



*Those preceding him as well as
those following KEPT crying out:
“HOSANNA!*

*Blessed is HE who comes
in the name of the LORD!
Blessed is the KINGDOM of our
father DAVID that is to come!
Hosanna in the HIGHEST!”*

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MK 11:9-10

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 - Wednesday: 8 am

Communion Service

Monday: 8 am

Rosary

Monday - Saturday: 7:35 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Easter Vigil: 7 pm

Easter Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am

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 a deacon at least six months in advance.

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 - Thursday: 8 am - 4:30 pm
Good Friday: Office Closed

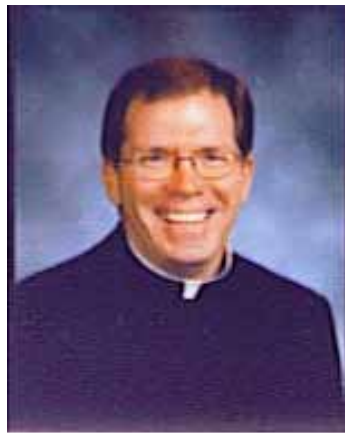
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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 Wednesday, April 8 for the April 19 Divine Mercy Sunday bulletin.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



Today begins the holiest week of our church year. Later this week we will celebrate the most sacred days of our church year. On Thursday we remember the events of the Last Supper and Jesus' call to serve. On Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus. Finally on Saturday night and Sunday morning we come to the tomb with Mary Magdalene and Simon Peter. Together with them we are overjoyed at the fact that Jesus has risen from death to new life!

The events of these days are at the core of our Christian faith. It is in these days we remember in a very profound way the mystery of God's

love for us. I invite you to come and participate in these sacred liturgies of Triduum. On each of these three days you are invited to begin the day with Morning Prayer at 8am. On Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross at 12:15pm. On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday each of the major liturgies begins at 7pm.

As we journey to Easter, a word about the collection. The Easter collection, like every Sunday collection, is used by parishes to make the presence of the Risen Lord known in our world by funding a variety of ministries and programs of outreach. A parish depends on every collection, but especially the Easter and Christmas collections to catch-up on shortfalls incurred over other times in the year. We are not any different especially in these challenging economic times that we all experience. Easter affords us an opportunity to share our gifts with our God who gifts us with the hope and promise of new and abundant life. As a parish I assure you that we are prudent with the financial gifts you share and I recognize the sacrifice you make in your offering to the church. I hope and trust that you will be generous in your Easter contribution this year as we continue to proclaim Christ is risen and among us. Thank you!

- Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ HOLY WEEK LITURGIES ◆ ◆ ◆

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Morning Prayer - 8am

Mass of the Lord's Last Supper - 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Morning Prayer - 8am

Stations of the Cross - 12:15pm

Good Friday Liturgy - 7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Morning Prayer - 8am

Easter Vigil Mass - 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

The Lord's Resurrection

Masses - 7:30am, 9am and 11am



◆ ◆ ◆ PERPETUAL ADORATION ◆ ◆ ◆

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
WILL BE REPOSED

Thursday, April 9 (Holy Thursday), at 7pm
and will resume on
Sunday, April 12 (Easter), at 12pm.



◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ◆ ◆ ◆

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL HAS OPENINGS

The current members of St. John’s Parish Council are: Rich Myers, Luke Bearth, Teresa Donovan, Joe Nardi, Beth Prendi and Nancy Amundson. They would like to encourage any interested parishioner to consider becoming a member of the Council. The commitment would be a three-year term, meeting once a month. Responsibilities include meeting with Fr. Tix to discuss events, information and concerns regarding the parish community. Council members must:

- ◆ be a registered member of St. John’s
- ◆ be at least 16 years of age
- ◆ have completed their Christian initiation through Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation

Employees of St. John’s are not eligible to serve as members. You may pick-up an application at the parish office. Submit applications by Wednesday, April 15. Questions? Contact Rich Myers at 952.447.4503.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

BURNSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

On Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30pm, we will attend the performance of “The Secret Garden” at Burnsville High School. This is the final dress rehearsal. This musical takes place in 1906 in England. Archibald Craven yearns for his beautiful wife and blames his crippled son for her death. Mary Lennox is sent to live with them following the death of her parents from cholera in India. Mary discovers a secret walled garden hidden in the grounds and releases the magic and adventures locked inside which changes their lives forever.

