

2/24/23

# THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear St. John's Families,

Our Father Daughter Dance this past Saturday evening was a big hit. The dads and daughters had a wonderful time dancing and playing games. We have some very good hula hoopers here at SJB. A great big thank you



to Jenny Sheppard and Mary Melgoza for heading the dance committee and thank you to Tiffany Hershelman for taking the photos of the dads and daughters.



Our **Ash Wednesday** liturgies were very special. Our students learned about prayer, fasting and alms giving. Fr. Damien explained to them fasting can be giving up some food that they especially like, but it can also be fasting from using unkind words, or playing with a student that they never play with. We will continue to learn about how to have a successful Lent. Additionally during our Lenten journey these 40 days the Class of 2023 has organized a *40 Days for Life activity*. Each of our classes will say a decade of the rosary each day and as they complete their rosaries they will add to our display creating tiles of the completed rosaries. It will be located at the end of the junior building at the back of the grotto. Additionally we will be saying the Memorare together each day at morning prayers.

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do we come; before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us.*



## A Girls Basketball Congratulations

A big congratulations to our A girls basketball team. On Thursday night at Rosary High School they defeated St. Anne School. They are the Parochial Athletic League girls basketball champions for the third year in a row. What a dynasty our girls have built. A special thank you to Mrs. Michele Santos and Joey Santos for coaching our team. We are very proud of our girls. At every game they exhibit Christian attitude, good sportsmanship and teamwork.



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## CALENDAR

### Monday 2/27

Spirit Monday

### Tuesday 2/28

Miguel's Jr. Dine Out Night

### Wednesday 3/1

Auxiliary Board Meeting  
7:00PM in the Hall

Smoothies at the Gate \$5

### Thursday 3/2

Seussical Traveling Show  
8:30 & 9:15

### Friday 3/3

**Early Dismissal**

No Meat

Fish Fry 5:00 — 8:30PM

## SAVE THE DATES

### 3/13—3/16

Parent Teacher Conferences  
Early Dismissal Monday  
through Thursday

### 3/17

No School

## 4th Grade Retreat



Our 4th graders had a very special retreat on Friday afternoon. Sr. Gemma and Sr. Josephine led the retreat. The students spent time in prayer and reflection and also having fun with their friends making posters. The topic of our retreat was "Using Our Bodies for Good". The students finished the afternoon celebrating adoration and benediction led by Fr. Damien. Thank you to Mr. Tony for assisting Father.

+Together in Christ  
Mrs. Viles and Father Damien

*From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others.* St. John Paul II

## Lunchtime Rule Reminder

Please remember that Parents may not bring in forgotten lunches. If a student has forgotten his or her lunch, he or she will need to get an 'emergency' lunch from Mr. Eric / Ngo Simple Foods.

The family will be billed \$6.00 Please talk to your children so that they know the procedure.  
Thank you!



## Morning Drop Off

The Drive-Through Line Closes at 7:50

The Walk-in gate closes at 7:53 so that students will be in their line, ready to begin Morning Prayer, by 7:55 at the latest.

**If you are later than 7:53 you will have to enter through the Front Office.**

**This applies to TK – 8th grade.  
No exceptions.**

**Thank you!**

# POSTS FROM OUR PARISH



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on the FRIDAYS OF LENT in the church.

Please join this beautiful Lenten devotion on February 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

6:30 pm - Vietnamese

7:45 pm – English (Spanish texts available)

## SJB SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

IN THE NOBLE TRADITION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION, WITH CHRIST AS TEACHER AND GUIDE, IN PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND TRUTH, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREPARES THE WAY FOR STUDENTS TO EMBRACE THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S LOVE IN THIS WORLD AND IN HEAVEN.



# Spirituality

## PRAYER BASKET

*"Were you to ask what are the means of overcoming temptations, I would answer: The first means is prayer; the second is prayer; the third is prayer; and if you should ask me a thousand times, I would repeat the same." St. Alphonsus Liguori*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Lent Morning Decade!

Come, join us this Thursday, the second Thursday of Lent immediately after morning announcements! We meet in the grotto with Fr. Damien to pray a decade of the Rosary for our students, faculty, families, and any special intentions. If you haven't joined us before this is a perfect time to do it, everyone is welcome!

