

# ***THE BUZZ:*** Academic Success Weekly Newsletter



## Spring Semester: Week 2 Issue

*Highlights from this issue:*

- **Shout Out:** Terry Check and Carrie Hoover
- **Events:** Talking Teaching (1/25), Gather event (1/31), The Forum (2/1), and CTL Faculty Development Workshop (2/12)
- **Updates:** Call for Award Nominations, Integrations Curriculum, Research & Grants, Faculty Athletic Representative and Instructional Technology

## Call for Award Nominations

**Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award:** An email was sent by [AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu](mailto:AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu) on 01/22/24 with a call for nominations of faculty for the Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award. The email also included information on eligibility, selection process, criteria and nominations information. ***The Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award recognizes contributions to students' gender education through curricular leadership, courses taught, scholarship, and/or mentoring of students independent of normal classroom teaching.*** Nominations due via forms manager by **February 16, 2024:** [Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award Nomination Form](#)

**Catholic Benedictine Educator Award:** An email was sent by [AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu](mailto:AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu) on 01/24/24 with a call for nominations of faculty for the Catholic Benedictine Educator Award. The email also included information on eligibility, selection process, criteria and nominations information. ***The Catholic Benedictine Educator Award recognizes creative engagement between the Catholic Benedictine tradition and teaching throughout the curriculum.*** Nominations due via forms manager by **February 13, 2024:** [Catholic Benedictine Educator Award Nomination Form](#)

## Integrations Curriculum

Based on your feedback, **important changes to embedded assessment were made in the Integrations Curriculum.** Faculty teaching IC designated courses this spring received an email with the updates on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the attached packet for full details of the updates. All changes were also made to the [IC Faculty Resources Canvas](#) page and all rubrics were updated in Canvas.

**Spring 2024 AR OPPORTUNITY for INTG 100 courses:** Fine Arts Programming is welcoming Leslie Barlow to the SJU Art Galleries this spring. Leslie is a Minneapolis based visual artist, her work revolves around reimaging relationships and identity. She is an art faculty member at the U of M and 2019 McKnight Fellow. Leslie's exhibition, entitled, *Record of Home/Hearts*, is set to run from January 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> at the SJU Galleries. The workshop or panel discussion (AR Event) be held on **Feb 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30am-11:30am at the SJU Art Building**. The workshop would consist of a talk between the panelists and break out small group discussions. If you are interested in bringing your class to the workshop and panel discussion for this AR event opportunity, please contact **CSB and SJU gallery manager, Becky Pflueger**, at 303-363-5792 or [rpflueger001@csbsju.edu](mailto:rpflueger001@csbsju.edu).

## Research & Grants Office

A shout out to **Terence Check** in the Strategic Communication Studies Department, who recently published an article, "Melodrama and Empathic Indignation," in the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, a journal which publishes peer-reviewed articles that take a rhetorical perspective on the texts, discourses, and cultural practices by which public beliefs and identities are constituted, empowered, and enacted. Congrats, Terry!

### Shout Outs

Want to Shout Out your own achievements or raise up one of our colleagues? Tell us about a new publication or book, an award or recognition, the launch or culmination of a project, and/or other accomplishments that your colleagues should know about. Click here to [Submit a Shout Out](#).

Join us this spring for weekly Talking Teaching and The Forum events! Get together with your colleagues to discuss teaching and learning or learn more about their scholarship & creative work. Check out the full Spring 2024 schedule: <https://www.csbsju.edu/research-and-grants-office/forum>

## Congratulations

**Dr. Carrie Hoover (Nursing)** has been announced as the Faculty Athletic Representative for the College of Saint Benedict. Dr. Hoover replaces **Dr. Emily Heying (Nutrition)** who served in the role since the Fall of 2020. Thank you to both Dr. Heying and Dr. Hoover for their commitment and service to CSB student-athletes and our institutions.

