

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT • FEBRUARY 28, 2010

St. John's Adult Faith Formation Committee invites you to an evening of

CATHOLICISM COFFEE & DESSERT

6:30 TO 8 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

ATRIUM ~

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
SAVAGE, MINNESOTA**

Healing & Forgiveness

**A conversation with Brother Bob Roddy, OFM Conv.
*Director of Franciscan Retreats & Spirituality Center***

All are welcome! No cost to attend!

**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, March 8, 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 ◆ ◆ ◆



In mid-January my Dad had elective surgery for a total hip replacement. Following four days in the hospital, he then went to a transitional care unit in Hastings. On Ash Wednesday I brought Dad back to his home and stayed with him the first few days to help him adjust. At least on three different occasions Dad said with a smile on his face, "It's good to be home!"

I'm reminded by that experience of bringing Dad home that Lent is also a homecoming. In these forty days we talk about the need for conversion in our lives. Lent is a time to take a

good look within and ask ourselves about where we need to change our lives so that we can reflect the light of God's love to one another. Lent is a time of us coming home closer to Christ, to the church and the sacraments that help us through their grace live as children of God in the world.

The conversion Lent calls to each of us is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus the servant. While Lent calls us home to Christ, it also calls others. The work of conversion falls to the power of God's Holy Spirit. I'm reminded by the words of Saint Paul from Ash Wednesday that, "We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us." Just as Jesus welcomed others who came home to him long ago, as ambassadors for Christ, we are called to welcome others who come among us. As an extension of our call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus we are left in these days of Lent to reflect on our attitude of hospitality and how we each welcome the stranger among us.

I'm again reminded of something that Father Terry shared with me. It's a story he read recently in People magazine about a person in San Francisco who, after much hard luck in life, was ready to commit suicide. One day this person went to the famous Golden Gate bridge and decided to end his life unless someone reached out to him. No one did, with the exception of a tourist who asked him to take his picture at the bridge. The person did jump but amazingly lived and tells his story today and asks the question about whether we really notice others and reach out to them with God's spirit of love. In terms of church it's a matter of something as simple as a warm greeting or sliding down the pew to make room for others.

Lent is a time for us to come home to Christ. May we embrace the call to conversion and change in our lives. May our conversion be reflected in the care and concern we extend to our neighbor. Much like Dad's words to me last week, may all who come here readily say, "It's good to be home!"

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ ANNUAL SERVICES APPEAL ◆ ◆ ◆

We need your help to reach our parish goal. Prayerfully consider making a gift to support the Catholic Services Appeal. Your gift is sincerely appreciated. No gift is too small. Thank you for your generosity and support.

◆ ◆ ◆ HELP FOR HAITI ◆ ◆ ◆



On Friday, Feb. 19, St. John's staff and parishioners volunteered at *Feed My Starving Children* in Chanhassen to help feed the people of Haiti.

◆ ◆ ◆ PAY IT FORWARD ◆ ◆ ◆

PARISH FAMILY HELPS TO PAY IT FORWARD

Liliana, Catarina & Rosa Gomez have been selected by the *Catholic Spirit* newspaper to participate in the *Pay It Forward for Lent* project. The family has been inspired by Sister Maria Rosa, the faithful woman who has raised thousands of children in Honduras, including their own father. Because of her, their dad had a happy home, received an education and grew in his faith. Because of Sister Maria Rosa, they have a great father who is fun and loving, who supports their education and is helping them to grow up to be faithful Catholics. Sister continues her good work today and her organization continues to help Honduran children to become productive, faithful adults. She is often described as the "Mother Teresa of Central America." The family would like to "pay it forward" for what they have received by supporting Sister's work. As a Lenten service project, they will be selling a black bean soup mix. The purpose is for families to share a Lenten meal in solidarity with the children of Honduras (beans are a staple food item in Honduras). A special invitation goes out to everyone in the parish to attend the Parish Soup Supper for Lent on Friday, March 5, at 6pm, in the atrium. Your participation will support the *Hope for Honduran Children Foundation* and the good work of Sister Maria Rosa. Black bean soup and rice will be served. The family will also give a short presentation about the work of Sister Maria Rosa. The soup mix will be available for purchase to prepare at home. It is accompanied by educational information, family conversation starters and a prayer. Please contact the Gomez family for more information at gomezot@yahoo.com or 952.707.1130.

