

# st. john's christian PRESCHOOL



Newsletter

March 2026

## Just Playing

When I'm building in the block area,  
Please don't say I'm "just playing."  
For you see, I'm learning as I play,  
About balances and shapes.  
Who knows, I may be an architect someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up,  
Setting the table, caring for the babies,  
Don't get the idea I'm "just playing."  
For you see, I'm learning as I play;  
I may be a mother or father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint  
Or standing at an easel,  
Or molding and shaping clay,  
Please don't let me hear you say,  
"He is just playing."  
For you see, I'm learning as I play.  
I'm expressing myself and being creative.  
I may be an artist or an inventor someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair  
"Reading" to an imaginary audience,  
Please don't laugh and think I'm "just playing."  
For you see, I'm learning as I play.  
I may be a teacher someday.

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs,  
Or packing my pockets with choice things I find,  
Don't pass it off as "just play."  
For you see, I'm learning as I play.  
I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle  
Or some "plaything" at my school,  
Please don't feel the time is wasted in 'play.'  
For you see, I'm learning as I play.  
I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.  
I may be in business someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods,  
Please don't think that because I enjoy it,  
It is 'just play.'  
I'm learning to follow direction and see  
differences.  
I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop,  
Run and move my body,  
Please don't say I'm "just playing."  
For you see, I'm learning as I play.  
I'm learning how my body works.  
I may be a doctor, nurse or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today,  
And I say, "I just played",  
Please don't misunderstand me.  
For you see, I'm learning as I play.  
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my  
work.  
I'm preparing for tomorrow.  
Today, I am a child and my work is play.

- Anita Wadley

## Lent and Easter



Lent is the church season that precedes Easter. Everyone is invited to Lent activities and worship at St John's!



experience the full joy of what Jesus did for us on the cross and raising from the dead. We can put away this alleluia for such a time as this so that we savor it when it returns on Easter Day. I invite you to consider joining me in hiding the alleluia until Easter. In the meantime, I love seeing your children each and every day so eager to learn and I wish you all wellness and blessing as we enter into spring.

Blessed Lent, Pastor Christine

<h1>All In</h1> <p>Lent 2026</p>	
<p><b>Holy Week</b>                  Palm &amp; Passion Sunday                  March 29 @ 9:00 AM</p> <p>Maundy Thursday                  April 2 @ 7:00 PM</p> <p>Good Friday                  April 3 @ 12:00 &amp; 7:00 PM</p> <p>Holy Saturday Vigil                  April 4 @ 7:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Each move we take                  will come with an                  invitation to follow                  God further into the                  unknown.</p> <p><small>Preachers' Notes for March 1, 2026, "All In for the Unknown," Justin Kosiec</small></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meals</b></p> <p>Soup Meals - 5:30 PM                  February - 18, 25                  March - 4, 11, 18, 25</p> <p>Ash Wednesday - 1:00 &amp; 5:30</p> <p><b>Palm Sunday Brunch</b>                  March 29 @ 10:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Schedule</b></p> <p>Sunday - 9:00 AM                  Feb. 22 - Mar. 22</p> <p>Wednesday - 7:00 PM                  Feb. 18 - Mar 25</p> <p>Ash Wednesday                  Feb. 18 @ 12:00 &amp; 7:00</p>

## Shrove Tuesday – Thank you!

The annual Shrove Tuesday fundraiser was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who worked, donated, ate and played at the event. The dinner, carnival, and silent auction raised a little over \$2,200.00. The funds are used for Operating Expenses at SJCP to help children learn a lot, have some fun and share God's love!

## Parent - Teacher Conferences

We will be offering parent teacher conferences for preschool families soon. Each classroom teacher has set aside some time to meet with parents about their child's preschool experience. Please watch class notes for the dates and sign up for a conference on the schedules that will be posted in the hallway. Please stay in conversation with your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns before or after that time. Thanks for sharing these wonderful children with us!



## Parent Activity Days

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** or **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** will be this year's Parent Activity Days at

S.J.C.P.. This is an opportunity for a parent, or another special grown-up, to come and spend time with our preschoolers. Please consider coming to share your time and an activity with S.J.C.P. students. Interested parents would come on their child's class day and time with a prepared activity for preschoolers. We plan to have students visit each activity for a short amount of time. In the past, we have had simple games, crafts, sports, music, or a special sharing of careers and hobbies. Exact times will be determined after we know how many adults will be participating. Please watch for a sign up near the preschool office. Our preschoolers and their teachers love these days!!

## Lent Blessings from Pr. Christine

Greetings dear preschool families! We are currently in the church season of Lent. Lent means "Spring" and is a time of reflection. It is often considered a quiet, and simpler time. One of the little rituals that I like to do to mark the start of this simpler time is by saying goodbye to the "alleluia" that we sing and say often all year round at worship. For about six weeks during Lent, we remove this little word so that by the time of Easter when it comes out again, we

## Registration for 2026-27

We continue to enroll children for the next school year at S.J.C.P. Classes are filling and we encourage interested families to come soon for a tour and find out more about our programs. Thank you for sharing SJCP with friends and family. There are updated brochures on the desk outside the Preschool office. Many families choose to enroll based upon the referrals of others. Please grab a couple of brochures to share. Thanks!



## Preschool Birthdays

Noah TTh Downing	March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Mrs. Downing	March 30 <sup>th</sup>

**May God bless you the whole year through!**



## **Hand Washing Reminder**

Please help your preschooler wash their hands before they enter the classroom each day. (many do it at the end of the day too 😊) With all the colds and flus going around we want to be sure to do everything we can to keep the germs down in the classroom. Thanks!

## March Sharing

Our classes are enjoying “sharing”. Please help your child select an appropriate item(s) for each week’s topic, put in the bag and bring it to school on his or her regular class time. Have fun!

**Sharing is listed on the March Calendar on the last page of this newsletter!!**

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 2- No School (EC schools closed)  
March 26- TTh Easter Celebration  
March 27- MWF Easter Celebration  
March 30-April 3- Spring Break-No School  
April 6<sup>th</sup> -Easter Monday-St. John’s closed

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>No Preschool (Eau Claire Schools Closed)</i>	3	4 <i>Family Lent Soup Supper and Activity at St John's 5:15pm</i>	5 <b><u>TTh Sharing</u></b> Something BIG	6 <b><u>MWF Sharing</u></b> Something BIG	7
8	9	10	11	12 <b><u>TTh Sharing</u></b> Makes a Noise	13 <b><u>MWF Sharing</u></b> Makes a Noise	14
15	16  <i>Library Storytime</i>	17	18	19  <i>Library Storytime</i> <b><u>TTh Sharing</u></b> Fits in an Egg	20 <b><u>MWF Sharing</u></b> Fits in an Egg	21
22	23	24	25	26 <b><u>Easter Celebration</u></b> 	27 <b><u>Easter Celebration</u></b> 	28
29	30 <b>Spring Break</b> No Preschool	31 <b>Spring Break</b> No Preschool	1 <b>Spring Break</b> No Preschool	2 <b>Spring Break</b> No Preschool	3 <b>Spring Break</b> No Preschool	4