
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 1, 2009

Steppingstones Preschool and Kindergarten to Eighth Grade

ST. JOHN'S OPEN HOUSE

March 3, 2009, 5 PM - 7 PM



*In everything
we do, we do
it with the
mindset of
excellence.*

We strive to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to learning, to Catholic values, and to community service.

Give your child the St. John's Experience!

We welcome all parents and children to our Open House event, Tuesday, March 3rd, from 5 pm to 7pm. You will be able to visit teachers and classrooms! Even see a demonstration on our SMART Boards. We hope to see you there! (Enter door on Lynn Avenue marked #14).



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Catholic Church

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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. 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

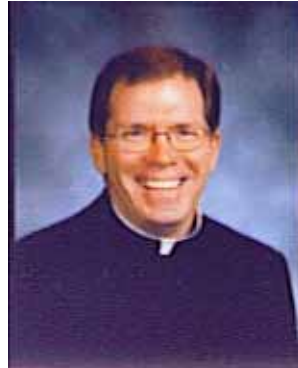
For information including sign-up: 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to

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

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



As we begin the season of Lent two themes that come to mind from titles of books that I've just read are *The Power of Positive Thinking* and *A Complaint Free World*. I firmly believe that in the challenging times we find ourselves focusing on the negative rather than seeing and experiencing the positive sense of God's all embracing love. As part of God's love we recall in Lent both Jesus' death and resurrection along with the fact that we are brought into this mystery through the Sacrament of Baptism. As members of God's family through the waters of Baptism, we are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and bring the Good News of

God's love to others in spite of sin and all that is less than positive in our world. Sharing the Good News of God's love happens in many ways. The key is to find our own individual way.

One person who uniquely embraced the call to discipleship is Blessed Katherine Drexel whose feast we will celebrate on March 3. This is a reflection on the life of Blessed Katherine Drexel taken from *Steward Saints for Every Day* by Sharon Hueckels.

Katherine Drexel (1858-1955) was born in Philadelphia just before the Civil War. Her father was a very successful banker and his death left her the heiress to a considerable fortune. She and her sister resolved to use their wealth to help others, and when she asked Pope Leo XIII for more priests to minister to Native American populations, his answer changed her life forever. "Why don't you become a missionary?" he suggested. After much discussion and several years of training, she founded a missionary community, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, whose special focus was the education of Native Americans and African Americans. She founded numerous schools and missions, and in 1915 established Xavier University in New Orleans, the first university in the country for African American students. Blessed Katherine Drexel spent her life and her fortune helping the poor, and she saw in the Eucharist, which was the center and sustenance of her life, the source of unity among the races. May her prayers and example encourage us to work for justice among the poor and oppressed and keep us undivided in love in the Eucharist we share.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL ◆ ◆ ◆

UPDATE

Your prayers for the success of the Appeal and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are pledges and gifts. Each gift is important to the mission of our Archdiocese. It takes many people to form the body of Christ. No gift is too small. You can return your pledge slip with your response today by simply placing it in the collection basket or dropping it off at the parish office.

◆ ◆ ◆ ADULT CCD ◆ ◆ ◆

CATHOLICISM, COFFEE AND DESSERT

Join us for an evening of presentation, discussion and fellowship on Sunday, March 8, from 6:30 - 8pm, in the atrium. We will focus on the Church's celebration of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 18, and the promise and opportunity it offers to all believers. All are welcome and there is no cost to attend.

◆ ◆ ◆ 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ JOB OPPORTUNITIES ◆ ◆ ◆

RCIA AND/OR STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR

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 be able to 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.

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 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ SAVE THE DATE ◆ ◆ ◆

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Did you know that over 80 new families have joined St. John's parish in the last six months? Our faith community is growing, and the parish is reaching out to welcome these new families into our parish with a New Parishioner Welcoming Dinner on Saturday, March 28, at 6pm, in the atrium. The Hospitality Committee and the Cultural Outreach Committee are hosting this informal evening for the entire family. We would like to reach out to those newly registered in our parish since August 2008. Join us for this evening of welcoming you into our parish family. A pasta dinner will be served. This will be a great opportunity to meet other new families and to hear about the variety of ways you can become involved in the life of the parish. We are so excited that you have chosen to become part of the St. John's family. RSVP by Friday, March 20, to Tracy Tredinnick at ttredinnick@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9465, ext. 118.