◆ ◆ ◆ ADULT FAITH FORMATION ◆ ◆ ◆

HEALING & FORGIVENESS

Everyone is invited to a Lenten evening of conversation and insight into *Healing & Forgiveness* at Adult CCD (Catholicism, Coffee & Dessert) on Sunday, March 7, from 6:45-8pm, in the atrium. Our featured guest is Brother Bob Roddy, OSF Conv., who has served as director of the Franciscan Retreats & Spirituality Center in Prior Lake since 2007. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome! For more information about St. John's Adult Faith Formation programs, contact Brenda Schroll at bschroll@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

MARCH MEETING

Our 55+ Group will gather next Wednesday, March 3, at 8:30am, in the atrium. Yvonne Anderson, Marketing Director/Senior Development Associate at St. Gertrude's in Shakopee and the newly formed Saints Healthcare Foundation will join us. She will provide an interactive, fun opportunity to learn what is happening both at St. Gertrude's and the Foundation. Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to join us. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

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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Rev. Mr. Bob Durham, Deacon
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Mike Smalley, Assistant Principal

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952.846.4663

Dora May, Director

BAPTISM

We welcome *Elle Sophia Smith* into the Christian community through the holy water of baptism.

MARRIAGE BANNES

Please remember
Jennifer Flicek and Bryan Barlage
in your prayers as they prepare
for their marriage.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† *Richard Benson*, brother of
Kathleen Hiebert

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome
Joshua & Carrie Otto
and
Patrick & Peggy Murphy
who recently joined our parish community.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

READINGS

for the week of February 28

Sun: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/
Lk 9:28b-36
Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thu: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26,
39a, 40-42

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

NURSERY DURING 9AM SUNDAY MASS

Childcare is available for children 12 months to 4 years old in the nursery, which is located in the back of the church by the Holy Family Chapel. It is provided by a volunteer rotation of parents whose children attend the nursery. All parents must have a background check and VIRTUS training. The nursery is not available on holidays. For more information or questions contact Sarah Helm at 952.894.2080 or at sarah.helm@comcast.net.

LOAVES & FISHES, TOO

On Thursday, March 4, volunteers from Loaves & Fishes, Too will prepare and serve dinner to the needy at St. Stephen's Church in Minneapolis. If you would like to contribute a few hours of your time to help with this project call Pat Turgeon at 952.894.5888.

Did you know that Great Harvest Bread Company on County Rd. 42 donates bread to serve at Loaves & Fishes, Too?

DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Join us on Saturday, March 6, for the 8am Communion/Prayer service in the church followed by the Rosary and meditation in the Holy Family Chapel.

SUPPORT SJB BOOSTER CLUB NEXT WEEKEND

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer parked in the church parking lot Saturday or Sunday, March 6/7.

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 donations.

ALL ARE WELCOME — FELLOWSHIP

is next weekend in the atrium. Come and visit with other parishioners, both new and veteran and say hello! Cookies will be served after the Saturday 5pm Mass. Donuts will be served after the 7:30am, 9am and 11am Masses.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISHIONERS IN THE NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Rachel Adam, Ryan DeMuse, Claire Girouard, Jenna Gruenwald, Taylor Hill, Joshua Holt, Sarah Ober, Molly Olson, Nolan Radziej, Kayla Roberge, Erin Sislo and Chloe Walbruch who have been inducted into the Seraphine Ireland Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) at the Academy of Holy Angels. Members of the NHS serve as tutors for other students and participate in community service projects. From 11 schools there were 42 students inducted and 12 students are graduates of St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE

two former St. John's students who have signed NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) letters of intent to enroll in college and compete in college sports programs from the Academy of Holy Angels. Congratulations to Andy Jirik, who will attend Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and play football. Also to Chelsea Pettit, who will attend the University of Minnesota and compete in track.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

DON'T WAIT TO GIVE YOUR CHILD THE ST. JOHN'S EXPERIENCE!

