
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • FEBRUARY 14, 2010

SOUP SUPPERS

HOSTED BY ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES

FRIDAYS IN LENT

FEBRUARY 19 & 26, MARCH 5, MARCH 12, MARCH 19 & MARCH 26

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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

Tuesday - Friday: 8 am

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, February 15, 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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

For information including sign-up call
Jack at 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 ◆ ◆ ◆



On this weekend the world around us celebrates Valentine's Day. It's ironic that as we begin the week with Valentine's Day on Wednesday we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. It almost seems that the color red and the fun of Valentine's Day is almost the opposite of the color purple and more somber tone of Lent. If we go deeper, however, it seems that the two may be more connected than we realize.

Just as much as Valentine's Day is about the love shared between two people, Lent is also about love, the gift of God's love for us. The forty days of this season invites us to take a step back to recall the gift of God's love as told through the scriptures beginning with the story of creation. It continues from the Old to New Testament in the person of Jesus Christ, where we recall that God sent his only Son into our world to teach us a way of love. Jesus teaches us a way of love that is not only about words, but faith expressed in action. The ultimate expression of God's love is seen in Jesus' laying down his life so that we might live. In Lent we remember that we are incorporated into the death and resurrection of Jesus that promises new life through our baptism. Lent invites us to consider how we live God's command of love through the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The season of Lent also challenges us to growth and conversion so that we can more clearly reflect God's light and love to the world around us.

I wholeheartedly invite you to open yourselves to the season of Lent. On the cover of today's bulletin is information about Soup Suppers that will again be held on each of the Fridays of Lent before Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross recall Jesus' journey to Calvary and the promise of life to you and me as we follow Jesus by taking up our daily crosses. At the end of Stations there will be a brief exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Another longstanding tradition of St. John's is the *Life In the Spirit Seminar* that has taken place during Lent. Rather than being spread over a number of weeks, the seminar will be a weekend retreat that is open to anyone. More information about this and other opportunities are found in the bulletin today and in upcoming weeks.

Often specific questions are asked about Lent so I also want to pass on to you the following information.

Lenten Practices –

The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity throughout the season of Lent. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

Abstinence –

People 14 years and older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting –

People 18-59 years old are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed; two other lighter meals may be eaten but together should not equal another meal. Liquids are allowed.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ CELEBRATION! GALA 2010 ◆ ◆ ◆

AN EVENING TO REMEMBER!

Celebration! 2010 is almost here! Thank you to those who have purchased your tickets - we look forward to welcoming you to The Wilds on Saturday, Feb. 27. Reservation forms are available at St. John's website at www.stjohns-savage.org; at the parish office or in the atrium. Tickets will be sold after all Masses next weekend, Feb. 20/21, in the atrium. The cost is \$55 per person and this includes hors d'oeuvres, a dual entree dinner and music. You can also try your hand at our games of chance if you're feeling lucky.

Our silent and live auctions have a multitude of great items that you won't want to miss. Watch for a complete list on the St. John's website soon. If bidding on items "just isn't your thing," you will definitely enjoy the dinner, music and camaraderie of the evening. We would certainly enjoy your company!

Be sure to bring your smile! We have added an extra event this year - the photography services of Mindy Klinkner of Lilipfoto. She will be taking photographs of our guests as they arrive for the evening festivities. Say cheese!

For event information contact Jody Wermers at 952.233.8951 jodywermers@yahoo.com or for donation/auction information contact Nancy Roscoe at 952.808.1295 anaroscoe@msn.com.

TAKE A PEAK AT SOME OF THE CELEBRATION! AUCTION ITEMS

Celebration! is about community and friendships. About gathering together to support our St. John's community. So why not gather your friends and sign up for one of the great gatherings that is being offered this year? We welcome you to carry the festivities of Celebration! into the year and join our generous hosts for their wonderful events. Call your friends, get the date on your calendar and put in your bid on Saturday, Feb. 27 at The Wilds.

LADIES BUNCO NIGHT- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, HOSTED BY

Laura Miler, Jane Hurinenko, Kate Nicklay, Sheila Martin, Donna Pfeiffer, Carrie Cleary, Kelly Austin, and Mo Barr. It's everyone's favorite dice game! Come for food, fun, prizes and a great "girls night out." Available to 24 people. Cost is \$25 per person.

