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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 8, 2009

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# St. John <sup>the</sup> Baptist

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

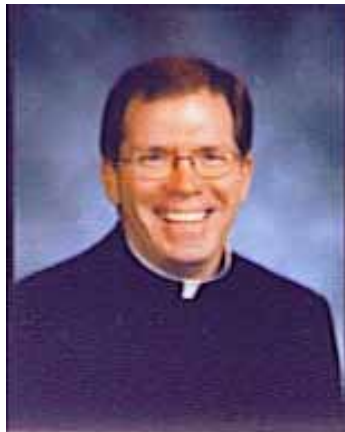
For information including sign-up: 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

### Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to

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

## ◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



We associate the beginning of Lent with ashes being placed on our foreheads and hearing the words, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." In addition to ashes being distributed, this year purple bracelets were given out on Ash Wednesday. Printed on the bracelets are the words, "Be Faithful!" which served as a reminder on Ash Wednesday and extends through the 40 days of Lent and beyond.

The bracelets are a part of a Lenten initiative based on the book, *A Complaint Free World*, by Will Bowen. We know that in our world it is easy to focus on the negative aspects of life that are

reflected in complaints about people and situations that can extend to gossip. These are some of the temptations we face and can cause us to sin. Bowen challenges his readers to break the habit one day at a time and to change their lives and focus on the positive in the same way that Lent invites us to experience the joy and peace of God's love and to share those gifts more readily with others. Like Bowen, Lent invites us to see our habits and to make changes for the better. The purple bracelets are our constant reminder that helps us to recognize others in our parish and together encourage one another in our lifelong journey of faithfulness. If you do not have a bracelet, I invite you to take one and to join in this parish-wide effort. Extra bracelets are available near the baptismal font. For more information about *A Complaint Free World* go to [www.acomplaintfreeworld.org](http://www.acomplaintfreeworld.org).

In the scripture readings for today we hear about Abraham's faithfulness as he is tested. We also hear about the hope and promise of God's love revealed to Peter, James, and John in Jesus' transfiguration on Mount Tabor. Lent invites us to recall the gift of God's love and goodness that surrounds us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in last weekend's *Celebration!*. As you can see by the pictures on the front of today's bulletin a great time was had by all. A special thank you goes to Nancy Roscoe, Paula Beer and Pam McSweeney for their many tireless hours spent in chairing this event and making the night a great success!

Father Mike Tix

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

### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOP

The store will be open Tuesday, March 10, from 6-8pm, to assist you during the First Eucharist Parent Meeting. Stop by and see our beautiful selection of high quality items for your special occasion in April or May.

Also, for your convenience the bookstore will be open most Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-12:30pm during the Jeff Cavins Bible study.

Pray as though everything depended upon you and work as though everything depended upon God.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

**55+ GROUP ~ A TOUCH OF SPRING**

Join us on Wednesday, March 18, when we visit Como Park Zoo and the Marjorie McNeely 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 by 3pm. The box lunch will include your choice of roast turkey, Bavarian ham, roast beef or a grilled vegetable sandwich. **RSVP by Tuesday, March 10**, to Jim Rylander in the parish office at 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Please indicate your choice of sandwich.

**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](mailto:ttredinnick@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9465, ext. 118.

**LOSS OF SPOUSE GROUP**

Our potluck will be on Saturday, March 21, at noon, at the rectory. This is a time for fellowship and getting to know one another. If you know of a friend, neighbor or relative who has lost a spouse, they are most welcome to join us. RSVP to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext 114. **Deadline to register is Tuesday, March 17.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? A two-hour training with commissioning will be held on Sunday, March 29, at 12pm, in the nursery. If you plan to attend RSVP to Jane Mannila at 952.736.8258.

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**CATHOLICISM, COFFEE AND DESSERT**

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

◆ ◆ ◆ CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL ◆ ◆ ◆

**UPDATE**

Your prayers for the success of this year’s Catholic Services Appeal are still needed. 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. Please return a pledge slip with your response today. Thanks to the generosity of many of our parishioners, to-date we have pledges totaling \$48,851. This is 44% of our parish goal which is \$110,720.