There is still limited space available in Kindergarten through grade 8 for the 2010/11 school year. Contact the school office at 952.890.6604 for more information or to arrange a tour.

SAVE THE DATE

Our next school open house will be on Tuesday, March 9, from 6-7pm.

TWO STUDENTS FIND AWAY TO HELP HAITI

St. John's Students Molly Ruth and Ellie Schaffer wanted to help make a difference after hearing about what happened in Haiti and talking about it in school. They decided to make bead puppies and clay hearts for Haiti and sold them at the Soup Supper last Friday, Feb. 19. The total raised was \$85.50 and will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.



◆ ◆ ◆ STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is still being accepted for children ages 3-5 in our 2 or 3 day morning or afternoon program. The program offers a safe environment that enhances self-esteem, increases self-confidence and honors individuality. It provides meaningful, well-rounded and interesting activities that promote active involvement, early literacy and readiness for success in future academics. The children develop respect for others and the environment, gain self-control and self-discipline, develop perseverance, resourcefulness and creativity – the tools for academic and life success. They also develop kindergarten readiness by gaining skills in the areas of cognitive, social/emotional and physical development. For more information about our Preschool program contact Director, Dora May at 952.846.4663.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

REMINDER FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

is on Saturday, March 6, from 9:30am to 2pm, in the parish center.

SPRING BREAK STRETCH

is Tuesday, March 30. The details aren't set yet but there's a great day of faith, fun, fellowship and service brewing up for young people in grades 3-5. We plan to take a bit of a stretch during spring break and take a big, yellow bus (or two!) around town from 9am-5pm. Adult chaperones will be needed so check your calendar. If you don't have plans that day, plan on joining in on the fun! Watch the bulletin and individual flyers for details.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY RETREAT

All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to a day retreat on Saturday, March 13, at 9am, ending with the 5pm Mass. The theme is *Disciples on the Journey*. This retreat will engage the youth in scripture and reflect on how to live the Gospel in their daily lives. Cost is \$10 per person which will cover breakfast and lunch. Deadline to register is Friday, March 5.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 1

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 2

8:00 am † Rosaria Schmalz

Wednesday, March 3

8:00 am Special Intention

Thursday, March 4

8:00 am † Rita Schneider

9:25 am † Steve Stremikis
(School Mass)

First Friday, March 5

8:00 am †† Emma & Joseph Sodomka

10:30 am † Rev. Michael Kennedy
(Augustana Regent)

First Saturday, March 6

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Steven Studer

Sunday, March 7

7:30 am † Edward Doebel, Sr.

9:00 am For the Parish

11:00 am †† Leo & Mike Dannecker

LECTORS

March 6/7

5:00 pm Aileen Hill

Nancy Abicht

7:30 am Luke Bearth

Tom Reicks

9:00 am Jeanne Nardi

Sylvia Verkuilen

11:00 am Larry McCrory

John Melssen

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

March 2/3 Evan Scarlett

Ryan Gall

Samantha Shadick

March 4/5 Kevin Brosam

Shawn Patch

Sydney Schulberg

Saturday, March 6

5:00 pm Dane Kusber

Maddy Kempf

Samantha Shadick

Sunday, March 7

7:30 am Carley Dowell

Ryan Gall

9:00 am Abby Barr

Emma Marko

Shawn Patch

11:00 am Abby Broadwell

Eric Miller

Resha Portner

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, March 1

6:30 pm Troop 336, PLC

Tuesday, March 2

10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study

6:00 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings

7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council

7:00 pm Respect Life

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group & Rosary for Life

Wednesday, March 3

8:30 am 55+ Group*

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

6:30 pm Bible Study

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

Thursday, March 4

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study

7:00 pm All Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 5

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Soup Supper*

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, March 6

9:30 am First Eucharist Retreat*

4:00 pm Saturday Singers/Seraphim

Saturday/Sunday, March 6/7

Fellowship/Can Collection/We Care*

Towels for Teens*

Sunday, March 7

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 Theology of the Body

6:00 pm Theology of the Body-

Parent Session

6:30 pm Adult CCD*

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

have been donated in memory
of
Steve Stremikis

- From the Luoma Family

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

- Lk 9:35-36

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆**STOP AND SEE WHAT'S NEW**

