

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Exposition
of the Blessed
Sacrament

Rosary with
Meditations

Talk on God's
Divine Mercy

Stations of
the Cross

Veneration of
the Divine
Mercy Image

Benediction
and Reposition
of the Blessed
Sacrament

Jesus, I Trust in You

St. John's will offer Divine Mercy Celebration
Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 pm

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. If you are over the age of 21 we ask you to register. 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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Rosary

Monday - Saturday: 7:25 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 11, 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

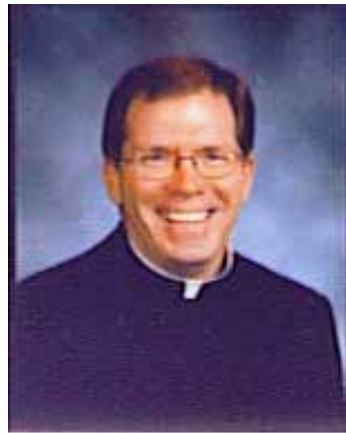
For information including sign-up: 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to

bulletin@stjohns-savage.org
by 10 am on Monday.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



Throughout the 50 days of the Easter season we celebrate the new life Christ gave to us by his death and resurrection. On each of the next two Sunday afternoons we will celebrate Christ's gift as 160 of our young people celebrate their First Communion. Last week at the Easter Vigil we formally welcomed three adults into our church.

On Saturday night, Kimloan Nguyen received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. At the same celebration James Glander and Jenny Nickerson were received into the Catholic Church from another faith and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the

Sacrament of Confirmation. It is my hope and prayer that each of these people will always find in the Catholic Church a welcoming and loving home.

During the Easter season we celebrate the Risen Lord's presence among us. One means of seeing that presence in our lives is in our generosity where we have the opportunity to share God's life and love with others. I want to take this occasion to thank everyone for your continuous generosity to the parish as you share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Also, thank you for your generosity in the Easter collection. All of our collections help support our many ministries and continues the mission of the first apostles and disciples in going forth to proclaim that Jesus Christ is alive, present and with us in our world still today.

Father Mike Tix



◆ ◆ ◆ 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. Also, you can register after any one of the Masses the weekend of April 25/26 in the atrium. 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆**FAMILY BUDGET IN TIGHT TIMES**

Paul Notermann will host a seminar on Monday, April 20, at 7pm, in the atrium. The event is co-sponsored by the Stewardship Committee and the Adult Faith Formation. For more information contact Anja Prins at aprins@stjohns-savage.org. Coffee, lemonade and cookies will be provided.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER - FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

All girls in grades 5-8 are invited to ask their Dad, Grandpa or someone special to the father-daughter dinner and dance on **Friday, April 24**. The social begins at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7pm. The cost is \$25 per couple with an extra charge of \$10 for each additional child. A free photo keepsake will be yours to take home. To purchase your ticket mark an envelope *Father-Daughter Dance*. You can drop off your envelope at either the school or parish office or place it in the Sunday collection basket.

2ND ANNUAL PLANT SALE

St. John's will be selling annual plants from Gregor's Greenhouse. This is the same greenhouse that supplied us with plants for our sale last year. Many people commented, from our previous sale, that these plants are of the highest quality. Orders will be taken the weekend of April 25/26 after all Masses in the atrium. These would be a great gift for Mother's Day and will be available for pick-up Mother's Day weekend!

OUR ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

is fast approaching and we need your donations and your help.

Items should be in good, clean condition:

furniture • clothing • household items • books • sporting goods • yard & garden items • samples • overstock & promotional items • personal accessories

Volunteer opportunities include:

organizing the rooms prior to the garage sale • pricing items • straightening as the sale continues • clean up on Saturday after the sale
Even if you have only a few hours of your time to share, it's all greatly needed.

New this year are additional drop off dates:

June 8-12, 4-8pm June 15-19, 4-8pm June 20, 10am-2pm
June 21, 9am-2pm June 22, 9am-8pm

All donations are to be dropped off at the gym door #17 on 126th Street.

