

**Saturday, February 28**

**5:30 p.m. — midnight**

# Celebration!

A gala evening to celebrate  
St. John's community

*Proceeds to benefit educational scholarships for  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School*

## **The Evening Features:**

*Dancing to Music by*

*DJ Instant Request*

*Live Auction led by*

*Lawrence Auctioneering*

*Silent Auction*

*Wall of Wine*

*Gift Certificate Tree*

**The Wilds Golf Club**

**in**

**Prior Lake**

**\$55 Per Person**

**\$650 for a reserved**

**table of 10**

*Tickets may be purchased at the  
parish or education office. A ticket  
order form is available online at*

*[www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org).*

*Credit Cards are accepted for  
ticket purchases.*

# St. John <sup>the</sup> 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, March 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

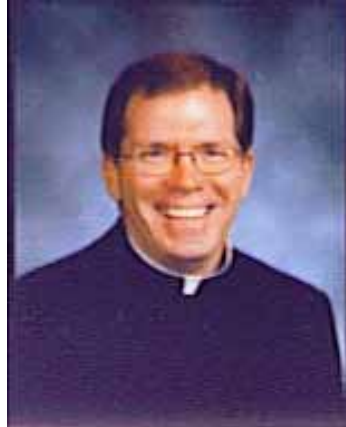
For information including sign-up:  
952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

### Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to

[bulletin@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:bulletin@stjohns-savage.org)  
by 10 am on Monday.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



One of the things that uniquely characterizes the Catholic Church is it being a sacramental church. In each of the seven sacraments, we encounter the Risen Christ, an experience of God's redemptive response to our deepest personal needs. These sacramental moments place the important decisions of our lives in the context of loving service to God and others. They give meaning to our infancy, our experiences of growth, guilt, illness, vocation and death, and they embrace the whole complex web of our various relationships.

Baptism envelops the first moments of our lives in God's loving kindness and strength. During the quickly approaching season of Lent we reflect and renew our baptismal commitment. Baptism stamps us with loving concern of Christ and God's assembled people. As we approach maturity, Confirmation renews the gifts of God's Spirit to strengthen and support us for a life of discipleship and service. The Sacrament of Reconciliation heals the wounds of sin and guilt by immersing us in the mercy and compassion of our loving God. When serious illness threatens us, the Sacrament of Anointing brings us God's healing presence and unites us to Christ who suffered willingly for all of us. Through Holy Orders and Marriage, God dedicates mature Christians to lives of loving service to which we are called.

One basic and life-long problem is our way of relating to others. Can we overcome the stifling effect of self-seeking so as to live in peace with others? Can we grow in prompt readiness to help and serve Christ, who calls us through those in need? To address this need, the Eucharistic Christ bonds us to himself in the church and invites us to join Him in selfless surrender on behalf of every human person. Through these seven sacraments, God repeatedly punctuates the pivotal moments of our greatest need with compassion and great love. It is no surprise, then, that we Catholics gladly acknowledge that we are a sacramental people.

Father Mike Tix

## ◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

### LOSS OF SPOUSE LUNCHEON

will be on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 12pm, at the rectory. Anyone who has lost a spouse is invited to this complimentary lunch. 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.

### SCOUTS WILL RECEIVE RELIGIOUS EMBLEM

on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the 5pm Mass. Scouts please wear your formal uniform to this service. Parishioners help us recognize our scouts.

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

wishes to extend a special thank you to our parishioner, August Bueltel, for his dedication and talent in crafting beautiful Rosaries that are for sale at our bookstore. To date August has handmade over 93 Rosaries. The most popular Rosary is made from Job's Tears that he harvests from his own garden. August you are a true blessing to all.

◆ ◆ ◆ CELEBRATION! 2009 ◆ ◆ ◆

**LESS THAN TWO WEEKS UNTIL CELEBRATION!**

Time is running out to get your tickets. Make this the year that you join in the fun. Tickets are \$55 and can be paid by credit card, cash or check. Tables of 10 are available for \$650 which includes the wine. Ticket order forms are available at the parish and education offices or on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org). For more information contact Pam McSweeney at 952.808.0847 or [mcsweeney\\_pam@comcast.net](mailto:mcsweeney_pam@comcast.net), or Angie Faith at 952.386.9628 or [asfaith1@mchsi.com](mailto:asfaith1@mchsi.com). **The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, Feb. 23.**

**AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS**

Guests that attend *Celebration!* get first chance to sign-up to attend the many parties at the auction. Party themes this year include a Spanish Tapas Party, Oktoberfest Party, Bunco Party, 70's Party and Ladies Luncheon. Gather a group of friends and bid on the Meulepas Wine Cellar Party – a true wine enthusiast's experience. **Details about all auction items are on the St. John's website at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org). This is the best place to find information about an item's inclusions, exclusions and expiration dates.**

