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**May 09, 2018**

*Upcoming Events*

05/11/18—Spirit Shirt Day  
 05/16/18—Mass @ 8:30am  
 05/17/18—Field Day—Middle School  
 05/18/18—Field Day—Elementary School  
 05/21/18—Honors Day—3rd thru 8th grades in gym 1:30pm  
 05/22/18—8th Grade Graduation Mass  
 05/22/18—Used Uniform Drop Off  
 05/23/18—Used Uniform Sale—K4 Wing  
 05/24/18—Used Uniform Sale—K4 Wing  
 05/24/18—Mass @ 8:30am  
 05/24/18—K5 Graduation  
 05/24/18—End of 2017-18 Q4  
 05/24/18—Last Day for Students—Noon Dismissal—NO BASC

**BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS:** All accounts must be settled before final report cards are mailed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

**Used Uniform Sale & Consign**

**Sale: Wednesday, May 23rd 7:30am to 3:30pm  
Thursday, May 24th 7:30am to 9:30am**

**To Donate: Drop Off 05/22/18—7:30am to Noon K4 Wing Entrance or Morning Car Line  
To Consign: Instructions on website (click on Icon)**

**2017-18 Yearbooks are still available for purchasing price of \$45.00.**

If you would like the yearbook personalized, it is an additional \$5.00

**DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MAY 18TH.**

Please make sure names are entered correctly as that is how they appear on the book.

To order yearbooks go to [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

Enter order code 1985818

**† Mass Schedule †**  
Saturday Morning 8:30 AM & Evening 5:30 PM  
Sunday 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5:30 PM

**Weekdays**

Monday 8:30 AM

Tuesday 6:15 AM & 8:30 AM

Wednesday 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Thursday 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM

**Holy Days** 6:00 AM, 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday & Thursday 5:30 PM – 6 :20 PM

Saturday 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (Other times by request)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—6:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM—Noon

First Friday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM

First Saturday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

**SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19**

(This is offered for rising K5 thru 5th grades only.)

Two ways to purchase: on-line or order form

Paper Orders Due: **05/11/18**

On-Line Orders Due: **05/18/18**

**FROM THE CLINIC:** Any student that has medication in the clinic needs to have it picked up by noon on May 24th. Parents may begin to pick it up beginning Monday, May 21st. Medications not picked up will be discarded.

**Reminder:** All medical paperwork is good for the current school year. You will be required to submit new paperwork for the school year 2018-19.

Any questions, please email Nurse Murdzek at [kmurdzek@stjohnb.com](mailto:kmurdzek@stjohnb.com).

Thank you.



**SCRIP NEWS:**

**Congratulations** to the 7th grade classes. They had a combined 43.64% family participation in the SCRIP program and earned an end of the year pizza party. 6th grade came in a close second with 36.17% participation and the K4 classes came in 3rd with 27.91% family participation. Second and third place classes won a popsicle party. Thank you, again, for supporting our school by using SCRIP.

**Upcoming Rebate Bonuses:** Red Robin 11%; Shutterfly 11%

**Current Rebate Bonuses:** Belk 10%; Express 12%; Honeybaked Ham 14%; JC Penney 7%; Top Gold 10%

Retailers listed in **BOLD** are carried **OnDemand** during school office hours and Friday morning carline sales. Contact your SCRIP coordinator at [sjscrip@gmail.com](mailto:sjscrip@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Fall sports registration for next school year is now open online. K4-6th soccer and 5th-6th volleyball are available. Visit our website at <http://www.stjohnb.com/ccsite/registration.html> to register. We're always looking for head coaches and assistant coaches, so if you might be interested, please fill out a coaching form which can also be found on our website.

St. John's will offer a free soccer coaches clinic for anyone that is coaching or is considering coaching soccer next year. The clinic will take place on Thursday, August 9 from 3:30-5:00pm. Please contact Meris Greges at [meris@outsideaides.com](mailto:meris@outsideaides.com) to sign up for the clinic or for more information.



Upcoming FCMS tryouts (for next year's 7th and 8th graders):



Volleyball: May 4,7-10, 5:30-7:30pm, JPll Gym  
 Football: May 8-11, 14-18, 5:00-6:30pm, JPll Practice Pad  
 Girls Basketball: May 11,14,15, 5:30-7:15pm, JPll Gym  
 Wrestling: June 11-15, 5:30-7:30pm, JPll Multipurpose Room  
 Cross Country: August TBD  
 Swim/Dive: August TBD  
 Indoor Track: November TBD

Physicals at JPll: May 23, 3:00pm, \$10

Please visit the Falcon Catholic Middle School page at <http://www.jp2falcons.org/athletics/> for links to the full sports calendar and additional information.