Shopping hours:

Early Bird sale (\$3 admission fee), Wednesday, June 24, from 5pm-8pm
Thursday/Friday, June 25/26, from 9am-8pm
Bag Sale, Saturday, June 27, 8am-noon

To sign-up for any of the volunteer opportunities or if you have questions, contact Kris Marko at 952.447.7392.

◆ ◆ ◆ **55+GROUP** ◆ ◆ ◆**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE**

to the shrine in La Crosse, WI will be on Wednesday, May 13, departing from the church parking lot at 7am and returning at 6pm. 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
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Fr. Michael Tix, Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Bob Durham, Deacon
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Ron Nord, Facilities Manager
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Dora May, Director

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Larry Ryan*, brother of Jim Ryan
 † *The father* of Dan Guckeen
 † *The brother* of Shirley Kuplic

NEW PARISHIONER

We welcome *Melissa Holsten* who recently joined our parish community.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)

All pledge cards for the CSA have been sent out. Please respond even if you are unable to give at this time.

The Archdiocese will begin their follow-up phone calls starting Friday, May 1, to those who have not responded. As a reminder, our parish receives 25% of all the gifts made through our parish before May 1.

Through the generosity of our parishioners, to-date we have pledged totaling \$68,085. This is 62% of our parish goal which is \$110,720.



ADDITIONAL MEMORIAL FLOWERS

- Paul Pannier ♦ Willis Bondeson
 ♦ Richard Notermann

READINGS

For the Week of April 19

- Sun: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/
 Jn 20:19-31
 Mon: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
 Tue: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
 Thu: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
 Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
 Sat: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
 Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1
 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S E-MAIL LIST

Want to stay informed with up-to-date parish news and events with periodic e-mails? Want to receive the bulletin at your home and/or work computer? Sign-up to be on the St. John's Church burst e-mail list. Contact Carol Radosevich at cradosevich@stjohns-savage.org.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

is here to assist parish groups to "get the word out" regarding special church events, meetings and ministries. Just as soon as you are ready to set a date and start planning your meeting or event, be sure to contact Carol Radosevich at cradosevich@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9465, ext. 248. If you are in need of some more ideas, new creative thoughts, or other assistance to help you in promoting and publicizing your event, the St. John's Communications Committee is available to help support you.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOMING DINNER

was held on Saturday, March 28, with over 40 people attending this event. The highlight of the evening was the tour and history lesson of our beautiful church given by Andi Little, our Faith Formation Director. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee and Cultural Outreach Committee for hosting this event. The next New Parishioner Dinner will be held in the fall.



ST. JOHN'S BOOK -N- GIFT STORE

We still have quality merchandise on our display table to choose from for the boy or girl who will be celebrating their First Eucharist in April or May. Some items to consider are: a hardcover prayer missal, boxed Rosary, picture frame, brocade silk tie for a boy, or beaded bracelet for a girl. We also carry greeting cards to go with your gift purchase.

◆ ◆ ◆ LOSS OF SPOUSE GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

YOU ARE INVITED

Anyone who has lost a spouse is invited to gather for dinner on Tuesday, May 5, at 5:30pm, in the atrium. This will be a time for fellowship and getting to know one another. There is no charge for the dinner. To RSVP call Jim Rylander at the parish office at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

HOSPITAL VISITS

Hospitals are essential, hopeful, and helpful. They may also be a scary, painful, lonely or sad environment. Whenever you or someone you love is in the hospital, your church community can offer meaningful support. St. John's has trained BeFriender Ministers who bring hope and prayer from our church community along with a confidential listening ear to our parishioners. Eucharistic Ministers may visit and bring Communion, or Fr. Tix may visit and offer the Sacraments of Healing and Reconciliation. If you're facing a hospital experience or if you have a friend or relative who is a parishioner of St. John's, and you think they would appreciate a visit, contact the parish office at 952.890.9465.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

BRINGING EASTER JOY



Every year, St. John's 5th grade class fills Easter baskets for the residents of St. Theresa's Living Center, a transitional housing facility for mothers and their children. The students each donate \$2 to cover the cost. The baskets are targeted toward the sex and age of the child and



are filled with everything from lip gloss, lotion, books, balls, stickers, notebooks to crayons.

