

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, Feb. 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

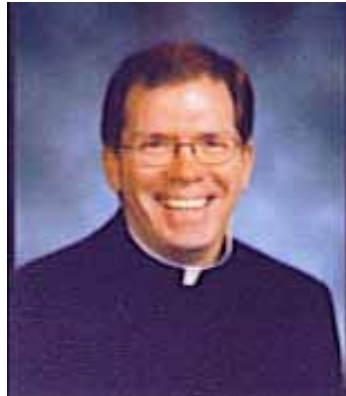
For information including sign-up: 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to

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

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This weekend we kick-off the 2009 Catholic Services Appeal, formerly known as the Archbishop's Annual Catholic Appeal. The theme for the Appeal is ~ *We Are One Body*.

Some of the programs and ministries that are funded by the Catholic Services Appeal include:

Education	Family Life
Hispanic Ministry	The Saint Paul Seminary
Faith Formation	Parish Service Team
Evangelization	Venezuelan Mission

More information about the Appeal is included in today's bulletin. Beyond these Archdiocesan ministries, our parish receives 25% of all gifts made through the parish.

Coming soon in your mail will be a letter from Archbishop John Nienstedt inviting you to participate in the work of our greater church. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the appeal. Once you have determined your gift, return the envelope you will receive from Archbishop Nienstedt either in next week's collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Our parish goal, as set by the Archdiocese for the 2009 Catholic Services Appeal is \$110,720. As we begin I want to thank you for your generosity in the past and in this appeal. Together we reflect, "We are one body, one body in Christ."

- Father Mike Tix

ADULT CCD IS TONIGHT, FEBRUARY 8

Join us as we welcome our pastor, Fr. Mike Tix, as presenter at this month's Adult CCD (Catholicism, Coffee and Dessert) from 6:30 - 8pm, in the atrium. Fr. Tix's presentation will be *Initiated in Faith vs. Born Again*, which will provide us with insight into the gift from which our Catholic faith flows. There is no cost to attend this presentation and discussion which is hosted by the parish Adult Faith Formation Committee. All are welcome.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆

It is not too early to start thinking about First Eucharist on April 26 or May 3. New merchandise will be in our Book-n-Gift Store for you to browse over in the months prior to this event. New this year: a dark navy or white tie for boys, and a larger selection of beautiful veils and satin gloves for girls! I have shopped in earnest to find quality merchandise at reasonable prices.

- Patti Nielsen



◆ ◆ ◆ CELEBRATION! 2009 ◆ ◆ ◆

DON'T MISS THE CELEBRATION!

Now is the time to get your tickets to *Celebration!* Tickets are \$55 and can be paid by credit card. Ticket order forms are available at the parish or education offices and can be found on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org. For more information about tickets, contact:

- Pam McSweeney at 952.808.0847 or mcsweeney.pam@comcast.net
- Angie Faith at 952.386.9628 or asfaith1@mchsi.com

AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Ladies – sign up and treat yourself to a relaxing Ladies Luncheon before the kids are out of school for the summer. Look for fabulous get-aways to Ruttgers and The Lodge at Giants Ridge. Treat your kids and their friends to a Moonwalk rental in your backyard. Check out the unique jewelry and beautiful framed art piece of Pope John Paul II. Details about all auction items will soon be on the St. John’s website.

DONATIONS

Auction donations including gift certificates to local restaurants or stores are greatly appreciated. This is the last week that we can accept donations. **However, bottles of wine or pint size bottles of beer may be dropped off up until Friday, Feb. 27.** Items may be dropped off at the parish office. For more information, contact Dawn Schonhoff at dlschonhoff@hotmail.com or Paula Beer at pgbeer@hotmail.com.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Many more volunteers are still needed to work this event. If you would like to donate your time, contact Paula at pgbeer@hotmail.com.

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55+ VALENTINE’S DAY 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.**



LOSS OF SPOUSE LUNCH

Our Loss of Spouse Group will gather on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the rectory. There will be a complimentary lunch and anyone who has lost a spouse is invited. RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 18, to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Join us for fellowship as we get to know one another.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA) – POSTCARDS

If you were not able to sign a postcard last weekend for the FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act), they are still available in the atrium by the bulletin board. Just sign your name and address to all three postcards and put them in the box provided. The Respect Life Committee will fill in the senators and representatives names and mail them. If you would like more information about FOCA, go to www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/abortion.

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Viola Brandt*, mother of
Jim Brandt
- † *Mary Ericson*, mother of
Pam Ryan

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Brian & Heather Everson ~
Isabelle, Malin*

*Bill & Dawn Springer ~
Ella*

*Daniel & Julie Serrine ~
Matthew, Erika, Abigail*

Jon Gonstead

*Ryan & Lauren Wilson ~
Patrick*

Jason Low & Heidi Hoehn-Low

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.

READINGS

For the Week of February 8

- Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-23/
Mk 1:29-39
- Mon: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
- Tue: Gn 1:20---2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
- Wed: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
- Thu: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
- Fri: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
- Sat: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
- Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/
1 Cor 10:31---11:1/Mk 1:40-45

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

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 the following Mondays 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

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TOWELS FROM TEENS

Students from Academy of Holy Angel's and St. John's School will be collecting new and gently used towels and blankets this weekend. 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.

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE DURING THE 9AM MASS

each Sunday, except holidays. The nursery is located in the back of the church and is available to parents attending Mass and also to volunteers for the Sunday School program. Children 12 months to 4 years old are welcome. It is operated by a parent rotation. For more information contact Sarah Helm at sarah.helm@comcast.net or call 952.894.2080.

All adults working in the nursery must complete a background check and VIRTUS: *Protecting God's Children* training is required. To sign-up for a training session go to www.virtus.org.

◆ ◆ ◆ MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆



Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Did you know that all parishioners of St. John's are part of the Funeral Luncheon Ministry? St. John's volunteers call parishioners to provide salads and bars for the family of the deceased for a funeral luncheon. One family member writes, "the food was tasty, but the comfort you offered us was even more nourishing." The funeral luncheon workers volunteer their time to make the luncheon a warm and welcoming meal in a time of sorrow. Many of our servers, men and women, know or have experienced the comfort that this meal can bring to a family. If you would like more information about this ministry, contact Brenda at 952.233.1042.

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◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Kindergarten through 8th grade:

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

GRADES 7 & 8 ATTEND PRO-LIFE RALLY

Students in grades 7 and 8 participated in the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Life on Jan. 22 at the St. Paul Cathedral. The Prayer Service is held annually and is sponsored by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.



Archbishop John C. Nienstedt spoke at the event. His speech can be read on the archdiocese website at <http://www.archspm.org>. We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring buses for this event.

DAVANNI'S NIGHT

St. John's School Fundraiser at Davanni's Restaurant will be on Monday, Feb. 9, from 4 - 8pm, in Savage at the intersection of County Road 42 and Highway 13. Pick up a red voucher after Mass to turn in with your dine-in or take-out orders. 20% of the evening ticketed sales go to St. John's School. Our 6th grade classes will host that evening's fundraiser.

◆ ◆ ◆ BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS ◆ ◆ ◆

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Ryan Pfaff • Cory Berg • Patrick Cole • Patrick Adelman • Dennis Johnson
 Joseph Jenkins • Sean Tisdell • Joshua Krieg • Walter Lang • Scott Miller
 Gerry Peppmuller • Jeremy Glenz • Jamie Sieben • JP Arnold • Colin Moening
 Gregory Beach • Joseph Rouse • Tom Bunnell • Josh West • Kevin Sweeney
 Nick VandeGriffe • Ashleigh Howard • Jeff Mouras • Cameron Mayasich
 Zachary Kirchner • James Duke • Becky Duke • Troy Bauman
 Michael Durkin • Angie Colón • Michael Duerr • Matthew Gotelaere
 Jessica Iverson • Andrew Motzko • Thomas Hilla • Laura Winge
 Tiffany Mooney • Dustin Duren • Joshua Duren

If you know that any of the above are no longer on active duty or you would like to add someone to the list, e-mail Jim at jrylander@stjohns-savage.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 9

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, February 10

8:00 am † Dick O'Keefe

10:30 am †† Rev. Leo R. Huber,
 Rev. Robert T. Cassidy
 (Ridges Nursing Home)

Wednesday, February 11

8:00 am Special Intention of M. L.

Thursday, February 12

8:00 am Special Intention of
 Gordan Zovko & Family

9:25 am † Barbara Martin
 (School Mass)

Friday, February 13

8:00 am † Nora Brunello

Saturday, February 14

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Jack Egan

Sunday, February 15

7:30 am † Frances Keahna

9:00 am For the Parish

11:00 am † Eugene Hennen

LECTORS

February 14/15

5:00 pm Margaret & Ron Eustice

7:30 am Maureen & Dennis Peterson

9:00 am Katie Broadwell, Jeff Olson

11:00 am Rachel Goering, John Melsen

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Feb. 10-11 Emma Marko
 Corrigan Shea

Feb. 12-13 Jack Dominik
 Tony Sullivan

Saturday, February 14

5:00 pm Lindsay Becker
 Joey Hanel
 Lauren Warmka

Sunday, February 15

7:30 am Will Diedrick
 Lucy Walbruch

9:00 am Liliana Gomez
 McKenzie Svoboda
 Erin Swensen

11:00 am Anna Brunner
 Jack Dominik
 Robert Tobroxen

John XXIII, always open to the signs of the times, was inspired to convene a council to renew the church.