**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



**REMEMBER  
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- † Jackie Cretzmeyer, mother of Scott Cretzmeyer
- † Connie Werner, our parishioner

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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**PRAYER  
ALMSGIVING  
FASTING**

**READINGS**

- For the Week of March 8
- Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/  
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
  - 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 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8,  
12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

◆◆◆ **ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS** ◆◆◆

**DAVANNI'S NIGHT**

St. John's School fundraiser will be on Monday, March 9, from 4-8pm, at Davanni's Restaurant in Savage at the intersection of County Road 42 and Highway 13. Pick up a red voucher after Mass to turn in with your dine-in or take-out orders. 20% of the evening ticketed sales go to St. John's School. Our third grade classes will host that evening's fundraiser.

**ST. JOHN'S STUDENTS CELEBRATE READING**



The hallways of St. John's were filled with students dressed as their favorite book characters. *Thing One and Thing Two* arrived, as did the *Seven Dwarves*. Our third graders even received a visit by a *Troll* who read two books.



◆◆◆ **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. Everyone is invited to start the morning with Mass at 8am, in the church with Fr. Tix. 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*. Reservation forms and payment may be dropped off at the education, school or parish offices.

**FATHER-SON PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Total # of People Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Participants \_\_\_\_\_

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Clip and attach with payment and send to:

Prayer Breakfast  
c/o Religious Education  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
12508 Lynn Avenue South

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

REMEMBER! RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.

**FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION**

Reminder! The information meeting outlining St. John’s First Eucharist preparation program will be on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30pm, in the church.

**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. Tix. Afterwards, we’ll have lunch and fun. The day will end 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 are also needed! Registration materials are available in the RE Office or on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org). You can also contact Andi at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or 952.890.9434.

**HELP THE EASTER BUNNY**

Children in grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to help the Easter Bunny fill baskets for the children of Theresa Living Center in St. Paul on Friday, April 3, at 6:30pm, in the parish center. You can enjoy the Lenten Soup Supper (hosted by Steppingstones Preschool) with your family in the atrium. After supper children can come to the parish center for this much appreciated service opportunity while parents pray the Stations of the Cross. A suggested donation of \$10 per child is requested to cover the cost of baskets and items to fill them. All proceeds over basket costs will also be donated to Theresa Living Center. Pre-registration is encouraged and forms are available on-line and in the RE Office. Questions? Contact Andi at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or 952.890.9434.

**CELEBRATE PASSOVER AS JESUS DID**

Students in grades 5 & 6 and their parents are invited to a Seder Meal on Tuesday, April 7, at 5pm, in the atrium. This traditional Passover meal commemorates the Jews escape from Egypt with Moses The evening includes the retelling of the Passover story: the Haggadah and a chicken dinner. Cost is \$5 per person. Adults are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Registration materials are available on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org) and in the RE Office. A minimum of 20 participants is needed for this event to happen. For more information, contact Andi Little at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or 952.890.9434.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday, March 9  
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Tuesday, March 10  
8:00 am † David Johnson  
10:30 am †† Revs. John Mitchell & Richard Larkin (Ridges Nursing Home)
- Wednesday, March 11  
8:00 am † Helen Turner
- Thursday, March 12  
8:00 am For Good Health  
9:25 am † Barbara Martin (School Mass)
- Friday, March 13  
8:00 am †† For the Poor Souls
- Saturday, March 14  
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service  
5:00 pm † Mary Lou O’Brien
- Sunday, March 15  
7:30 am † Francis Keahna  
9:00 am † Dick O’Keefe  
11:00 am For the Parish

**LECTORS**

- March 14/15  
5:00 pm Gil Mathews  
Ann Dominik
- 7:30 am Jon Pitton  
Cynthia Hagens
- 9:00 am Angelo Kusber  
Mike Goering
- 11:00 am Gene Abbott  
Kent Anderson

**MASS SERVERS**

- Weekdays 8:00 am  
March 10-11 Bailey Sernett  
Kristen Ober  
Taylor Sernett
- March 12-13 Brianna Fesenmaier  
Jack Dominik  
Tony Sullivan
- Saturday, March 14  
5:00 pm Jacob Heim  
Jake Feilen  
Matt Warner
- Sunday, March 15  
7:30 am Alexa Orr  
Daniel Moriarty
- 9:00 am Elizabeth Flemming  
Megan Cleary  
Tony Sullivan
- 11:00 am Anna Brunner  
Kelly Keenan  
Shannon Wilson

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

### Monday, March 9

- 6:30 pm Troop 336
- 6:30 pm Life in the Spirit\*
- 7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class\*
- 7:30 pm AFF Meeting
- 7:30 pm Home School Meeting

### Tuesday, March 10

- 10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings
- 6:30 pm First Eucharist Parent Mtg.\*
- 7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

### Wednesday, March 11

- 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, March 12

- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Festival Choir
- 7:00 pm BeFriender Meeting

### Friday, March 13

- 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/Sunday, March 14/15

Prayer Breakfast Ticket Sale\*

### Sunday, March 15

- 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.