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
 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
 Weekend Presider
 Fr. Terry Weber.....
 Deacons
 Jerry Little
 Bob Durham

BAPTISMS

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

*Malia Sophia Soldo
Addison Clair Sikkink*

**REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

† *Robert Dorfner*, father of John and Greg Dorfner

**DEVOTION TO THE
IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY**

Join us on Saturday, March 7, for the 8am Communion/Prayer service in the church followed by the Rosary and meditation in the Holy Family Chapel.



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: *This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.*

- Mk 1:14-15

READINGS

For the Week of March 1

- Sun: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15
- Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/
Mt 25:31-46
- Tue: Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
- Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/
Mt 7:7-12
- Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
- Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

◆ ◆ ◆ **OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION** ◆ ◆ ◆

SOUTHERN VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR BATTERED WOMEN

is in need of additional volunteers to answer its 24-hour crisis line, facilitate women's support groups and provide childcare for those groups. Free training for crisis line and group facilitation volunteers will begin on Saturday, April 4. No training is required for childcare volunteers. For more information call Lori or Martha at 952.873.4214.

◆ ◆ ◆ **FINDING ST. JOHN'S** ◆ ◆ ◆

FINDING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LITERALLY!

For many years, this statue of St. John the Baptist adorned the parish office waiting area. But it has been moved to another place of welcome - have you seen him? The statue was designed and sculpted by Fr. Thomas Kolar, a priest of the Archdiocese who was a "weekend assistant" at St. John's from 1966 to 1991, until Parkinson's Disease made it difficult for him to preside at Mass. In addition to his weekend assignment, he taught at St. Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights where he was honored for a life of exemplary achievements including teacher, actor, director, painter, sculptor and writer. In 1990, Fr. Kolar compiled several of his weekend homilies into a book called, *12 Baskets and Then Some: Fragments of Reflection*. Fr. Kolar spent the last years of his life at Catholic Eldercare in



◆ ◆ ◆ **FATHER-SON PRAYER BREAKFAST** ◆ ◆ ◆

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

for the *Father-Son Prayer Breakfast* on Saturday, March 21, from 9 - 11am, featuring former Viking's 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 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



THERE ARE NO RE CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4,
DUE TO THE ISD 191 CONFERENCES.
CLASSES RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.
SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL MEET AS SCHEDULED ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

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 who are baptized, have made a first confession and who are in the 2nd grade or older are prepared to receive communion. For more information about First Eucharist preparation, contact alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

NO PLANS FOR SPRING BREAK?

If you’re not going anywhere over spring break, children in grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to join us on Tuesday, March 24, for a “Spring Break Stretch.” The day begins at 9am with a bus ride to the Cathedral of St. Paul for a tour led by Fr. Mike Tix. Afterwards, we’ll have lunch and fun with the day ending about 4pm. Cost is \$20 per person, including lunch, afternoon activity and bus transportation. Registration deadline is Friday, March 13.

A minimum of 20 participants are needed for this event to occur. Adult chaperones also are needed! Registration materials are available in the RE Office or on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org. You can also contact Andi at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434.

BLANKETS OF LOVE SPREAD WARMTH



On Wednesday, Feb. 11, students in St. John’s RE program cut and tied more than 100 fleece blankets which were donated to the parish-wide collection. Curriculum was set aside as children and teens worked together during an evening of service in celebration of St. Valentine’s



Day. The finished blankets were donated to Bridging, Inc. in Bloomington, St. Stephen’s Men’s Shelter in Minneapolis, and Birthright in Owatonna. A huge heart-felt *thank you* to everyone who supported this effort.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

LENT RETREAT

Take up your Cross is this year’s Lent Retreat theme for all students in grades 6 - 8. It will be held on Friday, March 13, starting at 5pm through Saturday, March 14, until 6am, at St. John’s. This retreat will provide opportunities for reflection on The Cross, a symbol which represents so much of the very essence of the Catholic faith, especially at this pivotal time in the Church Year. Students in grades 9 - 12 are encouraged to help as peer mentors, and chaperones are greatly needed. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 4. For more information e-mail Lori at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or 952-890-9434, ext. 232.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 2

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am Special Intention of Pearl Rochford

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am † Joan Anderson

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am Special Intention for Good Health

9:25 am **No School Mass**

First Friday, March 6

8:00 am †† Emma & Joseph Sodomka

8:30 am † Tom Severson (Augustana Regent)

