

2/17/23

THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear SJB Families,

As we begin our long weekend, we are looking forward to our Father Daughter Dance. It is a very special evening for our dads and their daughters. Moms, we hope you enjoy a little break as well.

This Wednesday, **Ash Wednesday**, we enter the liturgical season of Lent where we will focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These coming 40 days will allow us time to reflect and prepare for our Risen Lord this coming Easter. Our students will all receive ashes on Wednesday. Grades 3-8 will attend Mass at 10:00 AM and grades TK-2 will have a Liturgy of the Word and receive ashes in the afternoon at 1:30 PM. Because we are having two separate liturgical celebrations there will be room for parents to attend. The mass can also be livestreamed here: <https://youtube.com/live/hSs4INDdQE4?feature=share>

Father Pascal's Installation as Pastor of St. John's
Sunday, February 26, 2023 Fr. Pascal will be officially installed as our pastor by Bishop Fryer at the 5:00 PM Mass. This will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. This same Sunday had a Family Mass scheduled for 11:00 AM that same Sunday. We are canceling the Family Mass in order that our families will have the opportunity to attend Fr. Pascal's installation Mass.



SECOND CALL SOS - FACTS Family Information PLEASE UPDATE

As we celebrate our 111th Day of School this year, we continue to find situations where our families may have moved or changed cell phone numbers or did not complete their emergency information in FACTS. Our most recent situations included allergies and being unable to get a hold of either parent for a sick student. We are again sending out an **SOS** for parents to please go in and check that the information for EACH of your children is **CORRECT** and **COMPLETE**. Heaven forbid there is ever a disaster, but if there is during school hours we need to be able contact someone regarding your child. We need to know all of that important information such as alternate contact information, doctor and dentist information, allergies, etc. PLEASE take a few minutes to log into FACTS this weekend and check your information. Thank you!! If you need help logging in see the information sheet below. Please feel free to contact the front office as well.

Accessing FACTS

<https://factsmgt.com/#>

Top Right Family Log in

FACTS Family Portal

District Code sjb-ca

Continue logging in with username and password (if you have never logged in before, create a new account)

Update your family and student(s) information

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CALENDAR

Monday 2/20

No School

Presidents' Day

Wednesday 2/22

Ash Wednesday (Fast and Abstinence)

Mass 10:00AM (Grades 3-8)

Liturgy of the Word 1:30PM (TK-2)

Smoothies at the Gate \$5

Friday 2/24

No Meat

1st Fish Fry of Lenten Season

Sunday 2/26

Father Pascal's Installation

Mass and Reception 5:00PM

SAVE THE DATES

2/28

Miguel's Jr. Dine Out Night

3/1

Auxiliary Board Meeting

7:00 PM

3/3

Early Dismissal

Virtue of the Month, Prudence

We continue to practice and learn to understand the virtue of prudence. Prudence helps us to discern God's will in specific situations and make the best decision. It is a cardinal virtue because other virtues depend on prudence. We can look at the life of St. John Neumann. He was originally from Belgium and at the time there were too many priests in Belgium. He decided to come to America. His prudent decision to move to America is how the diocesan Catholic school system came into being.

+Together in Christ,
Mrs. Viles and Fr. Damien

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed; he remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103:13-14

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.



HEARTFELT THANKS!

The Class of 2023 thanks you for your incredible support for our Valentine Gram fundraiser. We sold 229 Valentine Grams! Close to 150 orders came through on the very last day when we had just about given up. This total surpassed last year's orders by 29. The Class of 2023 donated the cost for the candy bars, ribbons, and tags, which means your total donation, \$1,145, was sent directly to Mary's Path where they "change two lives at a time."

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

CS MUSIC 2023 ALL STATE SINGER AWARD
WINNER

Alana
Merritt



SJB Class of 2021, now a sophomore at St. Joseph's Academy, has been recognized as one of the top high school singers in the country. All-State Singers automatically qualify for the Second Round of the "CS Vocal Competition" at the CS Music Convention in San Francisco, May 26-29, 2023.

