

THE GREAT ADVENTURE IS COMING TO ST. JOHNS!

LETTER OF JAMES

Beginning in September of 2008!

Journey with us this fall and welcome in person Jeff Cavins as he leads an 11-week scripture study of the Letter of James. The Letter of James is considered among scripture's most beautiful wisdom literature. James' letter reveals various lessons essential for living a Christian life such as handling trials and temptation, showing mercy, exercising patience, and the power of prayer.

BOOK OF PSALMS

Beginning in February of 2009!

Jeff returns to do another 11-week scripture study of the Book of Psalms. Come and discover the biblical path to knowing God through prayer. This series will teach you to hear and understand the poetry of the Psalms and will open your eyes to see how Christ is hidden in the Psalms.

Can't make a morning session?

The series will be videotaped and available for evening group studies. The Letter of James evening session will be on Mondays, starting October 6, 2008, from 6:30-8:30 pm. The Book of Psalms will be on Thursdays, starting February 19, 2009, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE.

DATE AND TIME

Letter of James

Tuesdays, starting
September 16, 2008
10:00 am to noon

Book of Psalms

Tuesdays, starting
February 3, 2009
10:00 am to noon

COST

\$75 for both studies
\$50 for individual study

REGISTRATION

Forms are available on-line
at www.stjohns-savage.org,
in the atrium and in the
parish/education offices.

**Register by Monday,
August 25, 2008.**

**Space is limited.
Register early!**

CONTACT

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ext. 249

Jeff Cavins

Renowned Bible Teacher and Evangelist!



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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

If you are interested in joining our parish community and are at least 21 years of age, parishioners are available after weekend Masses to answer any questions and provide assistance with registration. 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, July 14, 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

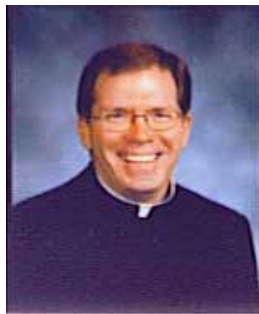
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

Bulletin Deadline

Submit articles to the parish office by 10 am on Monday, July 14.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



One of the things I greatly enjoy is doing weddings. I especially enjoy hearing how the couple first met and their first date. Recently, I read a reflection published in the *America Magazine* by Daniel Horan, O.F.M. entitled "Dating God." In the reflection, Horan encourages people to think about "going on a date" with God. Horan writes about his hermitage experience, spending ten days in the woods of eastern Pennsylvania. He parallels the human experience of dating with getting to know God.

Dating involves reserving time for each other, learning about each other, and building a history of shared experiences. As time goes by, the relationship becomes more familiar and maintaining the relationship requires more effort. Setting aside time for developing the relationship is imperative. Developing a relationship with God follows the same pattern. Horan "dated" God by going to a hermitage and finding Him in solitude. Our dating experience might take a different form. For us, getting to know God better can only happen when we create space and set aside time for Him. The relationship can be nourished in the quiet ride to work, a walk before lunch, or quiet moments before bed. We can find God in solitude, scripture, and in our community. It is in the development of the relationship that we get to know God better.

Horan writes: *Jesus built close friendships with men and women. He often chose to spend time with his friends; at other times he joined the larger community to teach and share a meal; but frequently Jesus withdrew into solitude. After his baptism, "Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days" (Mt. 4:11, Mk. 1:12, Lk. 4:1). It was the custom of Jesus to pray on the Mount of Olives (Lk. 22:39). When we answer his call to "Follow me" (Lk. 5:27, Jn. 1:43), we follow Jesus to the Father in solitude. Jesus shows us that in solitude we are never alone. We are with our creator, to whom we are the beloved children created in God's image.*

Isn't it time to go on a date with God?

- Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ THANK YOU ◆ ◆ ◆

Fr. Tix,

I just want to thank you so much for performing an absolutely beautiful ceremony! It was perfect, you delivered a message that was fitting to Chase and I. I am amazed at how well you nailed us only meeting with us a few times. You picked up on everything!! So thank you for blessing our marriage, setting us on the right foundation and giving us a wonderful memory to look back on for a lifetime.

Thank you,

Bethany & Chase Amundson

Oh, side note; just wanted to thank you for never making me feel out of place or judged or pressured in your Catholic Church. That meant a lot. You were very warm and inviting. I appreciate that.

Bethany

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

DOES GOD NEED YOU FOR THE RELIGIOUS LIFE?