**DONATIONS FOR GAMES**

Adding to the fun of *Celebration!* are the games of chance – Heads and Tails, Wall of Wine and the Gift Certificate Tree. New this year is an adult version of the ring toss game where winners will take home a bottle of wine or bottle of beer. **Please consider donating a \$10 – \$20 gift certificate, a bottle of wine or a few pint size bottles of beer.** These items can be dropped off at the school or parish offices.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are still needed to work the event. If you would like to donate your time contact Paula Beer at [pgbeer@hotmail.com](mailto:pgbeer@hotmail.com) or 952.492.3833.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

we will visit the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory in St. Paul. The cost is \$38 which includes admission, escorted tour, box lunch and deluxe motor coach. We will leave from the atrium at 10am and return at 3pm. The box lunch will include your choice of: roast turkey, Bavarian ham, roast beef or a grilled vegetable sandwich. RSVP to Jim Rylander in the parish office at 952.890.9465, ext. 114, by Tuesday, March 3. Please indicate your choice of sandwich.

◆ ◆ ◆ PICTORIAL DIRECTORY ◆ ◆ ◆

**UPDATE**

The long anticipated 2009 Pictorial Directory is estimated to be completed by this May. **If you do not wish to be listed with your contact information in the back of the directory please contact Carol Radosevich at [cradosevich@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:cradosevich@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9465, ext. 248.**

**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

## BAPTISMS

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

*Christopher John Worm  
Stone Quinn Sawyer*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† *Lucy Osuji*, mother of Anthony Osuji  
† *Mary Kincs*, mother of Joe Kincs  
† Sara Wrich, sister of Herm Delong

## NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Donald & Judy Paul*



*A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."*

*Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."*

Mk 1: 40-41

## READINGS

For the Week of February 15

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45  
Mon: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13  
Tue: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21  
Wed: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26  
Thu: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33  
Fri: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34 - 9:1  
Sat: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13  
Sun: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

## ◆ ◆ ◆ 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](mailto:sbrastad@att.net) or call 952.890.4676. Join us on these Mondays at 6:30pm:

February 23	God's Love	March 2	Salvation
March 9	New Life	March 16	God's Gifts
March 30	Baptism in the Spirit	April 6	Growth & Transformation

### FATHER & SON PRAYER BREAKFAST

Rich Gannon, former quarterback for the Vikings, Super Bowl contender for the Oakland Raiders and current CBS sports commentator, will be the featured guest on Saturday, March 21, at 9am, in the atrium. Gannon will share his personal story, *The Lord's Work in the Life of a Professional Athlete*. Cost is \$10 per person with financial assistance available upon request. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Andi Little at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434.

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

A simple soup supper will be served from 6 - 7pm every Friday in Lent. Each Friday meal will be hosted by one of our parish ministries, starting Friday, Feb. 27. In addition to a hearty, meat-free meal, the evening will provide an opportunity for fellowship. There is no cost to attend but free-will donations will be collected to help offset the cost of the meal and for the programs we support through our parish Lenten tithes. Your hosts will be:

February 27	Parish Staff	March 6	Parish Pastoral Council
March 13	Youth Ministry	March 20	The 55+ Club
March 27	Hospitality Committee		
April 3	Steppingstones Preschool and St. John's Catholic School		

Helping hands also are welcome, especially those who can cook. For more information or to volunteer, contact Andi Little at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or 952.890.9434.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ WEE FAITH ◆ ◆ ◆

### THIRTEEN FAMILIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN



St. John's early childhood Catholic faith program, WEE Faith, which started on Saturday, Jan 31. Parents and children enjoyed a variety of faith stations, games, activities and crafts for the first part of the two-hour morning. While parents met for discussion and sharing,



children continued activities with volunteers. WEE Faith is based on the Archdiocesan Early Catholic Family Life program which is designed to provide parents an opportunity to learn more about passing their Catholic faith on to their children. It is planned that WEE Faith "mini-sessions" will be regularly scheduled throughout the year with another four

## ◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

## I LOVE TO READ MONTH

February is filled with activities celebrating the joy of reading at St. John's. On Wednesday, Feb. 4, the cafeteria was crowded with students, parents, grandparents and all who gathered for our annual *Breakfast With A Book*. Drake and Marissa Bauer brought their mom and dad. They all agreed that it is a great way to reinforce reading as well as it being a nice pocket of time to spend as a family. Students will also enjoy guest readers in their classrooms throughout the month and many of the classroom doors are covered to look like a book.

