

Congratulations on your First **COMMUNION**

Madisson Ahrenholz
Maree Rose Alland
Kennedy Anderson
Paige Anderson
Tyler Anderson
Taylor Andrie
Chloe Atkinson
Joel Balistreri
Mayle Barr
Elizabeth Baumler
Gloria Baxter
Jake Bernhagen
Anna Bird
Nicholas Bird
Jacob Boatman
Nicholas Bollinger
Gianna Bonello-Freund
Alexandra Bornhorst
Emma Brostrom
Michael Buckingham

Trenton Coyne
Jake Chudecke
Katherine Clayton
Grace Cline
Jacob Connor
Sandra Cuacuamaxtla
Matthew Davis
Maria Daza
Margaret Driemeyer
Madeline Drummer
Jacob Ellingson
Sydney Feilen
Brooke Feyereisen
Maxwell Fox
Aliyah Gackle
Christopher Gargano
Carly Gifferson
Anna Gordon
Samantha Guckeen
Alexander Gude
Julia Guzulaitis
David Gwost
Payton Handrahan
Luke Hasslinger
William Hayden
Hannah Helm
Danielle Hennen
Marguerite Hennessy
Nathaniel Hermann
Austin Hinsz
Rachael Holm
Samuel Hopperstad
Mia Hubanks
Laura Hughes
Kayla Jarvis
Malika Jarvis
Malini Jarvis
Makaela Kallstrom
Amelia Kapusinski
Derek Kay
Allison Kepner
Madeline Kepner
Kaylie Kizer
Daniel Koll
Michael Kraimer

Matthew Kuplic
Marla Krzmarzick
Tessa Lattery
Kyle Laumann
Samantha Lee
Abigail Lowen
Kevin Luth
Danielle Martins
Andrew Marxer
Carson McCalvy
Caroline McGraw
Julie Miler
Garrett Miller
Jason Miller
Luke Miller
Maxwell Monteith
Morgan Muelken
Ryan Murray
Taylor Murray
Claire Neary
Samuel Nelson
Ann Melissa Nguyen
John Thanh Nguyen
William Nicklay
Jacob Nistler
Mallory O'Brien
Austin Odegard
Nnamdi Okorie
Keenan O'Neil
Claire O'Shea
Rachel Ostendorf
Chidera Osuji
Lauren Pahl
Bailey Pekar
Megan Perera
Chloe Peter
Serena Pfeiffer
Alyssa Ploof
Tiffany Preisinger
Alexis Puro
Eron Puro
Rhiannon Radermacher
Michael Radosevich
Alexis Reardon
Simen Restad
William Rice

Lucas Roberge
Rachel Rogers
Noah Root
Lauryn Rowland
August Schatzlein
Jonathan Schonhoff
Steven Schroer
Zachary Schultz
Benjamin Seme
Jake Sernett
William Shupe
Caden Sillman
Ryan Skudlarek
Samantha Smalley
Madeline Smith
Kelly Solberg
Julia Speegle
Jack Speltz
Linda Stapleton
Andrew Stefanich
Vincent Sundseth
Grace Susag
Lindsey Swensen
Megan Tanquist
Andrew Taylor
Maxwell Taylor
Jackson Thellin
Dan-Thanh Tran
Vinh Truong
Max VanderAarde
Peyton Vasquez
Karime Vigo
Gabrielle Vohnoutka
Michael Walerius
Anna Warmka
Matthew Warmka
Timothy Warner
Rachel Waterman
Brianna Weber
Lauren Welsh
Tanner Wermerskirchen
Alexis Wohlers
Jack Workman
Jackson Yoerg
Chelsea Zerr
Thomas Zschokke

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, April 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

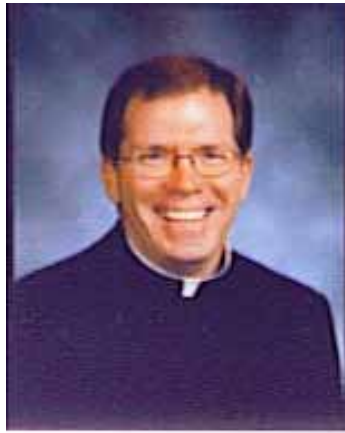
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



At 2pm this Sunday and next, we have 157 of our young people who will receive First Eucharist. These are special days for them and their families, and I want to take this occasion to congratulate them. It is the Eucharist we share that defines who we are as Catholics and witnesses to the Risen Christ for our world.

