

St. John ^{the} Baptist

Catholic Church

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, May 12, 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

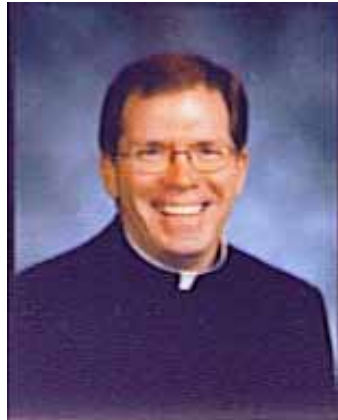
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



As I begin this column, I want to take this opportunity to express a Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms and all women who share the gift of life in many ways. The love you share speaks to the church's celebration of Pentecost and God's Holy Spirit who is still alive and present to us today.

In the very near future you will see both parish and school staff wearing buttons that say, "Yes, I can . . ." Some years ago the Radisson chain of hotels used these words as a slogan to focus on customer service among its employees. At a recent staff meeting I spoke about the Radisson's slogan and what it meant not only in the business world but within the setting of church. Scripturally I pointed to the Gospel according to Luke, and the story of the Annunciation where Mary said "Yes!" to the angel Gabriel as she was invited to be the mother of God.

As disciples we are called to echo Mary's "Yes!" by living our life in faithful service. For us saying "Yes!" can be difficult when we rather say, "No!" with excuses such as: "it won't work," "we've tried that before," along with "we've always done it that way." In our journey of faith we are called to be like Mary, open to God's Holy Spirit in our lives and the potential of what can be in a world made new by God's gift of grace. Sometimes our "No!" or at least our hesitation, is grounded in a sense of fear about the unknown. Again we learn from Mary from the story of the Annunciation as she said "Yes!" in faith and trust of God's love amidst some very real questions about "How can this be."

The buttons that you will soon see are a visible reminder to one another about saying "Yes!" to God in the example of service seen in Mary who journeys with her Son from the joys of his birth, to the hardship of Jesus' death on the cross. Our "Yes" button doesn't mean that we can necessarily solve either individually or as a staff every question or issue. But we can at least give people around us our time and attention, listen to them and we if cannot help them ourselves, we can direct them to an appropriate place or person who is able to serve their needs.

My hope is that the buttons will generate conversations among people about their meaning. Beyond conversation, however, my hope is that the buttons will help us all to focus on a greater sense of service in building the Kingdom of God in this time and place. The parish staff was enthused by the idea and even asked if they could be available to anyone. Like Mary, all of us are called to discipleship. The buttons will be available to anyone who wants them either at the parish or school office during normal office hours. Otherwise they will be at the new parishioner registration table in the atrium following weekend Masses.

- Father Mike Tix



AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN DIFFERENT TONGUES, AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM TO PROCLAIM.

Acts 2:4

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

THE 55+ GROUP & GUESTS OF ALL AGES

Come and join us for a Rectory Picnic on Thursday, June 12, at noon. This will be an “old fashion” summer picnic which will include: hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, and root beer floats. Come and join the parish staff, who will be doing the cooking and serving. Try your skills at lawn games. Last summer Wayne Mosey of our 55+ Group re-landscaped the yard behind the rectory which we will use for our picnic. There is no charge. RSVP by Monday, June 9, to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

GUESTS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.

IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME

Keep St. John’s Church Garage Sale - June 18-21 - in mind as you do your spring cleaning. The clothes and shoes that no longer fit your children, coats from last winter, the couch or table you no longer need can be donated to the garage sale. Watch for information regarding donation drop off dates in future newsletters.

We will accept these items in good, clean condition: furniture, gently used clothing, non–electric household items, bikes, skates, games, toys, bedding, personal accessories.

We cannot accept these items: any item which uses electricity to function, equipment powered by gasoline or other motor fuels, computer parts of any type, oil, paint, any hazardous chemicals, magazines, sofa beds, mattresses, tires, large exercise equipment, playground equipment, cribs, car seats, playpens, baby swings or walkers.

Another way to help with the church garage sale is to volunteer. We need many volunteers to make the garage sale a success. This is a fun and rewarding way for the whole family to help out. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up before the sale, working the days of the sale and clean-up. Even if you only have a few hours to give, it is appreciated. To volunteer, contact Kris Marko at 952.447.7392.



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 these couples in your prayers as they prepare for their marriage:

Tina Trousil & Luke Higgins

Jinger Ward & Joe Birkholz

Bethany Tolle & Chase Amundson

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Donna & Robert Burton

as they celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary.

