

Steppingstones Preschool

A half-day preschool for 3, 4, and 5 year old children.

The best gift we
can give any child
is to make
that child feel
WANTED,
LOVED, and
CARED FOR
because that child is the
greatest gift of God.
Mother Teresa



Are you looking for a top-notch, affordable, and dependable Catholic preschool? No need to look any further. St. John's Steppingstones Preschool is the place to begin your child's education. Steppingstones Preschool is a high quality program that brings together experienced staff, a proven curriculum and parent involvement to help children develop the social, emotional and pre-readiness skills they need to succeed in school and in life. Your child will receive an excellent faith based education and have fun while learning!

For more information or to arrange a tour, contact Dora May at 952.846.4663

St. John ^{the} 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, April 13, 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

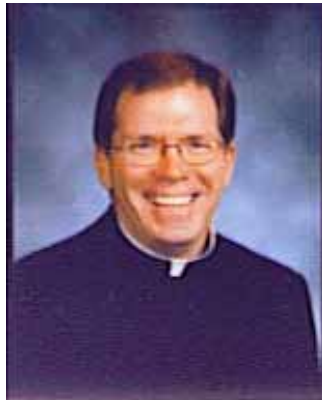
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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 ◆ ◆ ◆



One of the events that happens during Lent is the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass. Traditionally, this Mass is celebrated on the morning of Holy Thursday by the bishop in the cathedral of his diocese. In our Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis we will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31, at 7pm, at the Cathedral in St. Paul. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As a church, we use three different oils. Each are blessed by the diocesan bishop at the Chrism Mass. We use them in our sacramental life which are meant to strengthen us in our journey of

discipleship. The oils to be blessed are olive oil specific to their individual purpose with the Chrism Oil having added to it a balsam fragrance. While no doubt different, the Chrism Oil brings to mind the words of the psalmist about incense rising to God and presenting a pleasing offering reflected in its fragrance.

The **Oil of the Sick** is used during the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. It helps those who are seriously ill or who are susceptible to serious illness to be strong and faithful to their baptismal call in the face of their challenge.

The **Oil of the Catechumens** is predominantly for adults who are not baptized. Although, at times, children are anointed as they journey through the RCIA leading to full initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The **Chrism Oil** is used to mark places and things in a particular way such as the blessing and dedication of a new church and/or new altar. Also, it is used to mark people in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders as a sign of service and discipleship in following Jesus Christ.

After the Chrism Mass, the newly blessed oils are then distributed to each parish in the diocese for use throughout the liturgical year and especially at the Easter Vigil. On some occasions a parish will celebrate a rite of welcoming the newly blessed oils at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ OUR NEW BEFRIENDERS ◆ ◆ ◆

BEFRIENDER COMMISSIONING

We welcome Kaye Koyak-Wahl, Sherry Mason, and Gail Heskett who were commissioned as BeFriends on Sunday, March 15, at the 11am Mass. Many thanks to them for their dedication to our training program. Also thank you to Nancy Amundson, Bob Jacoby and Brent Lossing for their leadership, guidance and for teaching of this program. We now have a total of 37 BeFriends in this far reaching ministry.



BeFriends visits hospitals, nursing homes and care centers. They also visit the homebound, those recently released from a hospital, and those experiencing grief and loss. In addition they befriend those with marital and family problems, terminal illness, job loss, military deployment, Alzheimer's/memory loss and youth problems. Requests for a BeFriender can be made in confidence to Jim Rylander at the parish office, 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S SOUP SUPPERS

A simple soup supper will be served from 6-7pm on these Fridays in Lent with one of our parish ministries serving you as your host:

- March 27 Hospitality Committee
- April 3 Steppingstones Preschool and St. John's School

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.