## Instructional Technology

Instructional Technology Day 2024 will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your ideas for sessions during a day of professional development: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/I7SDBISQ8B>

Did you know you and your students can use ChatGPT 4? In the Edge browser use the Copilot icon or in any other browser go to <https://copilot.microsoft.com> and logon with your CSB and SJU network account. Click [here](#) for more information on finding Copilot. A few new features in this version of ChatGPT:

- Cites sources much more accurately than previous versions,

- Synthesizes information more meaningfully,
- Communicates in different dialects,
- Recognizes and responds appropriately to emotional writing,
- Better at solving complicated math or chemistry problems, and
- Interprets images and graphics.

A [Canvas template](#) has been created that can be applied to your courses: one for Pages and one for Modules. Click [here](#) to take a look! If you'd like to try it out in a course, email [Cathy Robak](#) or call her at 320-363-5411.

We've often heard from faculty who want to be able to submit work on a student's behalf in Canvas. A newly released feature finally makes this possible! Click [here](#) for directions.

## Upcoming Events

**TODAY: Talking Teaching: *Incorporating Benedictine Principles into Any Course at CSB and SJU***

**3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, CSB Gorecki 120**

*Presenter: Rodger Narloch, Psychology*

*Sponsored by Office of Research & Grants and Center for Teaching & Learning*

This *Talking Teaching* session focuses on sharing strategies, assignments, and resources for incorporating Benedictine Principles into any course at CSB and SJU, including those courses that carry the Benedictine Raven designation. Rodger will open by sharing an approach he uses to help students gain a good depth of understanding a Benedictine way of life, a way that does not use The Rule or Benedictine Values as the primary organizing element. Come to discuss ways in which you can incorporate Benedictine Principles into your own courses across the disciplines.

**Gather featuring Dr. Andrew Towsey-Grishaw**

**4:30 p.m. Social, 5:00 p.m. Presentation/Performance, Wed., January 31<sup>st</sup>, SJU Great Hall**

*Sponsored by Office of Research & Grants*

Dr. Andrew Towsey-Grishaw (Music) presents and performs the life and work of Mexican composer, **Carlos Antonio de Padua Chávez**. Learn about the life and work of Carlos Antonio de Padua Chávez, one of the foremost classical music composers from Mexico of the 20th century. Dr. Towsey-Grishaw will discuss his life, significance, compositional style, and lasting impact in Mexico. The presentation will feature performances, in collaboration with Dr. Amy Grinsteiner, of "Madrigal para Viola y Piano" by Carlos Chávez and "Sonata para Viola y Piano" by José Pablo Moncayo, a student of Chávez." *Refreshments and cash bar.*

**The Forum: *Who's the Self in Self-Interest?: How Individualism Ruined Self-Interest and Morality***

**12:00 p.m., Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, SJU Alcuin 378**

*Presenter: Erica Stonestreet, Philosophy*

*Sponsored by Office of Research & Grants*

Self-interest is often (appropriately!) thought of as an opposite of the common good. But Erica suggests that the problem isn't self-interest: it's the standard Western conception of the self. When we change our understanding of what a "self" is to fit any of a number of alternative (and more

accurate) conceptions of human nature, we get more interesting, more complex, and less alarming views of self-interest. The moral of the story is that the way we think about human nature (our metaphysics) affects our sense of who matters and how we should treat others (our morality). Come for a tour of some different ways to frame human nature and the more hopeful views of self-interest they lead to.

## Inclusion, Equity and Justice Opportunities

### **Faculty Development Workshop: *Who are CSB/SJU Students? Cultivating Inclusive, Relationship-Rich Education and Student Success on Our Campuses***

**4:15 – 5:45 p.m., Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, CSB Gorecki 204**

*Sponsored by Center for Teaching and Learning*

Research has shown that the quality of relationships students form with peers, faculty, and staff are a primary contributor to student learning, well-being, and persistence -- particularly for first-generation and students of color. In this interactive session, Dean of Student Success, John Andrick, will present institutional data collected from CSB and SJU students, as well as a general understanding of where students coming out of K-12 are today. Faculty will then explore how they can intentionally contribute to the kinds of inclusive and relationship-rich educational experiences that are foundational to student learning and success on our campuses.