Complimentary refreshments will be available during intermission. No bus transportation will be provided, but rather we will meet at Burnsville High School (Mraz Center) located at Highway 13 and Portland Avenue. There is no cost for our group but you do need a ticket to attend. RSVP to Jim Rylander by Monday, April 13, at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE

to the shrine in La Crosse, WI will be on Wednesday, May 13. We will depart from the church parking lot at 7am and return at 6pm. Our trip will travel along the Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. We will attend the 11am Mass followed by a pasta buffet lunch and a tour of the shrine. There will be time for you to look around on your own and enjoy the holiness of this shrine. The cost is \$44 which includes the motor coach, lunch and tour. Please make your reservation and payment to Jim Rylander by Tuesday, May 5. Questions? Call Jim at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

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

- Fr. Michael Tix, Pastor
- Fr. Terry Weber, Weekend Presider
- Rev. Mr. Jerry Little, Deacon
- Rev. Mr. Bob Durham, Deacon
- Christine Kelly, Accounting
- Fred Fox, Business Administrator
- Carol Radosevich, Communications
- Ron Nord, Facilities Manager
- Tracy Tredinnick, IT Coordinator
- Tim Malone, Music & Liturgy
- Jean Thompson, Music & Liturgy
- Jim Rylander, Pastoral Minister
- Anja Prins, Stewardship Coordinator

Faith Formation
952.890.9434

- Andi Little, Director
- Brenda Schroll, Adult Faith Formation
- Jan Jirik, Junior High - Grades 7-9
- Joan Walerius, Sunday School
- Lori Taormina, Youth Minister

St. John the Baptist Catholic School
952.890.6604

- Beth Behnke, Principal
- Mike Smalley, Assistant Principal

Steppingstones Preschool
952.846.4663

- Dora May, Director

BAPTISMS

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

*Maya Lynn Edwardy
Noland Michael Hanson*

MARRIAGE BANNS

Please remember this couple in your prayers as they prepare for their marriage:

*Michele Adelman and
Jason Radosevich*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† *LaVonne Brunner*, mother of Mike Brunner

† *Norbert Johnson*, brother of Eldred Johnson

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Paula Mehroff
John & Amy Mannick ~
Devin, Erin, Kate*

READINGS

For the Week of April 5

Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /
Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1 - 15:47 or 15:1-39

Mon: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tue: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thu: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Fri: Is 52:13 - 53:12/
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1 - 19:42

Sat: Vigil: Gn 1:1 - 2:2 or
1:1, 26-31a/
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15 - 15:1/
Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/
Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4/
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

◆ ◆ ◆ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19 ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S WILL CELEBRATE

Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina on April 30 in the Jubilee year of 2000. He then declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole church as Jesus has requested. Jesus told her: *I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment.*



St. John's will offer Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 19, at 2pm. Join us in prayer with the Rosary, a talk on God's mercy by Joel Neisen, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and Benediction concluding with the Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information call Chuck at 952.451.0821.

◆ ◆ ◆ GRACED & GIFTED ◆ ◆ ◆

TALE OF TWO SISTERS

On Friday, May 8, from 7-9pm, at All Saints Church in Lakeville you are invited to *The Tale of Two Sisters*. Based on Luke 10:38-42, this presentation will challenge and encourage the Mary and Martha in each of us. With her delightfully entertaining and faith filled storytelling, Debbie Reetz is sure to lift your spirit, tickle your soul and enrich your faith. You won't want to miss this evening set apart especially for you. Invite your mom, sisters and girlfriends. Register today!

Available to you will be: appetizers and refreshments, entertainment and laughter, prayer and reflection, book and resource tables, gifts and door prizes. Registration forms are available on our website at www.stjohns-savage.org or at the parish office. Registration fee is \$20. Deadline is Friday, May 1. For more information contact Brenda at 952.233.1042 or Monica at 952.892.7587.

