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St. John ^{the} Baptist

Catholic Church

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**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

We are happy that you are here. If you are just visiting for today, we wish you God's guidance on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, parishioners are available after Mass to answer any questions and provide assistance with registrations. If you are over the age of 21 we ask you to register. You may also stop by the parish office during office hours to register.

Daily Mass

See page 5 for schedule

Communion Service

Monday & Saturday: 8 am

Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Rosary

Monday - Saturday: 7:25 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am

(nursery available at 9 am Mass)

Baptism

Call the parish office at 952.890.9465 to register for the next Baptism class:

Monday, January 11, 7 - 8:30 pm

Marriage

Contact a priest or a deacon at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available to those seriously ill or suffering from prolonged illness. Call the parish office for more information.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 4:30 pm

Office will be closed New Year's Day.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

For information including sign-up call

Jack at 952.882.9227 or

<http://pea.g-ware.org>

Adoration will be open for the New Year's Holiday

Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to

bulletin@stjohns-savage.org

by 10 am on Monday.

◆ ◆ ◆ **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK** ◆ ◆ ◆



During the Christmas season we regularly hear from the New Testament Letter of Saint John especially in the daily Mass. The words of Saint John's letter are a reflection on God as love. These are especially important for us during the season of Christmas as we celebrate God's gift of love born in human flesh. Jesus is the flesh and blood of God's love that we are called to follow and share. We see this take place in a unique way during the Christmas season. For

example helping the poor and less fortunate of our world. What Saint John challenges us to do is to share the gift of God's love not just at Christmas but throughout the year. As we soon begin a new calendar year, we can easily say that Saint John offers to each of us an interesting perspective for a New Year's resolution.

The feast of Saint John the Evangelist is Dec. 27. Because this day falls on a Sunday, the Day of the Lord always takes precedence. What follows is a reflection on the life of Saint John taken from *Steward Saints for Every Day* by Sharon Hueckels.

John, the beloved disciple, son of Zebedee and the brother of James, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus. Modern Scripture scholars disagree about whether or not he was also the writer of the Book of Revelation and the Gospel and Epistles that bear his name, but the controversy is less important than the lesson that can be learned from his life and writings. Jesus called him and loved him and used him to spread the Gospel of love. Privileged to be present at the transfiguration, asked to watch and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, and given the responsibility to protect and provide for Mary at the foot of the Cross, Saint John said "Yes!" to Jesus, and then spent the rest of his life faithfully following Him and helping others to know and love Him, too. "We have come to know and believe in the love God has for us," he writes. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in them." Follow and love – that's the condensed version of Saint John's life and writings and a sure recipe for good stewardship of our vocations and the gifts entrusted to us.

Best wishes for a blessed and prosperous New Year to all!

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & ROME** ◆ ◆ ◆

JOIN FR. TIX

on a 10-day Italian Renaissance Tour Oct. 11-21, 2010. Some of the places you will visit are: Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome. The cost of the trip includes round-trip transportation, accommodations in first-class hotels, admission fees to sites and two meals per day. You do not have to be a parishioner to participate. Brochures are available in the atrium and the parish office.



**DEVOTION TO THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

Join us on Saturday, Jan. 2, for the 8am Communion/Prayer service in the church followed by the Rosary and meditation in the Holy Family Chapel.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE ◆ ◆ ◆

KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

for all prospective parents and students is on Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 5:30-7:30pm. Join us for pizza at 5:30pm, a brief presentation at 6:20pm and tours at 7pm. Contact the school office at 952.890.6604 to make your reservation by Friday, Jan. 8.

Let St. John's School fill your child's school day with values you embrace and academic preparedness they will need to compete and succeed. Watch your child further grow as a complete and happy person who contributes in a positive, respectful, tolerant and nurturing manner. Feel secure knowing your school is constantly monitoring, evaluating, and adapting to keep students moving ahead and fully prepared for their high school of choice.

We offer:

- Small class sizes
- Integration of Christian values throughout the school day
- Close relationships with caring, experienced teachers
- Positive roll models
- Development of good interpersonal skills
- Academically challenging curriculum
- School uniforms
- Athletics (Go Chargers!)
- Extracurricular activities
- Free transportation within ISD 191
- In-house before and after school program
- Opportunities for community service
- Weekly Mass
- Financial assistance

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

BLOOD DRIVE

Reminder that the blood drive is on Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 2-7pm, in the parish center (use door #3). During this time of the year blood donations are down and the need increases. Please bring your Red Cross donor card or another form of ID when you give blood.

