

Come To Our Open House!

Discover a faith filled
education at St. John's.

Preschool through 8th grade.
Sunday, January 25, 2009
10 am to 1 pm

An education at St. John's allows faith, learning and human caring to interact on a daily basis. Our school is more than a building where lessons in math, science, history and grammar are taught. It's an environment where all of life's lessons can be explored, discussed and ultimately applied.

Tour our classrooms, meet accredited, licensed teachers and experience education in the Catholic tradition. Contact us at (952) 890-6604 for more information.



St. John the Baptist Catholic School



In everything we do, we do it with the mindset of excellence



Transportation provided for students residing in School District 191

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St. John ^{the} Baptist

Catholic Church

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. You may also stop by the parish office during office hours to register.

Daily Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8 am

Communion Service

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, February 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

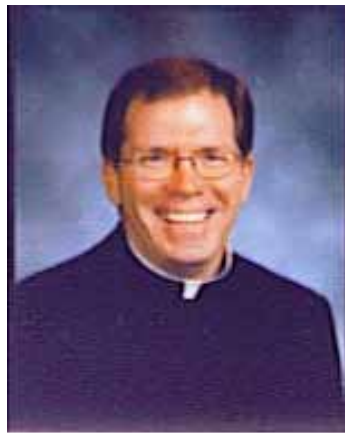
For information including sign-up: 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to

bulletin@stjohns-savage.org
by 10 am on Monday.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



As we begin Catholic Schools Week, let us reflect on our school. In a world where we can easily and quickly focus on the negative aspects of life around us let us also be thankful for the many good and positive happenings in our school that directly benefit children and their future.

One testimony among others is that from a survey of last year's eighth grade graduating class now attending high school – whether public or private – nearly 80% are taking advanced placement courses in areas that include math and science. Beside academics, our students are formed in the Catholic tradition with values that

will sustain them for a lifetime. In this current school year there is a renewed sense of service and continued emphasis on respect and character development using the locally developed "Top 20 Training for Teens." In the world of technology we have recently upgraded our computer lab with 15 new units since Christmas. I am also proud to say that we are currently exploring the use of SMART boards and introducing this state of the art interactive technology for the next school year. In recent weeks we expect to have some demonstration units in our classrooms and I'm confident about their potential as we seek to further engage students in learning.

In preparing for Catholic Schools Week and as we approach registration time a group of school parents volunteered their time and talent to professionally produce a twelve minute video that tells the story of our school. I invite you to watch it either by requesting a copy of the DVD from our school office or by going directly to our parish website. The video clearly tells who we are and what we want to be as a Catholic school.

It's the combination of academics in a faith-filled Catholic environment focusing on excellence that helps to uniquely form our students and make them a "St. John's kid." As we near the 50th anniversary of our school our students have literally gone to the four corners of the world. In the time that I've been here as pastor I've had the privilege of witnessing the marriages, baptizing the children, and hearing the stories of many of them. Our "St. John's kids" individually are making our world a better place by the lives they lead. As a parish we can take pride in that fact. If you are interested in hearing more about having your child become a "St. John's kid" and experience the Good News of Catholic Schools, call our school office at 952.890.6604. In our school we do set the foundations for the future success of all that we are privileged to serve in the name of Jesus Christ!

Father Mike Tix

MAKE A DATE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!

St. John's Adult Faith Formation Committee will sponsor a Marriage Enrichment Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 6:30pm, in the atrium.

In addition to dinner, the evening also will feature Dr. John Buri who will speak about *The Three Components of Love*. Childcare will be available. Cost is \$40 per couple. Cost for childcare is \$5 per child. Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses in January. To make reservations contact Brenda Schroll at bkschroll@aol.com or 952.233.1042.



◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

WEE FAITH REGISTRATION

St. John’s new program, *WEE Faith*, is aimed specifically for parents with children newborn to 5-years old; however, all family members are encouraged to participate. *WEE Faith* is three 2-hour sessions which will be offered on these three Saturdays: Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, from 9 - 11am, at the school. Cost is \$15 per family and financial assistance is available upon request. To register or for information contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE CONTINUES

with an 11-week journey through the *Book of Psalms* on Tuesdays starting Feb. 3, from 10am to noon. A videotaped study will be offered on Thursdays starting Feb. 19, from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Cost is \$50 per person. No additional registration is required if you were pre-registered for the combined studies of *James* and *Psalms*. Forms are available at the parish and education offices or on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org. For more information, contact Brenda Schroll at bkschroll@aol.com or 952.233.1042.