### Vacation Bible School June 11-15



We are still in need of adult station leaders and assistant leaders for this year's VBS. If you are interested in helping out this summer please contact Michelle Moore ASAP Phone: 256-541-1432 or [michellemoorekhtn1358@gmail.com](mailto:michellemoorekhtn1358@gmail.com),

### Class Portraits are available for purchase.

If you are interested in purchasing a class portrait, the office has a few copies of each grade. Please email [pkbryan@stjohnb.com](mailto:pkbryan@stjohnb.com) and advise which class. The cost is \$13.00.

### BOX TOPS NEWS:

Be sure to send your Box Tops in **THIS WEEK** for them to count for this collection period. All classes that send in 300 or more Box Tops will be rewarded with a popsicle party! Congratulations to the following teachers whose classrooms have earned a popsicle party:

**Mrs. Yoklic**  
**Mrs. Lones**  
**Mrs. McInnish**

Visit [www.btf.com](http://www.btf.com) for bonus offers, sweepstakes, and coupons for great products!

Please continue to send in your Box Tops, Tyson A+ Reward Labels, and Coke Rewards through the remainder of the school year. Be sure to save them over the summer, too! The enclosed bag is great to keep on your refrigerator to remind you to clip and save!



**Thursday, May 17th, 6 thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades**

**Friday, May 18th, K4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades**

### FIELD DAY DRESS CODE for K5 thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades

- Shorts must reach mid-thigh – no short shorts including Nike running shorts.
- No white or light colored t-shirts, no sleeveless shirts, spaghetti straps or muscle shirts.
- Shirts may not contain a message that is not in keeping with the teaching of our faith.
- Athletic shoes and socks only – no sandals, crocs, etc. Socks are required.
- Hats are not necessary but they are allowed. Students will be responsible to keep up with all their belongings, i.e sunglasses, etc.
- For additional clothing guidelines, please see handbook.
- NO GUM
- Students will be outside majority of the day, sunscreen is recommended.

Students do not need money, but may bring a water bottle.

**Parents: If your child will be checked out early on field day, please let the homeroom teacher know ahead of time so the student can be packed up and ready to go.**

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May 2018

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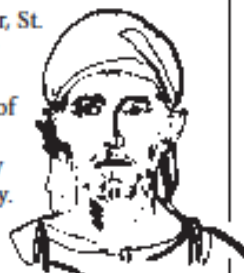
## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Joseph the Worker

As a carpenter, St. Joseph, earthly father to Jesus, used the work of his hands to serve his family and community.

He taught his Son his trade, working side-by-side in his shop. Jesus also learned dedication, integrity, and the dignity of work from the example of his earthly father.

As the protector of the Holy Family and the spouse of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is an example of strength and obedience and devotion to God.



### Our spiritual GPS

Children understand the importance of maps. When we want to travel somewhere new, a map or GPS can show us how to get there. The 10 Commandments are our spiritual GPS – if we follow them, we will get where we want to go.

*"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me"* (Matthew 18:4-5).



## Parenting tips from the Mother of God

God chose Mary to be the Mother of his Son, and gave her the preparation she needed to do the job. Jesus thought so highly of the mother she became, that his dying thoughts were of her. During this month for mothers, we can take parenting tips from the Mother of God:

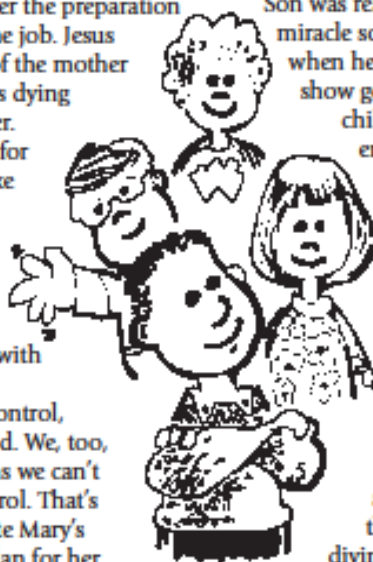
*"May it be done to me according to your word"* (Luke 1:38). When faced with events beyond her understanding or control, Mary leaned on God. We, too, encounter situations we can't understand or control. That's when we can imitate Mary's trust in God. His plan for her worked out better than she could have dreamed. The same will be true for us.

*"Do whatever he tells you"*

(John 2:5). Mary knew when her Son was ready for his first public miracle so she gently nudged him when he hesitated. We, too, can show gentle confidence in our children's competence and encourage them to reveal their strengths when they hesitate to believe in themselves.

*"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart...."* (Luke 2:19).

When the extraordinary happens, our first impulse is to tell someone. We want advice or attention. Yet, throughout life with her divine Son, Mary kept to herself and reflected in private moments. She sought only God's counsel because he knows best.



