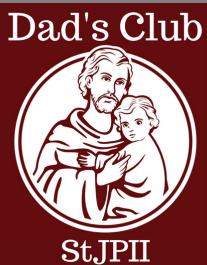


The StJPII community of parents, alumni, and friends are welcome to Friday All School Masses in the BAC at 8:30 a.m.

Grades assisting with Mass:

2/3 Grade 8 (Catholic Schools Week)	2/17 no Mass (Rosary/Adoration/Benediction)
2/10 Grade 5	2/22 Grade 7 (Ash Wednesday)

Parents are invited to bring their children to the optional 7:10 am Mass in the All Saints Chapel on Wednesdays.
What a beautiful way to start your day!



Dad's Club Retreat

February 7, 2023

St. Jude Hall

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The night will include a Mass
celebrated by Chaplain
Fr. Eamonn Shelly



Wisdom and Wine Retreat

February 2, 2023

All Saints Chapel

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

All Moms are welcome

Got Prayer Intentions?



If you or someone you know is in need of our prayers, please let us know. Scan the QR code to retrieve the Google form to fill out your intentions. The Prayer Warriors of StJPII will pray for these intentions. God Bless!



FEBRUARY 2023



Faith Focus

St. John Paul II Catholic School



“What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless..” ~ St. John Paul II

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

WHAT IS LENT?

Like Advent, when we prepare for Jesus' birth at Christmas, Lent is also a liturgical season of preparation, as we get ready for Easter—the Church's greatest celebration.

In contrast to Advent and Easter, Lent is more solemn.

The sacrament of reconciliation, when we ask for God's forgiveness, becomes more popular. The Stations of the Cross, a tradition often taking place on Fridays during Lent, allows us to walk with Jesus in His final Passion. Giving up meat and fasting on Fridays allows us to participate in the sacrifice. Purple (or violet) is the color of the Lenten season and this is reflected in the vestments that a priest wears, starting on Ash Wednesday. The "Gloria in Excelsis," normally sung in a celebratory manner, is omitted, as is the "Alleluia" which normally sung before the Gospel. "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory" often serves as a replacement.



WHEN IS LENT?

The first day of Lent is always Ash Wednesday, when we receive ashes on our forehead in the shape of a cross to remember our own mortality and begin our journey of penance. This year it begins on Feb. 22. Lent is 40 days long and ends on Holy Thursday.

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF LENT?

Lent draws its inspiration from the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert. The Gospels tell us that after His baptism, Jesus fasted in the desert and then was tempted by the devil. He resisted these temptations and then went to Galilee to begin a public ministry.

LENTEEN SACRIFICES

These can be valuable if they help increase our reliance on Jesus. The three key pillars characterize the Lenten season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity). The USCCB tells us that during Lent, "we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting."

February Virtue:

Cheerfulness

Looking on the bright side

Saints of the Month

PreK-2nd: St. John Bosco

3rd-5th: St. Philip Neri

6th-8th: St. B. Miguel Pro

February Service Project

Grade 5 will be making Valentines for people in retirement homes.



Rice Bowls - all classrooms will have a Rice Bowl on their prayer table during Lent.