



# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

513 Parkside Circle, Streamwood, IL 60107

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Dear Parents and Guardians of St. John the Evangelist School,

**Note from Mrs. Wennerstrom:** Today, Ash Wednesday, is a special day we celebrate as Catholics as we begin the Lenten season. It is an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection. It is also a time for us, as Catholics, to become closer to God through prayer, fasting, and giving. As you gather around the dinner table this evening, I hope you will take some time as a family to discuss Lent. Attached you will find a Lenten Family Calendar. I challenge each family to put God first this Lenten season as we prepare for Jesus' resurrection.

**5Essential Survey:** The 5Essential Survey is based on more than 20 years of research by the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research on five components found to be critical for school success: Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Involved Families, Supportive Environment, and Ambitious Instruction. As a school, we take time to review and analyze the data to help us identify strengths and weaknesses in our school and better target resources and interventions. We are always striving to be better and this survey gives us valuable information. In August, we take a day as a staff to discuss the results and create a school improvement plan using the input of the students, teachers, and parents. We ask every family to complete the survey so we can continue to make SJE the best school it can be.

**2021 Archdiocese of Chicago Parent Survey**

**Link to survey:** <http://survey.5-essentials.org/archchicago/survey/parent/>

**Trivia Night:** We are looking forward to spending Saturday evening in fundraising and fellowship at our SJE Virtual Trivia Night. The auction is opened and all families are invited to begin bidding. Thank you to Patti Wojnicz, Allison Kanyuh, and the School Board Members for all your hard work preparing for the event. It will be a night to remember as we remember the reason we host this event; our kids. See you there! <https://e.givesmart.com/events/kff/>

### **Important Dates**

2/19: Buona Beef Pizza Lunch

2/20: Trivia Night

2/21: Mother Daughter Paint Party

Sincerely,

Beth Wennerstrom, principal, and Ryan Binder, assistant principal

# LENTTEN FAMILY CALENDAR



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<p><b>First Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Attend Mass often. The Eucharist is our greatest communal prayer and a surefire way to encounter Jesus.</p>	<p>Pray with your family at mealtime. Make a point of praying for people in need.</p>	<p>At bedtime, pray for people who are homeless and sleeping on the streets tonight.</p>	<p>Be more courteous in your attitude, words, and deeds.</p>	<p>Make a list of ten things you are grateful for in your life.</p>	<p>Fast from criticizing others aloud or silently in your mind. Seek to understand instead.</p>	<p>Pray while creating a piece of artwork. Do something creative, and do so for the glory of God.</p>	
<p><b>Second Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Forego a favorite TV program for a week.</p>	<p>Go through your closets and donate usable clothing and household goods to a local charity.</p>	<p>Pay attention to someone you are tempted to brush aside.</p>	<p>Fast from gossip.</p>	<p>Pray at the sound of sirens from emergency vehicles. Pray for the people who might be in trouble.</p>	<p>Fast from e-mail, text messaging, or both for a day.</p>	<p>Speak less and listen more. Give others the gift of your undivided attention.</p>	
<p><b>Third Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Pray while you go for a walk.</p>	<p>Fast from overscheduling your time. Leave some time to simply be.</p>	<p>Curtail your extra spending and donate what you save to your chosen charity.</p>	<p>At the end of the day, take time to thank God for all the graces you received during the day.</p>	<p>Pray the Rosary or other traditional prayers of the Church. Realize that you are joining your voice to millions of others who have prayed these prayers through the years.</p>	<p>Fast from the habit, substance, practice, or mindset that most stands in the way of your growing closer to God.</p>	<p>While grocery shopping, purchase an additional day's supply of food and drop it off at a local food pantry.</p>	

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

During prayer, picture yourself meeting Jesus in a scene from the Gospels. Imagine your reaction and response.

Send a greeting card or a letter to a relative, friend, or fellow parishioner who is homebound.

Fast from eating food mindlessly, that is, from not even bothering to taste it.

Clean up a common area at work, in the neighborhood, or at home. Do it as a gift for the good of all.

Invite a widowed neighbor to join your family for a meal.

Fast from worrying. Trust God instead.

Plant a tree that will benefit future generations.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Pray for the willingness to seek forgiveness from people you have hurt.

Fast from light. Sit by the light of one candle in your home. Remember that Jesus has called you to be a light for the world.

Make a prayer out of performing a loving action for others. For example, when you take out the garbage or help your child with homework, do it mindfully.

Pick a day when you fast from using electronic appliances.

When you see or hear a news story about someone in trouble, pray for the person as a family.

Fast from hitting the snooze alarm. Get up and use the extra time for prayer.

At the grocery store, pray for the farmers and all those who help make available the food that you will bring to your table.

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Prayerfully read one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

**Monday of Holy Week**

Volunteer for a parish program that helps those in need.

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

Let a favorite hymn run through your mind as a prayer.

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

Fast from comparing yourself to others. We are all one in God.

**Holy Thursday**

Recognize your own needs and give them their due. Allow others to help you from time to time.

**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

Fast from complaining. Notice how often you are tempted to complain!

**Holy Saturday**

Be mindful of all that God has done for you.

*Notes and Reflections...*

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

Celebrate Easter!