TUBING AT BUCK HILL IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

It’s time to beat the winter blues and hit the slopes at Buck Hill and do some snow tubing. Buses will be available to take everyone to and from Buck Hill, leaving the atrium starting at about 3:45pm. St. John’s also has reserved *The Hutch* where tubers can warm up with hot chocolate, hot dogs, chips and cookies.

Snow tubers **MUST BE AT LEAST 5 YEARS OLD** and 42 inches tall. **ALL TUBERS MUST HAVE A TUBING PASS** — including adult tubing chaperones. Two sessions will be offered: 4 - 6pm and 6 - 8pm. Cost: \$15 per person for one session; \$25 per person for both sessions. There is no cost for non-tubing adult chaperones.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 4. Registration forms along with detailed tubing information are available on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org and in the atrium, school and parish offices. For more information contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

◆ ◆ ◆ **55+ GROUP** ◆ ◆ ◆

FEBRUARY GATHERING

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 8:30am, in the atrium. Parishioners, Marge and Bob Ehr and Kathy and Bob Jacoby, took a two week European River Cruise together from Budapest to Amsterdam on the Danube, Main, and Rhine Rivers. Join us for a visual presentation of this fabulous cruise. Refreshments will be provided.

VALENTINE’S PARTY

will be on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 12pm, in the atrium. The cost of the lunch is \$10. Entertainment will be provided by students from our day school. To make your reservation call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114, by **Monday, Feb. 9.**



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

Tim Malone ext. 116

Director of Pastoral Ministry

Bonnie Unzen.....

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

BAPTISM

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

Olivia Ann Erath

**REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

† *Charles Johnson*, father of
Teresa Becker

**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. Those less fortunate need your help. Thank you for your December donations of 458 pounds of food.

**SUPPORT SJB
BOOSTER CLUB**

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer parked in the church parking lot Saturday or Sunday, Jan. 31/Feb. 1.

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." – Mk 1:16-17

READINGS

For the Week of January 25

Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/

Mk 1:14-20

Mon: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/

Mk 3:22-30

Tue: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35

Wed: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20

Thu: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

Fri: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41

Sun: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/

Mk 1:21-28

◆ ◆ ◆ CELEBRATION! 2009 ◆ ◆ ◆**TICKETS**

Tickets for *Celebration!* are now on sale. This annual event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Wilds Golf Club. Funds from this year's event will go to educational scholarships at St. John's. Ticket orders may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish or education offices. Tickets are \$55 per person and may be purchased by credit card. Go to St. John's website at www.stjohns-savage.org and print the order form. Questions? Contact:

- Pam McSweeney at mcsweeney.pam@comcast.net or 952.808.0847
- Angie Faith at asfaith1@mchsi.com or 612.386.9628

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

Back by popular demand is the fabulous Wine Party hosted by Pete and Maria Meulepas. Lucky guests will tour the Meulepas' vineyard, learn about and participate in the wine making process, and enjoy fabulous food and fellowship. Looking for something for the kids? Several birthday packages have been donated, including ones from Pump It Up, Elite Gymnastics, The Lodge in Brainerd, and Arrowwood Resort. Also available are performance and theater tickets to Acme Comedy Club, The Ordway, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, and several more popular theaters. Looking for excitement and activity? Be sure to look at what is being offered from Elko Speedway, Trollhaugen or Arthur Murray. Enjoy an overnight get-away at a newly renovated and elegant room in The Hotel Minneapolis or a night of excitement at Treasure Island. A full listing of all auction items will be on the St. John's website soon. This is your best resource to learn about all of the conditions, deadlines or restrictions that may be associated with an auction item.

DONATIONS

Thinking about making a donation to the event? Auction donations will be accepted until Feb. 1. Wine donations for the Wall of Wine will be accepted beginning Feb. 1. For more information, contact Paula Beer at pgbeer@hotmail.com or Dawn Schonhoff at dlschonhoff@hotmail.com.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆**STUDENT SERVICE COUNCIL**

Approximately 50 St. John's students in grades 6 - 8 meet once or twice a month to help plan the many service activities taking place at our school. According to student advisor Susan O'Connor, "People come to us when they need help." There are certain projects that the Council plans every year such as dances and Catholic Schools Week but there are always things that are changed and added in cooperation with the Home and School Association. A special activity this year has been working with the 55+ Group. The students went to Mass with the 55+ Group, made breakfast and ate with them. Watch for more good things to come!

