Greetings,

What a beautiful day! God is good. Let’s get right down to business for the May 14 rundown:

- Our Cheeseburger in Paradise Auction is next week. The online bidding opens up on Monday. Please see Page 3 for more information. Go online and get registered to bid. Spread the word!

- A huge thank you to Sarah Sterling and Shauna Meyers for organizing the 8th Grade Road Rally that took place this afternoon. Thank you to the parents who drove the students from site to site. Last but certainly not least, thank you to the 10 Cheeseburger in Paradise Auction sponsors who hosted the challenges for our teams and gave out clues. It was a fun event and thank you, Jesus, for the beautiful weather!

- Second grade parents are invited to attend our school Mass on Monday, May 17 at 8:20. Our second graders are allowed to wear their First Communion best to Mass that morning. Parents, the back pews will be reserved for all of you. Parents only, please.

- On Wednesday of this past week the GCHD updated it’s close contact definition and close contact quarantine protocol. We will be following GCHD’s new “close contact” rule of 3 feet and a close contact quarantine of 10 days.

- We will continue our current mask and social distancing protocols for the duration of the school year. Also, we will continue to reserve the church for school only masses on Mondays and Fridays.

- Bishop Boyea is lifting the Holy Day of Obligation dispensation on Pentecost weekend. Starting with Masses on May 22 and 23rd, St. John will no longer have seating restrictions in the Church. St. John will continue to provide three spaces for worship (Church, Activity Center, Parking Lot) throughout the summer. Although the church itself will not have the seating restrictions, the Activity Center will still be arranged with social distancing measures in place. School masses for the remainder of the school year will remain the same with socially distanced seating and only students and teachers in attendance.

The first verse of the second reading for Mass this weekend is something I pray all of us as teachers and parents can live out as examples for our students. John writes to his followers in his letter, “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.” Please re-read that verse. It is powerful. How can we not be affected by those words? Our students need us to be examples of love so they in turn can live a life of love. Let this be our focus and our prayer for this week.

Thank you all and have a blessed weekend.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit
**Dear Friends and Family of St. John Parish,**

We regret to inform you that after numerous committee meetings, Applefest 2021 will not return to the normal routine this year. Due to Covid-19 and still many uncertainties regarding the state’s restrictions, it was decided that this would be the best option to continue to keep our parish and community safe and healthy.

Last year, thanks to you, we were able to present St. John $110,000 despite the many limitations and challenges. Fortunately, our parish will still provide festival activities similar to last year.

- You will be receiving your raffle tickets in May, the Grand Prize drawing will be held on Sunday, September 19th.
- Apple Pie pre-orders will begin in August and scheduled for pickup after weekend masses on September 18th and September 19th.
- The 2nd Annual Golf Outing will be Friday, September 10th @ The Preserve. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

If you would like to get more involved, please contact the parish office or email SJApplefest@gmail.com

All information will be shared on the Applefest website and weekly bulletin. Again, we know that these are extremely trying and difficult times, but we believe that we can count on your support of Applefest 2021 and we look forward to returning to “normal” for the Golden Celebration of 50 years of Applefest in 2022.

Thank you and God Bless,
Ryan and Miriam Sage

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**PARENT CALENDAR**

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**St. John School 2021 Auction**

**CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE**

**Saturday, May 22nd**

*Check in begins at 5pm*  
Blessing and Dinner served starting at 6pm

A big heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to our sponsors, donors and volunteers!

- Online Bidding Opens on May 17th!  
- Bidding will CLOSE the evening of May 22nd  
- Teacher/Staff items Close at 8:30pm  
- Gift Baskets/items Close at 9:00pm  
- Class Projects and VIP items Close at 9:30pm

**Thanks For Your Support!**

*All Proceeds Will Go to St. John School. We truly are grateful that you are helping support the students and staff of SJS!*

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**Save the Date**

for the  
**TREASURE RACE**

**June 8th at 6 PM**

Join us for this fun-filled fundraiser to support SJS. Stay tuned for more details.
Cheeseburger in Paradise

ONLINE BIDDING OPENS
MONDAY, MAY 17TH @ 12:01 a.m.!!

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO BID!!

“Take it all in... it’s as big as it seems. Count all your blessings. Remember your dreams.” Jimmy Buffett
ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Thank you:
- To Youth Minister, Alan Day, and our 8th graders for starting the process of cleaning up the outdoor Stations of the Cross.
- To the 8th grade parents who organized and chaperoned our 8th Grade Road Rally.
- Thank you to following businesses for being one of our Road Rally destinations: FEAST, Miller Industries, Niles Industrial, Rock Foundations, Sharp Funeral Homes, The State Bank, UB Station Café, Uncle Ray’s Dairyland, Vibe Well, Randy Wise

Prayers:
- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.

Today’s #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com

To stay up to date with parish events, click here for a link to the weekly parish bulletin.

DRIVE-IN MASS
Available during all weekend mass times
How it works:
+ Park in the designated parking area in the north parking lot during any of our weekend Masses
+ Tune your car’s radio to 88.3 FM
+ Watch the Mass on our outdoor screen as it is happening live in the Church
+ During communion, Extraordinary Ministers will come to your vehicle to distribute Holy Communion.
What toppings would you add to make the perfect cheeseburger?

**Mrs. Dawes:** I would add lettuce, tomatoes, dill pickles, mustard, ketchup, and mayo!

**Mrs. Whitney:** Ketchup, mustard, bacon, fried egg, and tomato

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