



Come To Our Open House!

Explore the faith-filled environment at St. John's Kindergarten and Steppingstones Preschool

Tuesday, January 22, 2008
5:30 to 7:00 pm

Join us for pizza and a brief presentation describing our accredited preschool and kindergarten programs. Kindergarten is available in half and all-day sessions. Tour our classrooms and participate in some fun activities with the teachers. Pizza at 5:30, presentation at 6:15. Enter through the Parish Center doors, marked with a white number 3.



Transportation provided for kindergarten students residing in School District 191

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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.

Daily Mass

Wednesday - Friday 8 am

Communion Service

Monday, Tuesday & 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, February 11, 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

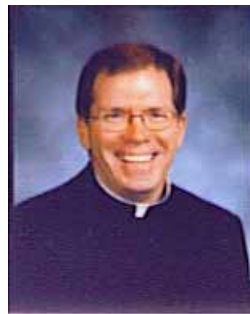
Monday, January 21: office closed.

Tuesday-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 ◆ ◆ ◆



One subject that is raised from time-to-time regards homilies. For example, the difference between a homily and a sermon. The easiest answer that I can give is that a sermon is centered around a specific topic. While a homily is something that comes from the scriptures and liturgy of that particular day being celebrated. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council quite clearly prefers the technical term of homily.

In my homilies I like to tell stories from daily life. In telling these stories I often use the names of people whether from here or elsewhere. Someone once asked me whether I get people's permission to tell a story about them or use their name. The answer is yes. I never want to embarrass someone or put them in an awkward position. In telling stories, however, the most important aspect is not the names, but instead how it relates to the scriptures and liturgy of a given day.

There are many ways that people will talk about things such as holiness and spirituality. Often the writers on these topics are understandably priests and religious who reflect on their lives in monasteries and convents. While the insights they provide are certainly helpful, sometimes it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that holiness and spirituality are confined strictly to these people and places. The truth, however, is that holiness and spirituality are lived realities by all people in their Christian vocation which may include priests and religious, but also encompasses youth and seniors, as well as single and those married. In my homilies I know that I try to use everyday examples of how holiness and spirituality are lived out in the context of daily life and seen in places such as the family home, on the basketball court, in school and at work. One of the ways the church fathers of the Second Vatican Council in their document, "The Church in the Modern World," described the people of God - we are all called to be as part and parcel of our baptism, is as a leaven for society. In whatever walk of life we are called to raise our world to the level of the Kingdom of God that Jesus came to initiate.

I remember a famous theologian who once talked about the need for priests [and deacons] to have a copy of the scriptures in one hand and a newspaper in the other. The point of using this description was to underscore the fact that we should be formed in the scriptures to live out our faith in daily life. To separate the two is to leave an unfair division that becomes a cause for critical comments on at least the part of some, and renders religion irrelevant. Faith as reflected in holiness and spirituality need to be an integrated reality into the fabric of daily life. My hope is that the homilies you hear help to make that bridge.

For more information on this topic, you may want to read, "Fulfilled In Your Hearing: The Homily in the Sunday Assembly" by the Bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

- Father Mike Tix

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to help out around the parish but were unable to fill out the "Call to Discipleship" booklet last Sunday, it's not too late. You can either download a copy from the parish website at www.stjohns-savage.org or pick-up a copy in the atrium. Questions? Call Tracy Tredinnick at 952.890.9465, ext. 118.

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

55+ GROUP

January Event ~ On Thursday, Jan. 24, we will tour the Mill City Museum in Minneapolis. We will gather for lunch in the atrium at 11am and return to the church at 4pm. The cost is \$25. We still have available seats for this tour. For more information contact Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

February Event ~ Our pre-Valentine lunch will be on Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the atrium. The luncheon will begin at noon and will consist of stuffed chicken breast, potato, rolls, salad, beverage, and dessert. RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 7, to Jim Rylander by mail or call 952.890.9465, ext. 114. The cost is \$10 and checks should be made payable to St. John's.

CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATRE ~ 42ND STREET

The 55+ Group is sponsoring an outing on Wednesday, March 26, to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater to see *42nd Street*. This classic musical and dancing extravaganza is a salute to Broadway. The cost is \$65, which includes deluxe motor coach, admission, and lunch. We will leave from the St. John's parking lot at 10:15am and return by 4:30pm. RSVP to Jim Rylander by mail or by calling 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Checks should be made payable to St. John's.

All are invited to any of these events - not just those 55 and over!

HOW CAN THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGE YOUR LIFE?

St. John's will once again host the *Life in the Spirit Seminar* during the Lenten season. Mark your calendars for the following Sundays at 6:30pm to attend. Childcare is available. Each week has a new topic:

- Jan. 27 - *God's Love* Feb. 3 - *Salvation*
- Feb. 10 - *New Life* Feb. 17 - *God's Gifts*
- Feb. 24 - *Baptism in the Spirit* March 2 - *Growth and Transformation*

If you have questions call Sandra at 952.890.4676 or Marge at 952.435.5159.

New Musicians For Life in the Spirit~ are welcome to meet on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 5:15pm for rehearsal before the seminar. If interested e-mail Lois Ward at loisville@yahoo.com or call 952.892.0892.

HELP "RAISE THE ROOF" BY MAKING A DONATION TO CELEBRATION!

If you would like to make a donation to our Live or Silent Auction, it needs to be dropped off by Friday, Feb. 1. The early drop off is requested so that your donation can be listed in our *Celebration!* brochure. Cash donations, bottles of wine for the Wall of Wine, and gift certificates for the Gift Certificate Tree will be accepted until Monday, Feb. 25. For more information on donating to *Celebration!* contact Paula Beer at 952.492.3833. Check the St. John's website at www.stjohns-savage.org and click on *Gala Wish List* for some fun ideas.

Are you wondering what will be up for auction at *Celebration!*? A fabulous Martini Party, a birthday party package for kids, Walt Disney World Park Hopper passes and so much more. Don't miss your chance at winning these fabulous items. Or, you could be the big winner at Heads and Tails and go home with \$250 cash. You can't win if you don't buy a ticket. Stop by the *Celebration!* table in the atrium after all weekend Masses or drop off your ticket order in the education or parish offices. For more information or to print a ticket order form visit the parish website at www.stjohns-savage.org.

Volunteers are needed for *Celebration!* in many areas. If you are able to help sell tickets after weekend Masses or are able to help the evening of the event contact Nancy Roscoe at 952.808.1295.

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, RCIA..... 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

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Dan & Andrea Speegle

Lauren, Erik, Julia

Anna Nelson

Michael & Shevin Okronglis

Lillian, Alexander, Will

Pat Hinchley

Mark & Rosemarie Cummings

Anthony, Abby

Christopher & Trisha Casey

Quinn, Sawyer

SCHOENSTATT SISTERS

The next meeting with the Schoenstatt Sisters will be on Thursday, Jan. 24, from 6:30-7:45pm, in the media center. All girls in grades 1-6 are welcome. We hope to see you there. 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.

SCOUTING RELIGIOUS EMBLEM REVIEWS

for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts will be on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9am to noon. Call John Diedrick at 952.894.2832 to set-up an appointment.

READINGS

For the Week of January 20

Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/
Mk 3:1-6

Thu: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Fri: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/
Mk 16:15-18

Sat: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/
Mk 3:20-21

Sun: Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

◆ ◆ ◆ RESPECT LIFE ◆ ◆ ◆

Tuesday, January 22 ~ Plan to attend the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The schedule for the day is:

- 9:30am Bus will leave St. John's parking lot
- 10:30am Ecumenical Prayer Service at the Cathedral
Homily by Archbishop Harry Flynn
- 11:30am March for Life to the Capitol
- 12pm MCCL Rally at the Capitol
- 2pm Return to St. John's

Parishioners are invited to ride the bus to this inspiring event. There will be one bus for St. John's students and one for parishioners. The parishioner's bus is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tuesday, January 22 ~ Pro-Life Action Ministries will hold a rally in front of Regions Hospital after the event at the Capitol. For more information, contact Pro-Life Action Ministries at 651.771.1500.