CS Music (Classical Singer) is a platform for auditions, jobs, and scholarships that help students, young artists and emerging professionals connect with schools and companies.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 22nd.

It is a day of fast and abstinence but *not a holy day of obligation*.

SJB Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday:

6:30 am - English

8:30 am - English (also live streamed)

12:00 noon - Latin (also live streamed)

5:30 pm - English

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)

Please join us for **Holy Mass and the Installation Ceremony** of our pastor, Fr. Pascal Nguyen, O.Praem. on Sunday, February 26th at 5:00 pm. The Most Reverend Timothy Freyer, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange, will be the Principal Celebrant. Light Reception in the parish hall following the Mass All are welcome as we mark this milestone in the life of our parish! If you plan to attend the reception in the parish hall after Mass, please [RSVP](#) by Feb 22, 2023 to help us better plan.



New SJB Spirit Gear is now on sale and will be shipped directly to the purchaser.
The SJB Spirit Store closes on February 20th so place your orders today!
These items are **NOT FOR STUDENTS** and may **NOT** be worn as part of the uniform!

Click below to view all of the available items and place your order.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

STORE CLOSING: FEB 20



UA Women's Hustle
Fleece Hoody
2 Colors Offered
\$59.99



UA Hustle Fleece
Hoody
2 Colors Offered
\$63.99



UA Women's Short
Sleeve Locker T-Shirt
\$38.99



UA Locker Tee 2.0
Short Sleeve T-Shirt
\$38.99



UA Women's Locker
1/2 Zip
\$46.99



UA Command Full-Zip
Warm Up
\$71.99



UA Team Blank Chino
Adjustable Cap
\$31.99



Acrux Tumbler
\$28.99

**CLOSES
MONDAY!**



GIRLS A Basketball made it to the Semifinals (the Final Four) beating St Hedwig 35-19!
The Semifinal game is at St Anne's in Laguna Niguel next Tuesday 2/21 3:30pm
The Finals are at Rosary Academy on 2/23 6pm.



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

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

LISA HENDEY
FOUNDER OF 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



Lisa M Hendey **BOOK ORDER FORM**

On Wednesday, March 29th, 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



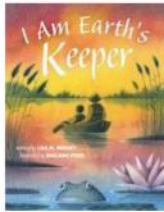
I'm a Saint in the Making

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

Inscribe to: _____



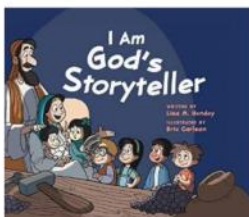
Saints Like Me

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?

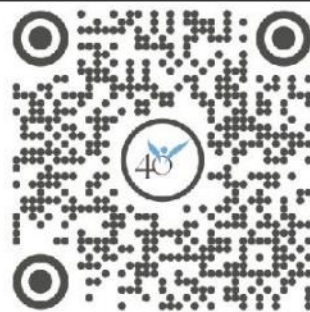
Contact: 40daysCostaMesa@gmail.com

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

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

Thursday 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

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.

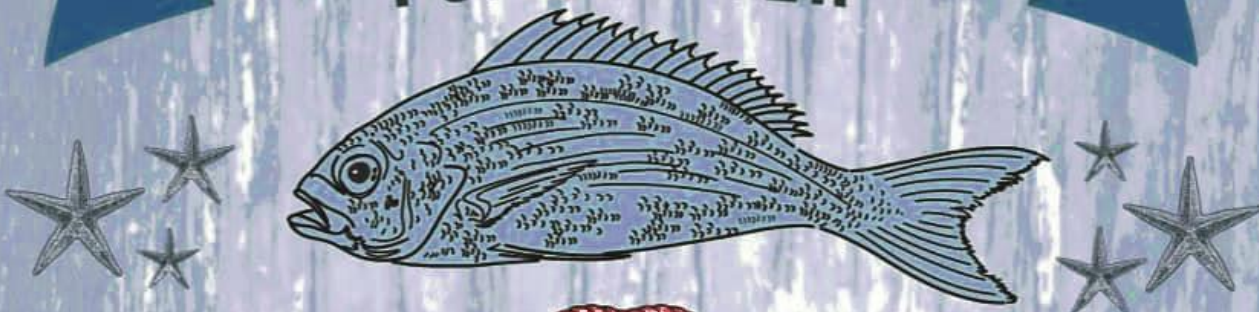
Unum = One. To be one means to be united. We share our life together in peace because we are brothers and sisters in Christ, children of the One Father.