Our late great Pope John Paul II reminded us to “Be not afraid.” If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, have the courage to answer him. God needs you! For more information about the priesthood or religious life, contact Fr. Tix at mtix@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9465.

ST. JOHN’S YACHT CLUB

The YACHT (Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together) Club is being formed at St. John’s to bring young adults, married or single, together to promote involvement in the church through spiritual, social and volunteer activities. The YACHT Club is currently seeking young adults interested in becoming part of this new group. If you are interested contact Fr. Tix at mtix@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9465.

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

The pictorial directory becomes a family portrait of our parish by including as many photos of our parishioners as possible. In addition to our brief overview of parish life and the many people who make St. John’s so special, the directory also includes a roster of parishioner names and addresses. It’s a great way to recall the names of the many people you meet at St. John’s. The directory just won’t be the same without you! Schedule your appointment today either on-line at our website www.stjohns-savage.org or sign-up after any of the Masses on July 12/13, July 19/20 or July 26/27.

Early sign-ups will get the first choice of times!

Friday, Aug. 1	3:30pm - 9pm
Monday, Aug. 4 - Friday, Aug. 8	2:30pm - 9pm
Tuesday, Aug. 19 - Friday, Aug. 22	2:30pm - 9pm
Saturday, Aug. 23	2:00pm - 4pm
Monday, Aug. 25 - Thursday, Aug. 28	2:30pm - 9pm

For more information or to volunteer, call Carol Radosevich at 952.890.9465.

RAISE THE ROOF PICNIC AND RAFFLE

➤ **Raise the Roof Parish Picnic Offers Family Fun** ~ Before summer slips away, grab the family, bring a dish to pass, and come down to Warren Butler Park in Savage to celebrate 5pm Mass outside and a potluck picnic to follow on Saturday, Aug. 2. Hamburgers and hot dogs with all of the fixin’s will be provided.

The parish picnic features family fun and fellowship, the Raise the Roof Raffle, games and lots of good food! The picnic is free. For more information or to volunteer contact Tracy Tredinnick at 952.890.9465, ext. 118.

➤ **Get Your Raffle Tickets Today** ~ There are only a few weeks left to get in on a chance to win one of the 20 great Raise the Roof Raffle prizes with the Grand Prize being \$10,000 in cash. So don’t miss out! Only 500 tickets being sold! Cost per ticket is \$100. Drawing will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, after the outdoor 5pm Mass, at Warren Butler Park in Savage. Tickets are on sale after all the weekend Masses and at the Parish Office.

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..... ext. 130

Deacons

Jerry Little ext. 131

Bob Durham ext. 132

Facilities Manager

Ron Nord..... ext. 125

Director of Parish Life

Jim Rylander ext. 114

Director of Music & Liturgy

Karin Barrett..... ext. 116

Director of Pastoral Ministry

Bonnie Unzen..... ext. 120

Director of Finance & Business

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

MARRIAGE BANNs

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

Rebecca Berg & Collier Amundson

READINGS

For the Week of July 6

Sun: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/
Mt 11:25-30

Mon: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/
Mt 9:18-26

Tue: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38

Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7

Thu: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15

Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23

Sat: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

Sun: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

For the Week of July 13

Sun: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Mon: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tue: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

Wed: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

Thu: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/
Mt 11:28-30

Fri: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/
Mt 12:1-8

Sat: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

Sun: Wis 12:13, 16-19/
Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**ST. JOHN'S
NEW UNIFORM SALE**

will be on Saturday, July 19, from 5:30-7:30pm, in the parish center. Our uniform supplier, Donald's Department Store, will be on-site with their uniform inventory and they will donate 5% of the sales back to St. John's School.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆**CELEBRATION! 2009**

Volunteers are needed to help plan, share ideas, chair sub-committees and to assist as needed. If you are interested e-mail Paula at pgbeer@hotmail.com or call 952.492.3833.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATION FOR

the Pig Roast Party on Saturday, July 19, at 6pm, hosted by Mike and Amy Smalley? The cost is \$35 per person. Guests are invited to bring your own beverage. If you would like to attend put your check in an envelope marked "Pig Roast Party," include your telephone number and e-mail address. You can place your envelope in the weekend collection or bring it to the parish office during business hours.

