

Upcoming Events

- 02/18/15—Mass 8:30am
- 02/19/15—Religion Scholars' Bowl in Birmingham
- 02/23/15—Children's Stations of the Cross—2:00pm
- 02/24/15—St. Jude's Math-a-Thon permission forms are due
- 02/26/15—Spring Pictures—OUT OF UNIFORM
- 02/27/15—Class Pictures—IN UNIFORM
- 03/03/15—Diocesan Accreditation Visit—SJB one of six schools visited for Diocesan Accreditation

† Mass Schedule †

Saturday Evening 5:30pm
 Sundays 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:30am & 5:30pm

Weekdays
 Monday—8:30am
 Tuesday—6:15am & 8:30am
 Wednesday—8:30am & 6:30pm
 Thursday—8:30am & 6:30pm
 Friday—8:30am

Holy Days 6:00am, 8:30am & 6:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 5:30pm—6:20pm
 Saturday 3:30pm—5:00pm (Other times by request)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday—Thursday 9:00am—6:00pm Friday 9:00am—noon
 First Friday 9:00am-9:00pm First Saturday 9:00am—10:00am

From the Desk of the Principal:

Please join me in extending a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to Mrs. Lisa Leide and Mrs. Rachel Landers, chairs for the GALA benefit. Words cannot express the profound appreciation we have to these two women and their entire family for the dedication during the last several months. We also extend a **thank you** to the many, many volunteers, leads of the various committees and all the workers of those committees—**THANK YOU! The evening was spectacular.**



AFTER SCHOOL CARE WILL CLOSE AT 4:30PM ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Lenten service projects:

- Rice bowl** – coming home with students today. Please encourage the children to give from their own resources.
- Math-a-thon** – information coming home today. SJB rotates this project and Jump Rope for Heart, two incredibly worthwhile organizations. Please consider having your student participate. All proceeds go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.
- Canned food drive** – dates TBD. We will have another large canned food drive to help SVDP during this season of Lent. Dates will be announced a bit later.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE:

As part of our accreditation process, SJB will have an early dismissal (1:00 pm) on April 20, 2015. This allows our teachers to participate in professional development to work towards achieving our goals. After school care will be open until 6:00 pm on this day.

ST. JUDE'S MATH-A-THON 2015

After more than 35 years, *Math-A-Thon* is America's largest education-based fundraiser. Since its inception, St. Jude has developed protocols that have helped bring survival rates for childhood cancers from less than 20 percent to more than 80 percent overall. Your participation in the *Math-A-Thon* program makes it possible for St. Jude to treat patients from all 50 states and around the world regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Quick Facts about St. Jude:

- ✓ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, maintains 78 inpatient beds and treats upwards of 260 patients each day.
- ✓ On average, 5,700 patients visit the hospital each year, most of whom are treated on an outpatient basis.
- ✓ In 1962, the survival rate for acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common form of childhood cancer, was 4 percent. Today, the survival rate for this once deadly disease is 94 percent thanks to research and treatment protocols developed at St. Jude.
- ✓ The daily operating cost for St. Jude is \$1.5 million, which is primarily covered by public contributions.

In today's folder you will find a **Math-A-Thon permission form**. If you want to allow your child to participate, please fill out the consent form, tear it off, and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by **Tuesday, February 24, 2015.**

As always, remember our students do not go door-to-door to solicit contributions.

Thanks for helping us support this worthwhile cause.

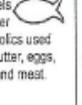
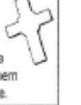
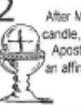
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2015 Family Lent Calendar

 = a day of fasting and abstinence from meat
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>			18 Take your family to an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes all day. 	19 Tape a drawing of a vase on the fridge and label it, "Lent." Each day draw a flower in the vase and watch Lent blossom. 	20  Share a meatless family meal. Discuss your Lenten offerings to be sure all are doable and sacrificial.	21 Choose a family Lenten offering, such as giving up desserts, attending daily Mass, or praying a family Rosary regularly.
22 After Mass today, explain the Gospel and the homily in terms your children can understand. 	23 Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS, www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help any of their ongoing projects.	24 Invent a new family prayer you can say together each day. 	25 Take stock of how your Lenten fasts are going, and refresh your commitment to them.	26 Before eating your family meal together, ask each person to say a spontaneous prayer. 	27  Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.	28 Turn off the television, unplug the computers, and take the phone off the hook for a half hour to pray a family Rosary. 
1 Before Mass today, pick a saint represented in one of the statues in your church and find out more about him or her during Lent.	2 Collect stuffed animals or soft pillows in good condition and bring them to a local nursing home. Older folks love soft things to hug.	3 Ask each person to share a game, toy, or treat with someone else in your home.	4 Plan how each of you can show kindness or compassion to someone else tomorrow. 	5 Think of someone you don't like and say three nice things about him or her.	6 Figure out how much your family saved by not eating meat today, and put that money in the poor box at church. 	7 At bedtime say, "Let's turn our hearts to God and think of him." Sit in silence together for a few minutes.
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15 Laetare Sunday Have a special meal at home or a restaurant to celebrate the halfway point through Lent.	16 Pick a friend or neighbor and perform an anonymous good deed for him or her. 	17 Encourage all family members to refrain from bickering today. 	18 Say a short prayer before each cross or crucifix in your home. 	19 Make up a box for a needy family or homeless shelter. Put canned goods, clothing, toiletries, and gently used toys in it.	20 Serve pretzels as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat. 	21 Make simple crosses out of construction paper. Write on them, "He died for me," and post them around your home. 
22 After Mass, light a candle, and recite the Apostle's Creed as an affirmation of faith. 	23 Pray for the victims of natural disasters all over the world. 	24 Send a card to someone who might need cheering today. 	25 Give up a favorite toy or treat just for today. 	26 Visit someone who is sick and can't leave home. 	27 Place any final donations in the box you set up. Make a family trip to deliver it to its destination. 	28 Go to Confession or attend a Reconciliation Service. Then go out afterwards to celebrate forgiveness.
29 Have a Palm Sunday procession around the house and take turns playing Jesus. 	30 Take a walk outside and look for signs of new life. 	31 Forgive someone who hurt you today. 	1 Get up 15 minutes earlier than usual today and pray as a family.	2 Wash and dry each other's feet in commemoration of Jesus washing the feet of his Apostles.	3  Pray the Stations of the Cross as a family today, and meditate on each one.	4 Dress a doll in a white garment and talk about the Baptismal vows we renew each year.