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## FRIDAYS IN LENT

FEBRUARY 27, MARCH 6, MARCH 13, MARCH 20, MARCH 27 & APRIL 3

### 6 P.M. ~ ATRIUM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ SAVAGE, MINNESOTA



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# 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

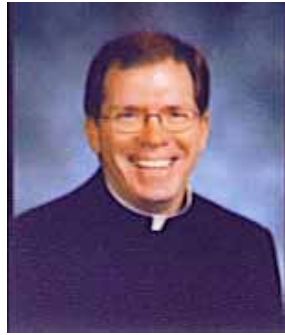
For information including sign-up: 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

### 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 ◆ ◆ ◆



For the past 12 years Bonnie Unzen has served St. John's as our Pastoral Minister. Since July, Bonnie has been on medical leave. Last week Bonnie informed me that due to continued health reasons, she will not be returning to her full-time Pastoral Care position. There is no doubt in my mind that over her years of service at St. John's, she has become a valuable source of information, wisdom and expertise. Although Bonnie will continue to be involved in the life of the parish itself, what will be greatly missed in the office on a daily basis is her genuine care and concern for others along with her positive and hope-filled attitude. On behalf of the entire parish and staff, I want to thank Bonnie for all the great work she has done for St. John's.

With Bonnie's new role, we are in the process of internally reorganizing some roles and responsibilities of staff. Among the interim changes that have been in place is Deacon Jerry Little who has been working with RCIA. I am grateful to Deacon Jerry for the work he has been doing in this area and respect the fact that while continuing his assignment at St. John's, he wants to focus on work around collaboration with our sister parish, as well as explore other areas of ministry. Given Bonnie's news we will be looking to hire someone on a part-time basis to coordinate RCIA, as well as work in the area of stewardship and hospitality. Although not definitive, it seems to make sense to consolidate these areas into one as they all involve a unique sense of outreach to people and invitation to greater participation in parish life and the overall mission of the church. More specific information about this position can be found in the article below.

In the past, stewardship and hospitality have been the work of Tracy Tredinnick. With the internal reorganization, Tracy will continue to coordinate background checks for volunteers as required by the *U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children*. In the ever growing world of technology, Tracy will offer technical support for the school, as well as the parish office. She will also be the first contact for our parish website.

For the sake of Pastoral Care, Jim Rylander will assume these duties. In the recent past Jim has done more work with Pastoral Care and expands outreach to our senior members through the 55+ Group.

The goal of this internal reorganization is to be more prudent and more efficient in meeting the needs of those we are called to serve as church. As these transitions take place in upcoming weeks I ask for your prayerful support.

Father Mike Tix

## ◆ ◆ ◆ POSITION OPENING ◆ ◆ ◆

St. John's is accepting applications for the position of RCIA and/or Stewardship Coordinator. Qualified applicants should be organized with good collaborative people skills including communication, and who demonstrate and articulate a distinct sense of Christian hospitality and outreach. Candidates should also be able to establish priorities and maintain necessary confidentiality. The position is posted as part-time with 12-15 hours per week, flexible schedule, no benefits. Letters of application and interest should be directed to Fr. Mike Tix by Monday, March 2.

◆ ◆ ◆ CELEBRATION! ◆ ◆ ◆

**LAST WEEKEND TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR CELEBRATION!**

On Saturday, Feb. 28, dinner begins with an assortment of canapés, followed by grilled bistro steak with a wild mushroom sauce, and ends with a heavenly chocolate torte. Individual tickets are \$55; tables of 10 are available for \$650 and includes 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 about tickets, contact Angie Faith at [asfaith1@mchsi.com](mailto:asfaith1@mchsi.com) or 952.386.9628.

**THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS MONDAY, FEB. 23.**

**AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS**

There are over 100 silent and live auction items to bid on this year in all price ranges. Details about all auction items can be found on St. John’s website at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org). This is the best place to find detailed information about an item’s inclusions, exclusions, and expiration dates. Or you may call Paula at 952.492.3833. Other auction items include:



- Memorial Day Weekend for a Family of four to Rutgers
- St. John’s Staff Beer Barrel
- NASCAR Weekends – April 5 - 6 and Oct. 3 - 4
- Cheesecake for a Year!
- Two Night Condo Stay at The Lodge at Giants Ridge

There will be an amazing variety of Restaurant Packages, Specialty Items, Services, Sports Items and Tickets, Entertainment and Travel Packages, and Party Sign-ups.