Sponsored by *Graced & Gifted*... a collaborative effort of Catholic women from South Metro area parishes committed to bringing women together to encourage, inform, affirm and nurture their Catholic faith.

◆ ◆ ◆ SEDER MEAL PRAYER ◆ ◆ ◆

Dear Lord,

When your people cried out as slaves in Egypt, you sent your angel in the night to free your people from their bondage. With the blood of the lamb on the doorpost the angel of death passed over the houses in which the people of Israel consumed the lamb and so were saved from death. In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son, the Lamb of God, who takes away the world's sin, whose blood not only saved us from death, but whose sinless flesh gives eternal life to us all. Grant that we may always cherish the Eucharist, for this celebration we partake in every Mass had its beginnings in your humble people.

Amen.

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◆ ◆ ◆ STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

GETTING BACK INTO THE "SPRING" OF THINGS

After spring break Steppingstones students learned about the beautiful changes spring brings. They read a book about new life in a pond, then the students discussed what they had learned and put their knowledge into action. The class was divided into groups and took turns trying different activities. Some made their own book about spring life. Others had free time or played with play dough. But the most fun was finger painting the bottom of the pond and making the duck greenery that will go with it. Just another fun day at Steppingstones Preschool.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL ◆ ◆ ◆

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO CAMP ST. CROIX



St. John's entire eighth grade class spent two nights and three days at Camp St. Croix combining outdoor educational experience with team building along with an opportunity for a retreat. The retreat was lead by teachers Keri Eltgroth and Tom Emanuel. "It's a chance for reflection on their time at St. John's and where their faith journey is leading them in

the future," explains Mr. Emanuel. "We not only had the fun of trying the high ropes," said Alyssa Radosevich, "we had to learn to have confidence and trust in our classmate working with us." "The class looks forward to this all year," added Derek Schwartz. "It's the best part of 8th grade." St. John's has been going to Camp St. Croix for the past 21 years.



◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

ORDER FROM SCHWAN'S TO HELP MISSION 2009

We are excited to announce Schwan's will have a truck at St. John's on Wednesday, April 8, from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Based on the dollars sold on this day, Schwan's will donate a percentage of the dollars to our organization. Come by and show your support for the 49 people participating in Mission New Orleans this summer. The truck will have over 300 of Schwan's quality products to choose from. I'm confident you will find something for every eating occasion, flavor profile and for any nutritional need. **CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO SCHWAN'S.** Thank you in advance for your support of our fundraiser. With your participation we will be that much closer to our goal of generating funds for our young missionaries.

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.

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 the youth attending this year's mission trip to New Orleans. Come and help support our youth while having a great time with your family. Questions? E-mail Lori at Itaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 6

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 am † Margaret Mueller

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 am † Connie Werner

Holy Thursday, April 9

8:00 am Morning Prayer

9:25 am School Prayer Service

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Good Friday, April 10

8:00 am Morning Prayer

12:15 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 11

8:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm For our RCIA Candidates

Easter Sunday, April 12

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am † Joseph Rinh

11:00 am † Anne Hughes

LECTORS

April 11/12

5:00 pm Veronica Bartsch

Jon Pitton

7:30 am Blaise Eisenbeil

Andi Little

9:00 am Christine & Bob Brickweg

11:00 am Janet & Wilfred Williams

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

April 7/8 Mikayla Kelly, Ryan Gall, Sydney Schulberg

Holy Thursday, April 9

7:00 pm Emily Lerick, Matt Warner, Ryan Gall

Good Friday, April 10

12:15 pm Eric Miller

7:00 pm Heather Smith, Jacob Smith, Ryan Gall

Easter Vigil, April 11

7:00 pm Ryan Gall, Carrie Mannila

Easter Sunday, April 12

7:30 am Heather Smith, Jacob Smith

9:00 am Alex Kubicek, Amanda Patch, Tony Sullivan

11:00 am Greta Fisher, Jack Dominik

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, April 6

6:30 pm Troop 336
6:30 pm Life in the Spirit*
7:00 pm ECFC

Tuesday, April 7

5:00 pm Seder Meal
6:00 pm Bell Choir
6:30 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:00 pm Commissions Night
7:00 pm SAC Meeting
7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group & Rosary for Life

