

THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Heavenly Father,
As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we pause with grateful hearts to thank you for the many blessings You have bestowed upon our St. John the Baptist community. We are especially thankful for the parents and families who entrust their precious children to our care each day. Thank you for their faith, their generosity, their sacrifices, and the many ways they support our school and one another. Lord, bless each of our families with Your peace, love, and grace. May their homes be filled with joy, their hearts with gratitude, and their lives with the comfort of knowing that You walk beside them each day. May God bless you and your families with a peaceful and joy-filled Thanksgiving.
Blessings,
The SJB Administration, Faculty, and Staff

Dear SJB Families,
"I would maintain that ***thanks*** *are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder" (G. K. Chesterton, A Short History of England).*
As we launch into this well-earned break from studies, we ought to pause for some time and turn our thoughts to the gratitude we should express for all the marvelous gifts in our life. It is without doubt a wonder that we have been given so much. A time of rest spent with a content smile on our face for family and friends is a small witness to the grand treasures of freedom, creativity, & grace that are constantly given to us. May we be abundantly grateful to God for the joy that He is in our Life; and may we speak of that to our family as we share each other's company in these graced days. God love you!

-Fr. Louis Hager, O.Praem.

Unlocking the Future - Gala 2026
Our Gala and Auction was a tremendous success, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who helped make the evening so special. Thank you to our generous benefactors, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and all who attended and supported this important event. A very special thank you Mrs. Sheila Crowder and our entire gala committee, as well as, Mrs. Shauna Smith for the many, many hours that they dedicated to the success of the gala.



Calling All See's Candy Lovers
Our Class of 2027 See's Candy sales run now through December 1. Please help support the eighth grade class and get some Christmas shopping done. Click HERE to place your order. Thank you from the Class of 2027!

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CALENDAR

11/21—11/29

Thanksgiving Break
Happy Thanksgiving!

Monday 11/30

School Resumes

Spirit Monday

Tuesday 12/1

Confessions
Grades 3 – 5

Wednesday 12/2

Information Night for Prospective Parents — Makerspace

$5 Smoothies at the Gate

Thursday 12/3

Advent Retreat for Parents (see flyer below

Friday 12/4

Late Start

Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen

Our play was a tremendous success! Our students gave an outstanding performance. Mr. Jackson did a great job introducing the play to us. Thank you to Miss Jenelle, Mrs. Nishi and Miss Julie for all of their dedicated work with the students. The fall play was made even more special because it marked our very first theatrical production in our new gymnasium!





Third Annual Thanksgiving Balloon Parade

Our TK and Kindergarten students held their third annual Thanksgiving Balloon Parade visiting all of our classrooms and displaying their very creative balloon creations! A great time was had by all. While the parents were waiting for the students to return from classroom visits they joined Fr. Louis for a decade of the Rosary. It was an hour filled with pure JOY!



Upcoming Events

November 30 - Report cards emailed home
December 3 - Advent Retreat for Parents 7 PM Parish Hall (date has changed)
December 9 - **Christmas Program 6:30 PM (Start Time Changed) TK and A Classes**
December 10 - **Christmas Program 6:30 PM (Start Time Changed) B Classes**

+ 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.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His mercy endures forever.
Psalm 107

Spirituality

"Let my heart and my body be undefiled, O Lord, that I may not be confounded." ~ St. Cecilia

Thursday Morning Rosary

Please join Fr. Louis, and other members of our SJB school community, on Thursday mornings as he leads a decade of the Rosary for our students, staff and all our personal intentions. Parents, grandparents, older or younger siblings - all are welcome! We meet immediately after the morning announcements.

This week let us lift our prayers for the intentions of:

Mrs. Amy Siino and Mr. Brian Barajas

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

Norie Encabo; Anna, Daniel and Nathan Escobar; Jayden and Jovanna Essam; Amelia Estevez; Santino Estrada; Julia and Owen Feinhals; Angel and Armand Ferguson; and Olivia Fernandes.