As we think about our young people receiving First Eucharist, this is a time for everyone to reflect on the gift of Christ's Body and Blood that we receive. Not long ago, Pope Benedict XVI wrote an apostolic exhortation on the Eucharist titled, *The Sacrament of Charity*.

What follows is one paragraph (#88) from that document that specifically talks about the connection between the Body and Blood of Christ we receive at Mass and our everyday lives.

"The bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). In these words the Lord reveals the true meaning of the gift of his life for all people. These words also reveal his deep compassion for every man and woman. The Gospels frequently speak of Jesus' feelings toward others, especially the suffering and sinners (cf. Mt 20:34; Mk 6:34; Luke 19:41). Through a profoundly human sensibility he expresses God's saving will for all people – that they may have true life. Each celebration of the Eucharist makes sacramentally present the gift that the crucified Lord made of his life, for us and for the whole world. In the Eucharist Jesus also makes us witnesses of God's compassion towards all our brothers and sisters. The Eucharistic mystery thus gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbor, which "consists in the very fact that, in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know. This can only take place on the basis of an intimate encounter with God, an encounter which has become a communion of will, affecting even my feelings. Then I learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ." In all those I meet, I recognize brothers or sisters for whom the Lord gave his life, loving them "to the end" (Jn 13:1). Our communities, when they celebrate the Eucharist, must become ever more conscious that the sacrifice of Christ is for all, and that the Eucharist thus compels all who believe in him to become "bread that is broken" for others, and to work for the building of a more just and fraternal world. Keeping in mind the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, we need to realize that Christ continues today to exhort his disciples to become personally engaged: "You yourselves, give them something to eat" (Mt 14:16). Each of us is truly called, together with Jesus, to be bread broken for the life of the world.

- Father Mike Tix

"All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

- John 10: 8-10

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

VIRTUS

is an adult training program that focuses on preventing child sexual abuse and is required for all volunteers working with youth at St. John’s. It includes facts and myths about abuse as well as a five step process to protect children. The next training session is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, at 6:30pm, in the atrium and is open to all adults over the age of 18. To register go online to www.virtus.org and click on *Registration*. If you cannot register online or have any questions call Tracy at 952.890.9465, ext 118.

ALL ARE WELCOME

On Wednesday, April 30, the 55+ Group will sponsor an outing to see the Chicago White Sox and Twins play ball at the Metrodome. Our seats are conveniently located in the lower deck with a minimum of steps required. The cost is \$39 which includes a deluxe coach and game ticket. We will depart the church parking lot at 11am for the 12:10pm game. RSVP to Jim Rylander by mail or call 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Checks should be made payable to **St. John’s**.



Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 15.

ST. JOHN’S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

is seeking applicants for three openings on the Council. The three-year terms will begin this June. Responsibilities include meeting with Fr. Tix to discuss upcoming events and information regarding the parish. Currently the Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Council members must be registered members of St. John’s, at least 16 years of age and 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. Questions? Contact Rich Myers at 952.447.4503.

MACKINAC ISLAND & FRANKENMUTH OKTOBERFEST

Join Sunshine Travel on one of their most original trips Sept. 16-19. This tour includes two very unique destinations which combines rich heritage with one-of-a-kind culture.

You will take a Hydro-Jet Ferry to Mackinac Island where you will enjoy the sights and sounds of this island. Shop on main street and sample their world-renowned fudge, take a horse-drawn carriage to tour around the island, have lunch at Fort Mackinac and take a leisurely walk on the veranda and the beautiful grounds of the Grand Hotel.

