

I am the living bread  
that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread  
will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world

John 6:51

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FIRST  
COMMUNION

## 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 Fr. Tix or a 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>

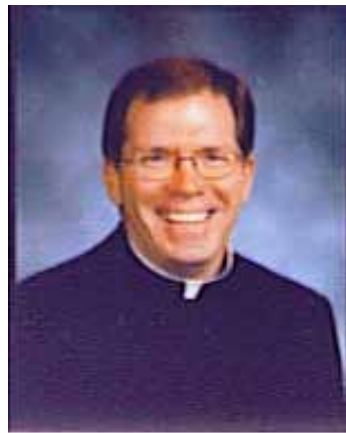
### Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to

[bulletin@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:bulletin@stjohns-savage.org)

by 10 am on Monday.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



As we begin two weeks of celebrating First Communion, I want to congratulate those who will receive this sacrament for the first time and their parents. I also want to take the opportunity to write about Holy Communion and Celiac Sprue disease. Essentially this disease is an allergy to gluten, one of the major ingredients in wheat flour. I am often asked the question what can a person do about receiving Communion because they have Celiac Sprue disease? It is estimated that as many as 15% of all persons of northern European origin are affected by this disease to some degree.

Celiac Sprue disease is understandably a particular challenge to Catholics who believe that the celebration of the Eucharist and the reception of Communion are the very source and summit of the Christian life. In the past, the solution to this question has been to have people not receive the consecrated host but instead to only receive the consecrated wine. Catholics believe that whoever receives Communion only under the form of bread or only under the form of wine still receives the whole Christ, in his Body and Blood, soul and divinity.

Sometimes an alternative suggestion is made about using a host made of rice. In response, the church teaches that it is impossible to consecrate a host made of something other than wheat and water. Furthermore, no priest or bishop can change this longstanding teaching of the Catholic Church. Some years ago, then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, took up this question on behalf of Pope John Paul and wrote, "Hosts that are completely gluten-free are invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist."

In the recent past the Secretariat for the Liturgy of the U.S. Bishops' Conference has devoted considerable time and resources to this question and developed with a religious order in Missouri a low-gluten host. The "new" host contains .001 % gluten and has been found to be "perfectly safe" for sufferers of Celiac Sprue disease while at the same time meeting the requirements of the universal Church.

Please know that we have the "gluten free" hosts available to those who request them. If you would like to receive a "gluten free" host please see me and I will be glad to tell you the procedure for receiving these hosts in the regular flow of Communion at Mass.

Father Mike Tix

## ◆ ◆ ◆ CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL ◆ ◆ ◆

### DID YOU KNOW?

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 soon begin their follow-up phone calls. *As a reminder our parish receives 25% of all the gifts.*

Through the generosity of our parishioners, to-date we have pledges totaling \$71,117. This is 65% of our parish goal which is \$110,720.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

**DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

Join us on Saturday, May 2, for the 8am Communion/Prayer service in the church followed by the Rosary and meditation in the Holy Family Chapel.

**WE CARE SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND**

Remember to bring non-perishable food items for the food shelves in Scott and Dakota Counties and leave items in the church entrances. Vern Hei of our parish has been driving the food donations to the food shelves of Scott and Dakota Counties for a number of years. We thank Vern for his dedication to this ministry along with everyone who has donated food. Many families will be helped through your generous donations.

**SUPPORT SJB BOOSTER CLUB NEXT WEEKEND**

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer parked in the church parking lot Saturday or Sunday, May 2/3.

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

St. John's parishioners have the opportunity to go to *Feed My Starving Children* in Chanhasen on Saturday, May 16. On that day we will have two choices of time slots for volunteers to work. The times are: 11:30am - 1:30pm or 2pm - 4pm. You can sign-up after any of the weekend Masses on May 2/3 and May 9/10, as an individual or as a family. This event is sponsored by St. John's Stewardship Committee. For more information contact Anja Prins at [aprins@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:aprins@stjohns-savage.org).

**ST. JOHN'S E-MAIL LIST**

Do you want to stay informed with up-to-date parish news and events with periodic e-mails? Would you like 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](mailto:cradosevich@stjohns-savage.org).

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S GARAGE SALE ◆ ◆ ◆

**OUR ANNUAL GARAGE SALE WILL BE HERE SOON**

**Volunteer opportunities include:**

accepting donations and 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 22, 9am-8pm

All donations are to be dropped off at the gym door #17 on Lynn Avenue.

**New this year RECYCLING:**

For \$25 per item - TV, computer and monitor.  
For \$15 per item - microwave, VHS player, etc.

Questions? Would you like to volunteer? E-mail Kris Marko at [kamarko@integra.net](mailto:kamarko@integra.net) or call her at 952.447.7392 or call the parish office at 952.890.9465.

**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



**MARRIAGE BANNs**

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

*Carrie Brastad & Craig Marchessault*

**REMEMBER  
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

† *Michael Thomas*

† *John Walberer*, husband of  
Mary Ellen Walberer

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

We welcome *Jacob & Kelly Gannon* who recently joined our parish community.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

*Bill and Sylvia Verkuilen* as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 2, at the 5pm Mass. We wish them God's graces and blessings and many more happy years together.

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

- Lk 24:45-46

**READINGS**

For the Week of April 26

Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/  
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tue: Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wed: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thu: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Fri: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 or

St. Joseph the Worker:

Gn 1:26 - 2:3 or Col 3:14-15,  
17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Sun: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/  
Jn 10:11-18

**◆ ◆ ◆ GRACED & GIFTED ◆ ◆ ◆****LADIES YOU ARE INVITED**

to a *Tale of Two Sisters, Mary's Heart, Martha's World* on Friday, May 8, from 7-9pm, at All Saint's Church in Lakeville. This presentation is based on Luke 10:38-42 which will challenge and encourage the Mary and Martha in each of us.

Debbie Reetz is sure to lift your spirit, tickle your soul and enrich your faith with her delightfully entertaining and faith filled storytelling. You won't want to miss this evening. Invite your mom, sisters and girlfriends. Evening will include: appetizers and refreshments, entertainment and laughter, prayer and reflection, book and resource tables, gifts and door prizes.

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.

**◆ ◆ ◆ 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.

**◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆****MAY GATHERING**

On Wednesday, May 6, we will gather in the atrium at 8:30am. Mary Peterson is the Community Manager for the Hamilton Building in downtown Savage. This residence is for adults 55 and over. Mary will talk about the facilities and activities that are available. Refreshments will be provided.

**◆ ◆ ◆ BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆****WHAT'S NEW**

May is traditionally the month we honor in a special way Mary, our Mother. Our store has a great selection of books to deepen your devotion to Mary such as *Behold Your Mother, My Rosary Novena, Hail Holy Queen, and Pieta*. We also have in stock the easy reader *Mary My Mother* or the *Life of Mary* coloring book for the younger children. Year round we carry beautifully hand crafted Rosaries by our parishioner, August Bueltel.

**◆ ◆ ◆ VOCATIONS RETREAT ◆ ◆ ◆****ATTENTION PRAYERFUL SINGLE MEN**

The new Melleray Trappist Monastery near Debuque, IA is offering a *Live-in Experience* vocational retreat May 22-25. Learn about this exciting vocation firsthand. Pray and work with the monks and enjoy the vocational talks. These retreats are very popular so make your reservations soon. For more information call 1.800.221.1807.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

THE PRAIRIE FIRE THEATRE ROLLS INTO TOWN



Auditions, costumes, rehearsals and a performance - all crammed into five evenings after school. St. John's students worked very hard to put on a fantastic performance of *The Beauty and the Beast*. Amanda Pfeiffer

played the role of a gypsy. "It



was really fun. I got to try out acting without making a big time commitment." Fifth grader, Nate Becker, was the prince. "I was in the play last year, too. I really liked my role."

CONGRATULATIONS TO FISH OUT OF WATER

St. John's Destination Imagination Team – Fish Out of Water - competed this past weekend at state competitions. We would like to thank them for their time and dedication and for excellent job well done.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

RE CLOSING MASS

All families enrolled in this past year's RE Programs, Sunday School through high school, are reminded about our closing Mass on Wednesday, April 28, at 6:30pm, in the church. (There are no regular classes that night so that everyone can come celebrate together!) This Mass is an opportunity to thank the program's many volunteers and the parents who graciously share their children with us each week. This year, our Mass also offers an opportunity for us to thank Liz Hughes who will retire as the program's administrative assistant at the end of May. Over the past 20 years of devoted service, Liz has witnessed our faith formation programs and our community evolve and grow. We hope everyone will come to Mass and afterwards, enjoy the reception in the atrium.

SCAVENGER HUNT FOR THE FOOD SHELVES

Children in grades 3, 4 and 5 and their families are invited to a Scavenger Hunt for the Food Shelves on Friday, May 15, at 6:30pm. We'll gather in the Fr. Wittman Auditorium to get directions and form teams. Then it's out to the neighborhoods to ask for donations for our local food shelves so that we can help begin stocking them for the summer months. Items equal points and after they all are counted and prizes awarded, we'll all go to Culver's for an ice cream treat. Cost is \$5. To make sure we have enough drivers and chaperones our registration deadline is Wednesday, May 6. For more information, contact Andi Little at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434.



MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, April 27  
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Tuesday, April 28  
8:00 am For Vocations
- Wednesday, April 29  
8:00 am For our Military  
6:30 pm For all RE Families & Volunteers (RE closing Mass)
- Thursday, April 30  
8:00 am For Caregivers  
9:25 am † Dr. Dennis Nelson (School Mass)
- First Friday, May 1  
8:00 am Prayers of Thanksgiving  
10:30 am † Rev. Robert A. Patterson (Augustana Regent)
- First Saturday, May 2  
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service  
5:00 pm Special Intention of Bill & Sylvia Verkuilen (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
- Sunday, May 3  
7:30 am For the Parish  
9:00 am †† Joachim & Rosa Gioi  
11:00 am † Clarence Stang  
2:00 pm For our First Communicants

LECTORS

- May 2/3  
5:00 pm Ann Rogers, Nancy Abicht  
7:30 am Sharon Warmka, Jeff Olson  
9:00 am Jessica & Garrick Shurts  
11:00 am Terry Miller, Christine Kelly

MASS SERVERS

- Weekdays 8:00 am  
April 28/29 Charles Haug, Charlie Nicklay, Taylor Sernett  
April 30 & May 1 Jack Dominik, Shawn Patch, Tony Sullivan
- Saturday, May 2  
5:00 pm Charles Haug, Emily Lerick, Matt Warner
- Sunday, May 3  
7:30 am Alexa Orr, Lucy Walbruch  
9:00 am Amanda Patch, Emma Marko, Shawn Patch  
11:00 am Ariel Behnke, Cassie Boutelle, Charlie Nicklay

USHER CAPTAINS

- 5:00 pm Gary Trapp  
7:30 am Scott Wilgenbusch  
9:00 am Bob Murphy  
11:00 am Diane Hanson
- Please call your team members for the months of May and June.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, April 27

6:30 pm Troop 336

Tuesday, April 28

10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study

6:30 pm First Eucharist Practice

7:00 pm Funeral Calling Committee

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, April 29

6:30 pm RE Closing Mass

Thursday, April 30

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 1

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

Saturday/Sunday, May 2/3

Fellowship/Can Collection/We Care\*

Feed My Starving Children Sign-Up\*

Sunday, May 3

8:00 am AA Meeting

6:00 pm L.I.T.E

## THE 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MAY DAY FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION

will take place simultaneously in St. Paul and Minneapolis on Sunday, May 3.

- ◆ Saint Paul ~ gather at 1:30pm, at the State Capitol, presider will be Archbishop Neinstedt

- ◆ Minneapolis ~ gather at 1:30pm in the Dunwoody parking lot

In these times of serious challenge and uncertainty for families, Our Lady once more holds out to us the power of the Holy Rosary. Come and entrust your family to her Immaculate Heart.

## 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.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆



### FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

*"Over 1,500 donuts; gallons of coffee and lemonade... and you?"*

Fellowship weekend has been a tradition for quite some time here at St. John's. Every first Sunday of the month is Donut Sunday. After all Masses, parishioners are given the opportunity to connect with each other while enjoying delicious donuts, hot coffee and cold lemonade.

"I have a great group of volunteers but I sure could use some more..." says Larry Marko, chair of the Fellowship Ministry. Volunteers set-up, serve and clean-up after all fellowship weekend Masses. You can volunteer as an individual, family or as friends. Frequency and time commitment are flexible.

Consider giving your time to this wonderful ministry. Contact Anja Prins at [aprins@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:aprins@stjohns-savage.org) for questions and/or suggestions.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

### GROWING THROUGH LOSS

An interdenominational coalition of south suburban churches will present the third in a four week-series on Thursday, April 30. Registration begins at 6:30pm, at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. Bob Ward will speak on *A Financial Roadmap to Your Future: Practical Steps in Today's Economy*.

### 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.

### UPCOMING RETREATS AT FRANCISCAN RETREATS

- Women's Midweek: May 12-14, *Meeting Jesus Today*
- Serenity AA and Al-Anon Retreat: Join Fr. Dunn on May 15-17, as you *explore a day in the life of Joe the alcoholic; Step Four; Prayer; Resentments/Forgiveness and Spirituality*
- People with disabilities: May 22-24, *Meeting Jesus Today*

For more information about their various retreats visit their website at [www.FranciscanRetreats.net](http://www.FranciscanRetreats.net) or call 952.447.2182.

### GRACE'S ATTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Grace United Methodist Church in Burnsville is having their annual fund raiser rummage sale on Friday, May 15, from 9am-5pm and Saturday, May 16, from 9am-3pm. Grace UMC is located on the east frontage road of I-35 directly across from Buck Hill.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAREER OPPORTUNITY

A full time field agent career opportunity with the Knights of Columbus is currently available in this area. Contact Aaron Jelinek, General Agent at 952.513.8784 or e-mail him at [aaron.jelinek@kofc.org](mailto:aaron.jelinek@kofc.org).

# SJB

◆ ◆ ◆ QUESTION & ANSWER ◆ ◆ ◆

**WHY COULD THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER BE NAMED “DINING WITH JESUS” SUNDAY?**

During the Easter season, our spiritual senses are awakened by the rich symbols that season our liturgical celebrations. Easter centers on the paschal mystery of Jesus’ dying and rising. Another significant reality highlighted throughout the season is the affirmation of Jesus as God-with-Us, intimately united with us through the Eucharistic meal. Many of the season’s Gospel passages reflect this strong Eucharist theme. The Gospel passages for the Third Sunday of Easter in all three Lectionary years recount the risen Christ sharing a meal with his followers, hence, a “Dining with Jesus” Sunday. In Year A, we proclaim Luke’s account of Jesus sharing a meal with two of his disciples in their home in Emmaus. In Year C we listen to John’s account of Jesus cooking breakfast for his disciples who have been fishing all night. This Year B, we read more of Luke’s account of the Emmaus incident. As the two Emmaus disciples rush back to Jerusalem to tell the others of their experience with the risen Jesus at their dinner table, Jesus appears to all of them out of nowhere. They are all frightened, thinking that it is a ghost. Jesus assures them by showing them his hands and feet, and encourages them to touch him. Ultimately, he asks for something to eat, and they share a meal together. Jesus desires intimate union with us in the context of a communal meal. How will you respond this Sunday to your invitation to “Dine with Jesus?”

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Last week’s donations:

Envelopes.....	\$19,926
Simple Giving electronic donations .....	\$14,799
Total donations .....	\$34,725
Weekly revenue budget .....	\$34,050
Over budget.....	\$675
Budget year-to-date .....	-\$64,415

A rule of thumb in marriage or parenting is to be careful what you take credit for lest you also be willing to take the blame. Often success is earned but sometimes it’s just good luck or good genes. Be humble today.

For daily marriage tips visit:  
[www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org).