First Saturday, March 7

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Julian Witt

Sunday, March 8

7:30 am † Floyd Keahna

9:00 am For the Parish

11:00 am †† Leo & Mike Dannecker

LECTORS

March 7/8

5:00 pm Veronica Bartsch
Mick Finn

7:30 am Mike Goering
Timothy Gwost

9:00 am Jason Vohnoutka
Jeanne Nardi

11:00 am Katie Broadwell
Terry Miller

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

March 3-4 Jenna Kacheroski
Ryan Gall
Sam Grunkow

March 5-6 Heather Smith
Jacob Smith
McKenzie Svoboda

Saturday, March 7

5:00 pm Alyssa Radosevich
Cristy Goerd
Jillian Radosevich

Sunday, March 8

7:30 am Heather Smith
Jacob Smith
Ryan Gall

9:00 am Amanda Patch
Emma Marko
Shawn Patch

11:00 am Charlie Nicklay
Jack Dominik
Robert Tobroxen

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, March 2

- 6:30 pm Troop 336
- 6:30 pm Life in the Spirit Seminar*
- 7:00 pm Venture Crew 449*

Tuesday, March 3

- 5:00 pm School Open House *
- 6:30 pm VBS - Sister Parish Mtg. *
- 7:00 pm School Advisory Committee
- 7:00 pm Commission Meetings
- 7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group & Rosary for Life

Wednesday, March 4

- 8:30 am 55+ Group*
- 4:15 pm Cherubim A Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Cherubim B Rehearsal
- 6:45 pm Seraphim Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

- 8:30 am Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 pm Soup Supper*
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Sunday, March 8

- 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
- 6:30 pm Catholicism, Coffee, Dessert*

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Experience the peace of the Holy Spirit on Monday, March 2, 6:30pm.
Topic: *Salvation*

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 ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

We welcome all parents and children who are interested in learning about our school to attend our Steppingstones Preschool and Kindergarten to 8th Grade Open House on Tuesday, March 3, from 5 - 7pm. St. John's School strives to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to learning, to Catholic values, and to community service. Can't make it? You are welcome to call the school office at 952.890.6604 to set up a personal tour or classroom visit. Think you can't afford tuition? Ask about St. John's financial aid programs. Hear parents share in their own words why they have chosen St. John's for their children, and to really get a sense for what makes our school special. Visit www.stjohns-savage.org to watch a new video of our school. If you know of a prospective family looking at schools please share this information with them and invite them to attend our open house.

A MUSICAL TREAT

St. John's students and guests of all ages were treated to a recent performance by *Cantus*, an acapella, all male vocal ensemble. *Cantus* began with a group of St. Olaf college graduates, now, almost 13 years later, these young men tour worldwide. Even though they are obviously having a good time, this isn't just choir for fun - this is their full time job. The singers of *Cantus* practice five hours a day, five days a week. The audience was treated to everything from African to American folk to Scottish music. The selections were perfect for the age of the audience and the students were given many opportunities to ask questions.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

TOP 20 TRAINING

Parents and students, grades 5-12, are invited to attend a 90-minute seminar by "Top 20 Training" on Monday, March 2, at 7pm, at the Mraz Center at Burnsville High School. Topic for the evening is *Learn from Mistakes & Move Outside the Comfort Zone*. Questions? Contact Clare Anderson at clareanderson@visi.com or call 952.890.3375.

CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED

will meet on Monday, March 2, at 6:45pm, at St. Thomas Becket Church, 4455 South Robert Trail, Eagan. Jim Hobday will speak on *Healthy Relationships*. Donation per sessions is \$2. If you have questions or would like more information, call 651.683.9808.

LOAVES & FISHES, TOO

On Thursday, March 5, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH DINNER

will be on Friday, March 6, from 5 - 8pm, at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Menu includes baked or fried fish, three 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ INFORMATION MEETINGS ◆ ◆ ◆

VENTURE CREW 449

would like to invite you to stop by the information table after all Masses this weekend, in the atrium. Venturers are boys and girls, ages 14 - 20, who would like to get together for social events and high adventure. Venturing is designed to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible caring adults. Venture Crew 449 is sponsored by St. John's. To learn more contact Maggie Brotherton at 952.892.3460 or visit the Northern Star Council Venturing website at www.venturingonline.org and come to our meeting on Monday, March 2, at 7pm, in room 304.

SISTER PARISH VBS INFORMATION MEETING

is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30pm, in the media center. Join us if you are interested in helping to provide a Vacation Bible School experience for the children in Houston, Mississippi, the week of July 5-11. This meeting is specifically for people who have never participated in an IHM VBS before, although "veterans" are more than welcome to attend. Participant documentation is due in the Education Office by Wednesday, March 11. For more information, contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434.

ALMSGIVING † FASTING † PRAYER

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$20,457
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$2,229
Total donations	\$22,686
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,050
Under budget.....	\$11,363
Budget year-to-date	- \$81,463