Questions? Please contact Laura Taylor ([ltaylor@csbsju.edu](mailto:ltaylor@csbsju.edu)).

### **Belong: An Inclusive Learning Community**

***Connections Are Everything: Fostering Campus Cultures of Learning, Belonging, and Thriving***  
**1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, [Zoom](#)**

*Sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges*

All faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to [register](#) and attend the *Connections Are Everything: Fostering Campus Cultures of Learning, Belonging, and Thriving* webinar on **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm (central time)**. This interactive 60-minute webinar will provide you insights to the critical role of student relationships in education and leave you with a renewed focus on prioritizing human connections institutionally.

We hope you will take advantage of this professional development opportunity to learn best practices for making our students feel more included on campus. Please see the attached packet for more information.

***We are developing a resource location for all of the Inclusion, Equity and Justice Opportunities posted in The Buzz. Please watch for more information in coming issues along with opportunities to submit development opportunities for colleagues that can be spotlighted in The Buzz.***

## Experience HUB

*Center for Global Education (CGE)*

**DEADLINE APPROACHING:** CGE is reminding students that **applications are due January 31st at noon** for 2024-2025 semester study abroad programs. Please encourage your students to

submit their applications before the deadline! Students are encouraged to stop by the Experience Hub or [schedule an appointment in the HIVE](#) with a CGE staff member to get help with their applications and questions.

## The Libraries

The Libraries are transitioning from supporting and teaching EndNote Web to Zotero. [Zotero](#) is open source and more accurate and user friendly than the current version of EndNote Web. Starting in Fall 2024, the Libraries will no longer offer training on EndNote or continue updating our [EndNote guide](#). The [Zotero Tutorial](#) is now available through the Libraries website. The [Additional Resources](#) page has steps for importing your EndNote Library to Zotero.

Please talk with [your liaison librarian](#) if you'd like a Zotero demonstration for your students or yourself.

## Buzz on Campus

The Center for Student Leadership & Engagement sends out a weekly newsletter to students called, "This Week @ CSB +SJU." Attached is this week's issue.

Benedictine Institute's next **"Building" Community**: 9:00–10:45 a.m., **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, CSB Schoenecker Commons.

### **Art Education Exhibition Reception**

*6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, CSB Benedicta Arts Center, Fallout Shelter Gallery  
Hosted by Art Club.*

Reception will include light snacks and refreshments, statements from the artists, and interactive activities.

### **Celebrating the Avon Hills: A conference for the whole family**

*8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, SJU Peter Engel Science Center  
Hosted by Outdoor U.*

Click [here](#) to view more information about the event and registration.

### **Lunch & Learn with Brendon Duffy, Archivist at CentraCare**

*11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday, January 29, CSB Upper Gorecki*

Brendon will be on campus to share how the Benedictine Sisters shaped healthcare in Central Minnesota. Lunch and Learn is provided by the Benedictine Institute and free of charge. They have reached capacity for the event, but if you'd like to join their waitlist, please email the Benedictine Institute at [bi@csbsju.edu](mailto:bi@csbsju.edu).

### **Benedictine Education Program**

The Benedictine Education Program offers is an opportunity for any employee, new or old, to gain an understanding of our Benedictine heritage and how faculty and staff might connect with it. They have four spring sessions: 2 at Saint Ben's, 1 at Saint John's, and 1 virtual, beginning soon. Please click [here](#) to get more information and register.

## More Information

**Do you have information for The Buzz?** If you have information you would like included in The Buzz please submit to this link: [The BUZZ information](#)

The Buzz can be found on the Academic Affairs website under related links.