CATHOLIC, COFFEE & DESSERT ~ CCD

On Sunday, Jan. 10, from 6:30-8pm, in the atrium, Liz Kelly will present *Mary & The Saints*. She will introduce you to the Mother of God and the saints who serve as models of how we can live our faith. In her engaging and frank style, Liz explores the nuances of her richly textured Catholic faith, hoping to inspire others to see our faith with new eyes – a perfect start for a new year. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome. For more information about Adult CCD, contact Brenda Schroll at bschroll@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

JANUARY GATHERING

is on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 8:30am, in the atrium. Join us for refreshments and fellowship. Lisa Case will discuss the St. John's Respect Life Ministry as well as update us on the Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center.

SHARING AND CARING HANDS

will be the destination for our 55+ Group outing on Thursday, Jan. 14. We will leave from the parking lot at 9:15am and return by 1:30pm. We will tour Mary Jo Copeland's outreach to the poor and homeless located near downtown Minneapolis. After our tour we will stop for lunch. Cost is \$15 which is to cover the motor coach expense. RSVP to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114 by Monday, Jan. 11.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist Catholic community, established in 1854, continues its mission to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. As people of faith, we evangelize by worship, education, charity and social justice. God works through us as we share the blessings of our time, talent and treasure.



Parish Office
952.890.9465

Fr. Michael Tix, Pastor
Fr. Terry Weber, Weekend Presider
Rev. Mr. Jerry Little, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Bob Durham, Deacon
Christine Kelly, Accounting
Laurie Dietz, Administrative Assistant
Joyce Irlbeck, Administrative Assistant
Fred Fox, Business Administrator
Carol Radosevich, Communications
Ron Nord, Facilities Manager
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Faith Formation
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Andi Little, Director
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St. John the Baptist Catholic School
952.890.6604

Beth Behnke, Principal
Mike Smalley, Assistant Principal

Steppingstones Preschool
952.846.4663

Dora May, Director

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian community through the holy water of baptism:

- Ava Bryn Roberts*
- Gwenyth Jae Roberts*
- Samantha Marie Roberts*
- Oliver Charles Peterson*

MARRIAGE BANNs

Please remember *Candice Knight & Jon Duval* in your prayers as they prepare for their marriage.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† *John Bannigan*, uncle of *Cathy Abbott*

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to St. John’s Church in memory of *Kyle Beckel*. Let us remember Kyle and all the faithful departed in our prayers.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following people who recently joined our parish community:

- Travis & Kathleen Sacia ~*
- Caroline, Drew*
- Kristine Klemm*



- Vicker, Jorgenson & Waldrop Families

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER SOMEONE OR AN OCCASION IN A SPECIAL WAY?

For a donation of \$35, a plant will be placed by the statues of Mary and Joseph in the back of the church for a two week period. You may also have your intention published in the bulletin. If you are interested, call the parish office at 952.890.9465.

◆ ◆ ◆ **PARISH NEWS** ◆ ◆ ◆

FELLOWSHIP

is next weekend Jan. 2/3 in the atrium. Come and visit with other parishioners, both new and veteran and say hello! Cookies will be served after the Saturday 5pm Mass. Donuts will be served after the 7:30am, 9am and 11am Masses.

WE CARE SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND

Remember to bring non-perishable food items for the food shelves in Scott and Dakota Counties and leave items in the church entrances. Vern Hei of our parish has been driving the food donations to the food shelves for a number of years. We thank Vern, as well as those parishioner who assist Vern with the deliveries, for their dedication to this ministry along with everyone who has donated food. Many families will be helped because of your generous donations.

SUPPORT SJB BOOSTER CLUB NEXT WEEKEND

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer parked in the church parking lot Saturday or Sunday, Jan. 2/3.

LOAVES & FISHES, TOO

On Thursday, Jan. 7, volunteers from Loaves & Fishes, Too will prepare and serve dinner to the needy at St. Stephen’s Church in Minneapolis. If you would like to contribute a few hours of your time to help with this project call Pat Turgeon at 952.894.5888.

Did you know that Great Harvest Bread Company on County Rd. 42 donates bread to serve at Loaves & Fishes, Too?

NURSERY DURING 9AM SUNDAY MASS

Childcare is available for children 12 months to 4 years old in the nursery, which is located in the back of the church by the Holy Family Chapel. It is provided by a volunteer rotation of parents whose children attend the nursery. All parents must have a background check and VIRTUS training. The nursery is not available on holidays. For further information or questions contact Sarah Helm at 952.894.2080 or at sarah.helm@comcast.net.