Then travel to “Little Bavaria” and experience a festive day of German fun and hospitality in Frankenmuth, MI. Savor a hearty German lunch at the Bavarian Inn, accompanied by enchanting melodies from strolling musicians. You will have time to explore St. Lorenz Lutheran Church which still celebrates a service in German on Sundays. Check out the beautiful stained glass windows portraying its history from 1845. Shop early for those one-of-a-kind Christmas ornaments at Bronner’s CHRISTmas Wonderland, the world’s largest display of indoor and outdoor decorations and gifts. They have Christmas items from 35 nations awaiting your discovery. There is so much more to experience on this tour. For more information call Jim Rylander 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
 Pastor
 Fr. Michael Tix..... ext. 111
 Weekend Presider
 Fr. Terry Weber..... ext. 130
 Deacons
 Jerry Little, RCIA..... 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:

Jenny Overland & Justin Kolz

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† *Margaret Mueller*,
mother of Rita Fletcher

† *Robert Comte*,
brother of Jeanine Perera

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Stephen & Lynn Hilton
Thomas*

*Chi & Thanh Tu
Dennis, Karen & Kayla*

Ernesto Rodriguez

*Jeffrey & Valerie Reiter
Caleb, Jocelyn & Tessa*

ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

Stop in and browse our display table of quality merchandise for the boy or girl who will be celebrating First Eucharist on the Sunday's of April 13 and April 20. We also have a nice selection of greeting cards and gift bags.

READINGS

For the Week of April 13

Sun: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18

Tue: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thu: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Sun: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

We welcome three new BeFrienders, Jim Rylander, Katy Reick and Kris Gerold who have completed their training and have joined this ministry. We now have 33 active BeFrienders who reach out in many ways to help other parishioners during transitional times. Some visit one-on-one and help them by listening in a compassionate non-judgmental way. Others bring communion to the hospitals, nursing homes, homebound and to the sick. While some do prayer and communion services in senior homes and nursing homes, others help facilitate support groups. BeFrienders are gifted in many ways to help a person journey through a clouded time of life. If you know of someone who might benefit by having a BeFriender to talk with or visit them call Bonnie in Pastoral Care at 952.890.9465, ext. 120.



◆ ◆ ◆ OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Savage/Prior Lake Knights of Columbus will be handing out Tootsie Rolls after all Masses on April 19/20. Tootsie Rolls are free but a voluntary donation to help developmentally challenged children will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to volunteer to help hand out Tootsie Rolls call Jim Anderson at 952.447.2905.

LENTEN TITHE ~ 2008

As Catholics we recognize that we have the opportunity and obligation to bring God's Word to others. We do so in both word and action. When we act out of God's love we rarely see first hand how God's love transforms lives because of our generosity. This lent St. John's once again tithed a portion of our Lenten collections to organizations where the experience of God's love is needed. Let us keep the following organizations in our prayers as our gifts are used by God to transform the world: Blessed Trinity Catholic School

Bridging, Inc. Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center
Catholic Charities CommonBond Mission 2008 Trip
Pregnancy Choices LifeCare Center

FRIENDS FOR LIFE AT SAINT JOHN'S

Thank you so much for the generous Lenten sacrifice. The money will be used to help start an Ultrasound Program here at Pregnancy Choices LifeCare Center. This service will save babies from abortion. *Together we bring hope,*

Jeri Bartek

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS & BUILDING NEW FOUNDATIONS

One in five families is affected by mental illness. If you are a family affected by mental illness or know of another family who is coping with mental illness, know that you are not alone and there is hope. Attend a two hour workshop which will feature speaker Mary Jean Babcock who is FaithWays Director of NAMI-Minnesota. This event is on Tuesday, April 22, at 6:30pm, at St. Therese Church of Deephaven. For more information call Susanna Bertelsen at 952.261.0574.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



All are invited to come and see what makes our middle school great in setting the foundations for future success. Join us on Tuesday, April 22, at 7pm, in the Fr. Wittman Auditorium. The evening will highlight 6th - 8th grade programs, curriculum and how St. John's engages students and prepares them for high school success in a safe and supportive environment.