## PARENTS CHOOSE AN EDUCATION AT

St. John's School for their children for many reasons. A recent essay contest gives a little insight into how our students feel about the education they are receiving.

## QUOTES FROM OUR KIDS:

- Here you get fun. You also get loved, friends, family and mostly you get an education. Jillian Radosevich Grade 5
- You learn a lot about Jesus and God in religion and at Mass. It helps me be a good person. Julie Miler Grade 3
- I have two siblings that graduated from St. John's. We all credit the St. John's teaching staff with helping us be the best we can be. Charlie Abbott Grade 7

## CHECK OUT THE CHARGER SPIRIT NEWSLETTER

We have a newsletter available in the atrium for anyone interested in hearing about all the terrific things happening at St. John's School. It's also a means of reconnecting with the past. Copies have been sent to current St. John's families and those alumni we've been able to locate but many names are missing from our mailing list. If you or your child(ren) attended St. John's, contact Suzanne Mills-Rittmann at [smillsrittman@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:smillsrittman@stjohns-savage.org). We would like to make future copies available to those who are interested. Most helpful would be your name, maiden name, address and the years you attended St. John's School.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ QUESTION &amp; ANSWER ◆ ◆ ◆

**Q** *What was Pope John XXIII's attitude towards the Orthodox Church and the Protestant faiths in calling an ecumenical council?*

**A** On January 25, 1959, John XXIII announced his desire to convene an ecumenical council to the 17 cardinals gathered at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. John XXIII expressed his desire that the council be "an invitation to the separated communities to search for that unity which so many souls desire."

While the pope desired Christian unity to be part of the council's agenda, he was also aware of the great obstacles involved. Given the historically negative Catholic attitudes towards Protestants (the "heretics") and Orthodox (the "schismatics"), John did not know how this key agenda would play itself out. This unknown did not deter John from insisting that Christian unity be the key concern of the council and of all Christians.

Reactions to John's call for an ecumenical council were modest and varied, at best. The Vatican bureaucracy seemed to be strongly opposed to it, seeing it as an unnecessary intrusion into their administration of church doctrine and discipline. Others tended to be pessimistic concerning the possibility of change in attitude and perspective in an institution that historically resisted change. Still others reacted with great excitement and hope.

Within days of the January 25 announcement, both the Orthodox churches in general as well as the Protestant World Council of Churches expressed strong interest in and cooperation with John's call for Christian unity. How do you promote Christian unity in your community?

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 16

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 am † Margaret Fox

Wednesday, February 18

8:00 am Special Intention of  
Pearl Rochford

Thursday, February 19

8:00 am Special Intention for Joe

9:25 am † Pauline McAndrews  
(School Mass)

Friday, February 20

8:00 am † Rodney Biedron

Saturday, February 21

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Mary Lou O'Brien

Sunday, February 22

7:30 am † Paul Pannier

9:00 am Special Intention

11:00 am For the Parish

## LECTORS

February 21/22

5:00 pm Andi Little, Aileen Hill

7:30 am Mike Goering, Cynthia Hagen

9:00 am Teresa Hoffman, Bill King

11:00 am Christine Kelly, Peter Mollner

## MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Feb. 17-18 Carrie Mannila

Kristen Ober

Feb. 19-20 Charlie Nicklay

Jacob Heim

Nate Becker

Saturday, February 21

5:00 pm Emily Lerick

Sam Klein

Victoria Kusber

Sunday, February 22

7:30 am Jaclyn Hinz, Sarah Hinz

9:00 am Elli Vohnoutka

Erik Olson

Madi Vohnoutka

11:00 am Abby Broadwell

Kelly Keenan

Shannon Wilson

EUCCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS

5:00 pm Terri Schulberg

7:30 am Joseph Sterling

9:00 am Kate Bland

11:00 am Mary Ellen Reger

Please call your team members for the month of March.

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

**Monday, February 16**

6:30 pm Troop 336

**Tuesday, February 17**

10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

**Wednesday, February 18**

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

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

**Thursday, February 19**

4:00 pm Schoenstatt Girls Group

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study

7:00 pm Festival/Adult Choir

7:30 pm AFF

8:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 20**

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 21**

12:00 pm Loss of Spouse Luncheon\*

**Saturday/Sunday, February 21/22**

Venture Recruiting

Celebration Ticket Sales\*

**Sunday, February 22**

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.