EVENING IN THE VINEYARD- SATURDAY, JUNE 12, HOSTED BY

Pete & Maria Meulepas. Spend an evening exploring the process of winemaking. After taking in the old-world charm of the Meluepas' wine cellar, guests are invited to linger in the countryside vineyard set among beautiful, rolling hills. Enjoy a fabulous dinner and have a chance to sample some of Pete's award winning wine. Guests will also be asked to bring fruit to make a batch of St. John's Mingleberry 2010. Available to 20 people. Cost is \$50 per person.

OKTOBERFEST FUN! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, HOSTED BY

Carrie Cleary, Karen Ruth, Kathy Lerick, Donna Pfeiffer, Laura Miler, Kate Nicklay and Susan Duren. Spend an evening celebrating all things German. Food, music and games plus a wonderful evening of fellowship. Available to 40 people. Cost is \$50 per person.

DINNER FOR 12 - DATE TBD

If you would rather bring the party to you - we can do that, too. How would you like to invite your friends and family to your home and have a personal chef prepare a fabulous meal for all of you? This includes dinner and three bottles of wine - all prepared especially for you. And, clean up is handled, too.

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
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952.890.6604

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952.846.4663

Dora May, Director

BAPTISMS

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

- Austin Raymond Carlson
- Miller Parker Piquette
- Abigail Rose Landhuis

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † Delphine Rozeske, mother of Marlene Heimerl
- † Rita Schneider, sister of Mable Walkowiak

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

- John & Sara Glass ~
- Skylark, Harper, Murphy
- Roman & Floreen Neeser

ENERGIZE YOUR FAITH

Are you looking for a way to make your faith more real, more concrete? Does it sometimes seem impossible to live out your faith in the world? Think about spending 72 hours of your life to learn how to make your faith come alive. To participate in a Cursillo weekend call: Jerry & Kassie Rients at 952.890.0021 or Mike & Christine Kelly at 952.226.2332.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.”

- Lk 6:22, 23b

READINGS

For the week of February 14

- Sun: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
- Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
- Tue: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
- Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thu: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
- Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
- Sun: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Experience the glory and grace of a life lived in the Holy Spirit by attending the *Life in the Spirit Seminar* on Saturday, Feb. 27. This year, the seminar will be presented in its entirety in ONE DAY - starting with a Communion/Prayer Service at 8am and continuing through the day. The opportunity for Confession will be offered at 3:30pm and all participants are welcome to close the day with Mass at 5pm.

Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend the seminar; instead a free-will donation will be accepted to help defray the costs of the *Life in the Spirit Seminar*. Because lunch will be served, pre-registrations are encouraged but walk-ins are most welcome.

To learn more about the *Life in the Spirit Seminar* - what it is and how it has the potential to change your life, contact Sandra Brastad at sbrastad@att.net OR to make reservations, contact Brenda Schroll at bschroll@stjohns-savage.org or call Brenda at 952.890.9434, ext. 254.

TUBING AT BUCK HILL

It's time to beat the winter blues and hit the tubing slopes at Buck Hill in Burnsville. St. John's has reserved the tubing hill for two sessions on Monday, March 1: from 5-7pm and/or 7-9pm. Also reserved is *The Hutch* where tubers can warm up with hot chocolate, hot dogs, chips and cookies.



Everyone is welcome to join us. Tubers must be at least 5 years old and 42 inches tall. All tubers must have a tubing pass for their shift, including tubing chaperones. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the hill at the beginning and end of each session. Cost is \$15 per person for one two-hour session OR \$25 per person for both sessions. There is no cost for non-tubing adult chaperones. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, Feb. 24. Once passes are purchased, there are no refunds. Registration forms along with detailed tubing information are available on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org or in the school and parish offices and in the atrium. For more information contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249.



◆ ◆ ◆ LOSS OF SPOUSE GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

YOU ARE INVITED TO

the Olive Garden on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 11:30am, for a soup-and-salad Dutch-treat lunch for the next Loss of Spouse Group gathering. We will meet at the Burnsville Olive Garden which is located at 1451 County Road 42 just west of the Burnsville Center. To make your reservation call Jim Rylander at the parish office at 952.890.9465, ext. 114. If you have a friend, neighbor, or relative who has lost a spouse they are welcome to join us.

◆ ◆ ◆ EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ◆ ◆ ◆

ARE YOU INTERESTED

in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? Two opportunities are being offered for training and commissioning on Sunday, Feb. 28, and March 7, at 12pm. Meet in the nursery located by the Holy Family Chapel. For more information e-mail Jane Mannila at g.mannila@comcast.net or call her at 952.736.8258.