St. John's Middle School offers a rich and challenging learning environment in language arts, science, math, social studies, Spanish, religion, computer science, art, music, and physical education. Students become critical thinkers and problem solvers in our ever changing world. Our students perform at or above grade level in all subjects and are well prepared for high school.

Experience large school opportunity at its best in a small school environment.

Transportation is provided to students residing in ISD 191. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. For more information contact the school office at 952.890.6604.



◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

SUMMER STRETCH PARENT INFORMATIONAL MTG.

Summer Stretch is for youth who will be in grades 7 and 8 next fall. Parents are invited to an informational meeting on Monday, April 14, 7pm, in the media center.

SIGN-UP DEADLINES FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

- **Friday, April 25, is the deadline** to sign up for Summer Festival for grades 6-9. It will be the week of July 21-25.
- **Thursday, May 1, is the deadline** to sign up for Summer Stretch for grades 6-8, which will be every Wednesday beginning June 25.
- Registration forms can be found in the Education Office.

BECOME A PRAYER AND FINANCIAL PARTNER

for our Mission Team after all Masses the weekend of April 26/27. This year our parish will be sending 56 youth and adults to serve in Kearney, New Jersey. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this year's trip that will enable us to continue to put the message of the Gospel into action. We thank you for all of your support.



If you have questions about any youth event or program, e-mail Lori Taormina at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, April 14**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Tuesday, April 15**
8:00 am † Floyd Keahna
- Wednesday, April 16**
8:00 am Special Intention for Helen & Paul Reinboldt
9:35 am † Mary C. McKeen (School Mass)
- Thursday, April 17**
8:00 am † Marlene Tix
- Friday, April 18**
8:00 am † Jack Egan
- Saturday, April 19**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
5:00 pm † Eugene Hennen
- Sunday, April 20**
7:30 am †† Bridgett & Michael Conroy Family
9:00 am †† Ed & Mary Doebel
11:00 am For the Parish
2:00 pm For our First Communicants

LECTORS

- April 19/20**
5:00 pm Brian Clark, Jon Pitton
7:30 am Luke Bearth, Tom Reicks
9:00 am Dave Foertsch, Les Knoke
11:00 am Janet & Wilfred Williams

MASS SERVERS

- Weekdays 8:00 am**
April 15-16 Greta Fisher
Lindsay Becker
Will Diedrick
April 17-18 Jack Dominik
Rose Ann Sullivan
Tony Sullivan
- Saturday, April 19**
5:00 pm Billy Klein
Maddie Haug
Sean McSweeney
- Sunday, April 20**
7:30 am Ashley Brotherton
Madeline Esterl
9:00 am Elizabeth Flemming
Jaclyn Hinz
Sarah Hinz
11:00 am Angela Gruenwald
Anna Brunner
Sam Hinh

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, April 14

- 6:30 pm Troop 336
- 7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class
- 7:00 pm Home and School Meeting
- 7:00 pm Summer Stretch Meeting*
- 7:30 pm AFFC

Tuesday, April 15

- 6:30 pm Catholic Bible Study
- 6:30 pm First Eucharist Practice
- 7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm Parish Council
- 7:30 pm Sister Parish Meeting

Wednesday, April 16

- 4:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:45 pm RE Gr. 1-6
- 5:20 pm Children's Choir School
- 6:30 pm Bible Study
- 6:45 pm RE Gr. 7-10 (on site classes)

Thursday, April 17

- 9:30 am Catholic Bible Study
- 6:30 pm VIRTUS Training*
- 7:00 pm SJB Choir

Friday, April 18

- 8:30 am Stations of the Cross
- 9:30 am Bible Study
- 7:00 pm 3rd Grade Overnight

Sunday, April 20

- 8:00 am AA Meeting
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 4:00 pm Steubenville Meeting