<https://www.csbsju.edu/academic-affairs>



Faculty Development Workshop

# WHO ARE CSB/SJU STUDENTS?

**Cultivating Inclusive, Relationship-Rich Education and Student Success on Our Campuses**



**MONDAY,  
FEB. 12TH  
4:15-5:45PM  
GORECKI 204  
CSB**

Facilitated by  
Laura Taylor and  
John Andrick

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# Connections Are Everything

Fostering Campus Cultures of Learning, Belonging, and Thriving



Wednesday, February 28



2 - 3 p.m. ET



**Leo Lambert**

Professor of Education  
and President Emeritus  
*Elon University*



**Peter Felten**

Executive Director,  
Center for Engaged Learning  
*Elon University*



**Isis Artze-Vega**

College Provost and Vice  
President for Academic Affairs  
*Valencia College*



Discover how networks of student relationships with faculty, staff, and peers are essential to learning, belonging, identity, retention, and thriving.



Identify strategies campuses are employing to foster a sustained institutional culture focused on relationships, which must be nurtured by both grassroots innovations and top leadership.



Learn about free, open-access resources to help students develop strategies for relationship building, which is too often a “hidden curriculum” for first-generation college attendees.



Leave the session with a renewed sense of urgency about why now is the time to focus on human relationships as an institutional strategic imperative.



<https://bit.ly/3vNdTdB>

**Register Now!**

**ACUE**



The Council of  
Independent Colleges



# ***Gift to the Community***

How the Benedictine Sisters Shaped Healthcare in Central Minnesota

**Monday, January 29**

**11:30am – 12:30pm**

**Upper Gorecki at St. Ben's**



**Brendon Duffy, Archivist at CentraCare,** will share what circumstances led the Benedictine Sisters into hospital care in 1886 and how their leadership, entrepreneurial spirit and generosity led to the ultimate gift for Central Minnesota residents.



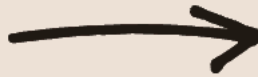
Lunch & Learn is free of charge and provided by the  Benedictine Institute

Registration required & space is limited, so sign up early on our website or via the Daily Bulletin link

Sponsored by the  
CSB/SJU Art Club

Art Club would like  
to invite you to:

# ART EDUCATION EXHIBITION



January 25th | 6 - 8 PM

Benedicta Art Center Fallout  
Gallery



37 South College  
Avenue, St. Joseph,  
Minnesota 56374

Contact:  
[artclub@csbsju.edu](mailto:artclub@csbsju.edu) with  
any questions.



# THIS WEEK @ CSB+SJU

January 22 – January 28

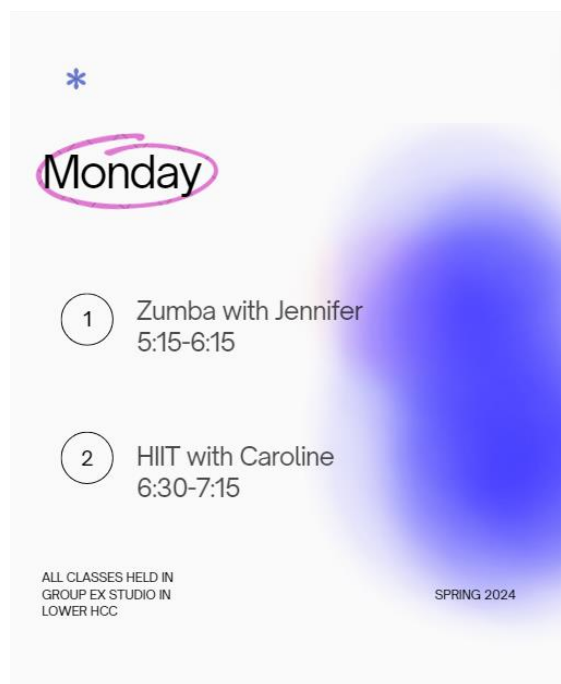
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[Submit an item](#) to this weekly email of events and activities for all CSB and SJU students.