THERE ARE NO RE CLASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 17.
ASH SERVICES ARE AT 5PM AND 7PM.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Preparation materials for First Eucharist were distributed at the information meeting on Feb. 10. If you were unable to attend, materials were sent home through your child's day school or religion class. At that meeting, parents were invited to choose which Mass they wanted their child to receive their First Communion. **Sunday, April 18, at 2pm, or Sunday, April 25, at 2pm.** To reserve a date for First Eucharist or if you have any questions about our parish preparation program, contact the RE Office at 952.890.9434, ext. 247.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv., Guardian of St. Joseph Cupertino Friary, member of the staff at Franciscan Retreats, and associate professor at the University of St. Thomas, will be the featured presenter on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 6:45pm, in the church. His presentation, *Mission: What is God Calling Us to Do?* is open to everyone and serves as religion class for all young people in grades 7-12 that night. For more information, contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

MISSION 2010

There are still openings for this summer's *Catholic Heart Work Camp Twin Cities* mission trip. Any student going into grade 10 or higher during the 2010/2011 school year and adults that are interested can contact Lori Taormina at ltormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232. The next meeting is Sunday, Feb. 21, at 4pm in the youth room.

STEUBENVILLE NORTH YOUTH CONFERENCE

Our first official meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 28, at 3pm, in the media center. Steubenville is for youth going into grades 9-12 during the 2010-11 school year. Registration materials can be found in the education office or on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

USED UNIFORM SALE

will be after all Masses the weekend of Feb. 20/21, in the parish center. Please bring your items for the uniform sale to the school office by Friday, Feb. 19. Each item should be clean, marked with your full name and phone number along with the price of the item. If the uniform comes in without your name and price, all profits will go to the school. Volunteers are needed for set-up on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 8-11am and during the sale. Contact Julie Johnston at mommyji@hotmail.com or call 952.435.5739.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

MARCH ADVENTURE

"Wild Safari 3D – A South African Adventure" will be the 55+ Group outing on Friday, March 19. There is no bus service. We will meet at 10:15am at the IMAX Theatre which is located at the Minnesota Zoo at 12000 Zoo Blvd. in Apple Valley. Following the showing we will gather for a Dutch-treat lunch at the Bonfire in Eagan located at 1555 Cliff Road. RSVP by Monday, March 15, to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Cost is \$6 and payment should be made in advance. Checks should be made payable to St. John's.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, February 16

8:00 am For our Military

Ash Wednesday, February 17

8:00 am † Isidore "Bud" Baumann

9:25 am Ash Service (School)

5:00 pm Ash Service

7:00 pm Ash Service

Thursday, February 18

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Friday, February 19

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Saturday, February 20

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Jeanette Hoglin

Sunday, February 21

7:30 am † Alice McCorkell

9:00 am For the Parish

11:00 am † Gertrude Moorhead

LECTORS

February 20/21

5:00 pm Veronica Bartsch

Richard Gross

7:30 am Blaise Eisenbeil

Kitty Eisenbeil

9:00 am Nancy Abicht

Tracy Dennis

11:00 am Bob Brickweg

Christine Brickweg

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Feb. 16/17 Heather Smith

Jacob Smith

Kaylin Elfering

Feb. 18/19 Carley Dowell

Catherine Nardi

Dane Kusber

Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm Andrea Lerick

Emily Lerick

Lauren Warmka

Sunday, February 21

7:30 am Alexa Orr

Maria Strittmater

9:00 am Ian Lundquist

Liliana Gomez

Tony Sullivan

11:00 am Kathleen Camacho

Molly Kate Jones

Tommy Adam

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS
(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, February 15

- 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.
- 7:00 pm Baptism Class*
- 7:00 pm AFFC Mtg.
- 7:00 pm World Youth Day Mtg.