Special Intentions:

- We pray for all those in our SJB and family communities who are battling illness, including Maggie Garcia, Ashley Dennis, Yolanda Diaz, Patty De La Cruz, and Martha Corral
- We pray for all family members of the SJB community who have passed away including: Ann Janette O'Flynn, Carol Reilly, Rich and Russ Quinn, Mariana Mikhail, Jimmy Collins, Delina Skarles and Gloria Tomei
- We pray for the homeless, the hungry and the lonely
- We pray for all unborn babies and their parents, especially for many mothers of the SJB community who are expecting babies
- We pray for our country's leaders that they may continue to lead us through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- We pray for unity and peace in our Country; and we pray for those throughout the world that are affected by war. May they soon know peace.
- We pray that all students and families of SJB have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Daily Prayer

O glorious St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr, you won the martyr's crown without renouncing your love for Jesus, the delight of your soul. We ask that you help us to be faithful in our love for Jesus, that, in the communion of the saints, we may praise Him twice in our song of rejoicing for the Blood that He shed, which gave us the grace to accomplish His will on earth.

Do you know someone in need of prayers? Do you need extra prayers?
If you have a special intention, and you'd like our SJB community to join you in prayer, please email Meg Cappelletti at capfam613@gmail.com

SPOTLIGHT ON Curriculum

Mrs. Challita 3B





Third grade students put their faith into action by harvesting fresh Swiss chard for an Orange County food bank, bringing the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity to life. With our wonderful parent chaperones leading by example, students experienced the joy of working together, serving families in need, and sharing the gifts of God's creation. Through this hands-on experience, our students were reminded that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference during this time of giving. They grew in their understanding of what it means to love our neighbors and be faithful stewards of God's creation.













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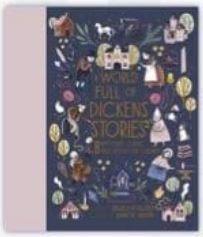
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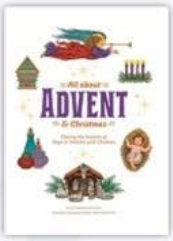
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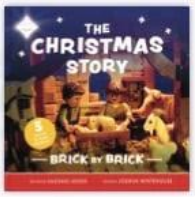
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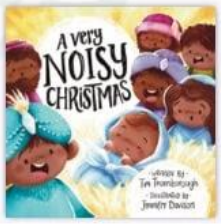
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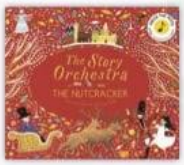
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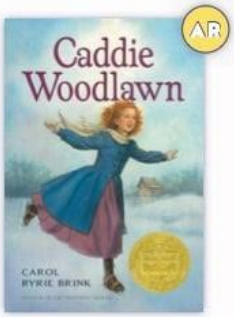
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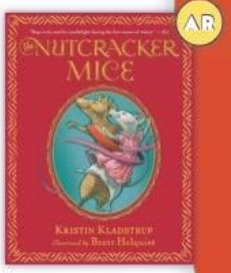
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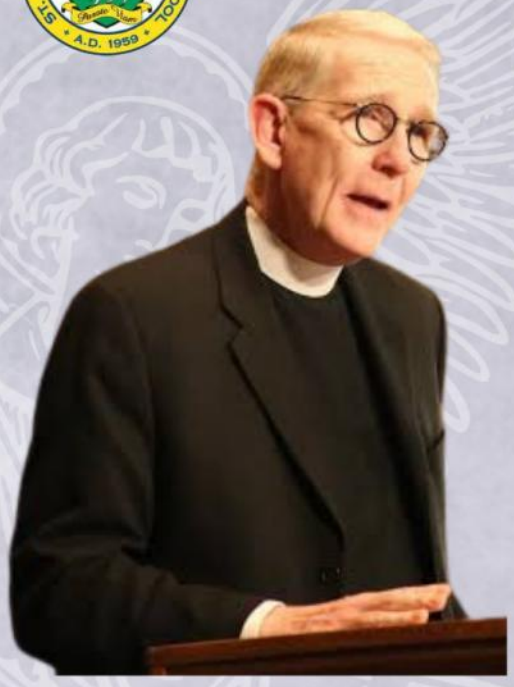
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DECEMBER 3, 2026
AFTER THE 5:30 P.M. MASS

TOPIC: POPE LEO – PART I

&

SATURDAY
Parish retreat day

DECEMBER 5, 2026
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS
9:00 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!

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Questions? email Mel Arizabal meleknee@gmail.com

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