◆ ◆ ◆ NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING ◆ ◆ ◆

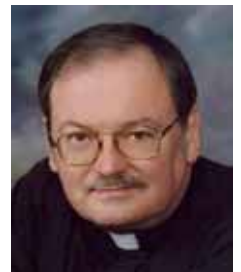
COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE

will offer a series of Natural Family Planning classes at St. John's for engaged and married couples on *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning*. Classes begin on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 1pm. To register visit their website at twincities.ccli.org or call 612.721.3791.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH MISSION ◆ ◆ ◆

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARCH 8

Fr. William Mason, OMI, a member of the renewal team of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, will lead parishioners, families and friends through our Parish Mission from March 8-13. The theme is *Journey of Life*. Childcare will be available. To make reservations for childcare call Andi at 952.890.9434, ext. 249. Visit our parish website at www.stjohns-savage.org for more information.



◆ ◆ ◆ OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆

TOWELS FROM TEENS

Students from Holy Angels and St. John's schools will be collecting new and gently used towels and blankets the weekends of Feb. 9/10 and Feb. 16/17. Baskets will be placed at all church entrances for this collection. Towels and blankets will be given to St. Stephen's Homeless Shelter and Bridging, Inc. They provide for those who are economically disadvantaged and in transition. Thank you for your generosity. Questions? Call Kelsey Shea at 952.435.5990.

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◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆



STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

St. John's will host an Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 22, from 5:30-7pm in the parish center. All interested families are invited to join us for pizza and a program to learn more about our kindergarten and preschool programs. Tours of the school will follow the program.

REGISTER FOR ST. JOHN'S STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL

St. John's Steppingstones Preschool program offers classes for children ages 3 to 5 years old, two or three days a week with morning and afternoon classes. Steppingstones is a child centered preschool that provides enrichment, music and school readiness in a program that reflects the spiritual values of the enrolled families. Registration dates are:

- St. John's and parish families Saturday, Jan. 26, 9am-10am
- Open to the public Tuesday, Jan. 29, 6pm-7pm

Available openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee will be collected to finalize registration for each student. All registration will be held in room 115, the Starlight room, and you may enter through the Lynn Avenue doors. If you have questions, call the preschool office at 952.846.4663.

ST. JOHN'S K-8 SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 23

St. John's offers small class sizes, a faith-filled environment, advantages of school uniforms, an academically challenging curriculum, free transportation within the boundaries of ISD 191, sports and extracurricular activities, in-house before and after school care, affordable tuition, opportunities for community service, and weekly Mass. St. John's is fully accredited through Minnesota Non-Public Schools Academic Association and financial aid is available.

Registration dates are:

- Current families begins on Wednesday, Jan. 23
- Parish families begins on Thursday, Feb. 14
- Registration opens to the public as of Wednesday, Feb. 20

Contact the school office at 952.890.6604 for more information or to arrange a tour. Visit us on the web at www.stjohns-savage.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE, JANUARY 26/27 "OUR PARISH LIGHTS THE WAY"

Everyone is invited to come to the school for several activities which include: the student art fair, scavenger hunt and book fair. All the classrooms will be open to visitors and you can meet the teachers. In the parish center we will also be raffling off several themed classroom baskets put together by the students, parents, and teachers. Proceeds will help purchase playground equipment. Enjoy cookies on Saturday after Mass and coffee and donuts on Sunday after each of the Masses in the parish center. We look forward to your visit.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 21

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, January 22

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Wednesday, January 23

8:00 am † Rose Gregory

9:35 am †† Ester & Sylvester Gavinski (School Mass)

Thursday, January 24

8:00 am † Margaret Widmer

Friday, January 25

8:00 am † Cleve Eno

Saturday, January 26

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Jon Williams

Sunday, January 27

7:30 am † Leo W. Lannon

9:00 am † Elizabeth Roscoe

11:00 am Special Intention for Jane Braun

LECTORS

January 26/27

5:00 pm Andi Little, Aileen Hill

7:30 am Dennis Cummings, Amy Roethke

9:00 am Theresa Hoffman, Bill King

11:00 am Christine Kelly, Pete Mollner

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Jan. 23 Rose Ann Sullivan, Tony Sullivan, Jack Dominik