Wednesday, April 8

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)

Sunday, April 12

8:00 am AA Meeting

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Experience the peace of the Holy Spirit on Monday, April 6, 6:30pm.
Topic: *Growth & Transformation.*

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

for the week of April 5, have been donated in memory of
Mary Cooper



Your spirit lives in all of us.
- The Radosevich 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

Youth ages 11 to 15 can learn the skills to be a confident babysitter, including infant CPR, at a day-long training course at St. John's on Saturday, April 25, from 9am-4pm. Cost is \$56 per participant. Participants should bring a bag lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. A minimum of eight youths are needed to host the course and we are limited to a total of 20. So don't wait to register! Absolute deadline is Wednesday, April 15. Registration materials are available on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org and in the education office or call 952.890.9434 for more information.

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM NEEDS YOU

If you are 16 years old or older and are interested in joining St. John's softball team, e-mail Gil Roscoe at JRROSCOE@Mid-America.com or call 612.868.2927. Two games are played every Sunday evening. Games begin on April 27 at Ponds Fields in Prior Lake. No experience necessary - join us for fun and fellowship!

ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

During this solemn time of reflection through the Lenten journey we carry meaningful selections of spiritual reading materials, laminated prayer cards, pocket crosses, a variety of wall crucifixes for the home, and beautifully handmade Rosaries. We have expanded our book titles for the younger children with *The Way of the Cross For Children, My Catholic Lent & Easter Activity Book*, and *The Easter Story*. We also have very helpful volunteers who are happy to assist you.

ST. JOHN'S GARAGE SALE

will be here before you know it. Keep the garage sale in mind as you do your spring cleaning. This year there will be additional dates to drop off your donations. Continue to check the weekly church bulletin for information about drop off dates, garage sale dates and the **many** volunteer opportunities.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY

As we approach Memorial Day and the traditional decorating of our parish cemetery, we want to remind you that potted plants, fresh flowers, artificial flowers and wreaths **are permitted**. Flowers will be removed at the discretion of the cemetery custodians when they no longer enhance the appearance of the grounds.

Theft of cemetery flowers tends to be an increasing problem. We are partnering with the Burnsville police on this matter. Please report to the Burnsville police or parish office any suspicious activity, including license plate information.

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◆ ◆ ◆ **IN THE COMMUNITY** ◆ ◆ ◆

WHAT IS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)?

It is not the old *Rhythm Method* and it not just for women with “regular cycles.” NFP is 99% effective at achieving or postponing pregnancy. There are no drugs, devices or chemicals used to alter the reproductive system and cause unwanted or dangerous side effects. For more information you are invited to attend an introductory session on:

- ◆ Tuesday, April 7, at 7:30pm, at All Saint’s in Lakeville - call 651.330.6881
- ◆ Thursday, April 23, at St. Mark’s in Shakopee - call 952.934.0382

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

An interdenominational coalition of south suburban churches will present the first in a four week-series starting on Thursday, April 16, registration begins at 6:30pm, at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. Tim Nelson will speak on *Looking Backward in Order to See Forward More Clearly*. *Growing Through Loss* provides:

- support for adults who have experienced a loss
- information about the grieving process
- caring and support from others who are also grieving
- sharing of memories and feelings in a confidential setting

For more information call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week’s donations:

Envelopes.....	\$21,483
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$2,266
Total donations	\$23,749
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,050
Under budget.....	\$10,299
Budget year-to-date	-\$91,694

Palm Sunday reminds us that life is a roller coaster. One day we’re shouting “Alleluia.” Five days later we’re in the shock of death and grief on Good Friday. Just as marriage highs don’t last forever, neither do the lows. Be willing to ride the hills and valleys.

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