### Prayer Basket:

This week let us lift our prayers for the intentions of: Mrs. Yvette Itano, Music Program Director

We pray for God's blessings on the families of:

Jonah, Micah, and Oliver Nguyen; Leanna Nguyen; Maximus Nguyen; Tra-My Nguyen; Madeleine and Sophie Niven; Summit Noble; Kevin O'Hara; Evelyn and Millicent Oldham; Silas and Simeon Oliver; Mason Oppedisano; Julian and Nico Orlandini; Marcos Oseguera; Katalina Osorio and Lucas Pacheco.

### Special Intentions:

- We pray for a fruitful Lenten Season.
- We pray for all those in our SJB community who are currently battling cancer.
- We pray for all unborn babies and their mothers, most especially those here in our school and parish.
- We also pray for all those special intentions included in our prayer basket and in our hearts.

### Prayer During Lent

O God, I offer myself to you. Without a doubt, I know I am nothing without you. Lord, allow me to live for you and to always walk in your will and your way. So many times I permit the distractions and temptations of this world to lead me astray. I want to lose my life for your sake and for the sake of the Gospel. In doing so I hope to gain heaven. Please, God, live in me so that I may live for you. (*from Lent and Easter Wisdom from St. Alphonsus Liguori by Fr. Maurice J. Nutt*)

### Your Special Intentions

Do you have a special intention you'd like our SJB community to join you in prayer for? If so, please email Suzanne Mello @ [daveandsuz5to2@gmail.com](mailto:daveandsuz5to2@gmail.com) and your request can be added to this Spirituality Insert in the weekly bulletin.

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT EVENT

HOSTED BY



The team at Miguel's Jr. is proud to host a Community Support Event to benefit

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Fundraiser

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 from 8am to 9pm

Please join us during breakfast, lunch or dinner for legendary food, fun and fundraising

Miguel's Jr. will donate 20% of your pre-tax food and beverage purchase to benefit

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Fundraiser

Miguel's Jr. Costa Mesa

141 East 17th Street Costa Mesa, CA 92627

  Please Tag us for a chance to be featured on our page

## *Latin Phrase of the Month*

February	<i>Cor unum in Deum</i>	One heart in God.
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This is a saying from St. Augustine, but it is an idea from Scripture. Jesus prayed at the Last Supper that we would all be one as He and the Father are One.

Cor = Heart. The heart is where we choose good, where we choose to love. It is the center of our being.

Unum = One. To be one means to be united. We share our life together in peace because we are brothers and sisters in Christ, children of the One Father.

Deum = God. Only in God do we become truly ourselves. Only in God can we be one.

CHARITY

# BOOK DRIVE

February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please donate any gently used children's books to the box outside of the senior gate. We appreciate anything you may

give, especially:

- Board Books
- Picture Books
- Alphabet Books
- Multicultural Books
- Books About Numbers, colors, Animals, Shapes, and words
- Story Books
- Rhyming Books

. Donations will go to the children's Book Project organization.

Thank you!



# PLAY IN SJB's NCAA MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE

**\$10 PER ENTRY, LIMIT 5 BRACKETS.**

**Scan QR Code below to sign up or just log  
back in from last year. Pass Code: sjbkids**

**Opens: Sunday, March 12th at 3:30PM**

**Entry Deadline: Thursday, March 16th at 8AM**

**50% goes to St. John the Baptist School**

**1st place 25% | 2nd place 15% |**

**3rd place 10%**

**Venmo Entries:**

**@Casey-Crowder-1 | or scan** 



**Any questions: caseyacrowder@gmail.com**

**venmo**

**Hello SJB Family, Students & Faculty!**

**Please join us in our NCAA March Madness SJB Bracket Challenge. 50% of proceeds will go to SJB! Here is the link to join or log in from last year. See all details in the image above. Please be sure to venmo Casey for your bracket entries by the deadline, Thursday 3/16/23 8:00 AM.**

**We look forward to you joining us in the BIG DANCE!**



**ATTENTION SJB PARENTS!**



**Lost and Found is  
overflowing !**

**PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S ITEMS CLEARLY WITH FIRST AND LAST NAMES. IRON-ON LABELS ARE PREFERRED.**