during the First Eucharist Retreat, on Saturday, March 6, from 9:30-2pm, at the bookstore. You are welcome to browse the bookstore which will be open for your convenience. Browse our display table of quality accessories and gift items for the boy or girl who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist on either Sunday, April 18 OR April 25. We have invitation cards, greeting cards, boxed Rosaries that are crafted of smaller beads to comfortably fit their hands, a variety of necklaces and bracelets for girls, and tie clips and lapel pins for boys. Clothing accessories such as satin gloves and brocade ties in white, black or navy are also available. COMING SOON - beautifully decorated veils for girls.

We also have a nice selection on display of Lenten material for children through adults to enhance your spiritual reflection.

◆ ◆ ◆ OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆**TOWELS FOR TEENS**

Students from Holy Angels will be collecting new and gently used towels and blankets the weekends of March 6/7 and March 13/14. Baskets will be marked and placed at all church entrances for this collection. The towels will be given to three local homeless shelters, including St. Stephen's and Bridging Inc. who are in great need at this time. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions, call Kelsey or Meghan Shea at 952.435.5590.

◆ ◆ ◆ THANK YOU ◆ ◆ ◆

Dear St. John the Baptist Parish Community,

You have *Shared in the Care* of our retired religious women and men. It is with gratitude that I thank you on their behalf for the \$3,136.00 you so generously contributed to the 2009 collection. God bless you.

Sister Midge Breiter, SSND
Archdiocesan RFFR Coordinator

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆**CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED**

The next presentation is on Monday, March 1, at 6:45pm, at St. Thomas Beckett Church in Eagan. Deacon Rick Klish will speak on *Annulment*. No small group that evening. Registration is at 6:45pm, speaker at 7pm. Donation per session is \$2. New participants are welcome and encouraged to attend at any time. For more information call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

DEPRESSION SUPPORT COALITION OFFERS

information, education, support and spiritual hope to those affected by depression as well as their families. 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 at 3333 Cliff Road in Burnsville. Dr. Janice Nadeau will speak on *Finding Meaning in Depression*.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

All are welcome to gather for Taizé Prayer on Thursday, March 4 and March 11, at 7pm, at St. Hubert Church at 8201 Main Street in Chanhassen. Taizé prayer is a quiet simple way of prayer designed for people of all Christian traditions. The candle light service includes simple chants sung repeatedly, rich silence, scripture readings and a reflection. Enter into Taizé Prayer during your Lenten journey. Open your heart to hear the whispering of the Lord.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO HOST A FISH DINNER

on Friday, March 5, 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.

LENTEN DAYS OF PRAYER

You are invited to Lenten Days of Prayer at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake from 9:30am-3pm. Each day consists of two conferences, Mass, confessions and the Stations of the Cross. Bring your own lunch. You can register at secretary@FranciscanRetreats.net or call 952.447.2182. A \$20 donation is suggested. Topics:

- March 3 *The Prodigal Son: Forgiveness and Reconciliation*
- March 10 *The Workers in the Vineyard: God's Extravagant Generosity*
- March 17 *The Lost Coin and The Lost Sheep: The Smallest and the Least in the Reign of God*

LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Bishop Piché invites all women to experience the season of Lent through a morning retreat of prayer, sacrament and reflection on Saturday, March 13, from 9am-12 noon, at Holy Spirit Church in St. Paul. The morning will include a continental breakfast, reflections, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a walk with Mary through the Stations of the Cross and morning Mass celebrated by Bishop Piché. Confessions will be heard throughout the retreat. For more information or for a registration form you can go on-line to www.archspm.org or call 651.291.4489.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$22,536
Simple Giving	
electronic donations.....	\$2,257
Total donations.....	\$24,793
Weekly revenue budget	\$32,625
Under budget.....	\$7,832
Budget year-to-date	- \$22,571

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER



You are invited to join St. John's Adult Faith Formation for

our soup supper and fellowship on Friday, March 5, at 6pm, in the atrium. At 7pm, in the church, there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction.