11/14/26

# THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Dear SJB Families,
As we make progress in this month of November, when all things start to slow down from the busy active life and heat of Summer (which seemed to extend a bit longer into the school year this time around), we start to notice the movements of nature more clearly. And we noticed that the birds chip a little less frequently, the flowers bloom a little less vibrantly, the green of the grass is a bit darker in shade, the skies are (finally) a twinge more pale, and when the sun sets now the temperature drops with it. Yes, even California has its change of seasons; and for those who have spent their life growing up in these parts, the subtlety of the change is well-perceived. One of the providential reasons for the change of the seasons built into the fabric of the created order (since all things must reflect back something of God's goodness) is that we too will someday lose the vim of life and begin to pass on to the next life. We already have in our own families those who have won the race and have passed on to eternal realities. These friends and family deserve our remembrance in our life of prayer. For this reason our Catholic faith asks the world to hold our deceased loved ones in prayer throughout the whole month of November. Let us give thanks to God for the many graces we have received by the example and care given to us from those who have already passed from this life, and may we continue to pray for the repose of their souls. *Requiescant in pace!*

**-Fr. Louis Hager, O.Praem**

**Veterans Day**

We had a beautiful Veterans Day celebration this past Wednesday. More than 30 veterans and their families joined us for Mass, followed by a special presentation and reception in the parish hall. Our Tri-M Honor Society students did an excellent job organizing this meaningful celebration. One of the highlights was our fifth graders' traditional singing of the Armed Forces songs as we honored the veterans in attendance. Our guest speaker, Mr. David Lara, delivered a moving and inspiring message filled with valuable advice for both our students and adults. We encourage you to take the time to watch his presentation with your children and reflect together on his words. We are grateful to all of our veterans for their service and sacrifice and for the example they continue to set for our students. You may watch Mr. Lara's presentation HERE, beginning at **59:19** in the recording.







**Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen**

This week we will be treated to our fall drama production of Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen. There will be performances on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. If you have not purchased your tickets be sure to scan the QR code below. Our students have been working hard over the past months. We are excited as well for our first production in our gym!

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## CALENDAR

**Monday 11/16**
Spirit Monday

**Tuesday 11/17**
Fall Play performances for Students

**Wednesday 11/18**
Fall Play 7:00PM
See Flyer Below

$5 Smoothies at the Gate

**Thursday 11/19**
Fall Play 7:00PM
See Flyer Below

Dine Out Fundraiser at Red Robin!
See Flyer Below

**Friday 11/20**
Late Start 8:45

**11/21—11/29**
Thanksgiving Break!
No School

**Flag Football**

Congratulations to our A Boys Football Team! They placed second in the entire Parochial Athletic League. We defeated St. Hedwig to advance to the finals on Thursday evening. We played a very talented St. Serra team. Thank you to all of our families and teachers who joined to root our team on! It was a beautiful representation of our community.



**Snow Day Sweatshirts**

Be sure to place your order for your Snow Day sweatshirts by this Thursday, November 19. The sweatshirts can be worn for the entire month of January in place of your regular school sweatshirt. The proceeds will go to support Snow Day.

**+ In Christ,**
**Mrs. Viles**

## 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.**

*Serve God sincerely, and He will reward you.*

St. Margaret of Scotland

# Circumspection

Related to the virtue of Prudence, circumspection is the virtue of carefully considering circumstances, options, and consequences before speaking or acting. Looking all around a situation ("circum-" meaning around, "-spection" meaning looking) to gain an objective, clear view rather than reacting out of sudden impulse, anger, or emotion.

# SPOTLIGHT ON Curriculum

## Mrs. vanNieKerk TK2A





Last week in TK2A we learned about our virtue of the week - Patriotism - as we celebrated Veterans Day! Our letter of the week was H for Heroes, and we discussed how veterans are real life heroes who have bravely fought and served our country. We wrote thank-you letters to our veterans as well as made American flags and hats to celebrate the day! It was a wonderful week of learning about love for our country and honoring our heroes!













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**November 19, 2026***

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2. In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
3. Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
4. Add your meal items and check out.
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*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

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JOIN US FOR SJB'S PRODUCTION OF

# JOLLY ROGER & THE PIRATE QUEEN

## WEDNESDAY 11/18 @ 7PM

RAPSCALLIONS

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## THURSDAY 11/19 @ 7PM

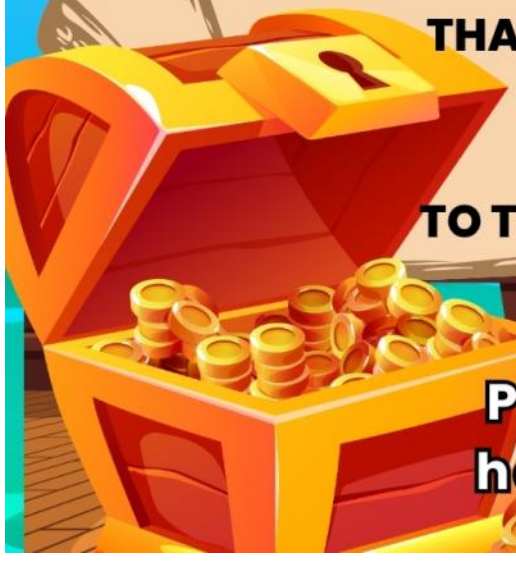
SCALLYWAGS



**TICKET RESERVATION LINK OPENS TUESDAY 11/3 AT 6:30PM**

**SEATS WILL BE ASSIGNED IN THE ORDER THAT RESERVATIONS ARE RECEIVED.**

**SEND PAYMENT (CASH OR CHECK ONLY) TO THE OFFICE ATTN: SJB DRAMA.**





**Performances will be held in the New Gym!**

# SJB Clover Choir

## Holiday Fundraiser



Marie Callender's
Restaurant & Bakery

Offering:

# Fresh Oven Baked Pies

And Marie Callender's Pie Cards

Pick-up:

Friday, November 20 @ the dismissal gate

Orders due Wednesday, 11/18. See back for details

Student name: Classroom:

Parent name: Parent cell phone #:

| **Fresh Oven Baked Pie**<br>**$25 per pie** | **Quantity:** |
|---|---|
| Pumpkin pie<br>A perfect blend of cinnamon, sugar, nutmeg and pumpkin | |
| French Apple pie<br>Traditional apple pie with crumbly cinnamon streusel topping | |

| **Marie Callender's Pie Card**<br>**$25 per card** | **Quantity:** |
|---|---|
| Pie card | |

- Card must be redeemed at the Fountain Valley Location, 18889 Brookhurst St.
- Card does not expire
- Card can go towards any pies
- Excludes cheesecakes

| **Total number of pies and pie cards:** | **Total $** |
|---|---|

**Orders due Wednesday 11/18** **Cash or check payable to SJB**

SUPPORT

# SJB SNOW DAY

*Limited Edition Hoodie*

**ORDER DUE 11/19**







**$45 EACH**

INCLUDES A SPECIAL PASS TO WEAR YOUR

*—Snow Day Hoodie—*

**THE WHOLE MONTH OF JANUARY!**

(NOT JUST SPIRIT MONDAYS!)

**PAYMENT METHODS:**
CASH OR CHECK, VENMO OR CREDIT CARD

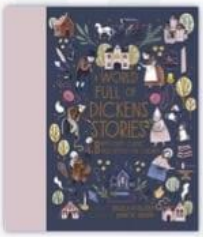
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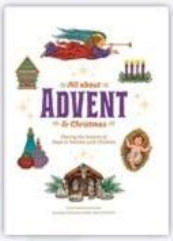
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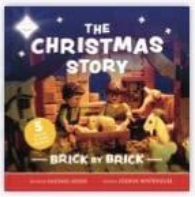
## Joy to the World



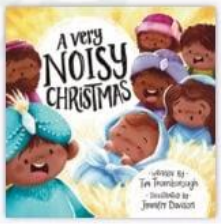
**A World Full of Dickens Stories**
**$24.99**




**All About Advent & Christmas**
**$19.95**



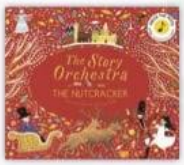

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**$5.99**




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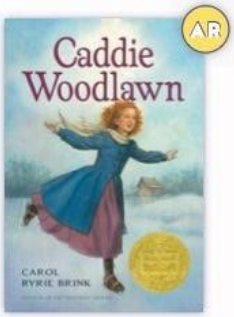
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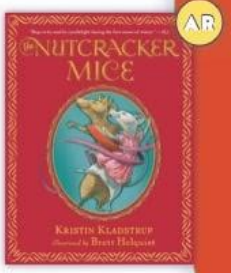

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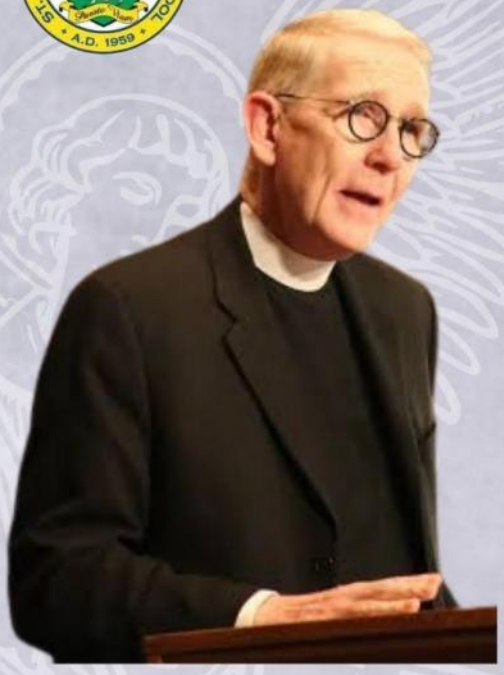

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# Advent Retreats

special guest | professor of dogmatics

**FR. DENNIS MCMANUS, D.LITT.**

## THURSDAY
*Parish retreat talk*

**DECEMBER 3, 2026**
**AFTER THE 5:30 P.M. MASS**

**TOPIC: POPE LEO – PART I**

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## SATURDAY
*Parish retreat day*

**DECEMBER 5, 2026**
**AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS**
**8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**TOPIC: POPE LEO – PART II**

*FREE CHILDCARE (for Thursday's talk only) provided for children 3-12 years old. A limited number of spots are available!

REGISTER HERE

**Questions? email Mel Arizabal meleknee@gmail.com**




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# Information Night

## December 2nd • 7:00 PM

**Register Online at SJBSchool.net**

**We are forming Catholic Leaders grounded in Faith and Service. Come discover the SJB Difference.**

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

# MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH DAY

# Saturday, February 13th.
# Guest Speakers.
# Worship.
# Roller Coasters.

Middle School Youth Day is back! Join us on **Saturday February 13th, 2027** for an all-day event filled with faith, fellowship, and fun at **Knott's Berry Farm**!

Scan the QR code to join the interest list and learn more about MSYD 27!




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