Jan. 24/25 Angela Gruenwald, Bailey Sernett, Kristen Ober

Saturday, January 26

5:00 pm Emily Lerick, Victoria Kusber, Matthew Lerick

Sunday, January 27

7:30 am Rose Ann Sullivan, Marissa Mahoney, Daniel Moriarty

9:00 am Joey Schwartz, Bailey Sernett, Derek Schwartz

11:00 am Jordan Tuff, Angela Gruenwald, Anna Brunner

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Tuesday, January 22

6:30 pm Catholic Bible Study

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, January 23

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

5:20 pm Children's Choir School

6:30 pm Bible Study

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

Thursday, January 24

9:30 am Catholic Bible Study

6:30 pm Parent Meeting

6:30 pm Schoenstatt Sisters*

7:00 pm SJB Choir

Friday, January 25

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

Saturday, January 26

9:00 am Steppingstones Registration*

Saturday/Sunday, January 26/27

Marriage Enrichment Ticket Sale*

Celebration! Ticket Sale*

Sunday, January 27

8:00 am AA Meeting

10:15 am RCIA

7:00 pm Life in the Spirit*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Colleen Roethke

7:30 am Katie Lawler

9:00 am Kris Casement

11:00 am Janet Williams

Please call your team members for the month of February.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

The third in the five-week series of *Growing Through Loss* will be on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 6:30pm, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley. Lynn Silva-Breen, Marriage & Family Therapist, Pastoral Counselor will speak on *We're not in Kansas Anymore*. This program is offered to any adult experiencing a loss or major crisis. For more information call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

As for Me, We Comes First

An Evening of Marriage Enrichment

Saturday, Feb. 16

6pm in the atrium

Featuring ~ Dr. John Buri, Ph.D.

Author of "How To Love Your Wife" and Professor of Psychology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul

Cost is \$35 per couple which includes: social hour, catered meal and speaker

Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses through February 9 or call Brenda at 952.233.1042

**Childcare is available with registration at \$5 per child



◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

THANK YOU TUBERS

More than 260 people endured the brisk winter wind chill to conquer the slopes at Buck Hill on Monday, Jan. 14. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a rousing (and incident-free) success: to all those who helped prepare and serve our snack; to the many adults who helped keep our kids safe on the hill and a special thank you to First Student



bus drivers, Karen Klein and Gayla Colin who volunteered their time and buses to help transport our tubers to and from the hill.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Fifth graders and friends are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day (a day late) at Faith & Fun Night on Friday, Feb. 15, from 7-9pm, in the parish center. In addition to faith sharing, games and snacks, we will tie fleece blankets which will be donated to Bridging, Inc. Cost is \$5 to help cover the cost of materials. Registration materials are in the Education Office. Register by Wednesday, Feb. 13. Donations of blanket fleece would be appreciated. Adult chaperones are needed. Teens are welcome to help lend their hands to help our fifth graders with their projects. **If volunteering VIRTUS training is required.** To volunteer check the box on your child's registration form, contact Andi at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

our 166 candidates who will be Confirmed at St. John's on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 10am. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit.

◆ ◆ ◆ RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE ◆ ◆ ◆

Bid specifications for the roof projects and two church air units have been submitted. Bids are being coordinated by Ron Nord, Facilities Manager and Robert Singewald of Skyline Building Consultants. Bids are due back before the end of the month, contracts will be awarded shortly thereafter, and the projects should be completed in early summer.

Donations-to-Date	\$160,332
Cost of Project	\$565,000

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

MY SPECIAL VALENTINE

Married couples show your love for each other this Valentine’s Day by attending a Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Feb. 8 - 10, at Kings House in Buffalo. For more information about upcoming weekends visit their website at www.wwmesection8.org or call 612.840.7630.

John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

Jn 1: 32-37

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week’s donation	\$20,887
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$14,037
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,014
Budget year-to-date	- \$40,390

MY GOOD DEED WAS

Comments written on children’s envelopes

Sharing my snack with my sister and praying before meals

Helping keep my little brother out of trouble

Being a good listener

Helping my brother in the pool

Letting my sister go on the computer first

Helped with the dishes