People are made to be loved and things are made to be used. There is much chaos in this world because things are being loved and people are being used.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS (*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, February 9

- 3:45 pm Tubing at Buck Hill
- 4:00 pm Davanni's Night*
- 6:30 pm Troop 336
- 7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class
- 7:30 pm Home & School Meeting

Tuesday, February 10

- 10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings
- 6:30 pm Cultural Outreach Meeting
- 6:30 pm Middle School Open House & High School Info Night
- 6:30 pm Sister Parish VBS Meeting*
- 7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

- 12:00 pm 55+ Group Valentine Lunch*
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm BeFriender Meeting
- 7:00 pm Festival/Adult Choir*
- 8:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 13

- 8:30 am Stations of the Cross
- 9:30 am Bible Study

Saturday, February 14

- 9:00 am WEE Faith
- 6:00 pm Marriage Enrichment Dinner
- Saturday/Sunday, February 14/15
School Registration*

Sunday, February 15

- 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 L.I.T.E.

A MAN CAN FAIL MANY TIMES,
BUT HE ISN'T A FAILURE
UNTIL HE BEGINS TO BLAME
SOMEBODY ELSE.

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

for the week of Feb. 8, have been
donated for a
Special Intention for Don Henrich
- Kevin & Karen Brandenburg

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

SISTER PARISH VBS TEAM FORMING

An information meeting is scheduled for all who are interested in learning more about providing Vacation Bible School and a reading enrichment program for the children of Immaculate Heart of Mary, our sister parish in Houston, MS. The meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 6:30pm, in the media center. Currently plans are to depart on Sunday, July 5, and return Saturday, July 11. If you are unable to attend, but would like to learn more, contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Father Tix blessed the Souper Bowl of Caring donations during Wednesday night Religious Education classes. Food items were collected by students in RE classes and St. John's School. Souper Bowl of Caring is a modification in the national effort to raise awareness about the hungry and to help stock area food shelves with contributions of non-perishable food items and money. Donations will be given to *House of Hope*.



◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

YOUTH MINISTRY SNOWBALL DANCE

On Saturday, March 14, Shakopee Catholic Education Center is hosting a dance for youth in grades 7 and 8 from 7 - 9pm. The dress code is "dressy" (no jeans). The cost is \$5. Tickets are now on sale. Contact Lori if you and your friends are interested in dancing the night away. Information can also be found in the education office or on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org. For more information on youth ministry events contact Lori Taormina at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

◆ ◆ ◆ MUSIC MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR BEGINS SOON

We wholeheartedly offer you an invitation to join voices with the Adult Choir for an eight-week "Festival Choir" season. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7pm. The season concludes with the beloved Holy Week and finally Easter Sunday Mass on April 12. We will provide music, rehearsal CDs and an enormous helping of enjoyment. Feel free to join us for a no obligation "Come and See" night on Feb. 12. CHEESECAKE WILL BE SERVED!! For complete details go to St. John's website at www.stjohns-savage.org (Liturgy/Music Ministry) or contact Tim Malone at tmalone@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9465, ext. 116.



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◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHRIMP & STEAK DINNER

will be on Friday, Feb. 13, from 5 - 8pm at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Fried shrimp, sirloin steak with mushrooms, baked potato, Texas toast, salad bar, dessert and coffee or milk will be served. The cost is \$13 for both or \$10 for shrimp or steak. Child's meal is available for \$2. Open to the public.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

The Couple to Couple League offers a series of classes for engaged and married couples on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning*. CCL's new streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. For more information on classes, go to twincities.ccli.org or call 612.721.3791.

CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED

will meet on Monday, Feb. 9, 6:45pm, at St. Thomas Becket Church, 4455 South Robert Trail in Eagan. Donation per session is \$2. Amy Wolff, CFP, CDFA will speak on *Financial Issues in Divorce*. If you have questions or would like more information, call 651.683.9808.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$25,375
Simple Giving	
electronic donations	\$9,756
Total donations	\$35,131
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,050
Over budget.....	\$1,081
Budget year-to-date	- \$66,285



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:38-39