"This activity makes me feel good," said

Matthew. "These people don't have a home for the Easter Bunny to come to." "It makes me feel fortunate," added Sydney. "I have so many reasons to appreciate what I have."

SHARING THE GIFT OF GOD'S LOVE

As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, he showed us a perfect example of how we are called to serve others. St. John's students have been busy with many service projects this week.

- ◆ Our third grade class has spent the year reaching out to the clients of Sarah Care, an adult care facility in Savage. This past week, the students helped make Easter centerpieces to decorate the tables at Sarah Care. "The kids love going there and the clients appreciate them so much," said teacher Mrs. Emanuel. "Just the interaction makes such a difference."
- ◆ The fourth grade class and 20 parent volunteers went to *Feed My Starving Children*. 12,700 meals were made by our group that day. This will be enough to feed 35 children for one year! Prior to leaving, the kids collected their nickels and dimes in order to bring a donation and everyone was surprised to see the donation grow to over \$500.
- ◆ Also, have you seen all of the boxes and bags sitting in front of our school office? These are donations that our students and their families are giving to Bridging, Inc. Established in 1987, Bridging, Inc. helps families in a state of transition take advantage of quality furniture and household items to help stabilize and improve their lives. "We really can't be reminded enough of how much we have," said Emma a 6th grader. "There is always something that we can do to give back."

TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

Through the *Target Take Charge of Education* program, up to 1% of every purchase you make on your REDcard helps kids get the tools they need for educational programs, sports equipment, the arts and computers. It really adds up. Call 1.800.316.6142 or visit www.target.com to designate St. John's School as your school of choice when you shop and use your Target card.



MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, April 20**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Tuesday, April 21**
8:00 am † Ed Boehm
- Wednesday, April 22**
8:00 am † Esther Miller
- Thursday, April 23**
8:00 am For the Unborn
9:25 am † Dennis Nelson (School Mass)
- Friday, April 24**
8:00 am † Tom Severson
- Saturday, April 25**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
5:00 pm †† William & Lucille Stevermer
- Sunday, April 26**
7:30 am † Richard Heimerl
9:00 am For the Parish
11:00 am † Cheryl Schnobrich
2:00 pm For our First Communicants

LECTORS

- April 25/26**
5:00 pm Craig Schoenecker
Rich Myers
7:30 am Maureen Peterson
Dennis Peterson
9:00 am Bill King
Linda Moriarty
11:00 am Donna & Bill Pfeiffer

MASS SERVERS

- Weekdays 8:00 am**
April 21/22 Brianna Fesenmaier
Emma Marko
Kristen Ober
April 23/24 Carrie Mannila, Jacob Heim, Kaija Eckholm
- Saturday, April 25**
5:00 pm Ariel Jarvis, Sam Klein, Victoria Kusber
- Sunday, April 26**
7:30 am Daniel Moriarty, Ryan Gall
9:00 am Anne Prins, Matt Schroer, Nicole Swensen
11:00 am Abby Broadwell, Joseph Mosset, Molly Kate Jones

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 pm Claudette Lamprecht
7:30 am Diane Hensley
9:00 am Sharon Seelig
11:00 am Carol Anderson
Please call your team members for the month of May.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, April 20

6:30 pm Troop 336
 6:30 pm RCIA Team Meeting
 7:00 pm Family Budget Presentation*
 7:30 pm REAC Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study
 6:30 pm First Eucharist Practice*
 7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, April 22

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)
 7:00 pm Stewardship Commission

Thursday, April 23

4:00 pm Schoenstatt Girl's Group
 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 24

8:30 am Stations of the Cross
 9:30 am Bible Study
 6:30 pm Father/Daughter Event*

Saturday, April 25

9:00 am Red Cross Babysitting Class*

Saturday/Sunday, April 25/26

Graced & Gifted Ticket Sale*
 Plant Sale*

Sunday, April 26

8:00 am AA Meeting
 9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
 2:00 pm First Eucharist
 6:00 pm L.I.T.E

Thomas answered and said to him,
 "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to
 him, "Have you come to believe
 because you have seen me? Blessed
 are those who have not seen and have
 believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

An interdenominational coalition of south suburban churches will present the second in a four week-series on Thursday, April 23. Registration begins at 6:30pm, at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. Erik Feig, Army Chaplain, and Stacey Feig, counselor, will speak on *The Military Changes Everything: Coping with Grief, Loss and Transition*.

