January 24, 2022

Pause and Ponder

Companions on the Journey – Matthew 6:9-15

January Spiritual Work of Mercy – Forgive Others Willingly

Our Gospel selection for the month of January is The Lord’s Prayer, the perfect prayer given to us by Jesus himself. It is the model for all prayer incorporating adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and supplication within it. While volumes have been written about this prayer, let us focus on seven words of this 55 word prayer – “Give us this day our daily bread.”

What is our daily bread and how courageous are we to ask for it? Jesus, the Bread of Life, is certainly the daily bread we seek to live each day in the Reign of God. With him we face both the joys and the challenges of the day, assured that all shall be well. But do we have the courage to believe it? When we ask for Jesus and what his reign brings to us this day, we place our trust in the One who can protect and preserve us throughout the day, in good times and in bad times. We open ourselves to the possibilities and problems of this day ready to meet and greet them in faith, hope, and love. This month may our confident prayer be for the Bread of Life and the daily bread life brings our way.

Yours in St. Francis,

Mr. Richard D. Hart

Principal
**Thank you**

On behalf of our faculty and staff, we offer our sincerest thanks for your generosity this holiday season. Also, we are grateful for all of the work done by our wonderful volunteers hosting Christmas celebrations for our students. We are truly appreciative!

**Current COVID-19 Information:**

It is vital for record keeping that you continue to report all absences to the school nurse, as well as to their teachers. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

We have created a SJB COVID-19 Portal page on our website. Go to [www.sjbdel.org](http://www.sjbdel.org) and hover over the “Parents Tab”. Click the last link “COVID-19 PORTAL” which will have information such as SJB Statistics, CDC information, Sign-up for free testing, Testing Sites, Vaccine Information, Test to Stay information, Quarantine protocols and Diocesan Guidelines. The statistics page will be updated daily. Notification letters will no longer be sent out.

**Open House**

SJB Open Houses are coming up! Please share the news with your family and friends.

3, 4 and Kindergarten Open House will take place Wednesday, 2/9/2022 at 6:30.

Grades 1-8 Open House will take place Thursday, 2/10/2022 at 6:30.

**Day of Giving**

It’s time for the 3rd Annual Electronic Many Gifts, One Nation Day of Giving to be held during Catholic Schools Week! The donation time frame is Tuesday, Feb. 1st from 12:00 p.m. to Wednesday, Feb. 2nd 12:00 p.m. Last year, due to your generosity and overwhelming support, we raised over $51,000.00. These funds enabled us to purchase and implement our new Reading program for our Kindergarten through 5th grades for the 21-22 school year. In light of this very different school year and our inability to fundraise, Many Gifts, One Nation Day of Giving is extremely important for our school. Due to COVID-19, we will not be able to host our bi-annual Bid-A-Mania this year as planned. This event normally generates significant funds for our school. Our goal this year is $25,000.00. We ask all those who participated last year to please participate this year. If you are able, increase your gift! If each school family gives $60.00 to the Day of Giving, we will meet our goal. Share the good news of St. John the Beloved School and share this Day of Giving information with family and friends; perhaps inviting Grandparents to be supportive of their grandchildren’s school. If you did not participate last year, please consider participating this year. All monies raised are totally dedicated to St. John the Beloved School.
Catholic Schools Week Schedule

Faith, Excellence, Service
January 31 – February 4, 2022

During this week, SJB will conduct a Service Project to help the Ministry of Caring which is directly involved with the homeless population in our area. Each homeroom will be assigned a specific item or items to bring into school. All items are due to the homeroom teachers no later than Monday, February 7th. Thank you for your support!

Monday, January 31
- Gym Uniforms and white sole sneakers
  - Bowling Day and Chick-Fil-A lunch (for those who order)
  - 8:40 a.m. Grades K, 8, 1 & 7 board buses to bowling alley
  - 10 a.m. Dance Party for EC 3 & 4 in the gym
  - 11:15 a.m. Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 board buses to bowling alley

Tuesday, February 1
- Many Gifts, One Nation Day of Giving begins at noon
- Bowling Activity - Grade 3 @ 9:10, Grade 4 @ 7:40, Grade 5 @ 1 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2
- Catholic Schools Week Liturgy and Peacemaker Awards 9:30 a.m.: K-8
- Many Gifts, One Nation Day of Giving ends at noon

Thursday, February 3
- Pajama Dress Down Day
- Home & School PIZZA LUNCH for all students (No Hot Lunch)
- BINGO at Lunch!
  - 10:30 Grades 1 & 2
  - 11:25 Grades 3 - 5
  - 12:15 Grades 6 - 8

Friday, February 4
- Spirit Wear Dress Down Day
- Jungle John Pre-K3: 8:30; Pre-K4: 9:10; Kindergarten 9:50 - Gym
- Grade 8 Volleyball Game 1:30 p.m. Grades 6 – 8 attend
2021-2022 School Calendar

Please remember to check the school calendar regularly for additional events and more details. **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all activities are tentative.** We will evaluate our ability to host each event as we are closer to each date keeping in mind the most current guidelines.

**Coming Soon**

Please keep an eye on your in-box for the following communications:

- Catholic Schools Week Service Project
- Valentine’s Day and St. Patrick’s Day themed Dress Down Days
- Ash Wednesday
- Easter Basket Collection