◆ ◆ ◆ **PASTORAL CARE** ◆ ◆ ◆

CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

The next presentation will be on Monday, Jan. 4, at St. Thomas Beckett Church, 4455 South Robert Trail in Eagan. Brenda DeMotte will speak on *De-Stressing Divorce*. Registration is at 6:45pm, speaker at 7pm. Donation per session is \$2. New participants are welcome and encouraged to attend at any time. Call Jim Rylander for more information at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

YOUTH GRIEF SERVICES

is offering a seven-week grief support series for youth, ages four through 18. Parents are also supported through this series and attend their own groups while the children attend theirs. This series begins on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 6:45-7:45pm, at Ebenezer Ridges at 201 E. Nicollet Boulevard in Burnsville. There is no fee to attend, but participants need to pre-register by Thursday, Jan. 14. To register go to their website at www.youthgriefservices.org or call 952.892.2111.



Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

- Mt 2:1b-2

◆ ◆ ◆ **BOOK-N-GIFT STORE** ◆ ◆ ◆

STOP BY AND BROWSE

the display table for great gift ideas for Confirmation candidates who will be Confirmed on Thursday, Feb. 11. Our spiritually themed selections include crucifixes, prayer boxes, Holy Spirit necklaces, prayer books, laminated prayer cards, gift cards, etc. Any special requests? We have a special request box in our store.

LECTORS

January 2/3

5:00 pm Richard Gross
Craig Schoenecker
7:30 am Timothy Gwost
Jane Grevstad
9:00 am Rachel Goering
Garrick Shurts
11:00 am Janet Williams
Wilfred Williams

January 9/10

5:00 pm Ron Eustice
Margaret Eustice
7:30 am Dennis Peterson
Maureen Peterson
9:00 am Jessica Shurts
Teresa Hoffman
11:00 am Gene Abbott
Pete Mollner

ALTAR SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Dec. 29/30 Carrie Mannila
Jenny Mannila
Kristen Ober
Dec. 31 Jacob Smith
Saturday, January 2
5:00 pm Cristy Goerd
Emily Lerick
Lauren Warmka
Sunday, January 3
7:30 am Carrie Mannila
Jenny Mannila
9:00 am Kyle Thomas
Megan Cleary
Will Diedrick
11:00 am Jenna Kacheroski
Laura Wee
Shannon Wilson

Weekdays 8:00 am

Jan. 5/6 Brianna Fesenmaier
Daniel Voxland
Taylor Sernett
Jan. 7/8 Catherine Nardi
Heather Smith
Ian Lundquist
Saturday, January 9
5:00 pm Catherine Nardi
Jillian Radosevich
Kristen Ober
Sunday, January 10
7:30 am Dan Paulus, Jacob Smith
9:00 am Alex Kubicek
Matthew Kubicek
Sam Brunkow
11:00 am Mikayla Kelly
Molly Kate Jones
Tommy Adam

READINGS

For the week of December 27

Sun: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Mon: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Tue: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Wed: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Thu: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Fri: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21
Sat: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Sun: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12

For the week of January 3

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12
Mon: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thu: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14;
3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 28

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 am † Mary Trumble

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 am † Theresa Brunello

Thursday, December 31

8:00 am † Ralph Braun

2:00 pm Candice Knight &
Jon Duval Wedding

A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve

5:00 pm For the Parish

First Friday, January 1, New Year's Day

9:00 am † Jack Hilla

First Saturday, January 2

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Steven Studer

Sunday, January 3

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am † Doris Ernst

11:00 am † Margaret Skarupa

Monday, January 4

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 am Special Intention for
Rose Huttner

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 am † Jeanette Hoglin

Thursday, January 7

8:00 am Special Intention for Joe

9:25 am † Gerald Kleve
(School Mass)

Friday, January 8

8:00 am For Our Military

10:30 am † Rev. Timothy H. Vakoc
(Augustana Regent)

Saturday, January 9

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Gerald Klement

Sunday, January 10

7:30 am † Jim Ludowese

9:00 am † Beatrice (Rusty) Young

11:00 am For the Parish

USHER CAPTAINS

5:00 pm Gary Trapp

7:30 am Scott Wilgenbusch

9:00 am Bob Murphy

11:00 am Diane Hanson

Please call your team members for the months of January and February.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Tuesday, December 29
2:00 pm Blood Drive*
7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 30