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## Monday, January 22

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### Exercise Classes

Monday, January 22 | Zumba @ 5:15 – 6:15 PM

Monday, January 22 | HIIT @ 6:30 – 7:15 PM

Group Exercise Room, Lower HCC, CSB

CSB Campus Recreation

Interested in guided exercise classes? Get your sweat on at Zumba with Jennifer or HIIT with Caroline every Monday evening! More classes are in the works as well! We hope to see you there!

<https://www.instagram.com/csbrec/>



### Theater Auditions

Monday, January 22 | View Link for Time Slots

BAC, CSB

CSBSJU Theater

The Theater Department is holding auditions for Museum, directed by Kaarin Johnston. (A brief synopsis of the play: Audience members sit in a "museum gallery" and watch as 40 characters respond to the modern art. Visitors come and go commenting on what they like and don't like). Sign up below! [Sign up here!](#)



## Tuesday, January 23

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SPRING 2024

# CSBEATS AUDITIONS

**JAN 23**  
TUESDAY  
BAC A130  
7PM-9PM

**JAN 25**  
THURSDAY  
BAC A130  
7PM-9PM

**INFO**  
Prepare a verse and chorus of your fav song! (any genre)

If you can't make these times or have any questions, email us!  
csbeats@csbsju.edu

### CSBeats Auditions

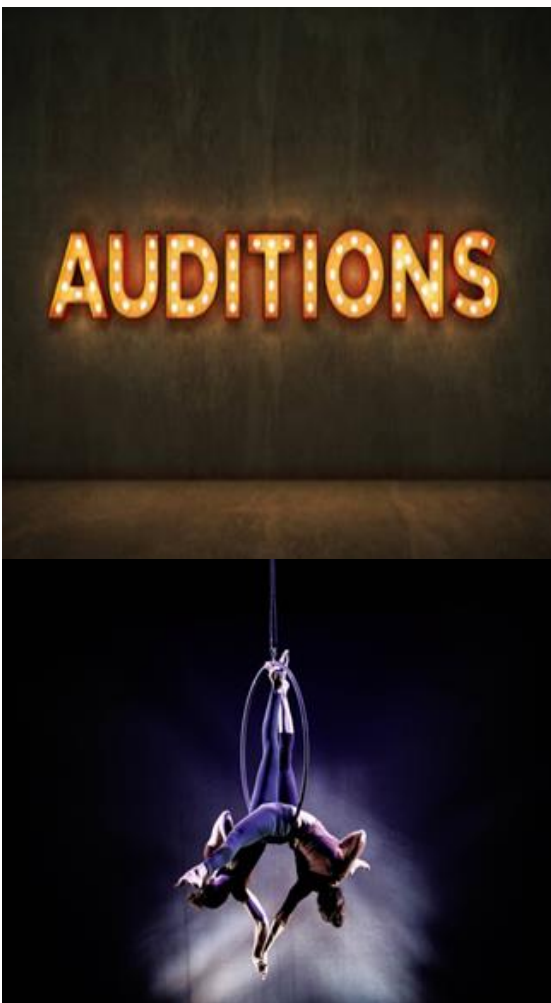
Tuesday, January 23 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM

BAC A130, CSB

CSBeats Acapella

Interested in acapella? Come audition for CSBeats acapella! Auditions will be held January 23 and January 25. Prepare a verse and chorus of your favorite song to audition! Good luck!