## Why Do Catholics Do That ?

### Why do Catholics call Mary our Mother?

Mary's role in history is to bring people to her Son. "The Virgin Mary... is clearly the mother of the members of Christ" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #963).

When Jesus hung on the cross, Mary and St.



John were there (John 19:26-27). Jesus told her, "Woman, behold your son," and to John, "Behold your mother." At that moment Mary became the mother of us all. Because of her special relationship to Jesus, she is the perfect intercessor for us.

## Make your home a church

Your home can be a domestic church in which you meet God every day. Try these suggestions for creating a sacred space:

**Give prayer a central place in your home.** Cover a table with a special cloth in the color of the liturgical season. Add a crucifix and small statues or pictures of saints, a family Rosary, a Bible, and add a candle. Leave space to kneel before it. No space for a prayer table? Fill a large basket with pillows, your Bible and some Rosaries, and take it wherever you can gather for prayer. Use it often.



**Add sacred objects.** Put a crucifix in every room, add holy water fonts, put up icons. Displaying sacred objects in each room of your home will help your family to remember that God is always with you.

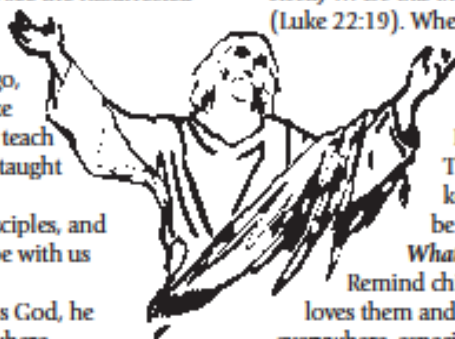
**Start personal spiritual traditions.** Pick days that are special to each of you – birthdays, patron saint feast days, anniversaries. Sing favorite hymns, recite prayers that you write yourselves. Read your favorite Scripture story or verse.

### Scripture LESSON

### Matthew 28:16-20, "I will be with you always."

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain-top in Galilee so the crowd with them could see the Resurrected Christ and get their final instructions: to go, baptize and make disciples, and to teach them all he had taught them. Jesus also promised his disciples, and us, that he will be with us always.

Because Jesus is God, he is present everywhere. However, we encounter him in a special way in the Sacraments, especially in Holy Communion. At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and wine, blessed



them and gave them to his disciples, saying, "This is my body ... (this is my blood) ... Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). When the priest prays

over the bread and wine at Mass, they become Jesus' Body and Blood. This is how Jesus keeps his promise to be with us always.

**What can a parent do?**  
Remind children that Jesus loves them and is with them everywhere, especially in the Sacraments. Tell them that in every Catholic church where the Eucharist is kept, Jesus is really present, waiting to spend time with them.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker (1st century).** Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

**May 20 – Pentecost (1st century).** Today, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles following the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.

**May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury (604).** Despite mistakes and failures, Augustine persevered as a missionary in rough and dangerous

times in England. Wisely, he purified and retained local customs into Christian rites. His efforts would eventually bear fruit in the conversion of England after his death.

**May 30 – St. Joan of Arc (1412).** The patron saint of France, St. Joan was inspired by God in a vision to lead the French to victory during the Hundred Year's War against England. Her troops successfully freed Orléans from the English. She was captured, sold to the English, and falsely accused of sorcery. She was canonized in 1920.



### Parent TALK

When my father died, we began visiting the cemetery regularly to pray for him. I noticed that some of the



surrounding graves looked neglected. They had dead flowers or mildew obscured the name on the stone. It was sad that the people buried there had no one

to take care of their memorials.

Prior to our next trip, we picked up cleaning supplies. We spiffed up the tombstones and cleaned up the areas around the graves. We said a prayer over each tombstone we cleaned for the person it named.

"Why are we doing this?" Tessa asked. "The dead people won't care."

I explained that caring for graves and praying for the people they contain is considered "burying the dead" – one of the Corporal Works of Mercy the Church asks us to do for others. I reminded the children that whatever kindness we do for others, we do for Jesus.

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## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Collect and clip box tops and send them to school with your child. When clipping your box tops, please be sure to clip outside the dotted line. Box Tops missing dates and/or codes, or expired Box Tops cannot be submitted.

## Each Box Top is worth 10¢!

(examples of unusable Box Tops)



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## Each label is worth 24¢!

(examples of a Tyson Project A+ Label)



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## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Visit <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/>, create an account and link it to St. John to donate directly to our school.

Alternatively, you can send the bottle caps and cardboard codes to school with your child and the Box Tops Committee will enter them for you.

## Each code is worth 5-38¢!

(examples of Coke codes)