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, January 1

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday, January 2

4:00 pm Saturday Singers

Saturday/Sunday, January 2/3

Fellowship/Can Collection/We Care*

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am AA Meeting



Monday, January 4

6:30 pm Troop 336

Tuesday, January 5

6:30 pm Stewardship Commission

7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council

7:00 pm Respect Life

7:00 pm SAC Meeting

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group &
Rosary for Life

Wednesday, January 6

8:30 am 55+ Group*

4:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:45 pm RE Gr. 1-6

4:15 pm Cherubim A Rehearsal

5:30 pm Cherubim B Rehearsal

6:30 pm Bible Study

6:45 pm RE Gr. 7-10 (on site classes)

Thursday, January 7

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 8

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

Saturday, January 9

4:00 pm Saturday Singers/Seraphim

Sunday, January 10

KC's Pancake Breakfast

8:00 am AA Meeting

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 am RCIA Program

6:00 pm Youth Ministry

6:30 pm Adult CCD*

There are no RE classes on Wednesday, Dec. 30 or Sunday School on Jan. 3. Elementary, junior and senior high religion classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Sunday School resumes on Jan. 10.



◆ ◆ ◆ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** ◆ ◆ ◆

REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

and parents to attend an important meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 6:30pm, in the church regarding this year's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition to the brief informational meeting, we will have a presentation by David Rinaldi. This is for all candidates and any parents who wish to attend. The topic of David's presentation is *Putting on the Armor of Christ*. Questions? Contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434. ALSO, all candidates must return their Candidate Information Form, which lists their chosen Confirmation name and sponsor, as soon as possible. Deadline was Dec. 7. Forms are available on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

OVERNIGHTS ARE COMING IN JANUARY

Children in grades 3 and 4 are invited to spend a night of faith, fun and fellowship at an overnight experience planned just for them and their parent chaperones.

- * Grade 4 overnight: Friday, Jan. 22, at 7pm - until Saturday, Jan. 23, at 8am. Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 11.
- * Grade 3 overnight: Friday, Jan. 29, at 7pm - until Saturday, Jan. 30, at 8am. Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 18.

Overnights include a wide variety of faith-focused activities including games, crafts, snacks, evening prayer, open gym time and even a bit of sleep. A continental breakfast is served before children return home. Cost is \$10 per child with financial assistance available. No child is denied the opportunity to participate. Friends are welcome. Registration forms are now available in the Education Office. For more information contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

WEE FAITH BEGINS FEBRUARY 13

WEE Faith is a parent-child program modeled after the Early Childhood Family program developed by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. This program is aimed at parents with children ages newborn to five years old. All family members are encouraged to participate. There is time for parent-child interaction, parent discussion time and a children's time. Parent-child time focuses on different aspects of our Catholic faith, allowing children and parents to learn and experience their faith together through a variety of hands-on activities. When parents meet together, they have the chance to share and learn from other parents who are committed to passing on their Catholic faith to their children.

Cost for the program is \$15 per family. The sessions will be on Saturday, Feb. 13, 20 and 27, from 9-11am. Registration is required and forms are available online at www.stjohns-savage.org and at the Education and Parish Offices. For more information contact Coordinator Joan Walerius at jwalerius@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

GOING BEYOND TEEN CHASTITY

Teens are facing unique challenges in our culture today. These challenges, especially those concerning sexuality and human and divine love, deserve more than the outdated “do this, don’t do that” approach to catechesis. Today’s challenges need to be addressed with a “new language” that explains how authentic Christianity makes sense because it corresponds perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart. *Theology of the Body for Teens* is an exciting and dynamic program based on Pope John Paul II’s revolutionary *Theology of the Body*. It will be offered to high school teens starting Sunday, Feb. 7, through March 14. **Parent only informational meeting** is on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 6pm, in the youth room. This program will give teens the answers and the tools they need to successfully and safely navigate through life. For more information contact Lori Taormina at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

CHILLFEST 2010

is on Friday, Jan. 29, and Saturday, Jan. 30, from 8pm to 6:30am, at St. Hubert’s Catholic Church in Chanhassen and Chaska Community Center. There will be swimming, ice skating, inflatables, laser tag, Karaoke and DJ, wallyball, nail salon, Snack Shop and more! Cost is \$40 per person and includes transportation to and from St. Hubert’s and Chaska Community Center. Registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 22, to ensure adequate adult chaperones are available.

◆ ◆ ◆ SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION ~ Marriage Enrichment Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 13, at St. John’s.
CELEBRATION! ~ A gala evening to remember on Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Wilds Golf Club in Prior Lake.**