**DONATIONS FOR GAMES**

The fun continues with the games of chance – Heads and Tails, Wall of Wine, Gift Certificate Tree, and Ring Toss. 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 by Wednesday, Feb. 25.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are still needed to work the event. If you can donate your time, contact Nancy Roscoe at [anaroscoe@msn.com](mailto:anaroscoe@msn.com) or 952.808.1295.

◆ ◆ ◆ POSITION OPENING ◆ ◆ ◆

St. John’s Religious Education Department is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. Qualified applicants should possess computer proficiency, preferably in Word, Publisher, Excel and/or Access; good communication and interpersonal skills; ability to multitask responsibilities and establish priorities; and maintain confidentiality. The position is posted as a full-time position: 30 hours per week, for 12 months, with benefits. Salary is commensurate with experience. A full position description is available upon request.

Letters of application with résumé should be sent to Andi Little, Director of Religious Education, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 12508 Lynn Avenue S., Savage, MN 55378. E-mail applications will be accepted at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) by Monday, March 2. It is our intention that a qualified candidate be hired in order to shadow our current Administrative Assistant Liz Hughes through the end of the current school year. Liz will retire in May.

**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
- Pastoral Minister
- Jim Rylander ..... ext. 114
- Director of Music & Liturgy
- Tim Malone ..... ext. 116
- Parish Business Administrator
- 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:

*Brock Benton Vercruyse  
Collin Coleman Tierney*

## NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Paul & Kristin Gartner ~ Gianna  
Kassidi Zeglin ~ Braaden*

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Experience the peace of the Holy Spirit on Monday, Feb. 23, 6:30pm.

Topic: *God's Love*

## VIRTUS: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The next VIRTUS training session is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 6:30pm, in the atrium and is open to all adults over the age of 18. To register go on-line to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and click on *Registration*. If you cannot register on-line or have questions call Tracy at 952.890.9465, ext. 118.

## READINGS

For the Week of February 22

Sun: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/  
2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

Mon: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

Tue: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

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: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/  
Mk 1:12-15

**J**esus said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this." - Mk 2:11-12

## ◆ ◆ ◆ LENTEN REGULATIONS ◆ ◆ ◆

Lenten Regulations on Fast and Abstinence Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are observed on Good Friday and, where possible, on Holy Saturday. On these days, Christians prepare themselves by these disciplines in anticipation of the renewal of their baptismal commitment on Easter. From its earliest days, the Church has urged the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer as a preparation for the celebration of Easter.

During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national and worldwide programs of sharing.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆

### FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

Due to the difficult economic time, area food shelves are stressed more than ever. This Lent we would like to challenge St. John's parishioners to top their generosity of last year for the *We Care Collection*. Last year's March collection raised 526 pounds of food items which were donated to local area food shelves. Let's see if we can collect even more this March! The *We Care Collection* for March is next weekend, Feb. 28 and March 1. Suggested items include:

Canned corn, green beans, peas  
Canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, ham)  
Tuna Helper/Hamburger Helper  
Spaghetti's with meatballs  
Ketchup/mustard/mayonnaise  
Flour/sugar/oil  
Feminine hygiene products  
Spaghetti sauce  
Diapers - all sizes (especially large)  
Laundry detergent/Liquid dish detergent

Canned fruit  
Sweet cereal  
Chili  
Syrup  
Coffee  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Stew  
Kleenex/Puffs tissues  
Cake mixes/Frosting



## ◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

### MARCH GATHERING

Join us on Wednesday, March 4, at 8:30am, in the atrium. Our parishioners, Marge and Bob Ehr, will take us on the last portion of their Rhine River trip from Bamberg, Germany to Amsterdam that we began in February. Join us for a visual presentation of pictures they took on this fabulous cruise. Refreshments will be provided.