<https://www.instagram.com/csbeatsacapella/>



### Theater Auditions

Tuesday, January 23 | [View Link for Time Slots](#)

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### Dance Auditions

Tuesday, January 23 | [View Link for Time Slots](#)

Helgeson Dance Studio, CSB

CSBSJU Theater

The Theater Department is holding auditions for our upcoming production of Circus Extravaganza! We are looking for dancers, acrobats, jugglers or performers interested in physical comedy. Rehearsals begin in late January and performances are May 2-4. [Sign up here!](#)

## Wednesday, January 24

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The poster features a dark green background. At the top left is a circular collage of green icons representing various sustainability and climate-related concepts. To its right, the text 'COP28 UAE' is displayed in large, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the words 'Panel Event' are written in a smaller white font, flanked by horizontal lines. Further down, the text 'A discussion and debrief of the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai' is centered. Below that, it says 'Hear from a panel of CSB and SJU student delegates from COP28' and 'Moderated by Brother Denys Janiga, Faith and Environment Coordinator, OSB'. At the bottom, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the date 'JANUARY 24' and time '7:00-8:30 PM' on the left, and 'CSB, UPPER GORECKI 204' and 'TASTY REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED' on the right. The bottom half of the poster is a dark, textured area with the word 'AUDITIONS' in large, glowing, orange-yellow letters.

### **Conference of Parties**

Wednesday, January 24 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM  
Upper Gorecki 204, CSB  
Sustainability Office

The Sustainability Office invites students, staff, faculty, and the community to an evening debriefing of the 28th Conference of the Parties. Hear from a panel of student delegates that attended the conference and bring forward thoughts, ideas, and opinions of your own! Tasty refreshments will be provided!

<https://www.instagram.com/csbsjusustainability/?g=5>

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## Thursday, January 25

### Dance Auditions

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### BSU Meeting

Thursday, January 25 | 5:30 PM  
Brother Willies Pub, SJU  
CSBSJU Black Students Union

Please join us for BSU's first meeting of the semester! There will be fun games and prizes to win along with yummy food and beverages! We hope to see you there!

[https://www.instagram.com/csbsju\\_bsu/](https://www.instagram.com/csbsju_bsu/)



### CSBeats Auditions

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CSBeats Acapella

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any questions.






### Art Education Exhibition

Thursday, January 25 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
BAC Fallout Gallery, CSB  
CSBSJU Art Club

The Art Club would like to invite you to support our pre-service art educators at CSBSJU. This event provides the opportunity for future art teachers to demonstrate their dedication to their craft and passion for art. There will also be free fun take home activities for attendees!


<https://www.instagram.com/csbsjuartclub/>



*Sophomore's*

**BENNIE BREAD**

Jan 25th 7-8pm  
Margretta Lounge



CSB CAMPUS MINISTRY

### Sophomore's Bennie Bread

Thursday, January 25 | 7:00 – 8:00 PM  
Margretta Lounge, CSB  
CSB Campus Ministry

Sophomores! Come take a break from studying for a slice of delicious Bennie bread! We can't wait to chat and catch up with you! See you there!

<https://www.instagram.com/csbcampusministry/>

**Friday, January 26**

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**Friday, January 26th**  
1–4pm Atwood Memorial Center

### **Diversity Job and Internship Fair**

Friday, January 26 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM  
Atwood Memorial Center, SCSU  
XPD & Multicultural Student Center

The Diversity Job and Internship Fair is the largest diversity recruiting event of its kind in Minnesota, and gives employers direct, targeted access to talented students pursuing degrees in a wide variety of majors! There is optional transportation provided by XPD that departs CSB at 1:00 PM.

<https://www.instagram.com/msscscbsju/>

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## **Saturday, January 27**



### **Pickleball Tournament**

Saturday, January 27 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
HCC Field House, CSB  
CSB Recreation

Sign up to participate in a pickleball tournament this Saturday! All skill levels are welcome to compete in this fundraiser for Bennie tennis and softball! The cost to participate is \$80 per team.

For more information

visit: [https://www.bowetennisacademy.com/booking-calendar/2024-bennie-pickleball-tournament?referral=service\\_list\\_widget](https://www.bowetennisacademy.com/booking-calendar/2024-bennie-pickleball-tournament?referral=service_list_widget)

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## **Sunday, January 28**



**Student Mass**

Sunday, January 28 | 6:00 PM  
Sacred Heart Chapel, CSB

Sunday, January 28 | 9:00 PM  
The Abbey, SJU

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