

# *Congratulations on your First* **COMMUNION**

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Tyler Anderson  
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Mayle Barr  
Elizabeth Baumler  
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Jake Bernhagen  
Anna Bird  
Nicholas Bird  
Jacob Boatman  
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Gianna Bonello-Freund  
Alexandra Bornhorst  
Emma Brostrom  
Michael Buckingham  
Trenton Coyne

Jake Chudecke  
Katherine Clayton  
Grace Cline  
Jacob Connor  
Sandra Cuacuamxtla  
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  
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Allison Kepner  
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Tessa Lattery  
Kyle Laumann  
Samantha Lee  
Abigail Lowen  
Kevin Luth  
Danielle Martins  
Andrew Marxer  
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Caroline McGraw  
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Jason Miller  
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Claire O'Shea  
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Megan Perera  
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Serena Pfeiffer  
Alyssa Ploof  
Tiffany Preisinger  
Alexis Puro  
Eron Puro  
Rhiannon Radermacher  
Michael Radosevich  
Alexis Reardon  
Simen Restad  
William Rice

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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  
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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 Welsch  
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, 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

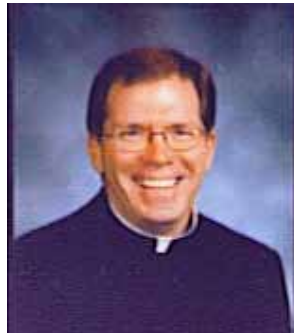
### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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 ◆ ◆ ◆



Recently I received a phone call from a parishioner who told me they were reluctant to call me. As I think about the reasons why a person might be reluctant to call me, two thoughts come to mind. The first thought has to do with parish size. Our parish is made up of 2,828 households that numbers a total of 8,642 people. With a parish of this size, I don't know everyone, and certainly not everyone by name. There are people I do know better than others. I wish it was possible for me to know everyone by name. I'm embarrassed to say that when I'm out at someplace such as the Burnsville Center I run into people who I recognize and can't name. Not long ago at a youth event, I blanked on a name, and it was obvious to the girl who said with a big smile to me, "Nicole." My hope is that like Nicole, if I'm struggling with a name you can help me with it. I also hope that because I don't know everyone's name that it doesn't mean that people are reluctant to tell me about things I need to know to better serve our mission together as church.

A second thought that came to mind is one that is grounded on a vision of church hierarchy. This sense is best expressed in something I recently read in an annual publication from Liturgical Press in Collegeville called, "Living Liturgy." In a reflection for last week's readings and what has traditionally been known as Good Shepherd and Vocation Sunday it said:

*For centuries in the tradition of the church, those who responded to the call to the priesthood or religious life were held up on pedestals and considered to be "holier" and more apt to go to heaven than the laity. Vatican II, however, made clear that the laity share in the holiness and mission of the church (see, for example, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, nos. 33ff. and the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity). This affirmation of the laity obviously does not take away from or minimize the important role of priests and religious in the church.*

The call to holiness is something we commonly share as a part of our baptism. Each of us lives out that call in our chosen vocation whether ordained, married, or single. While I do have a unique role in the church as priest and pastor, my hope is that it is not something that makes people reluctant to seek me out about any care or concern. Know that my door is always open to serve you.

- Father Mike Tix



◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

**SCHOENSTATT SISTERS**

The next meeting with the Schoenstatt Sisters will be on Thursday, April 24, from 6:30-7:45pm, in the parish center. All girls in grades 1-6 are welcome. If you would like more information contact Sr. Deanne at [sr.d.niehaus@usa.com](mailto:sr.d.niehaus@usa.com) or 507.794.7727 or Pam McSweeney at [mcsweeney.pam@comcast.net](mailto:mcsweeney.pam@comcast.net) or 952.808.0847.

**SUNSHINE TRAVEL BUS TRIP TO WINNIPEG**

Sunshine Travel is extending an invitation to you, your family and friends to join them for four days, August 5-8. You will travel by motor coach to Winnipeg’s Folklorama, Canada’s Festival of Nations, the largest multicultural festival in the world. This trip includes wonderful culture, dining, and entertainment at international pavilions, all with reserved seating. In addition, we will visit the St. Boniface Museum, Manitoba Legislative Building, Museum of Man and Nature, and markets featuring local merchants and artisans. Your trip includes a deluxe motor coach, fine hotel accommodations, baggage handling, sightseeing admissions, six meals, and a professional tour director. For more information and a brochure call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Please register by Monday, June 30.