NEW TRADITION ~ EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop on over to our first St. John's Easter Egg Hunt Egg-stravaganza and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 5, after the 9 and 11am Masses. The Hospitality Committee and the Knights of Columbus are hosting this new tradition at St. John's. It promises to be a hopping event. The Easter egg hunt is open for children ages 10 and younger. An extra prize will be awarded for the finder of the special egg. Please bring your own basket.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

APRIL GATHERING

On Wednesday, April 1, at 8:30am, we will gather in the atrium to learn about the Scott County Mobile Clinic. The clinic will be coming to St. John's on a regularly scheduled basis. Please invite others who may be interested in this topic. Refreshments will be provided.

BURNSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

On Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30pm, we will attend the final dress rehearsal of *The Secret Garden* at Burnsville High School. **There is no cost for tickets but you must have a ticket to attend.** Complimentary refreshments will be available during intermission. No bus transportation will be provided. Please meet at Burnsville High School (Mraz Center) located at Hwy. 13 and Portland Avenue. RSVP to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114 by Monday, April 13.

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

WHAT'S NEW

With spring weather upon us we have a great selection of spiritual music CDs, key chains, visor clips, auto Rosaries, and Pro-Life stickers that await you in our store to accessorize your vehicle. We also carry St. Joseph statues if you are planning on selling your home.

As suggested by Fr. Tix for Lenten reading, the book *A Complaint Free World* is now available for purchase.



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.....
- Deacons
- Jerry Little
- Bob Durham
- Facilities Manager
- Ron Nord..... ext. 125
- Pastoral Minister
- Jim Rylander
- 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:

Ella Claire Springer
Andrew Robert Coleman

**REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

† *Connie Collins*, our parishioner
† *Jim Daleider*, parishioner

**FRANCISCAN
RETREATS**

Weekend retreat dates:

April 9-11 Men's Holy Week
April 17-19 Married Couples
April 24-26 Women's Weekend

Midweek retreat dates:

April 21-23 Women's Midweek
April 28-30 Women's Midweek

For more information visit their website at
www.FranciscanRetreats.net.

We're beyond the days of slavery but willingly serving each other is a grace of marriage. Sometimes the husband takes the lead and other times the wife. What is your spouse best at leading?

For daily marriage tips visit:
www.ForYourMarriage.org.

READINGS

For the Week of March 22

Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Mon: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38 (Annunciation)
Thu: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sun: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/
Jn 12:20-33

◆ ◆ ◆ RESPECT LIFE ◆ ◆ ◆**ST. JOHN'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

will participate in the *40 Days for Life Walk*, which is sponsored by Pro-Life Action Ministries on Thursday, March 26, from 7am-7pm, at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Abortions are preformed 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. Respect Life is asking parishioners to volunteer and sign-up to walk for 1 to 2 hours or more as we are responsible to cover 12 hours on that day. If you are interested in riding with a group there will be a van leaving from St. John's parking lot at 3:30pm that day and returning about 7:30pm. The address of Health Partners at Regions Hospital is 640 Jackson Street in St. Paul. To sign-up for a time to walk or for more information call Mary Wee at 952.226.3272.

**RESPECT LIFE WILL SPONSOR A DONATION
DRIVE FOR THE LEWIS HOUSE IN EAGAN**

For thousands of women and children, home can be frightening, lonely and for many it is very dangerous. Domestic violence is a serious social problem. The Lewis House is dedicated to helping these women and children find safety and get them back on their feet. The Lewis House provides shelter, food, day care and education about safe relationships for women and children who seek their services. Boxes will be at all entrances the weekends of March 28/29 and April 4/5. To support these women and children we are collecting these items:

- bath towels
- wash cloths
- pillowcases
- twin size sheets/comforters
- diapers
- infant formula (all varieties)
- baby bottles/nipples
- puzzles
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- floss
- educational toys
- videos
- learning games
- old cell phone with chargers
- craft supplies (markers, crayons, construction paper)
- women/youth clothing (any size gently used or new)

Thank you for your generosity.