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

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
1021 BAKER ST. • COSTA MESA**



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

phone: (949) 215-8585

email: 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
- 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



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 15th and July 30th.

Applications MUST be received by May 30th.



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 / 949-338-9388

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short-term foreign exchange programs



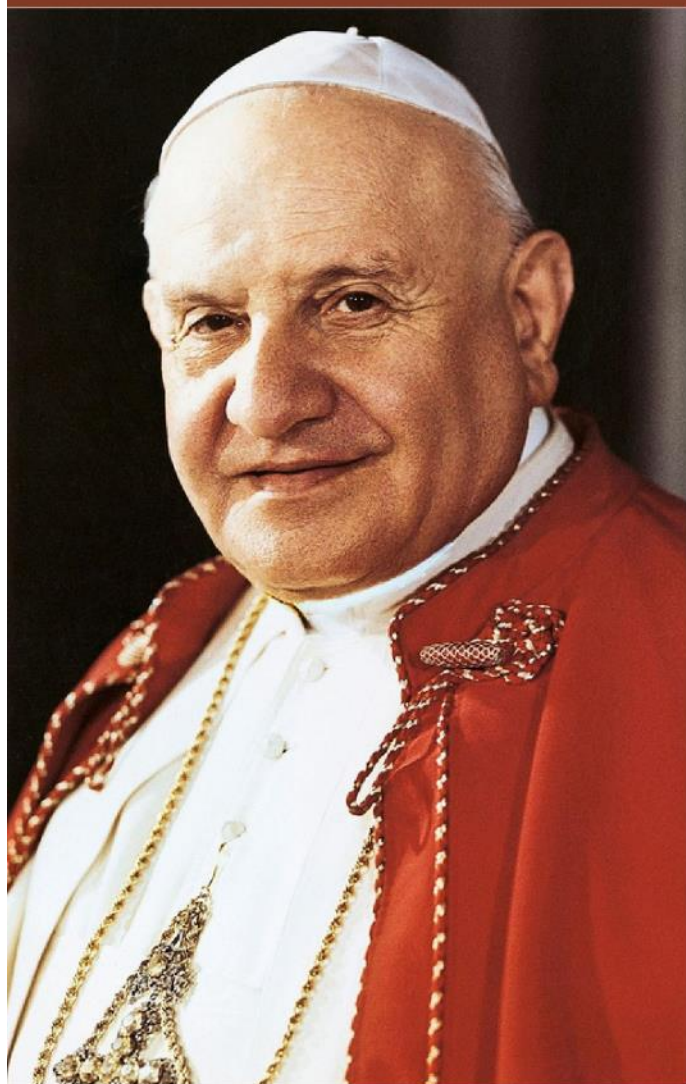
Join Our International Family!

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."



MATER DEI
CHORAL AND
VOCAL MUSIC

JOIN MATER DEI HS HONOR CHOIR



REHEARSALS: Feb 21 (Ice Cream Social), Feb 28, Mar 7, Mar 14 7:00-8:30pm

CONCERT: MARCH 21ST
SEGERSTROM CONCERT HALL

All rehearsals at Mater Dei HS ChoirRoom

Register at the QR code

No Fee to participate!

