



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Wayne Mosey and Rita Seifert

For making our church's landscaping Beautiful!

I am the vine and you are the branches. -John 15:5

St. John ^{the} Baptist

Catholic Church

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

If you are interested in joining our parish community and are at least 21 years of age, parishioners are available after weekend Masses to answer any questions and provide assistance with registration. You may also stop by the parish office during office hours to register.

Communion Service - May 19-24

Monday - Saturday 8 am

Rosary

Monday - Saturday 7:35 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, June 9, 7-8:30 pm

Marriage

Contact a priest or 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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

For information including sign-up: 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



Recently you have heard in announcements and read in the bulletin about our school's fourth grade Destination Imagination team that for the first time in our school's history is going to Global Competition. Beginning on Wednesday, May 21, young people from throughout the world, including places as far and wide as Poland and Guatemala, will gather in Knoxville, TN to showcase their gifts and talents in academics and teamwork. I am excited to say that I will be accompanying them to

Knoxville, and also helping to defray some of their costs as driver of their bus.

In my absence next Sunday at the 9am and 11am Masses, Fr. David Haschka will be here. Fr. David is a Jesuit priest and President of the newly opened Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Minneapolis. He will share the story of Cristo Rey as a national movement as well as how the new Catholic high school, that first opened this year in Minneapolis, came to be.

I will share with you that Cristo Rey first began in Chicago some years ago as a creative vision about providing education that includes a very unique public/private partnership never before seen that has now produced new Catholic high schools throughout the country. The story Fr. David will share is inspirational and clearly grounded in mission both for the Jesuits as well as the history of Catholic schools in the United States.

On a different note, I am pleased to announce that Fr. Terry Weber has received from his Bishop in Sioux Falls, SD a two-year extension to his sabbatical. When Fr. Terry told me the news my immediate words were, "I hope this means you want to continue here on weekends." His answer was a wholehearted, "Yes!" and I couldn't be happier. Please join me in thanking Fr. Terry for choosing to be here with us and sharing the many gifts he brings to our parish, as well as his continued full-time assignment as high school teacher at St. Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights.

Last but not least, as we return to the church's season of Ordinary Time you will soon notice a new green vestment donated by Kathy Joyce in memory of her husband, Tom. For years Tom was the head usher at the 5pm Mass on Saturday and easily recognized by his green sports coat. Kathy's preference of color was obvious. Thank you for this gift to the parish.

- Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENT ◆ ◆ ◆

MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOAT RIDE

The 55+ Group will host a Mississippi River Paddleford boat ride from Harriet Island in St. Paul on Thursday, July 17. We will leave from the church parking lot at 11am and return by 2:30pm. The cost is \$37 which includes the boat ride, boxed lunch, and motor coach bus. Guests of all ages are welcome. RSVP to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114, by Monday, July 7. Checks can be made payable to "St. John's."

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you new to our church and wish you had something to help you put names to faces? Well, help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. We look forward to “seeing you in pictures!”

New this time is our on-line appointment sign-ups. Go to our parish website at www.stjohns-savage.org and click on “pictorial directory schedule.” Sign-up at your convenience and get a reminder of your scheduled appointment via e-mail three days before your sitting. You may also sign-up after any of the Masses this weekend, June 7/8, or June 14/15.

Schedule your date today. Early sign-ups will get the first choice of times.

- ◆ Tuesday, July 29 to Friday, Aug.1 from 2:30 - 9pm
- ◆ Saturday, Aug. 2 from 10am - 4pm
- ◆ Monday, Aug. 4 to Friday, Aug. 8 from 2:30 - 9pm
- ◆ Tuesday, Aug. 19 to Friday, Aug. 22 from 2:30 - 9pm
- ◆ Saturday, Aug. 23 from 10am - 4pm
- ◆ Monday, Aug. 25 to Thursday, Aug. 28 from 2:30 - 9pm

To make our directory a success we need volunteers. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, telephoning our parishioners, or serving as a host or hostess during the actual photography sessions, contact Carol Radosevich at cradosevich@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9465, ext. 248.