**LABELED ITEMS WILL BE RETURNED TO STUDENTS.**

**LOST AND FOUND BOXES ARE LOCATED BY THE LUNCH TABLES.**



**AT THE END OF THE SECOND TRIMESTER, ALL REMAINING CLOTHING ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE USED UNIFORM SALE.**

Questions? Contact Susanne Salcido at [soozesalcido@gmail.com](mailto:soozesalcido@gmail.com) or 5628814342



SJB PARENT AUXILIARY PRESENTS:  
AUTHOR VISIT DAY AND  
LENTEN PARENT RETREAT WITH



**AWARD WINNING  
AUTHOR,  
SPEAKER &  
MISSIONARY  
DISCIPLE**

**LISA HENDEY**  
FOUNDER OF [CATHOLICMOM.COM](http://CATHOLICMOM.COM)

**MARCH 29, 2023**

CLASSROOM VISITS AND STORY TELLING

LENTEN PARENT RETREAT  
7:00pm - 8:30pm SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST HALL

THE SACRED BALANCING ACT:  
BUSY LIVES AND FAMILY SPIRITUALITY

Parent Retreat is **FREE** & open to school and parish families. Refreshments will be served & childcare provided. Please RSVP to [AuxPres@sjbschool.net](mailto:AuxPres@sjbschool.net)



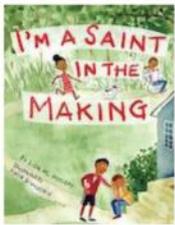


# Lisa M Hendey **BOOK ORDER FORM**

On Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, author Lisa Hendey will be visiting classes and giving a parent Lenten retreat. Don't miss out on this chance to purchase personalized autographed copies of her bestselling children's books...

**Order by Friday 2/24**

Lisa M Hendey is the founder of CatholicMom.com and the bestselling author of *I'm a Saint in the Making* and other titles. Lisa has appeared on EWTN, CatholicTV, serves as the technology contributor for EWTN's SonRise Morning Show and is a regular family correspondent on Relevant Radio. Her articles have appeared in Catholic Digest, National Catholic Register, and Our Sunday Visitor. [lisahendey.com](http://lisahendey.com)

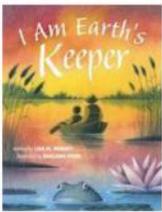


### **I'm a Saint in the Making**

God has a special mission for each of us! By recounting the highlights of the stories of both well-known and newer saints (including John Paul II, Mary MacKillop, Augustus Tolton, Teresa of Calcutta, Juan Diego and Chiara Badano) this book helps readers learn that there is no one single way to live a life of sanctity. Resources for parents included to accompany their young saints in the making. Paperback.

**Price**  
**\$15**      **Qty**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Inscribe to:** \_\_\_\_\_



### **I Am Earth's Keeper**

Inspired by St. Francis's song "Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon," this warmhearted book sparks the imagination of young readers to connect more deeply with God's creation and develop an ever-deepening sense of commitment to living in solidarity with nature. The perfect gift for children ages 3-9. Hardcover

**Price**  
**\$18**      **Qty**  
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**Inscribe to:** \_\_\_\_\_

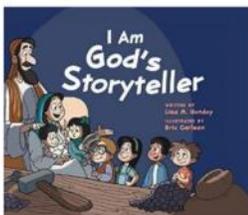


### **Saints Like Me**

Even ordinary people can live amazing lives. That's the message of this book to help the youngest children understand that God has a plan and a purpose for their lives! We don't have to be grownups, and we don't have to do big things. Whenever we do a little thing with great love, we are just like Jesus and the saints! Makes a great gift for toddlers, and preschoolers. Board book.

**Price**  
**\$10**      **Qty**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Inscribe to:** \_\_\_\_\_



### **I Am God's Storyteller**

*I Am God's Storyteller* invites children to use their gifts to shine God's light and share the Gospel. Offering children examples of noted storytellers in Bible history (Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Esther, David, Isaiah, Mary, John the Baptist, and the Evangelists and early Church), this colorful and engaging picture book also looks at how Jesus used storytelling to teach and share his message of faith, hope and love. Includes information for parents, suggestions for building a love for storytelling in the hearts of children. Ages 4-10. Hardcover.