◆ ◆ ◆ BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS ◆ ◆ ◆**REMEMBER OUR MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Ryan Pfaff • Cory Berg • Patrick Cole • Patrick Adelman • Dennis Johnson
Joseph Jenkins • Sean Tisdell • Joshua Krieg • Walter Lang • Scott Miller
Gerry Peppmuller • Jeremy Glenz • Jamie Sieben • JP Arnold • Colin Moening
Gregory Beach • Joseph Rouse • Tom Bunnell • Josh West • Kevin Sweeney
Nick VandeGriffe • Ashleigh Howard • Jeff Mouras • Cameron Mayasich
Zachary Kirchner • James Duke • Becky Duke • Troy Bauman • Angie Colón
Michael Durkin • Michael Duerr • Matthew Gotelaere • Andrew Motzko
Jessica Iverson • Thomas Hilla • Laura Winge • Tiffany Mooney • Dustin Duren
Joshua Duren • Lindsay Fox • Kevin Bunnell • Joe Miller • Matt Miller

If you know that any of the above are no longer on active duty or you would like to add someone to the list e-mail Jim at jrylander@stjohns-savage.org.

MILITARY MEDAL

The Knights of Columbus will provide at no charge a prayer card and a St. Michael's medal to any member of the armed forces who is on active duty. If you would like a card and medal sent to a service person, e-mail Jim Rylander at jrylander@stjohns-savage.org with the person's name, rank and mailing location.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

WHY PARENTS ARE TELLING OTHER PARENTS ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

I feel very strongly about and absolutely love St. John's and I want other parents to know that as well.

I really like giving back to St. John's that has given my child and my family so much. I take pride in talking about St. John's to every person I talk to.

I am very proud my children go to St. John's.

I think it is important to share with parents the unique and personal experience that they might not get at another school.

We want to give people a glimpse of our experience here at St. John's. We want parents to be aware that this is a great school so they can give their child the St. John's experience.

I have great pride and love for St. John's and would like to share that with others.

At St. John's we strive to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to learning, Catholic values and community service. Keep spreading the word and help give each child the St. John's experience!

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

On Saturday, March 14, St. John's sent teams again to the annual Destination Imagination Competition. The students have been preparing since December. Three teams represented our school and all were given favorable comments by the judges. In fact, the *Fish Out of Water* team will represent St. John's at the state competition in April. Congratulations to all who participated!



◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

Questions? E-mail Lori at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

On Saturday, April 25, from 6-9pm, in the parish center, Mission 09 Team will host Family Bingo Night. A free-will offering will be collected for each bingo card and \$1 for raffle tickets. Pizza, walking tacos, other food and beverages will be sold. All proceeds will go to youth attending this year's mission trip to New Orleans. Come and help support our youth while having a great time with your family.

STEUBENVILLE NORTH YOUTH CONFERENCE

All students going into grades 9-12 for the 2009-2010 school year are invited to attend our first information meeting for the Steubenville Conference on Sunday, April 19, at 3pm, in the parish center.

A BIG THANK YOU

to all those who helped make this year's Lenten Retreat not only possible but a spirit-filled night. All youth helped served the soup supper then attended Stations of the Cross. The rest of the night was spent reflecting on the meaning of "Take up your cross daily and follow Me" with a closing prayer service. A special thanks to Fr. Tix, Fr. Terry, Diane Hanson, high school peer mentors and our amazing band.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am † Jackie Cretzmeyer