PAINT-A-THON

Help us make a family proud of a house to come home to. From Monday, July 28, through Saturday, Aug. 2, we will prepare, prime and paint a home. You can volunteer as much or as little as you want. We will be working from 5-8pm, Monday through Friday. On Saturday, paint day, we will start at 8am and work until complete. After painting we are all invited to our parish picnic. For more information contact Doug and Cindy Symes at CADS4@Comcast.net or 952.894.4328.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

St. John's will be at a site in Savage for Habitat for Humanity on Friday, Aug. 22. We have openings for 13 General Construction volunteers who can work on-site the entire day from 8:30am to 4:30pm. We also have openings for Site Host (8am - 1:30pm) and Lunch Provider (11am - 2pm). We will also need people to make lunch and snacks for the workers. No experience is needed for any of these positions. To sign-up for General Construction Volunteer, Site Host or Lunch Provider you will need to register online at <http://tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/SignIn.aspx>. St. John's Join Code is SJ8/22. If you need help registering on-line, would like to be on the lunch preparation

◆ ◆ ◆ TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS ◆ ◆ ◆

Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of English. Last year, the European Union even considered making English its official language, a curious proposal since only one English-speaking country, Ireland, is a member. Just as English is a unifying language today, it was hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of Greek. Even the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." For a long time, Greek was the language of worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture, and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmitted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centuries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul and Britain.

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◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEW ◆ ◆ ◆

DAN PATCH PARADE



More than 50 St. John's School students hopped on the school bus driven by Fr. Tix, handing out balloons and candy for the Dan Patch Parade on Sunday, June 22. Thank you to Cindy Baumler who coordinated this event



along with the school's marketing committee and the many parent volunteers who helped make it a fun day.



◆ ◆ ◆ LECTORS ◆ ◆ ◆

July 13/14

5:00 pm Brian Clark
Richard Gross
7:30 am Dennis Cummings
Tom Reicks
9:00 am Nancy Abicht
Les Knoke
11:00 am Martha Simms
Ann Rogers

July 20/21

5:00 pm Veronica Bartsch
Mick Finn
7:30 am Amy Roethke
James Eck
9:00 am Linda Moriarty
Jill Norton
11:00 am Ann Dominik
Kent Anderson

◆ ◆ ◆ MASS SERVERS ◆ ◆ ◆

Weekdays 8:00 am

July 8-9 James Andrzejek
Kyle Thomas
Sam Klein
July 10-11 Jack Dominik
Jacob Notermann
Tony Sullivan

Weekdays 8:00 am

July 15-16 Angela Gruenwald
Lauren Warmka
Will Diedrick
July 17-18 Corrigan Shea
Joseph Mosset
Meghan Shea

Saturday, July 12

5:00 pm Jacob Heim
Maddy Kempf
Nicholas Peppler

Saturday, July 19

5:00 pm Billy Klein
Callie Fox
Sean McSweeney

Sunday, July 13

7:30 am Madeline Esterl
Ryan Gall
9:00 am Bailey Sernett
Kyle Thomas
Will Diedrick
11:00 am Angela Gruenwald
Jack Dominik
Shannon Wilson

Sunday, July 20

7:30 am Jaclyn Hinz
Sarah Hinz
9:00 am Alex Kubicek
Anne Prins
Megan Cleary
11:00 am Jenna Kacheroski
Molly Jones
Robert Tobroxen

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 7

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, July 8

8:00 am †† Emma & Joseph Sodomka
10:30 am † Rose Gregory
(Ridges Nursing Home)

Wednesday, July 9

8:00 am † LaVerna Mies

Thursday, July 10

8:00 am † Blanche Vicker

Friday, July 11

8:00 am † Polly Jorgenson

Saturday, July 12

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
5:00 pm † Donna Robinson

Sunday, July 13

7:30 am †† Stella & Victor Meller
9:00 am †† Maria & Joseph Song
11:00 am For the Parish

Monday, July 14

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, July 15

8:00 am † Andrew Meyers

Wednesday, July 16

8:00 am Special Intention

Thursday, July 17

8:00 am † Anne Hughes

Friday, July 18

8:00 am †† Margaret & Ralph Mueller

Saturday, July 19

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
2:00 pm Rebecca Berg &
Collier Amundson Wedding

5:00 pm † Sue Abell

Sunday, July 20

7:30 am † Marlene Tix
9:00 am For the Parish
11:00 am †† Ester &
Sylvester Gavinski

ST. JOHN'S
BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

In anticipation of the visit by Jeff Cavins to our parish at the Masses on Sunday, Aug. 17, we will have available the popular "Amazing Grace" series and his autobiography entitled "My Life on the Rock." As our shipments arrive throughout the month of July, be sure to browse our display.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, July 7