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS**Steppingstones Preschool**

- Open to the public - Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 6 - 7pm

Kindergarten through 8th grade:

- **Current families** starts Wednesday, Feb. 4
- **Parish families** starts Saturday, Feb. 14
- Registration opens to the public as of Friday, Feb. 27

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

THANK YOU

to all our parent chaperones for two fantastic overnight experiences for the youth in grades 3 and 4 along with their friends. Without your help and support, these events could not have occurred. Thank you also to the many overnights – may they continue to be blessed by memories of what they experienced, especially the new friends they made. The next event is tubing at Buck Hill on Monday, Feb. 9.

PAM STENZEL AT ST. MICHAEL'S

All young people in grades 7-12 and any parent who would like to attend are invited to a presentation by Pam Stenzel on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 7pm, at St. Michael's in Prior Lake. She is nationally renowned for her direct, no-nonsense message about chastity and abstinence. This presentation will serve as class for the young people registered in our RE program. However, anyone who wishes to attend as a member of St. John's group is welcome to join us at a cost of \$10/person (which includes our contribution to the presenter's fee and bus transportation). Registration forms are available on-line and in the RE Office.

SEDER MEAL

Every two years, St. John's hosts a Seder Meal for children in grades 5 & 6 and their family members who would like to attend. This year the meal is scheduled on Tuesday, April 7, at 5:30pm, in the atrium. Adult and older teens are invited to help as this event is being planned. For more information or to volunteer contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

BIBLE STUDY FOR CONFIRMED YOUTH

Do you want to continue your Religious Education after Confirmation? Then join us Wednesday nights in the youth room at 6:45pm. The evening is filled with prayer and discussion through a curriculum by *T-Teen Timeline* written by Mark Hart.

YOUTH GROUP STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

We will not meet on Sunday, Feb. 1, because of the Super Bowl. Instead, we will have youth group on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 6pm, in the youth room. Bring your favorite food to share for the pot-luck and we will have a movie.

GRADES 7 & 8 ARE INVITED TO GO ICE SKATING

at Centennial Lakes on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 12:30pm - 5:30pm. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch, skating and skate rental. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 4.** Forms are available in the RE Office and atrium or on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org.

STEUBENVILLE NORTH YOUTH CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for any high school youth interested in a high energy weekend retreat July 17-19, in Rochester, MN. For details on the retreat go on-line to www.partnershipforyouth.org.

For more information on any of these youth ministry events contact Lori Taormina at 952.890.9434, ext. 232 or ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 26

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, January 27

8:00 am † Frances Trummer

Wednesday, January 28

8:00 am † James Speiker

Thursday, January 29

8:00 am † Harold Christian

9:25 am Special Intention
(School Mass)

Friday, January 30

8:00 am Special Intention for
Kelly & Matt

Saturday, January 31

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Joe Thelen

Sunday, February 1

7:30 am Special Intention for
Rose Huttner

9:00 am For the Parish

11:00 am † Frances Felling

LECTORS

January 31/February 1

5:00 pm Veronica Bartsch
Mike Finn

7:30 am Larry McCrory
James Eck

9:00 am Linda Moriarty
Teresa Hoffman

11:00 am Ann Dominik
Kent Anderson

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Jan. 27-28 Charles Haug
Jacob Notermann
Amanda Pfeiffer

Jan. 29-30 Ellie Vohnoutka
Isabel Fox
Melanie Fox

Saturday, January 31

5:00 pm Jillian Radosevich
Maddy Kempf
Alyssa Radosevich

Sunday, February 1

7:30 am Alexa Orr
Carrie Mannila

9:00 am Tony Sullivan
Amanda Pfeiffer
Elizabeth Flemming

11:00 am Angela Gruenwald
Joseph Mosset
Molly Kate Jones

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, January 26

6:30 pm Troop 336

7:30 pm REAC

Tuesday, January 27

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, January 28

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

6:00 pm Steppingstones Registration*

6:45 pm Seraphim Rehearsal

7:00 pm RE Gr. 7-10 ~ Pam Stenzel*

Thursday, January 29

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 30

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

Saturday, January 31

9:00 am Wee Faith*

6:00 pm Family Fun Night*

6:00 pm Youth Group*

Saturday/Sunday, January 31/February 1

Fellowship/Can Collection/We Care*

Dr. Buri Ticket Sale*

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am AA Meeting

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 am RCIA Program

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERSfor the week of Jan. 25, have been
donated in memory of*Dave Soucek*