RAISE THE ROOF RAFFLE AND PICNIC

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the second annual parish picnic and Raise the Roof raffle on Saturday, Aug. 2. An outdoor Mass will be at 5pm at Warren Butler Park in Savage followed by a potluck dinner.

Tickets are on sale now for the Raise the Roof raffle after all of the Masses and at the parish office. Cost of a ticket is \$100. Only 500 tickets will be sold! First prize is \$10,000. Proceeds will go to offset the cost of the new roof for the church.

Ticket information:

- The winners will be drawn at the parish picnic on Saturday, Aug. 2
- Winners need not be present to win
- One name per ticket
- Purchaser and winner must be 18 years of age or older

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

Pastor

Fr. Michael Tix..... ext. 111

Weekend Presider

Fr. Terry Weber..... ext. 130

Deacons

Jerry Little ext. 131

Bob Durham ext. 132

Facilities Manager

Ron Nord..... ext. 125

Director of Parish Life

Jim Rylander ext. 114

Director of Music & Liturgy

Karin Barrett..... ext. 116

Director of Pastoral Ministry

Bonnie Unzen..... ext. 120

Director of Finance & Business

Fred Fox ext. 112

Bookkeeper

Christine Kelly ext. 117

Director of Shared Ministry

Tracy Tredinnick..... ext. 118

Communications Coordinator

Carol Radosevich ext. 248

St. John the Baptist Catholic School 952.890.6604

Principal

Beth Behnke ext. 245

Assistant Principal

Mike Smalley ext. 234

St. John’s Steppingstones Preschool 952.846.4663

Dora May, Director ext. 244

Religious Education, 952.890.9434

Andi Little, Director ext. 249

Jan Jirik, Gr. 7-9..... ext. 236

Joan Walerius, Sunday School .. ext. 252

Lori Taormina, Youth Minister.....ext. 232

MARRIAGE BANNS

Please remember this couple in your prayers as they prepare for their marriage:

Bethany Tolle & Chase Amundson

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Dennis Brletich ~

Joseph, Rachel

Steve & Gabrielle Grommesch ~

Eldora

Jerry & Nicki Notermann ~

Jacob, Matthew

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, articles for the June 1 bulletin should be submitted to the parish office by 10am on Thursday, May 22.

The visionary follows what he cannot see, the wise man rises above reason, and the charitable man loves beyond passion.

READINGS

For the Week of May 18

Sun: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18

Mon: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

Tue: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

Wed: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40

Thu: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50

Fri: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12

Sat: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16

Sun: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/

1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Let us pray for those who care for the sick and the dying, that God might reward them for their dedication to the infinite value of every human life.

◆ ◆ ◆ MEMORIAL DAY MASS ◆ ◆ ◆

Honor family members, friends and neighbors on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, at St. John's Cemetery. At 9am the American Legion and Knights of Columbus will lead a prayer/memorial service, followed by **Mass at 10am**. The cemetery is located two blocks south of Williams Drive on Judicial Road.

Do you have a relative who served in the military and is buried at St. John's Cemetery? Call the parish office at 952.890.9465 to have an American flag placed on their grave for Memorial Day.

◆ ◆ ◆ CEMETERY UPDATE ◆ ◆ ◆

Thank you to St. John's Boy Scout Troop 336, their leaders and parents who participated in the Cemetery Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 10. At this time we also want to thank Paul Barton who designed the landscaping surrounding our new cemetery sign and flag poles.

As we approach Memorial Day and the traditional decorating of our parish cemetery, we want to remind you that potted plants or fresh flowers are permitted; **artificial flowers and wreaths are not permitted**. Flowers will be removed at the discretion of the cemetery custodians when they no longer enhance the appearance of the grounds.

Theft of cemetery flowers tends to be an increasing problem. We are partnering with the Burnsville police on this matter. Please report to the Burnsville police or parish office any suspicious activity, including license plate information.