### LIONS & TIGERS & LILIES, OH MY!

Join us on Wednesday, March 18, when we will visit 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 by Tuesday, March 3,** to Jim Rylander in the parish office at 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Please indicate your choice of sandwich.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

THERE ARE NO RE CLASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25. ASH SERVICES WILL BE AT 5PM AND 7PM.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Children preparing to receive First Eucharist and their parents are reminded of the parent information meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30pm, in the church. In addition to receiving your child’s preparation materials, parents will have the opportunity to sign-up for a First Eucharist Mass, choosing either Sunday, April 26, at 2pm, or Sunday, May 3, at 2pm. No First Eucharist Mass dates will be reserved prior to March 10.

At St. John’s, children are prepared to receive communion who are baptized, have made a first confession and who are in the 2nd grade or older. For more information about First Eucharist preparation, contact [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434.

TUBING THANK YOU’S!

A big “thank you” to everyone who helped with our tubing excursion to Buck Hill on Feb. 9. Despite the rainy conditions, the more than 100 children and adults who came seemed to enjoy the thrill of the hill! A very special thank you to our First Student bus drivers, Gayla Colin, Denise Beckel and Karen Klein, who donated their time to help us transport tubers to the hill and back. Thank you also to Colleen Roberge and Mark Wohlers who helped prepare the afternoon snack. And a very special thank you to the many adult chaperones without whom this kind of adventure would never be able to happen.

FATHER-SON PRAYER BREAKFAST

Make your reservation now for the Father-Son Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 21, from 9 - 11am, featuring former quarterback and current CBS sports commentator Rich Gannon. Cost is \$10 per person with financial assistance available. No one will be denied the opportunity to attend what promises to be a fantastic morning of breakfast and personal witness. Men! You do not need to be a “father” (remember you are already someone’s son!) or have a male child in order to attend. There is no specific age range for participants, but boys should be old enough to be able to sit through and appreciate Mr. Gannon’s presentation.

Reserve your place by e-mailing Andi Little at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249. Checks should be made payable to St. John’s and if providing cash, please make sure you enclose it in an envelope clearly marked Prayer Breakfast. You may also use the form below. Reservation forms and payment may be dropped off at the education, school or parish offices.

FATHER-SON PRAYER BREAKFAST RESERVATIONS
Total # of People Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Name(s) of Participants \_\_\_\_\_
Clip and attach with payment and send to:
Prayer Breakfast
c/o Religious Education
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
12508 Lynn Avenue South
Savage, MN 55378
Father - Son Prayer Breakfast logo

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 23
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
Tuesday, February 24
8:00 am † Leora Leukam

Ash Wednesday, February 25
8:00 am † Tim Pang
9:25 am Ash Service (School)
5:00 pm Ash Service
7:00 pm Ash Service
Ash Wednesday logo

Thursday, February 26
8:00 am †† Frank & Ethel Roloff
Friday, February 27
8:00 am † Clarence Stang
Saturday, February 28
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
5:00 pm † John McAndrews
Sunday, March 1
7:30 am For the Parish
9:00 am † Emmett Zachmann
11:00 am Special Int. of Rob Motzel

LECTORS

February 28/March 1
5:00 pm Ann Rogers
Craig Schoenecker
7:30 am Luke Bearth
Sharon Warmka
9:00 am Donald Kuplic
Kris Lambrecht
11:00 am Janet & Wilfred Williams

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am
Feb. 24-25 Megan Cleary, Will Diedrick, Kelly Keenan
Feb. 26-27 Jacob Notermann, Amanda Pfeiffer
Saturday, February 28
5:00 pm Charles Haug, Maddie Haug, Ariel Jarvis
Sunday, March 1
7:30 am Carrie Mannila, Marissa Mahoney
9:00 am Anne Prins, Matt Schroer, Nicole Swensen
11:00 am Ariel Behnke, Joseph Mosset, Molly Kate Jones

USHER CAPTAINS

5:00 pm Gary Trapp
7:30 am Scott Wilgenbusch
9:00 am Bob Murphy
11:00 am Diane Hanson
Please call your team members for the months of March and April.

