Lussier, and I am a 2014 graduate of Saint John the Baptist School. First and foremost, St. John's gave me an academic background that can seldom be found. Prior to my time at St. John's, I was a public school student and the transition to parochial school offered me an ability to expand my intellectual pursuits (in both typical subjects and the Catholic faith). The extremely knowledgeable and passionate teachers I had in the classroom, who still work here today, were able to instill in me the value of hard work as well as, in the case of Mrs. Jag, teach me how to diagram any sentence in the English language. You won't see me messing up a present participle anytime soon! Furthermore, I received a solid structure in which to learn due to the tight-knit family that exists here. My teachers strove to put myself and my classmates in a position to succeed as well as comprehend the world at a higher level than we had previously thought.

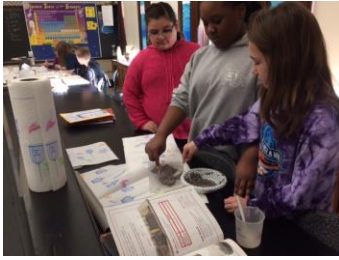
However, the benefits of an education at St. John's are not found simply inside the classroom. St. John's taught me the various aspects of service, whether that was decorating classrooms or even helping with the meat pie project. Additionally, it provided a structured learning environment in which I was able to pursue my various academic interests. Upon taking many honors and AP level classes in high school, I am certain that I may not have been fully prepared if I had not received an education here. The structure and academic discipline I learned have motivated me to continue working hard as I further my journey through the world.

The bonds I formed at St. John's have had a major impact on me as well. The teachers I had still offer support in my various endeavors, and I speak with my classmates, who are still some of my closest friends, on a daily basis. As I prepare for the next chapter in my academic career, I look back on my time at St. John's and know that it formed a foundation for my high school career and will soon be the basis of my college life. I am eternally grateful for the amazing education I received, and I will bring it with me wherever I go.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

Kindergarten was having some fun exploring 'probability' during Math class. Students were able to predict the probability of picking out a red or a green cube out of a can. With three green cubes and one red cube in the can, the students were able to predict which color was 'more likely' to be chosen.





Grade 5 making paper during a science lesson.



Mrs. Pereira practicing with the students who are singing God Bless America at the Thunderbirds Hockey game.

Monsignor Gosselin talking with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.



Boys jumping rope and having fun during Extended Care.



Grade 8 learning a dance in music class.

## SCHOOL AND CHURCH NEWS

**IOWA'S/COGATS:** Students in grades 3 – 7 will be taking IOWAs for the next two weeks. Please make every effort to have your child here on time in the morning as most of the tests will be given in the morning. Please also make sure the get in bed on time and have a good breakfast. Thank you.

The students did an awesome job singing “God Bless America” at the Thunderbirds game. Thank you to all of the students who attended and sang with us. Thank you to the teachers and Mrs. Pereira for preparing them and for Mrs. Pereira leading them.



# Save the Date

Save the date, May 19<sup>th</sup> for our Warrior Obstacle Race

# Lenten Giving

- During Lent we will continue to collect food for the Indian Orchard Survival Center Food Pantry
- 1 pound boxes/bags of rice for the Highland Elementary Food Pantry
- Canned Goods for our Take and Eat Program.
- Annual Catholic Appeal

Every Friday evening during Lent, 14 women from our community gather together to pray the Stations of the Cross. This Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm at St. Elizabeth's Church, we will prayerfully interpret the stations. Although presented by women this devotion is open to any and all. You are cordially invited to pray with us.

# Lenten Challenge

“When we focus our attention on becoming the-best-version-of-ourselves, our lives are flooded with energy, enthusiasm, and a real and sustainable joy.” Matthew Kelly

We invite you to consider signing up for Matthew Kelly's, "The Best Lent Ever", by clicking the attached link. It's an easy, mobile way to be inspired this Lent! Give it a try and see for yourself...

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Pray for somebody. As you're walking, driving or sitting in your cubicle at work, pick out a person who appears to be in need and pray for that person. Be mindful of the words of philosopher Philo of Alexandria, who said, “Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle.”



Please consider helping out once a month at the Pasta Suppers that the Friends of St. Elizabeth puts on every month. They have their dinners on the second Tuesday of the month. They are very generous with their money and donate to our Scholarship fund as well as our Wish List fund. Thank you Friends of St. Elizabeth.