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
REMEMBER SOMEONE  
OR AN OCCASION IN A  
SPECIAL WAY?**

For a donation of \$35, a plant will be placed by the statues of Mary and Joseph in the back of the church for a two week period. You may also have your intention published in the bulletin. If you are interested, call the parish office at 952.890.9465.

◆ ◆ ◆ **RESPECT LIFE** ◆ ◆ ◆

St. John's Respect Life Ministry will participate in the *40 Days for Life*, which is sponsored by ProLife Action Ministries, on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 7am - 7pm, at Health Partners at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Abortions are committed into the sixth month of pregnancy at this hospital. This is a peaceful vigil that stands for life through 40 days of peaceful public witness outside the facility. St. John's Respect Life Committee is asking parishioners to volunteer to sign-up to walk for 1 to 2 hours or more, as we are responsible to cover the 12 hours on Thursday, Feb. 26. The address is Health Partners at Regions Hospital, 640 Jackson St. in St. Paul. To sign-up or for more information call Mary Wee at 952.226.3272.

◆ ◆ ◆ **MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT** ◆ ◆ ◆



Ministry: *Holy Family Prayer Group*

They are a group of mothers and grandmothers who have been meeting for over 20 years. They gather to pray for the needs of the parish and parishioners, and the needs of the world. They use the Marion format when praying the Rosary. On the first Tuesday of every month they pray the *Rosary for Life* for the unborn. The Blessed Virgin, through

her apparitions, has requested that we pray together in groups, and pray the Rosary and prayers for conversion. You are invited to join the Holy Family Prayer group on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Holy Family Chapel.

◆ ◆ ◆ **GOSPEL REFLECTION** ◆ ◆ ◆

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sometimes it is simply impossible to keep a secret, especially good news. Our natural inclination is to "shout it from the mountaintop" even if we were told not to say a word. So, too, it is difficult to keep from blowing our own horn while on that mountaintop. We take it upon ourselves to perform some act of charity for a friend in need, and can't wait to tell someone about it. Part of us feels good about what we've done, but the other part our pride seeks recognition from others. But there is really only one whose recognition and approval we will ever need, and God already knows what we've done.

Today's reading from the Gospel of Mark is a perfect example of our inability to keep a secret. A leper is cleansed by Jesus, his disease completely cured. But Jesus explicitly tells the man to keep this to himself and simply give thanks in the temple. Unfortunately, the man cannot keep himself from telling everyone about the miracle that Jesus performed; in doing so, Jesus' ability to carry out his mission is hampered. Unable to simply preach in the villages and towns, he must remain in the outlying areas. Even so, the crowds still find him, though not always for the reasons he sought them.

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we are helped to understand the very beautiful and abundant rewards of acts of charity. The fruits of our labor, as they are called, are joy, peace, and mercy (CCC 1829). Jesus speaks on many occasions about the need to keep our good deeds to ourselves. The recipient knows what you have done, as does the Father. Having received joy, peace, and mercy, what more could you ask for!

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

**ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY**

will be on Friday, Feb. 20, from 5-8pm, at St. Patrick’s Church of Cedar Lake. Menu includes cod fish prepared baked or deep fried, French fries, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, beans, bread and rolls, bars and beverages. Cost: adults \$10, children 4-12 years old \$5, children 3 and under eat for free.

**PRE-LENTEN SUNG PRAYER**

will be on Friday, Feb. 20, at 7pm, at St. Hubert’s Church, 8201 Main Street in Chanhassen. *Reflection on The Church Year: A Cycle of Wonder, Growth and Praise* with Fr. O’Brien and Dr. Mary Kantor. The music ministries of St. Theresa of Deephaven and St. Hubert will sing music composed by Fr. O’Brien and reflections by Dr. Kantor. A reception will follow.

**FIREARM SAFETY/HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS**

The K. of C. Council 4914 will sponsor a Minnesota DNR Certified Firearm Safety/Hunter Class starting on Monday, March 2, from 6:45 - 9:15pm, at St. Michael’s Church in Prior Lake. Classes will be on Mondays and Thursdays through April 13 and a range day on Saturday, April 18. Students should be at least 12 years old. Parents are welcome. Pre-registration is required. Call Tom Esterl at 952.445.7563 or Paul Berscheit at 952.447.4710.

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Last week’s donations:

Envelopes .....	\$25,280
Simple Giving	
electronic donations .....	\$2,159
Total donations .....	\$27,439
Weekly revenue budget .....	\$34,050
Under budget .....	\$6,610
Budget year-to-date .....	- \$72,895

Around the world, today is celebrated as World Marriage



Day. Your love is not only for your own good, but you are a witness that sacred promises are possible to keep. Encourage and support other married couples you know. For daily marriage tips visit: [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org).