We wish for them God's blessings and many more happy years together.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Fr. Leonard Jenniges will be celebrating 60 years in the priesthood on Sunday, June 15. There will be an outdoor Mass, at 12pm, at St. Mathias Church in Wanda. Following the Mass a reception lunch will take place at the Legion Hall from 1-3pm.

All are welcome.

Cards can be sent to:

Fr. Leonard Jenniges
700 3rd Ave. NW
Divine Providence
Community Home
Sleep Eye MN 56085

READINGS

For the Week of May 11

Sun: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tue: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/
Jn 15:9-17

Thu: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33

Fri: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34-9:1

Sat: Jas 3:1-10/Mk 9:2-13

Sun: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2
Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

Do you have a loved one who is homebound or in a nursing home? Would they like a visit from a BeFriender Minister who would talk with them or bring communion? Call Bonnie at 952.890.9465, ext. 120.

Do life's burdens get you down? Do you feel overwhelmed? Does it seem like no one seems to understand how you feel? Perhaps it might help to have someone to talk with who would not judge you for the way you feel. St. John's BeFrienders don't judge others; they listen and respect confidentiality. If you would like to have a BeFriender to talk with call Bonnie at 952.890.9465, ext. 120.

◆ ◆ ◆ ADULT EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will fully receive the sacraments. If you or someone you know would be interested in this journey of faith contact Bonnie at 952.890.9465, ext. 120.

◆ ◆ ◆ THE BENEDICTINE CENTER ◆ ◆ ◆

A RETREAT FOR THOSE IN TRANSITION

Change and transition are inevitable. The only place where we have a choice is in our response. You will learn how to manage change, transition of life, and explore times when we actually are called to seek change. Contemplative prayer will be an important component of this experience as you discern the direction of God for your life. This retreat begins on Friday, May 16, at 7pm, and will end on Saturday, May 17, at 1pm. Cost is \$100 which includes lodging and meals. For more information call 651.777.7251. The Benedictine Center is located at 2675 Larpenteur Ave. E., St. Paul.

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS THE SPIRITUALITY OF WORK?

While several recent books proclaim the spiritual value of work, we continually read about the numbing failure of work to bring meaning to people's lives. How does Christian tradition offer a view that raises up the nobility and creative potential of what we do for our livelihoods? Speaker Bernie Evans of St. John's School of Theology, will speak on this topic on Wednesday, May 21, from 7-9pm, at the Benedictine Center located at 2675 Larpenteur Ave. E., St. Paul. Cost is \$25. Questions? Call 651.777.7251.

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◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

COLONIAL DAYS

Would you have enjoyed living in Colonial times? On Tuesday, April 29, the fifth graders of St. John's responded to that question after attending the 12th annual Colonial Days directed by Mrs. Geis. The students created tri-corn hats and bonnets to wear as they baked cornmeal



muffins and snicker doodle cookies. They rotated to other colonial stations to dip candles, write George Washington's *Rules of Civility* with feather pens, and made fresh-smelling pomanders. Volunteer parents also helped students stitch quilt squares, play colonial games, and sing good old-fashioned colonial songs.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL FINE ARTS PROGRAM

Everyone is invited to attend the middle school Fine Arts Program on Thursday, May 15, at 7pm, in the Father Wittman Auditorium. The theme of this year's program is *Around the World*.

ROBIN HOOD PERFORMED AT ST. JOHN'S



Last week Prairie Fire Children's Theatre, a touring theatre company, sent out two professional actors/directors to St. John's School to perform the play *Robin Hood*. More than 50 students filled the roles and spent many hours rehearsing, learning dances and their lines. After the week of rehearsing, the St. John's cast performed the play both Friday evening and Saturday

afternoon. Hats off to all who participated in the play and for their hard work and dedication to a wonderful performance.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 12

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, May 13

8:00 am † Jack Egan

10:30 am †† Msgr. Patrick Hessian,
Rev. Msgr. Robert Probst
(Ridges Nursing Home)