**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 bulletin announcements.

**We will accept these items in good, clean condition:**

furniture, gently used clothing, household items, bikes, skates, games, toys, bedding, personal accessories

**We cannot accept these items:**

computers or computer parts of any type, oil, paint, microwaves, any hazardous chemicals, magazines, sofa beds, mattresses, tires, large exercise equipment, large appliances, air-conditioners,

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  
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 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

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian community through the holy water of baptism:

*Collin Erik Hanson  
Thomas William Toews  
Rianna Kim Wittl*

## MARRIAGE BANNES

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

*Jenny Overland & Justin Kolz*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Debbie Zerr*, wife of David Zerr, mother of Chelsea and Carson
- † *Anne Hughes*, wife of Thomas Hughes, mother of Dan Hughes
- † *Phil Skrove*, husband of Pat Skrove, father of Kyle Skrove and Erika Kensinger

## NEW PARISHIONER

We welcome *Krishna Komarec* who recently joined our parish community.

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be.”* Jn 14:1-3

## READINGS

For the Week of April 20

- Sun: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- Mon: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- Tue: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- Thu: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
- Fri: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
- Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- Sun: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

## ◆ ◆ ◆ 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Parents interested in enrolling their children for the 2008-2009 school year are invited to meet our Preschool staff after all of the Sunday Masses next weekend, April 27. Registration is still being accepted for children ages 3 to 5 in our two or three day morning or afternoon program.

The program offers a safe environment that enhances self-esteem, increases self-confidence and honors individuality. It provides meaningful, well-rounded and interesting activities that promote active involvement, early literacy and readiness for success in future academics.

The children develop respect for others and the environment, gain self-control and self-discipline, develop perseverance, resourcefulness and creativity – the tools for academic and life success. They also develop kindergarten readiness by gaining skills in the areas of cognitive, social/emotional and physical development.

For more information about our Preschool program contact Dora May, Director, at 952.846.4663.

### SAVE THE DATES

**Thursday, April 24, 7pm** - All are invited to attend the St. John’s School Spring Concert featuring students in kindergarten, grades 2 and 4. It will be held in the Fr. Wittman Auditorium.

**Friday, May 2, 7pm and Saturday, May 3, 12pm** - St. John’s School will be hosting Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre. This is a touring troupe that is brought in to organize a theatrical performance within a one week time period. Two professional actor/directors from the theatre troupe will direct the production and perform with the students. The performance will be “Hear Ye, Hear Ye,” an original musical production of “Robin Hood.” Up to 70 students will participate. All are invited to attend.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

### 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 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](mailto:ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ Q & A ◆ ◆ ◆

### What was Matthew's purpose in structuring the narrative of his Gospel around five major discourses of Jesus?

Matthew's community is primarily composed of Jews who have come to accept Jesus as the Messiah. They seem to be in conflict with other Jews who do not accept Jesus as Messiah, and who are beginning to ostracize them for such belief. This religious conflict is affecting Matthew's community identity as Jews, raising questions as to the legitimacy of their Jesus claims, as well as their fidelity to Jewish teachings and practice.

Matthew addresses these community concerns by structuring his Gospel in a way that brings reassurance to his community's belief in Jesus and their fidelity to Jewish Scriptures and traditions. Jesus is introduced as a true Jew of significant Jewish ancestry who is faithful to the law while broadening and deepening its understanding and application. Matthew contrasts Jesus to Moses, the premier Jewish teacher and lawgiver.

Just as Moses goes up the mountain to receive the law and teachings from God, so Jesus goes up a mountain (chapter 5) handing on to his followers the teaching he received directly from God. Just as Moses' teachings were ultimately collected into five books known as the Torah, so Matthew structures Jesus' teachings into five major discourses (chapters 5-7, 10, 13, 18, 23-25), paralleling the Torah. For Matthew's Jewish community, this structure would proclaim Jesus as the new Moses, who can be trusted because his teaching and authority come from God.

Why have you placed your faith and trust in Jesus?

# SJB

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 21

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

### Tuesday, April 22

8:00 am † Rose Gregory

### Wednesday, April 23

8:00 am Special Intention for  
Helen & Paul Reinboldt

9:35 am † Pat Geis (School Mass)

### Thursday, April 24

8:00 am † Jack Raway

### Friday, April 25

8:00 am Special Intention for U. S.  
Military

### Saturday, April 26

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Donna Robinson

### Sunday, April 27

7:30 am † Lucille Stevermer

9:00 am For the Parish

11:00 am † Cheryl Schnobrich

## LECTORS

### April 26/27

5:00 pm Angelo Kusber

Dennis Cummings

7:30 am Andi Little, Mike Goering

9:00 am Teresa Hoffman

Linda Moriarity

11:00 am Mick Finn, Beth Jett

## MASS SERVERS

### Weekdays 8:00 am

April 22-23 James Andrzejek

Isabel Fox

Robert Tobroxen

April 24-25 Ariel Behnke

Ryan Gall

McKenzie Svoboda

### Saturday, April 26

5:00 pm Alex Hanel, Joey Hanel,

Matt Warner

### Sunday, April 27

7:30 am Matt Berg, Nate Berg

9:00 am Joseph Neisen, Connor

Norton, Natalie Voxland

11:00 am Laura Comee, Jordan

Tuff, Shannon Wilson

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Marcia Sexton

7:30 am William Armbrust

9:00 am Steven Kirchner

11:00 am Bernadette Bien

Please call your team members for the month of May.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

### Monday, April 21

6:30 pm Troop 336  
7:30 pm Adult Faith Formation Mtg.