**Price**  
**\$18**      **Qty**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Inscribe to:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cost includes taxes, S&H. Please make checks payable to SJB School. **Total price:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_



February 22 - April 02  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**  
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Get involved in a worldwide mobilization through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, that has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results:

Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion

Over 200 abortion workers converted

Over 100 abortion centers closed



**Help save lives in our community here's how:**

Visit website to sign up and pray outside of an abortion center. The Fall campaign starts Wednesday, February 22 and lasts until Sunday, April 2. You may sign up to pray anytime from 6am – 6pm.

Will you pray **ONE HOUR** for one Dad, one Mom and **ONE BABY**?

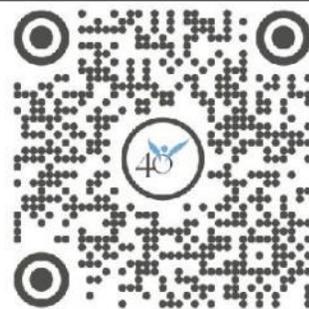
Contact: [40daysCostaMesa@gmail.com](mailto:40daysCostaMesa@gmail.com)

**Opening Prayer Vigil**

**Everyone is invited:**

**Saturday, Feb. 25 at 4pm, say a rosary and other prayers with us and bring a friend.**

**Vigil location:** *1520 Nutmeg Pl, Suite 101 Costa Mesa, CA*

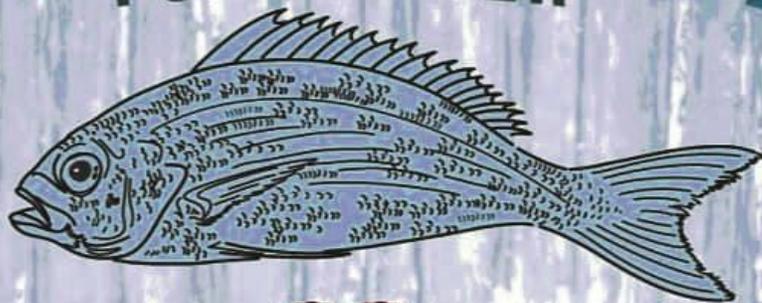


**[40daysforlife.com/costamesa](http://40daysforlife.com/costamesa)**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14581

# FISH FRY

## FUNDRAISER



**SERVING FROM  
5 P.M. – 8 P.M.**

-  **BEER BATTERED  
ALASKAN COD**
-  **FISH TACOS**
-  **GRILLED SHRIMP  
SKEWERS**
-  **CLAM CHOWDER**
-  **KIDS CHEESE  
QUESADILLA**
-  **FRIES**
-  **DESSERTS**



**FRIDAYS  
DURING LENT**

**FEBRUARY 24  
MARCH 3, 10, 17,  
24 & 31**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
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**STELLA MARIS**  
**CHESTERTON ACADEMY**

**OPENING FALL 2023**

*A New Classical High School  
In the Catholic Tradition*

We are excited to announce the opening of Stella Maris Chesterton Academy in Orange County.

The Academy offers a proven integrated classical curriculum, robust spiritual and personal formation, along with a strong emphasis on the fine arts. As part of the Chesterton Network of Schools, the academic program will help students learn the skills of logical thought in both math and sciences, critical analysis of great works of literature, a deeper knowledge of faith, and clear and creative expression in writing and the arts.

Students will experience the joy of Christ, grow in character, learn true leadership and critical thinking skills. The integrated classical curriculum will prepare students for college - and for life.

**For More Information Contact Us Today**

[www.stellamarischesterton.org](http://www.stellamarischesterton.org)

phone: (949) 215-8585

email: [info@stellamarisca.org](mailto:info@stellamarisca.org)

# HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT THIS SUMMER

## BENEFITS OF HOSTING

- Make lifelong friends from France, Italy, Spain, Germany, and Thailand.
- Gain perspective on the world and learn about a new culture.
- An opportunity for your own children to grow from the responsibility of hosting.
- High school students receive 45 community service hours.
- Fulfill a student's dream of discovering the USA!

