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

### National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, Fides et Ratio Chapter: Ainsley Atkins, Violet Blakely, Harlynn Bowns, Ryan Brackman, Hadley Bryant, Avy Capps, Cayden Cunanan, Achilles DiTuro, Tyler Frazer, Philip Kassop, Fulton Koltz, Esther Levendoski, Clara Maczko, Santiago Malagon, Owen McManamon, Elizabeth Nguyen, Camilla Penalillo, Lincoln Pfeiffer, Wyatt Reifensahl, Mackenzie Reynolds, Reiken Schneider, and Hailey Turner.

We commend these students for their dedication to scholarship, leadership, service, character, citizenship, and reverence. May God continue to guide them as they strive to serve as examples of faith and excellence within our school community.

### Important Dates

- **May 16–23:** Ignatius Book Fair - online ordering available before the on-site fair
- **May 19:** Camp Flintlock Grades 3-5
- **May 20–21:** Art Show displayed in the AC
- **May 22:** Field Day and **Noon Dismissal** (volunteers needed through Track it Forward)
- **May 28:** 8th Grade Graduation
- **June 15:** Summer Camp Begins - register today!
- **August 1:** Campus Clean-Up, Used Uniform Sale, and New Family Meet & Greet
- **August 19:** First Day of the 2026–2027 School Year
- **April 23, 2027:** SJPII Gala at the Fair Barn

### Sacred Heart First Communicants

Congratulations to our students who recently received the Eucharist for the first time at Sacred Heart Parish: Claire Bethea, Frazier Brackman, Asher Cunanan, Isabella Givens, Rachel Graham, Roman Kornegay, Maryn Murtaugh, Carson Peledge, Mateo Perez, Christina Starr, and Mitchell Willie, Jr. May Our Lord continue to bless you as you grow in faith and love for the Eucharist.

### Shoutouts

With grateful hearts, we extend our sincere appreciation to all who generously support and enrich our SJPII community.

#### Mrs. Canada

A special thank you to Mrs. Canada, mom of Henry and Scarlett vanBrenk, for creating and donating the beautiful live flower crown used during our May Crowning. Your thoughtful contribution added such grace and beauty to this special tribute honoring the Blessed Mother.

Dear SJPII Families,

On Wednesday, our school family was blessed to celebrate Mass with Fr. Forbes. In his homily, Fr. John reflected on the meaning of an advocate and reminded us that through the Holy Spirit, “God is always there...an advocate for all of us.”

We began Mass with our weekly decade of the Rosary and a brief explanation from Seminarian May about the tradition of crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary in May. During the May Crowning, the second-grade students processed in wearing their beautiful First Communion attire. Frazier Brackman carried the crown, and Jackie Shelton crowned the statue of the Blessed Mother. It was a beautiful tribute to Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

At the conclusion of Mass, we celebrated the National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony, led by the 2025–2026 eighth-grade members. The ceremony symbolized the passing of the torch to the incoming seventh-grade members. We commend these students for their dedication to scholarship, leadership, service, character, citizenship, and reverence.

Thursday evening, we gathered for our annual Sports Banquet, where athletes were recognized for their teamwork, dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship. We are grateful to Mrs. Flores, our Athletic Director, and to our coaches, parents, and athletes for representing SJPII so positively throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. Together, we remain committed to forming our students in spiritual growth, academic excellence, personal responsibility, and service to others in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic faith.

Pax vobiscum,

Marian V. Kajfez  
Principal