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

SCHOENSTATT SISTERS

The next meeting with the Schoenstatt Sisters will be on Thursday, May 22, from 6:30-7:45pm, in the parish center. All girls in grades 1-6 are welcome. If you would like more information contact Sr. Deanne at sr.d.niehaus@usa.com or 507.794.7727 or Pam McSweeney at mcsweeney.pam@comcast.net or 952.808.0847.

CALLING ALL CULTURES

St. John's will host a *Taste of Nations* on Sunday, Oct. 26. We are looking for St. John's parishioners who represent a variety of cultures to join us. If you are interested in sharing your culture through your native cuisine or other artistic ways, contact Deb or Jon Pitton at 952.895.9401.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

- Jn 3:16-17

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

MOTHER'S DAY BANNER

The Respect Life Committee and St. John's School students joined efforts to celebrate life on Mother's Day weekend. A banner was created by St. John's art teacher Mrs. Piquette and students in the different art classes wrote a dedication to their mothers on the flowers and glued them to the banner. The banner is on display in the atrium.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Jump Rope for Heart had a big turn-out of 35 jumpers in the jump-a-thon. They raised \$1,021. A big THANK YOU to the top participant, Caitlin Giles, who brought in \$300. Way to go! All money raised helps support the American Heart Association. Thank you to all participants.

PRINCIPALS FOR THE DAY

As part of the *Celebration!* Gala auction on March 1, two students, Marissa Mahoney and Sydney Notermann, experienced what it was like to be the principal and assistant principal for the day on Wednesday, May 7. As part of their job they wrote and edited the Wednesday Newsletter, read stories to the younger students and checked uniforms.



◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Are you looking for a great way to serve this summer? If you are going to be in grades 9-12 this coming fall, you can be a leader for our Summer Stretch program. It is held every Wednesday starting June 25 through July 30 with the final day on Thursday, Aug. 7, at Valleyfair. If you are interested, contact Lori ASAP.

BRIDGING CEREMONY FOR 5TH GRADERS

will be on Saturday, May 31, from 6-9pm, in the Fr. Wittman Auditorium. Come and celebrate crossing over into youth ministry with a night filled with pop, candy, and lots of games! Registration forms can be found in the Education Office. Cost is \$5. If you have any questions, contact Lori.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

This league is open to 9th grade (going into) through 12th grade (just graduated) youth. Games are played Sunday afternoon, mid-June through early-August. We will carpool to the games. If you are interested in joining the St. John's team, contact Lori ASAP.

Contact Lori by e-mail at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org
or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, May 19**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Tuesday, May 20**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Wednesday, May 21**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
9:35 am † John Myshka
(School Mass)
- Thursday, May 22**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Friday, May 23**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Saturday, May 24**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
5:00 pm Special Intention for the
U. S. Military
- Sunday, May 25**
7:30 am † Richard O'Keefe
9:00 am †† Dominic & Maria Luy
11:00 am † Jeanne McCormick

LECTORS

- May 24/25**
5:00 pm Richard Gross
Amy Roethke
7:30 am Maureen & Dennis Peterson
9:00 am Bill King
Paul Mockenhaupt
11:00 am Janet & Wilfred Williams

MASS SERVERS

- Saturday, May 24**
5:00 pm Nicole Beaton
Brian Brokofsky
Callie Fox
- Sunday, May 25**
7:30 am Kris Keding
Marissa Mahoney
9:00 am Alex Kubicek
Anne Prins
Bailey Sernett
11:00 am Tony Boutelle
Anna Brunner
Sam Hinh

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 pm Becky Wilkes
7:30 am David Frear
9:00 am Jerry Riens
11:00 am Christine Kelly
Please call your team members for the month of June.

◆ ◆ ◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆ ◆ ◆

BLOOD DRIVE ~ GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. John’s on Wednesday, June 11, from 2-7pm, in the parish center. If you would like to make an appointment, call Tracy at 952.890.9465, ext. 118. Walk-ins are also welcome.