"I'll never forget this summer with my new American family! Best time of my life. A dream come true, thank you!"  
- Thomas, 15, Paris, France

## OUR HOST FAMILIES

- Come in all shapes and sizes.
- Speak English as the primary language at home.
- Are excited to share their life and culture.
- Have an extra bed and will share meals with the student.



## OUR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- Ages 13 to 17 years old.
- Studied English minimum of 4 years.
- Screened and selected based on motivation to learn about American culture and English language.
- Come with their own pocket money for extra personal expenses.
- Have medical and liability insurance.
- Do NOT attend classes while here, they learn by engaging with you.

"Oui-Connect has been amazing to work with and our time with our exchange student has been INCREDIBLE! Hosting has been a blessing to our family and I highly recommend it."

- Krista, Host Mom, Brea, CA



## 3 WEEK SUMMER DATES

June 25-July 16

July 17-August 7

See website for more available dates.

## APPLY NOW — IT'S EASY!

- 1) Fill out host family application: [www.Oui-Connect.com](http://www.Oui-Connect.com)
- 2) Our local coordinator will conduct a home visit and reference checks.
- 3) Pick the student that fits best with your family!

## PROGRAM LOCATIONS

ORANGE COUNTY, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, LA COUNTY, KERN COUNTY AND MORE..

MAIN OFFICE

(949) 338-9388 / [info@oui-connect.com](mailto:info@oui-connect.com)



## A SUMMER ABROAD

Practicing Spanish, French, German or Italian fully immersed in the heart of a host family is the best way to make real linguistic progress while discovering a new country and culture.

## GO ABROAD

For 2 to 4 weeks, American teenagers have the chance to live and share the daily life of a volunteer host family in France, Spain, or Italy!

Program starting dates are flexible between June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Applications MUST be received by May 30<sup>th</sup>.



## DIRECT EXCHANGE

Host and Be Hosted!  
The program offers all of the benefits of our Go Abroad program, adding the guarantee of interactions with an international student the same age and gender as you!

Step 1:  
For 3 weeks, an international teen lives with you and your family.

Step 2:  
You go abroad with your new international friend to live with their family for 3 weeks.

See website for price details.

The Family unit is what gives color and character to the country you visit. Instead of acting as a tourist, you become Spanish, French, or Italian for the time of the program.

[WWW.OUI-CONNECT.COM](http://WWW.OUI-CONNECT.COM) / 949-338-9388

# oui connect

short-term foreign exchange programs



## Join Our International Family!

Host a young international student this summer OR send your teenager abroad for a short-term cultural exchange.

Oui-Connect strives to build an international family full of love, fun and culture. Through our short term homestay programs, students and families around the world are connected through an unforgettable experience.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

# PRUDENCE



## WHAT IS IT?

IT IS USUALLY EASY TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG...BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU NEED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO THINGS THAT ARE RIGHT? WHAT IF YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO DONATE MONEY TO A HOMELESS SHELTER OR TO A SOUP KITCHEN? WHAT IF YOUR FAMILY HAS A TRIP PLANNED, BUT A FRIEND REALLY NEEDS YOU?

**THE VIRTUE OF PRUDENCE HELPS US DISCERN GOD'S WILL IN SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO MAKE THE BEST DECISION.**

Prudent is he who can keep silent that part of truth which may be untimely, and by not speaking it, does not spoil the truth of what he said.

Pope John XXIII

## HOW CAN I PUT IT INTO PRACTICE?

**PRUDENT:** *speaking privately to solve a problem*

Plan ahead what to say.  
Request a private moment.  
Utter a prayer.  
Describe the deed.  
(Maintain eye contact.)  
Effect on me  
Nothing. Wait for a response.  
Terms

Sample:

P: Mentally go through all the steps  
R: You see the person alone in the hall; ask to talk.  
U: As you lead them aside, pray, "Help me, Jesus!"  
D: "When you poured out my beaker in lab today...  
E: ...it really embarrassed me."  
N: (Pause until the other person says something.)  
T: "Please don't touch my things again or I'll have to report it to the teacher."