



The Parish Connection

St. John Bosco School is shaping future leaders by providing academic excellence in a caring 4K-8 Catholic environment where God's gifts are nurtured and where faith is put into action.

St. John Bosco
Catholic School

Volume 8, Issue 5
November 2019

November – A Time for Gratitude

If each of the months of the year were assigned a quality, it might be said that March is lucky and July is independent, but November is always grateful. Although the Thanksgiving holiday comes at the end of November, it lends an atmosphere of gratitude to the entire month. This month also marks the end of the Church's liturgical year, while the calendar year begins the last stretch toward the finish line. Thus, it is a fitting time to reflect on all that we must be thankful for. Also, at this time of year, our thoughts often turn to those who have gone before us. We recall family members whose absence is felt at the Thanksgiving table and who live on through stories we share about them. May our memories of them warm our hearts and inspire our lives. Let us be thankful for those who have given us the gift of life and the gift of faith. In return for what we have received from these deceased loved ones, may we be faithful to them through our prayers and offerings on their behalf. Please remember the Holy Souls in your prayers this month and throughout the year. They will surely be grateful for your generosity and will not forget you when they reach heaven!

Let us be grateful as well for the faith, hope and love that we know through our Catholic faith. These three spiritual virtues are especially needed during our present times. The recent attack at an El Paso Walmart is a chilling reminder of the darkness and violence that exists within the human heart. We continue to pray for those who were lost that

day and for all those still recovering from this tragedy. Let us also pray that the goodness of human nature will become more evident in our society as we know that good will ultimately triumph over evil.

Most of all, we owe boundless gratitude to our loving God, who brought us into existence and keeps us there through His benevolent care. Our very lives are a gratuitous gift of God, as He does not need us in order to be happy or complete. Yet, He created each of us and sustains us with His love. It is to God that we owe the greatest debt of gratitude. It has been said that "Thank you" is the simplest prayer when addressed to God. G.K. Chesterton reflected that "thanks are the highest form of thought and gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." Indeed, God's goodness to us is a source of tremendous happiness and wonder. Let us strive to offer our lives as a living act of gratitude for all that God has done and continues to do for us.

I wish you and your loved ones a very happy Thanksgiving! Be assured of my gratitude for each of you and my prayers for your intentions.

Excerpts from Bishop Malone



Vickie Dassler
Principal

Annual School Fund Match

Only a few days remain to be a part of the Annual School Fund Drive match! We have two generous families who are matching up to \$30,000 in donations thru November 15th. Please consider donating!

Free Money for SJB

Continue to save Box tops for Education, Econo Foods receipts, and other HuTerra receipts such as Pick n Save, Target, and Walmart! This brings in THOUSANDS of dollars for our school.

Christmas by the Bay Parade

Please mark your calendars to join in cheering on the St. John Bosco students and staff who will be participating in the Christmas by the Bay Parade on Saturday, November 23rd, at 10:00am. The procession starts at Sawyer Park and ends on the Corner of Third Avenue and Jefferson Street. This year's float is being coordinated by our 4K and 5K parents, with the theme of 'This Little Light of Mine'.

Monthly Food Drive

Beginning in November and throughout the remainder of the school year, SJB students and staff will have a consistent food drive for specialty items. Items collected will be donated to our local food pantries including the site at Holy Name of Mary Church.

Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, November 26th led by our 1st Grade Students, who will be dressed as pilgrims and Native Americans.

Stay Informed about St. John Bosco

School Website – The website includes current news and a calendar of events for the current month.

<https://johnboscoschool.org>



Dozens of photos from school activities fill St. John Bosco's Facebook page. Anyone can access it from our website.



Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch 2019

St. John Bosco School participated in The Great Apple Crunch during lunch on October 10th.



The Cove Preserve



The 7th and 8th Graders took a Science field trip to The Cove Preserve

through Crossroads in mid-October. They worked with archaeologists, and were able to uncover bone fragments, chert, and pottery.



Parent Teacher Conferences

St. John Bosco's first quarter ended on October 31st. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, and Thursday, November 7th.

Veteran's Day Mailing

Students have been busy writing our Veteran's Day letters. We will be mailing out over 200 letters. Please call the school office by Monday morning if you need to add a veteran to our list.

Girls Basketball

Our girls' basketball team wrapped up their season on Tuesday, October 29th at Sturgeon Bay. Both teams had a great season of fun, growth and development! Thanks to all our wonderful coaches.



Pictures from Blessing of the Animals

St. John Bosco School students celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th by bringing their pets and stuffed animals to school for a special blessing.



We gathered outside prior to the start of our school day. Thanks to Fr. Ryan and Deacon Mark for blessing our favorites

of God's creatures!

5th Grade Field Trip to Potawatomi

For science class, the 5th graders explored Potawatomi State Park in search of different types of leaves. While learning about vascular plants and leaf venation patterns, students classified leaves they found in the park!



Fire Safety Prize



Congratulations to Mrs. Mueller's 1st grade class for receiving a \$50 Walmart gift card to be used on classroom items from the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department. Classes were placed in a drawing after each student turned in his or her fire safety checklists. The gift card was presented by Assistant Fire Chief Kalin Montevideo.

Middle School Religion

Mrs. Price's Middle School religion classes used cups to identify the correct order of the books of the Bible.



Then, they discussed the reasons the books are placed in this order.



PLTW Update

SJB update for Project Lead the Way. 7th and 8th grade



students started their Medical Detectives unit. They are studying what vital signs mean and how they work together.



The students will also experience "a medical

outbreak" in a community and will try to solve a mystery disease.

Virtus Session being Offered

SJB will be hosting a Protecting God's Children Virtus session on Monday, November 11th, from 6-9:30pm in the Grade 8 classroom. Call the school office at 920 743-4144 to register.

Scholastic Book Fair

SJB's Parent Association is coordinating a Scholastic Book Fair this week. Parishioners are invited to shop the Book Fair this Wednesday, November 6th from 8:00am-3:30pm. Consider buying a book for a grandchild, a godchild or a neighbor and supporting our school at the same time!