ARCHBISHOP NIENSTEDT TO ATTEND

Guardian Angel's 2nd Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament Friday-Sunday, April 24-26. Friday night features games between seminarians from the Saint Paul and Saint John Vianney Seminaries and the priests of the Archdiocese. All games are free and open to the public. For more information go to Guardian Angel's website at www.GAchaska.org/basketball. They are not exactly sure what game the Archbishop will attend, you'll have to go to the games to find out.

FRANCISCAN RETREATS

Women's retreats provide an opportunity for women to gather and focus on their spiritual lives.

- *Meeting Jesus Today* weekend retreat will be April 24-26 with early check in on Friday from 3-4:30pm or late check in from 6-7:30pm
- *Meeting Jesus Today* midweek retreat will be April 28-30 with check in from 2:30-4pm

For more information visit their website at www.FranciscanRetreats.net or call 952.447.2182.

SAVAGE ROTARY + SAVAGE DUMP DAY = BRIDGING, INC.

Savage Rotary and Dump Day are collecting furniture and household items for Bridging, Inc. on Saturday, May 2, from 8am-noon, at the Community Park on County Road 27 (Dakota Ave). Their goal is to fill one semi-trailer.

THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE BOUTIQUE

at Ebenezer Ridges Campus, 13820 Community Drive in Burnsville on:

May 7, 3-8pm May 8, 10am-5pm May 9, 10am-3pm

Featuring: water fountains, indoor and outdoor décor, community vendors, hanging baskets and patio planters.

◆ ◆ ◆ MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Easter Egg Hunt and Family Movie Night are a small sample of the events the St. John's Hospitality Committee organizes for the parish. These events help set an atmosphere of fellowship, friendship and overall welcome.

This committee consists of an enthusiastic group of people who need your help to plan and host social events here at

St. John's. We are always looking for new ideas, suggestions and all participation is welcome. Please join us, we would love to welcome you to our group.

Want to know about upcoming events? Sign-up for our Hospitality Newsletter by sending your e-mail address to hospitality@stjohns-savage.org. For more information contact Anja Prins at aprins@stjohns-savage.org.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

ORDER YOUR BUTTER BRAIDS

St. John’s RE department is taking orders for Butter Braids and Caramel Rolls to help defray the cost of this year’s Vacation Bible School. Butter Braids are frozen pastry dough which comes in six delicious flavors: strawberry/cream cheese; apple; cinnamon; blueberry/cream cheese; cream cheese; and raspberry. Cost is \$9 a braid or for a package of caramel rolls. No orders will be taken after Masses. Checks should be made payable to **St. John’s**. To order, visit our website at www.stjohns-savage.org or contact Liz Hughes at lhughes@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434. Orders are due Sunday, April 19, for delivery on Wednesday, May 6, in time for Mother’s Day.

FIRST EUCHARIST PRACTICE

Children who are preparing to receive First Eucharist are reminded to attend their practice on:

- Tuesday, April 21, 6:30pm, for those receiving on Sunday, April 26
- Tuesday, April 28, 6:30pm, for those receiving on Sunday, May 3

When arriving in church for practice, sit in your pew as assigned on the seating chart. Seating charts for both First Eucharist Masses are available on the parish website at www.stjohns-savage.org. **Remember to bring your child’s name banner to practice.**

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week’s donations:

Envelopes.....	\$45,143
Simple Giving	
electronic donations	\$2,284
Total donations	\$47,427
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,050
Over budget.....	\$13,377
Budget year-to-date	- \$65,092

As a couple, make an effort to honor all those you meet today, be it a fast-food clerk, a maid at a hotel, a beggar on the street corner, or a telephone solicitor.

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