### Tuesday, April 22

6:30 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings  
6:30 pm Catholic Bible Study  
7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group  
7:00 pm Middle School Open House\*

### Wednesday, April 23

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 24

9:30 am Catholic Bible Study  
6:30 pm Schoenstatt Sisters Group\*  
7:00 pm SJB Choir  
7:00 pm School Spring Concert

### Friday, April 25

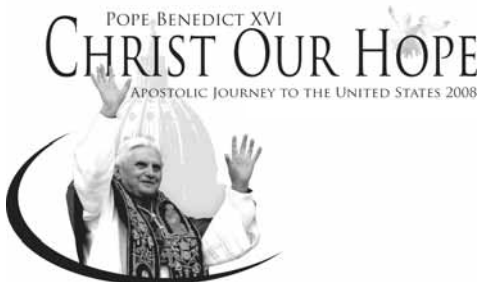
8:30 am Stations of the Cross  
9:30 am Bible Study

### Saturday, April 26

9:00 am Red Cross Babysitting Class

### Sunday, April 27

Steppingstones Registration\*  
8:00 am AA Meeting  
9:00 am Sunday School & Concert  
9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
12:00 pm Sister Parish VBS Meeting



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

In conjunction with Pope Benedict's visit to the U.S., we will honor our Holy Father with a special display table of current books that he has written, along with medals of St. Benedict, and laminated holy cards of the Pope.

Please note: we also have a few copies left of the book "Thin Places" from author and guest speaker Mary Treacy O'Keefe. If you were unable to purchase her book, now is your chance!

## ◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

### APRIL FEST 2008 ~ CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

All are invited for a weekend of fun on Friday, April 25, 7-11pm, Saturday, April 26, 11am-11pm and Sunday April 27, 11:30am-5pm. There will be live bands on Friday and Saturday night, wonderful food, fun games for all, and many new activities. The silent auction will feature a 1997 Kawasaki Vulcan 500cc. For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.aprilfest.org](http://www.aprilfest.org).

### MAY DAY FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION

Come and unite your prayers for your family and all the families of the world. Entrust our family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Heavenly Mother. All are invited to the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual May Day Family Rosary Procession on Sunday, May 4, at 2pm.

- ✦ Gather at 1:30pm at the State Capitol Approach to process to the Cathedral of Saint Paul.
- ✦ Gather at 1:30pm at Dunwoody Institute parking lot to process to the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis.

Remember the words of Pope Pius XII ~

*"Put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils which afflict our times. Not with force, not with arms, not with human power, but with Divine help obtained through the means of this prayer, strong like David with his sling . . ."*

### GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE SEMINAR WITH JEFF CAVINS

Discover the *Big Picture of the Bible* with renowned Bible teacher Jeff Cavins. This exciting one day Bible timeline seminar will take your understanding of Scriptures and your faith to entirely new levels. The seminar takes place Saturday, May 17, at All Saints Catholic Church, 19795 Holyoke Ave. in Lakeville, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Register before Wednesday, April 30, for early registration savings. For more information go to [www.allsaintschurch.com](http://www.allsaintschurch.com) or call Mike at 952.469.6480.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

If you have had an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on May 2-4 in the Twin Cities area, sponsored by LifeCare of Thief River Falls. To register or for more information contact Nancy at [marypio37@usfamily.net](mailto:marypio37@usfamily.net) or 952.882.2072. Additional information can also be found on the Rachel's Vineyard website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### MOST HOLY TRINITY ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

Most Holy Trinity elementary school in St. Louis Park is hosting an All-School Reunion on Saturday, May 31. Former students and staff are encouraged to attend. For additional information check their reunion website at [www.mhtreunion.com](http://www.mhtreunion.com) or call 952.960.2397. Reservations are due Thursday, May 1.

◆ ◆ PARISH STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY ◆ ◆

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

On April 5, St. John's sent over 120 people to Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen.

They packed 17,712 meals, which is enough to feed 48 children for a year.



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donation .....	\$23,756
Simple Giving	
electronic donations .....	\$13,810
Weekly revenue budget.....	\$34,014
Budget year-to-date.....	-\$29,744



Children are invited to pick-up envelopes in the atrium entry. Comments written on children's envelopes from this past weekend - My good deed was:

Doing Feed My Starving Children

Share my toys with a friend

Helping Mom with shopping

Helped my Dad