Tuesday, February 16

- 10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings
- 6:30 pm Celebration! Mtg.
- 7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Thursday, February 18

- 4:00 pm Schoenstatt Girls Group
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Festival Choir
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Committee Mtg.
- 8:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, February 19

- 8:30 am Stations of the Cross
- 9:30 am Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Soup Supper*
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Saturday, February 20

- 9:00 am WEE Faith
- 4:00 pm Saturday Singers/Seraphim

Saturday/Sunday, February 20/21

- Used Uniform Sale*
- Celebration Ticket Sale*

Sunday, February 21

- 8:00 am AA Meeting
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:15 am RCIA Program
- 4:00 pm Mission Meeting*
- 6:00 pm Theology of the Body

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS



have been donated in memory of
Leo & Mike Dannecker
- From the Dannecker Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

will host an all-you-can-eat fish dinner on Friday, Feb. 19, from 5-8pm, at 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. The meal includes: baked or fried fish, potato salad and au gratin potatoes, green beans, salad bar, fresh baked bread, dessert and coffee or milk. Cost is \$10 (age 11 or older); \$5 for children (ages 5 to 10); children 4 and under eat for free.

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

JOIN FR. TIX

on a 10-day Italian Renaissance Tour Oct. 11-21. 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



◆ ◆ ◆ **ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE** ◆ ◆ ◆

WHAT'S NEW?

With the beginning of Lent upon us, we have on display spiritual items that will enrich your journey through this solemn time of reflection on the Passion of our Lord. We have a variety of reading materials that offer daily prayerful contemplation, an activity book for children, Lenten themed laminated prayer cards, and crucifixes for your home. New this year — a book entitled *Women Why Are You Weeping?*.

The Lenten Black Book will be free this season while supplies last. You can pick up your book in the back of church not in the bookstore.

◆ ◆ ◆ **A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING** ◆ ◆ ◆

A VALENTINE MESSAGE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Thinking about a present for your spouse on Valentine's Day? How about being "Present" for your spouse? Are your communication and listening skills in need of a little enriching? How about going on a World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend? This could be the perfect gift you give each other. A weekend is your chance to enrich your marriage in ways you never thought possible. Find out what thousands of other couples have discovered by going on a weekend. For information on upcoming weekends, go to www.wmesection8.org or call 612.840.7630.



◆ ◆ ◆ **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL** ◆ ◆ ◆

A successful appeal brings God's hope, love and comfort to many men, women and children in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Our parish and our Archdiocese are *One Body in Christ*. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation—a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. Remember no gift is too small. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

◆ ◆ ◆ **FIREARM SAFETY** ◆ ◆ ◆

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS

Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Minnesota DNR Certified Firearm Safety Class starting Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 6:30-9pm, in the parish center. Classes will continue on Monday and Thursday nights through Thursday, April 15 with a range date on Saturday, April 17, at the Suburban Sportsman Club. Students must be 12 years old or older. Parents are welcome. Pre-registration is required. Call Tom Esterl at 952.445.7563 or Paul Berscheit at 952.447.4710.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

LIVING AND GROWING THROUGH LOSS

will meet on Monday, Feb. 15. A light supper will be served at 5:30pm. At 6pm Tami Briggs, therapeutic harpist, will speak on *Sounds of Healing: Using Music in the Grief Journey* at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 16515 Luther Way, in Eden Prairie.

ANNUAL SINGLE PARENT MORNING RETREAT

The Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life is hosting its annual Single Parent Morning Retreat on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9am-12pm, at Nativity of our Lord in St. Paul. Morning reflections include: *Just one of Me-Successfully Surviving the Stress of Single Parenting* presented by Catherine Mollner and *No Time Today!-Finding Ways to Thrive Spiritually* presented by Fr. Jeff Huard. Free childcare is available. Cost is \$10 per family. Scholarships are available. For more information call 651.291.4489. Forms are available at www.archspm.org.

DEPRESSION SUPPORT COALITION OFFERS

information, education, support and spiritual hope to those affected by depression as well as their families. Major depression is a medical illness that today affects 15 million adults each year. Depression affects our thoughts, feelings, mood, behavior and physical health. To learn more attend the meeting on Thursday, March 4, at 7pm, at Mary, Mother of the Church, in Burnsville. Dr. Janice Nadeau will speak on *Finding Meaning in Depression*.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$23,102
Simple Giving	
electronic donations.....	\$2,187
Total donations.....	\$25,289
Weekly revenue budget	\$32,625
Under budget.....	\$7,336
Budget year-to-date	- \$18,072

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN — ONLY SEVEN OPENINGS

St. John's staff invites you to join them in packaging meals on Friday, Feb. 19, from 2:30-4:30pm, at the Chanhasen site. If you are interested or have any questions contact Tracy Tredinnick at ttredinnick@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9465, ext.118.