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

**Monday, February 23**

6:30 pm Troop 336  
 6:30 pm Life in the Spirit Seminar\*  
 7:30 pm REAC

**Tuesday, February 24**

10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study  
 6:30 pm VIRTUS\*  
 7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

**Thursday, February 26**

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Festival/Adult Choir  
 7:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council

**Friday, February 27**

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 28**

6:00 pm Venture Recruiting  
 Saturday/Sunday, February 28/March 1  
 Fellowship/Can Collection/We Care\*

**Sunday, March 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  
 3:00 pm Mission Meeting  
 6:00 pm L.I.T.E.

**HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS**

The intention for the  
 week of Feb. 22:

*For a deepening awareness  
 of the true meaning of  
 Lent in our life.*



**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.

◆ ◆ ◆ **ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS** ◆ ◆ ◆

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCIENCE FAIR ANOTHER SUCCESS**

The gym was a colorful display of 66 science experiments diligently researched and prepared by our 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. The students had the opportunity to present their research to those who came to the event on Feb. 9. Mr. Emanuel, our middle school science teacher, was impressed with the variety of topics this year.



"We had a lot of physics and chemistry as well as biology," said Mr. Emanuel. Some examples included how the air pressure in a football relates to distance when it is thrown, bacteria growth on food in different conditions and how the bend in the shaft of a hockey stick relates to distance. Great job 7<sup>th</sup> grade!

**FORMER ST. JOHN'S STUDENT IS NAMED  
 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST**

Former St. John's student, Matt Hill, son of Aileen and James Hill along with two other students from Holy Angels have been named finalists in the 2009 *National Merit Scholarship Program*. Matt is among 15,000 students nationwide who will have the opportunity to compete for some 8,200 *National Merit Scholarships* to be offered in the spring. Matt achieved finalist status as the result of his performance on the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as well as his school academic performance, his high school co-curricular activities, teacher recommendations, and an essay. Congratulations, Matt!

◆ ◆ ◆ **RESPECT LIFE** ◆ ◆ ◆

**40 DAYS FOR 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.

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

With the beginning of Lent almost upon us, we have on display spiritual items that will enrich your journey through this solemn time of reflection of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. We have a variety of reading materials, framed art and crucifixes for the home, coloring and activity books for children, Rosaries and laminated prayer cards. **NEW THIS YEAR** - individual Easter cards.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

**CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED**

will meet on Monday, Feb. 23, 6:45pm, at St. Thomas Becket Church, 4455 South Robert Trail, Eagan. Gary Egeberg will speak on *Finding God and Taking Care of Self*. Donation per sessions is \$2. If you have questions or would like more information, call 651.683.9808.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH DINNER**

will be on Friday, Feb. 27, from 5 - 8pm, at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Menu includes baked or fried fish, 3 varieties of potatoes, coleslaw, fresh baked bread, dessert and coffee or milk. Cost: adults \$10, children 5 to 10 years old \$5, children 4 and under eat for free. All you can eat. Open to the public.

**LENTEN RETREAT: "COME TO ME"**

Forgiveness brings healing. As we lay our burdens at the feet of the Lord, seeking His mercy and forgiveness, we will be renewed and restored. All are invited to a Lenten Retreat with Linda Schubert on Saturday, March 7, from 1 - 9pm, at the Oak Ridge Conference Center in Chaska. Linda's message of forgiveness in the midst of tragedy and abuse will inspire you to forgive and seek forgiveness in your own relationships. An evening meal and Saturday vigil Mass are included.

**There is no registration fee.** Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, e-mail [joleneccro@usfamily.net](mailto:joleneccro@usfamily.net) or call 763.571.5314. A free will offering will be taken.

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$21,957
Simple Giving electronic donations .....	\$14,889
Total donations .....	\$36,846
Weekly revenue budget .....	\$34,050
Over budget.....	\$2,796
Budget year-to-date .....	-\$70,099

**LENTEN TITHING**

During Lent, a portion of our weekly offering will be tithed to various nonprofit organizations.



The Lenten season also challenges those already baptized to renew their baptismal commitment.