ST. JOHN’S GOLF OUTING ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 22

will take place at Heritage Links Golf Course. You may sign-up in the atrium after Mass the weekends of June 7/8, 14/15 and 21/22. Proceeds will benefit our sister parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Houston, MS.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

There will be a stroke screening at St. John’s on Thursday, July 10. Four tests will be offered:

1. stroke screening/carotid artery
2. abdominal aortic aneurysm screening
3. peripheral arterial disease screening
4. osteoporosis screening

Pre-registration is required by calling 1.800.324.1851.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week’s donation	\$23,069
Simple Giving	
electronic donations	\$9,437
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,014
Budget year-to-date	-\$55,966

Children are invited to pick-up envelopes in the atrium entry. Comments written on children’s envelopes from this past weekend - My good deed was:

- Making a Mother’s Day present
- Helping Mom plant flowers
- Helped my Grandma
- Helped Dad clean the yard
- To be nice
- Sharing toys with the neighbors

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, May 19

6:30 pm Troop 336

Tuesday, May 20

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, May 21

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, May 22

6:00 pm Steppingstones Graduation

6:30 pm Cantor Workshop

6:30 pm RCIA Meeting

6:30 pm Schoenstatt Sisters Group*

Friday, May 23

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

Sunday, May 25

8:00 am AA Meeting

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

Due to higher costs in publishing and shipping, we can no longer offer the monthly pamphlet "One Bread One Body" for free. The publisher will be charging us a fee, and hence, we will need to pass this along to interested customers. The cost will now be \$2 per copy. We also offer the monthly "Magnificat" for \$5.95.



SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS

Are you wondering what to do with your empty pop cans from your graduation open house? Every weekend in June you may drop off your aluminum cans at the trailer in the church parking lot. The money from the can collections goes to the Booster Club for school activities.

Note: Our can collections at this time include only aluminum cans. Please recycle plastic bottles and tin cans with your weekly waste pick-up. Thank you for your cooperation.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

CLASS OF 2008

Let us celebrate with you the completion of your high school education at the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday, June 1. There will be fellowship in the atrium after both Masses. Invitations with a response card were mailed to your homes this past week. We would like you to let us know whether or not you and your family will be able to attend. The deadline is Wednesday, May 21. Return the RSVP card to the Religious Education Office, 12508 Lynn Avenue S., Savage, MN 55378 or contact us by e-mail at lhughes@stjohns-savage.org or by phone at 952.890.9434.

EUREKA! IT'S TIME FOR VBS & SON DAYS

Registration materials for St. John's VBS and Son Days experience are available on-line at the parish website, in the R. E. Office and in the atrium. VBS is for children who are currently 4 years old through grade 3 this fall; Son Days, which runs concurrently with VBS, is for children who will enter grades 4 through 6 this fall. Both sessions run from 9am to noon, Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15. Two optional afternoon experiences are offered to children enrolled in the Son Days morning program. Cost for the morning programs (either VBS or Son Days) is \$40 per participant. Optional Son Days activities cost:

- \$10 to go to *Feed My Starving Children* on Tuesday, Aug. 12
- \$20 for Cascade Bay Water Park on Thursday, Aug. 14

VOLUNTEERS, adults and teens grade 7 and older, are needed for these programs. Complete the "volunteer" section of the registration form to join our Eureka team.

All adult volunteers **MUST** have completed a background check and VIRTUS awareness training in accordance with Archdiocesan risk management policies and the US Bishops' Charter. VIRTUS training will be offered at St. John's on Tuesday, June 24, from 6-9pm. (This is the last time VIRTUS will be offered at St. John's until August.)

If you would like more information about St. John's EUREKA: Discovering God's Miracles VBS/Son Days week, contact the R. E. Office at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

◆ ◆ ◆ GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY ◆ ◆ ◆

Next weekend, May 24/25, the parishes of the Archdiocese will acknowledge our interdependence with Catholics around the world through the celebration of Global Solidarity Sunday. We will tithe a portion of our weekend collection to this appeal and to the growing Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa and Latin America.

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