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am † Roger Birkeland

Thursday, March 26

8:00 am For Vocations

Friday, March 27

8:00 am For those who are Sick

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Paul Pannier

Sunday, March 29

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am In thanksgiving

11:00 am † Ambrose J. Felling

LECTORS

March 28/29

5:00 pm Margaret & Ron Eustice

7:30 am Maureen & Dennis Peterson

9:00 am David Foertsch

Teresa Hoffman

11:00 am Kent Anderson

Rachel Goering

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

March 24-25 Cassie Boutelle, Kelly Keenan, Will Diedrick

March 26-27 Amanda Pfeiffer, Catherine Nardi, Elli Vohnoutka

Saturday, March 28

5:00 pm Billy Klein, Joshua Miller, Maddy Kempf

Sunday, March 29

7:30 am Jaclyn Hinz, Sarah Hinz

9:00 am Isabel Fox, Kyle Thomas

Melanie Fox

11:00 am Ariel Behnke,

Joseph Mossett,

Molly Kate Jones

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Carol Hedberg

7:30 am Cheryal Monnens

9:00 am Kris Marko

11:00 am Katie Diedrick

Please call your team members for the month of April.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Tuesday, March 24

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Thursday, March 26

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Festival Choir

Friday, March 27

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm Soup Supper*

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Saturday, March 28

6:00 pm New Parishioner Dinner

Sunday, March 29

8:00 am AA Meeting

10:15 am RCIA Program

12:00 pm New Eucharistic
Ministers Training*

“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”

- Jn 3:20-21

CHRISTIAN ONE LINERS

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

Peace starts with a smile.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

He who angers you, controls you.

If God is your co-pilot - swap seats.

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

for the week of March 22 have been
donated in memory of

*Ed Giles and
Dave Williamson*



- The Giles Family

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.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

NO RE CLASSES ON MARCH 25. CLASSES RESUME ON APRIL 1

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 and St. John's School) with your family in the atrium. After supper, children can come to the parish center for this 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 or 952.890.9434.

CELEBRATE PASSOVER AS JESUS DID

Students in grades 5 and 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 Jew's 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 and in the RE Office. A minimum of 20 participants is needed for this event to happen. **Deadline is Monday, March 30.** For more information, contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED

will meet on Monday, March 23, at 6:45pm, at St. Thomas Becket Church, 4455 South Robert Trail, Eagan. Adaire Lassonde will speak on *Moving Forward*. Donation per sessions is \$2. If you have questions or would like more information, call 651.683.9808.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 27, 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 (age 11 or over) \$10, children 5 to 10 years old \$5, children 4 and under eat for free. Open to the public.

FISH FRY

On Friday, March 27, from 5-8pm, St. Patrick's Church of Cedar Lake will serve deep fried or baked cod fish, French fries, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, beans, rye bread and rolls, bars and beverage. Cost: adults \$10, children 4 to 12 years old \$5, children 3 and under eat for free.

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◆ ◆ ◆ WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ? ◆ ◆ ◆

Here is a fun exercise to help you review the Catholic faith and learn more. Select the option which correctly completes each statement, then check your answers below.

- 1. The Easter Season culminates with the celebration of (a) the Ascension; (b) Pentecost; (c) the Assumption; (d) Trinity Sunday
- 2. At Easter Sunday Masses, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises takes place immediately after the (a) Penitential Rite; (b) Communion Prayer; (c) homily; (d) Gloria
- 3. When a Catholic priest or deacon carries the Blessed Sacrament in procession, he commonly wears a (a) turban; (b) humeral veil; (c) miter; (d) berretta

Answers:

- 1. (b) Pentecost, which marks the coming of the Holy Spirit, is celebrated 50 days after Easter.
- 2. (c) The rite of the renewal of baptismal promises, celebrated at Easter Sunday Masses, takes the place of the Profession of Faith.
- 3. (b) A humeral veil, worn over the back and shoulders, allows the priest or deacon to carry the monstrance without touching it, thus symbolizing that it is Christ himself who blesses us.

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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$26,507
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$14,864
Total donations	\$41,371
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,050
Over budget.....	\$7,321
Budget year-to-date	- \$71,788

SIMPLE GIVING
EASTER DEDUCTIONS

If your contributions to St. John's are deducted through *Simple Giving*, our automatic transfer program, please note that your Easter contribution will be deducted on April 1. If you would like more information about our *Simple Giving* program, go to our website at www.stjohns-savage.org.