6:30 pm Troop 336

Tuesday, July 8

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 9

8:00 am Summer Stretch

5:30 pm Used Uniform Sale

6:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm Finance Meeting

Thursday, July 10

8:30 am Life Line Screening

7:00 pm BeFriender Meeting

Friday, July 11

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday, July 12/Sunday, July 13

Raise the Roof Ticket Sale*

Pictorial Directory Sign-Up*

Sunday, July 13

8:00 am AA Meeting

12:00 pm Mission Meeting

Monday, July 14

6:00 pm Mission Meeting

6:30 pm Troop 336

7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class

Tuesday, July 15

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 16

8:00 am Summer Stretch

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, July 18

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday, July 19

10:00 am New Uniform Sale*

Saturday July 19/Sunday, July 20

Raise the Roof Ticket Sale*

Pictorial Directory Sing-Up*

Sunday, July 20

8:00 am AA Meeting

The angels are not saints in the ordinary sense of the word, but as servants at the throne of our Lord in heaven, they form part of the Church Triumphant and thus participate in the communion of saints. From Sacred Scripture we know they are God's messengers and our guardians.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE

will be offering a series of classes for engaged and married couples on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at St. Bonaventure School. Classes begin on Monday, July 14, at 7pm. The school is located at 901 E. 90th St. in Bloomington. To register or for more information, go to their website at www.twincities.ccli.org or call 612.721.3791.

"DATE NIGHT" ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Calling all engaged and married couples ~ celebrate Natural Family Planning on Thursday, July 24, from 6:30-9pm, by cruising the Mississippi River. Cost is \$35 per couple which includes dessert, refreshments and a cash bar. To register go to the website www.archspm.org/family/ under *Upcoming Events* or call 651.291.4488. Registration deadline is Tuesday, July 15.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

If you are hurting from the effects of an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, Aug. 8-10, in the Twin Cities area. The retreat is sponsored by LifeCare of Thief River Falls. Participation is strictly confidential. For more information or to register go to rvr-nancy@usfamily.net or call Nancy at 952.882.2072. Additional information about Rachel's Vineyard can be found at their website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. Cost for the weekend is \$140 and financial assistance is available.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

is a time for couples to get away from distractions and to focus on one another. The weekend consists of a series of presentations given by a team of Catholic couples and a priest which will help you better understand yourself and your spouse, learn effective communication and the role God can play in your Sacrament of Marriage. After each presentation, time is allowed for you and your spouse to privately discuss the topic and how it relates to your marriage. The next weekend is Aug. 1-3 at the Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. To register or for information on other upcoming weekends in this area visit their website at www.wwmesection8.org or call 612.840.7630.

RAINBOWS...

FROM HURT...THROUGH HEALING...TO HOPE

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? RAINBOWS is a support group for children, ages pre-kindergarten through eighth grade who have suffered a significant loss in their lives, either through death, divorce or other painful transitions. The primary goal of RAINBOWS is to provide a safe environment for those families to sort through their grief and confusion, build self-esteem and learn coping skills to help deal with their loss. Children are placed in groups of 3-6 participants with adult facilitators who will encourage them to share their experiences and support each other.

RAINBOWS is looking for additional adult facilitators for this program. Training will be on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 10am-2pm, at All Saints in Lakeville. The program will begin Tuesday, Sept. 30, and consists of two 7-week sessions from 6-7:15pm, at St. John's. For more information or to sign-up contact Diane Wirtz at 952.440.3943.

◆ ◆ ◆ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ◆ ◆ ◆

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is looking for volunteers to assist the public during the *Vatican Splendors: from Saint Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums and Swiss Guard* exhibition, beginning Saturday, Sept. 27. For more information or to volunteer visit their website at www.mnhs.org/volunteers or call the Volunteer Vatican hotline at 651.259.3188.

READING PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mary's Place, a homeless shelter run by Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis, is in need of tutors to read with the children during the summer months. You will work one-on-one with a student who needs help reading. For more information call Charlotte at 612.328.4384 or Kathy at 612.328.0988.

SHARING & CARING HANDS

is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve the lunch meal at their drop-in center. Call Sharing & Caring Hands at 612.338.4640 if you are interested in helping.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes/cash	\$18,149
Simple Giving	
electronic donations	\$2,065
Total donations	\$20,014
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,014
Over/Under budget	\$13,800
Budget year-to-date	-\$94,277

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUG. 11-15

Eureka: Discovering God's Miracles registration materials for St. John's VBS and Son Days experience is available at the parish website www.stjohns-savage.org, in the RE and Parish Offices and in the atrium. For more information contact the RE Office at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434, ext. 232.