Lad Pfeifer and Michael Broer, who leads St. Michaels Cathedral Adult and Boys Choir, came and had the boys in grades 2 and 3 audition for the choir. We have had many students from St. John's sing in their choir over the years. Presently we have, Antonio Antonucci, Anthony Gregorio and Christopher Gregorio.



If you are an AmeriGas customer please read this. AmeriGas will us give up to \$2000 per school year. All you have to do is turn into the school the receipt at the bottom of your bill. They give .02 per gallon purchased. If you know a business that uses AmeriGas or a friend or relative, ask them to save their receipt. I can turn them in at the end of the school year for reimbursement.



Please consider joining us for our Spring Toddler Bible Story Time on Tuesdays, March 6<sup>th</sup> - April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 10:15, in the Elizabeth Room at the Pastoral Center. The ages would be from 18 months to 3 years of age and their adult. If you are interested, please contact Catherine Reed at the 583-3467 or [creed@stelizabethludlow.org](mailto:creed@stelizabethludlow.org) to reserve your spot.

**LUNCH MENU CHANGE:** Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> we will be serving shepherd's pie with peppers and onions for lunch.



Tokens can be purchased on the following days: March 16, 29 (Thursday); April 13; May 4, 18; June 1. Checks should be made out to Ludlow Food Service

### MARRIAGE MINISTRY



Come celebrate your marriage on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to mass at 4:00 pm with a special prayer and blessing. Afterwards enjoy a wonderful evening. Social hour begins at 5:15 and dinner and dance will follow. Please fill out the form and send it in by April 7<sup>th</sup>.



### SOFTBALL AND TBALL/COACH PITCH INFORMATION

We still need students for Coach Pitch and Tball. We have enough students for one Tball team, but would like to split them into two teams. To do this, we would need a few more players. We are still in need of players for Coach Pitch and if we do not get any, we will have cancel that. If your child would like to play, please let me know and fill out a registration form, which can be found on our website or in church. Still in need of coaches as well.

Ludlow Softball Association offers teams in the 10U, 12U & 14U age groups. The fee to participate is \$125 for 10U & \$135 for 12U & 14U age groups. For additional information or to register by mail, please contact Barb Picard at [bpic@charter.net](mailto:bpic@charter.net) or Regina Jasak at [jasak21@charter.net](mailto:jasak21@charter.net).

### FUNDRAISING



Please return the orders today. The pickup date will be March 28<sup>th</sup>. Order forms can also be found on the website under Fundraisers.



**BIG Y EDUCATION EXPRESS:** Big Y is announcing the return of the Big Y Education Express Program. The program started February 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through April 25, 2018. As an added incentive, shoppers will receive a Big Y Express Reward Gold Coin for every 500 Education points earned from February 1<sup>st</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please link your Big Y Silver Savings Club card to our school through the MyBigY app or at BigY.com. Please sign up today! Thank you.



**STOP AND SHOP:** Our school is participating in the A+ School Rewards Program. Please register your card at Stop and Shop or online to help raise money for the school. You can either visit

[www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com) and select Savings and Rewards and follow the

prompts to create your account. You will need your 13 digit Stop and Shop card number and our school ID (05181) or if you do not know your card number you can call 1-877-366-2668 and choose option #1. If you registered last year, you do not need to register your card again. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt starting October 6, 2017 – March 15, 2018.

We continue to ask for your support with the Box Tops, Campbell UPCs, Ink Cartridges

We are collecting clean bottles and cans with deposits. They can be dropped off in the containers in the parking lot by the other side of the dumpster.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**GRADES 5 – 8 SPANISH CLUB:** The students in grades 5 – 8 meet on Fridays from 2 – 3 pm.

**GRADES 1 – 4 SPANISH CLUB:** Spanish Club for grades 1 – 4 meets on Tuesday's from 2 – 3 pm.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS:** Wednesday, from 2 – 3:30 for Grades 6, 7 and 8.

**ART CLASSES:** 2:00 – 3:00 pm

**SEWING:** 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

**JUDO/JUTSU:** Please talk to your child(ren) about joining the Judo class on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. They can come out and try it, and if they like it they can join. It runs from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

**MAD SCIENCE:** Mad Science will start March 7<sup>th</sup>. Information will be going home soon.

God bless,

Shelly Rose, Principal