- The Soucek Family

**IS YOUR FAITH
ENGAGING?**

Do you want to live your faith in your daily life? Do you desire a Christian community with which to share your faith journey? Do you wish to enrich your relationship with God? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, a Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) weekend may be what you need. If you have questions, call Scott & Liz Wilson at 952.707.6828 or Mike & Christine Kelly at 952.226.2332.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆**THANK YOU**

St. John's and the American Red Cross would like to thank those who gave blood Tuesday, Dec. 30. We collected 53 units of blood in a time when there was a great need. Look for another blood drive in early June.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The Lord has sent us a comforter through the Holy Spirit and many people have experienced the peace of the Holy Spirit. Enjoy upbeat music, a new speaker each week, valuable sharing and much more. The *Life in the Spirit* seminar has something exciting waiting for you. No need to pre-register. Childcare will be available. Questions? E-mail Sandra Brastad at sbrastad@att.net or call 952.890.4676. Join us on these Monday's at 6:30pm:

February 23	God's Love	March 2	Salvation
March 9	New Life	March 16	God's Gifts
March 23	Baptism in the Spirit	March 30	Growth & Transformation

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆**TOWELS FROM TEENS**

Students from Holy Angel's and St. John's School will be collecting new and gently used towels and blankets the weekends of Jan. 31/Feb. 1 and Feb. 7/8. Baskets will be marked and placed at all church entrances for these collections. The towels and blankets will be given to St. Stephen's homeless shelter and Bridging, Inc. The shelters are in great need at this time. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have questions, call Kelsey or Meghan Shea at 952.435.5990.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

will have its next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7:10pm, at St. John Neumann in the Adult Ed Room. Susan Isebrand will speak on *Inside the Hiring Process*. It is a behind-the-scenes look at how hiring decisions are made. All those seeking new employment or who are going through job transition are welcome to attend.

**◆ ◆ ◆ FAMILY FUN NIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆**

is Saturday, Jan. 31, from 6 - 9:30pm. Join us after Mass for dinner in the parish center. The main entrée for the evening will be teriyaki chicken strips on a bed of white rice with hotdogs for the less adventuresome. After dinner from 6 - 8:30pm, in the gym there will be games and concessions. Down the hallway in the Fr. Wittman Auditorium there will be a lot of fun at the family dance. Contests will be held every half hour including hula hoops, the limbo and a "best dressed tourist" contest. So drag out your best Hawaiian shirt and come to show off those Minnesota tans!

Tickets will be for sale at the door: \$20 per family, \$10 per adult, \$4 per child. Price includes dinner, games and entertainment. Concessions will be available for a nominal fee.

Volunteers are still needed for the evening. If you would like to share your time with us e-mail Leanne DeRusha at leanne.derusha@mchsi.com.

◆ ◆ ◆ RESPECT LIFE ◆ ◆ ◆

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA) – POSTCARDS

On Saturday, Jan. 31 and Sunday, Feb. 1, St. John’s Respect Life Ministry will be in the atrium after all the Masses for the FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) postcard signing. The Catholic Bishops have called us to prayer and action to prevent the passing of this legislation which will overturn existing pro-life laws and policies. Please join us to communicate to our legislators that we oppose this action. For more information go to www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/abortion.

◆ ◆ ◆ BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆

HAVE YOU NOTICED

the unique variety of Bibles that we offer to you in our bookstore? Starting with the popular *New American St. Joseph Bible* leather edition to a *New American Catholic Women’s Bible*; from the *Break Through Bible for Young Catholics* to the *Catholic Children’s Bible* and *42 Bible Stories for Little Ones*.

In anticipation for the upcoming Jeff Cavins Bible Study on *The Book of Psalms* in February, be sure to browse our display table for selections of literature on this very topic. We also carry helpful accessories such as highlighter pens, book marks, and Bible tabs.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week’s donations:

Envelopes.....	\$19,663
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$14,944
Total donations	\$34,607
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,050
Over budget.....	\$557
Budget year-to-date	-\$54,341

Just as Jesus laid down his life for us,
so spouses sacrifice
their time, incomes, and
very lives for the good
of their beloved.



Impossible? Such love
is truly a miracle. What
have you sacrificed today? For daily
marriage tips visit:

www.ForYourMarriage.org.