GIRL SCOUTING

builds girls with courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Now is a great time to join Girl Scouts and just in time for the fun of summer camp. Whether your girl is ready for day camp or for a week at resident camp, Girl Scouts has something for everyone. Discover nature and wildlife, make new friends, and find new talents. To join Girl Scouts, contact Ann Dominik by e-mail at adominik@mchsi.com or call her at 952.736.2456.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL - FAITH & REASON

The Cathedral is offering a series of lectures which are free and open to the public. This series features highly renowned speakers who present timely and vital topics. On Thursday, April 24, at 7pm, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, Helen Alvare, Associate Professor of Law Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.; Advisor to Pope Benedict XVI's Pontifical, Council for the Laity will present *Reason v. the "Therapeutic"-The Terms of the "Life" Debate in the U. S. Today*. First abortion, then assisted suicide and embryonic stem cell research were justified and marketed on the grounds that they would heal the suffering. In more than 30 years since this line of reasoning was first introduced, it has been weakened, and in some cases, even undone. Professor Alvare will describe the origins and path of the "therapeutic argument" for killing. She will then contrast it with the arguments from reason, including human experience, emanating from the Catholic pro-life movement.

SING ALLELUIA

An evening of sung pray in the Easter Season featuring the Holy Family High School Choir, and choirs from St. Joseph, St. Victoria and St. Hubert will be Thursday, April 24, at 7pm, at St. Hubert's in Chanhassen.

FISH LAKE 5K

This outreach event hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church to benefit Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center is on Saturday, May 3, at 10am. Pre-registration fee deadline is Friday, April 18, cost is \$10. Registration on the day of the race begins at 9am, cost is \$20. T-shirts are included for this event. There will be live music as well as lots of other activities following the race. Questions? Call Alpha at 952.447.5683.

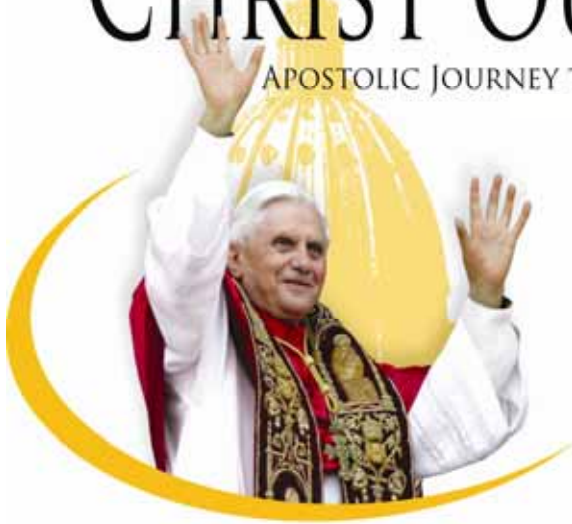
CATHOLIC WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Has your relationship become dormant this winter? Help it to bloom with renewed happiness by spending a weekend nurturing yourself and your spouse at a Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Learn about the tools needed to harvest a great marriage and watch the love grow. The next weekends are May 9-11, at Kings House in Buffalo and Aug. 1-3, at the Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more information visit their website at www.wmesection8.org or call 612.840.7630.

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◆ ◆ ◆ PAPAL VISIT ◆ ◆ ◆

POPE BENEDICT XVI
CHRIST OUR HOPE
APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO THE UNITED STATES 2008



Pope Benedict XVI will make his first visit to the United States April 15-20. To keep up on the events of this historic visit watch EWTN or go to the website www.uspapalvisit.org for full coverage of the papal visit.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donation	\$28,953
Simple Giving	
electronic donations	\$2,155
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,014
Budget year-to-date	- \$33,296

STEWARDSHIP

God has called each one of us by name, yet called each of us to different paths in life. He called St. Francis to a life of joyful poverty, in which Francis had no place to rest his head, or things to call his own. God called Joseph of Arimathea to a life of wealth, rich enough so that when Christ died, Joseph could give his body a place to rest and rise. While most of us will not be called to the extremes of either St. Francis or Joseph of Arimathea, we pray for the grace to be good stewards of what talents and resources we have been given, using what we have, not for selfish gain, but to build the kingdom of God, and to bring others to him.