Wednesday, May 14

8:00 am †† Irene & Ted Moreen

Thursday, May 15

8:00 am † Paul Mikkalson

11:00 am Anointing Mass

Friday, May 16

8:00 am † Rose Gregory

4:30 pm Tina Trousil &
Luke Higgins Wedding

Saturday, May 17

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

2:00 pm Jinger Ward &
Joe Birkholz Wedding

5:00 pm † Donna Robinson

Sunday, May 18

7:30 am † Aaron Edquist

9:00 am † Annamma Cherucheril

11:00 am For the Parish

LECTORS

May 17/18

5:00 pm Donna & Bill Pfeiffer

7:30 am Tom Reicks, Jon Pitton

9:00 am Nancy Abicht

Pete Mollner

11:00 am Bridgett Comee

Katie Broadwell

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

May 13-14 Amanda Pfeiffer

Lindsay Becker

Will Diedrick

May 15-16 Angela Gruewald

Bailey Sernett

Greta Fisher

Saturday, May 17

5:00 pm Hannah Brown

Maddy Kempf

Nicholas Pepler

Sunday, May 18

7:30 am Rose Ann Sullivan

Tony Sullivan

9:00 am Amanda Patch

Erik Olson

Nick Ryan

11:00 am Ariel Behnke

Brett Miller

John Kelly

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, May 12

6:30 pm Troop 336
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class
7:00 pm Home & School

Tuesday, May 13

6:00 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings
6:30 pm Catholic Bible Study
7:00 pm ECFC
7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group
7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday, May 14

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, May 15

9:30 am Catholic Bible Study
12:00 pm Anointing Mass Luncheon

Friday, May 16

8:30 am Stations of the Cross
9:30 am Bible Study

Sunday, May 17

8:00 am AA Meeting

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

The weekend of May 24/25, the parishes of the Archdiocese will acknowledge our interdependence with Catholics around the world through the celebration of Global Solidarity Sunday. We will tithe a portion of our weekend collection to Global Solidarity and to the growing Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa and Latin America.



CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINES

Catholic Charities ~ 1.800.CARE.002
American Crisis Pregnancy Hotline
1.800.67.BABY.6
www.pregnancycenters.org

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THANK YOU

The St. John's Destination Imagination Team, "The Duster Dust Bunnies," would like to thank everyone for their very generous support. The plant sale has made the trip to Knoxville, Tennessee possible. We want to remind people who purchased flowers that they will be available for pick-up after all Masses May 17/18. We will have some additional plants available for purchase if you were unable to order flowers this past weekend.

WHAT'S NEW AT ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

In honor of Mother's Day this weekend, you are welcome to stop by our parish store and browse over a nice selection of surprises for Mom such as necklaces, prayer journals, or decorations for the garden or home - all in a spiritual theme that makes the gift very special and unique!

RAISE THE ROOF RAFFLE AND PICNIC AUGUST 2

Ticket sales for the Raise the Roof Raffle will begin next week, May 17/18. Cost is \$100 per ticket. First prize is \$10,000. Proceeds go to offset the cost of a new roof for the church. Tickets may be purchased after all Masses and at the parish office.

Everyone is invited! Mark your calendar today for our parish pot-luck at Warren Butler Park in Savage.

Ticket info:

- The winners will be drawn at the parish picnic on Saturday, Aug. 2
- Winners need not be present to win
- One name per ticket
- Purchaser and winner must be 18 years of age or older

SIGN UP FOR ST. JOHN'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We have started to work on a new pictorial directory and we need your help! Please sign-up for a portrait appointment so that your picture is included in the directory. Sign-ups will begin next weekend in May 17/18, after all of the Masses, in the atrium.

CALLING ALL CULTURES

St. John's will host a *Taste of Nations* on Sunday, Oct. 26. We are looking for St. John's parishioners who represent a variety of cultures to join us. If you are interested in sharing your culture with your native cuisine or other artistic ways, contact Deb or Jon Pitton at 952.895.9401.

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◆ ◆ ◆ BISHOP RICHARD PATES ◆ ◆ ◆

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO BISHOP PATES

Archbishops John Nienstedt and Harry Flynn along with the Archdiocese extend an invitation to a Verpers service on Wednesday, May 14, at 7pm, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Reception follows at 7:45pm. All are welcome to attend.

INSTALLATION MASS OF BISHOP RICHARD PATES

The Diocese of Des Moines and Bishop Richard Pates extend an invitation to all who would like to join in this celebration. Travel arrangements can be made through the Chancery by Thursday, May 15. On Thursday, May 29 a round trip bus will be available. Buses will depart from three locations: Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Ambrose of Woodbury and Our Lady of Peace in South Minneapolis at 9am and are expected to return by 9pm. For more information e-mail howardc@archspm.org or call 651.291.4427.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donation	\$24,289
Simple Giving	
electronic donations	\$2,135
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,014
Budget year-to-date	-\$54,449