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Experience the peace of the Holy Spirit on Monday, March 9, 6:30pm.  
Topic: *New 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.



## ◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

For more information about these events contact Lori at [www.ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:www.ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

NCYC is an exciting three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers in grades 9-12 and their adult chaperones. The event includes general sessions and workshops addressing a wide variety of topics as well as opportunities for reconciliation, daily liturgy, and special activities such as concerts, a dance, comedy club, fun, and much more. This year NCYC will be Nov. 19-21, in Kansas City, MO. For more information what NCYC is like checkout the promotional video at <http://www.nfcym.org/ncyc/>. **Deadline is Sunday, March 15.**

### SUMMER STRETCH

Applications for 2009 Summer Stretch are now available. Summer Stretch is a Gospel centered program for students entering grades 6-8 next fall. Students entering grades 9-12 are peer mentors throughout the summer program. Our desire is that this program will help and encourage students to put their faith into action. In the morning, participants reflect on the Word of God and perform service projects. In the afternoon they will go to an area recreational facility. Over 50 churches in the metropolitan area have a summer stretch program. We meet for an all day celebration at Valley Fair at our final session. Applications can be found in the RE Office or atrium.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

### CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED

will meet on Monday, March 9, at 6:45pm, at St. Thomas Becket Church, 4455 South Robert Trail, Eagan. Deacon Rich Klish will speak on *Annulment*. Donation per sessions is \$2. If you have questions or would like more information, call 651.683.9808.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Franciscan Retreats - A day of reflection on Wednesday:

March 11 ~ *Healing and Forgiveness* by Kris Joseph

March 18 ~ *Healing and Life Transitions* by Terri Mifek

March 25 ~ *Healing our Relationship with the Church* by Nancy Murzyn from 9:30am-3pm. The day will consist of two conferences, Mass, Confessions and the Stations of the Cross. Bring your own bag lunch. No reservation necessary. A \$25 contribution is suggested. Their address is: 16385 St. Francis Lane in Prior Lake. Questions? Call 952.447.2182.

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

will have its next meeting on Thursday, March 12, at 7:10pm, in the Adult Ed room. A panel of individuals will address topics related to job searching and continuing your education. The panel will consist of HR representatives, an individual from Inver Hills Community College, and an "expert job searcher." Bring your questions. All those seeking new employment or who are going through job transition are welcome to attend. Any questions and/or job openings may be e-mailed to [jobministry@sjn.org](mailto:jobministry@sjn.org).

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY CONTINUED ◆ ◆ ◆

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY**

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 13, 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. Open to the public.

**ST. MARY'S 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IRISH DINNER**

is Saturday, March 14. Social begins at 4:30pm and dinner at 6:15pm. Menu includes traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with red potatoes, Irish Soda bread and dessert. Entertainment provided by the Irish Minstrels and the Corda mor Irish Dance Academy. The event will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Tickets are \$15 per person, childcare is available. For more information call St. Mary's at 952.445.1319.

**ARCHDIOCESAN OUTREACH**

to Persons with DisAbilities is conducting two spring retreats for adults and adolescents that are mentally challenged. The dates are April 3-5 and April 17-19. Both retreats will be held at Totino-Grace Renewal Center in Fridley. Cost is \$140. Space is limited. Register early. To register e-mail [curtans@archspm.org](mailto:curtans@archspm.org). or call Deacon Sean and Joan Curtan at 651.291.4543.

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Last week's donations:

Ash Wednesday .....	\$3,009
Envelopes.....	\$27,636
Simple Giving electronic donations .....	\$9,971
Total donations .....	\$40,617
Weekly revenue budget .....	\$34,050
Over budget.....	\$6,567
Budget year-to-date .....	-\$74,896

Maybe he did forget to take out the garbage, or she didn't write the balance in the check book. Don't keep score; just let it go. What goes around, comes around. What do you store up?

For daily marriage tips visit:  
[www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org).