

# Eagle News

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“Hope in God never disappoints.” Quote by Pope Leo XIV taken from Romans 5:5

## Upcoming Activities

**Baseball: 3/9:** AWAY @ St. Patrick's 4pm  
**Soccer: 3/2:** AWAY @ Grace Christian 4pm  
**3/9:** AWAY @ St. Patrick's 4pm  
**Golf: 3/12:** @ Foxfire

## Lenten Almsgiving Food Drive

Supporting St. Anthony's Food Pantry & Sacred Heart San Juan Diego Mission February 18- April 4. See attachment for more information.

Opportunity Scholarship Applications are open for the 2026-2027 school year! The priority application period for **new students runs from Feb.2 through March 2.**

Parents must **renew their students' Opportunity Scholarship** each year to receive priority over new applicants and continue to receive scholarship funds next year. Families who used scholarship funds in the fall log into MyPortal and respond to their offer by April 15.

## Important Dates

- **March 6, 13, 27 (4:00–6:00 PM):** Lenten Fish Fry in the Activity Center
- **March 11:** National Junior Honor Society Inaugural Grade 8 Induction Ceremony following Mass
- **March 12:** Writing and Art Project submissions due
- **March 13:** Teacher Workday- **NO SCHOOL**
- **March 20–21:** *Moana Jr.* production. Tickets on sale now
- **March 27:** Living Stations of the Cross
- **March 31:** Chrism Mass at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral attended by the Grade 8 class
- **April 3–10:** Spring Break
- **April 27–May 13:** iReady Diagnostic #3
- **April 28:** Baccalaureate Mass at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral with all diocesan 8th graders
- **April 30:** Pilgrimage to Washington, DC for Grades 6–8
- **May 16–23:** Ignatius Book Fair
- **May 22:** Field Day
- **June 15:** Summer Camp begins. Register today
- **April 23, 2027:** SJPII Gala at the Fair Barn

## Shoutouts & Gratitude

With sincere appreciation, we thank the many members of our community who share their time, talents, and generous spirit in service to SJPII.

- **Nikki Givens, Fish Fry Chair,** for her outstanding leadership in organizing and coordinating this cherished Lenten tradition, recruiting volunteers, and thoughtfully creating welcoming themes for each week.
- **Our dedicated parent volunteers** generously give their time and energy to support the Fish Fry and strengthen our sense of community.
- **The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus** for preparing delicious meals and assisting with refreshments, helping to make each evening a joyful time of fellowship.
- **St. Anthony of Padua Parish,** and especially **Joe Farris,** for sharing the *Magnificat* Lenten booklets with our staff to enrich their prayer during this holy season.

**With deep gratitude for each of you and the many gifts you share in joyful service to God and to our SJPII school family.**

Dear SJPII Families,

This Wednesday, our school community was blessed to celebrate Mass with Fr. Kane, Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish. In his homily, Fr. Kane reflected on the story of Jonah, who at first disobeyed God's call to go to Nineveh and urge the people to turn their hearts back to kindness and righteousness. After being swallowed by a great sea creature and given the opportunity for repentance, Jonah chose obedience and faithfully carried out God's mission. Fr. Kane reminded us that when we make wrong choices, we, too, are called to change our hearts. We are invited to love as God loves, freely, generously, and without hesitation, and to seek opportunities each day to do good for others, showing kindness and charity to everyone we encounter.

The submission deadline for the SJPII Writing and Art Projects has been extended to **March 12.** We encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity to share their creativity and talents. Please see the attached flyer for additional details and submission information.

The SJPII Fish Fry is back for Lent. We invite you and your family to join us on Fridays during Lent for a delicious meal and fellowship with our school community. Please see the attached flyer for menu information and additional details.

Our SJPII App is now live. Be sure to download the free app, follow our social media pages, and subscribe to our YouTube channel to stay connected with all that is happening in our school community. We are currently featuring a special video created during Catholic Schools Week that highlights the pillars of our mission statement, thoughtfully shared by our students and teachers as they speak from the heart. The ending is sure to touch yours. We are SJPII!

As we continue through this holy season of Lent, we remain committed to our mission to form the hearts and minds of our students. We strive to nurture their spiritual growth, pursue academic excellence, foster personal responsibility, and inspire a spirit of service to others, all in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

May God bless you and your family.

Pax vobiscum,

Marian V. Kajfez

Principal