

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 by 10 am on Monday.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



Traditionally the Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocation Sunday. In the gospel today we hear about Jesus the Good Shepherd. One of the ways we frequently talk about the role of the priest in the life of the church is for him to act as a shepherd of God's people.

With some frequency people ask me about when I first considered becoming a priest. I won't have the space to write my whole story but in an abbreviated way, the thought of becoming a priest for me goes back to the third grade. I

never saw any burning bushes or had any visions. Instead, for some reason I don't know or will never understand, the idea was real in my mind. Over the years into junior high and high school, I also had other ideas of what I might do as a career. But the one that kept coming back among the many possibilities was becoming a priest. I can readily relate to graduating seniors in high school about not knowing where and what they might do next in life because I was in the same place. Should I go to the seminary or do something else was a very real question in my mind. In the end, the best advice I ever received was from my Mom who told me, "You'll never know until you check it out." That was the nudge I needed to begin the application to St. John Vianney Seminary as a student at the University of St. Thomas.

I will readily admit that the transition was not easy for me because of being a home body but it was also the right move. Soon I was able to see a broader prospective of the priesthood and saw that it was the right fit for me. Following my graduation from St. Thomas, I then began the equivalent of four years of graduate school at the Saint Paul Seminary. I was ordained in 1992 by Archbishop John Roach.

I love being a priest. One of the things about being a priest is that there are never two days alike. As a priest you have the opportunity to stand with people in both the greatest joys and sorrows of life. It is a privilege to be with people at those times and celebrate sacraments with them. From my earliest years as a priest spent here, I quickly fell in love with teaching and working with schools and I can't imagine a parish without one and the vitality it brings. Like anything, being a priest also has its difficult moments but the overall good and opportunity to make a positive difference in the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd is much greater. I certainly do not see myself as a priest any better than anyone else. Instead it's my way of living out my baptismal call to discipleship. Each of us has our individual calling in life whether as single, married, or a religious vocation. All of us are very much aware of the current shortage of priests. All of us need to pray for an increase in religious vocations. We should also invite and encourage young men and women to consider a religious vocation as a real possibility among the many choices they are presented.

Father Mike Tix

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again."

- Jn 10:16-17

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

St. John's parishioners have the opportunity to go to *Feed My Starving Children* in Chanhassen 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 2-4pm. You can sign-up after any of the weekend Masses today and next weekend, 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.

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.

A WALK THROUGH HISTORY

2009 is an important year for the St. John's Community. We will celebrate 50 years of St. John's School; 25 years of our church building and 20 years of Steppingstones Preschool. This year on Saturday, Oct. 3, the traditional St. John's Marathon will take on a different form. To commemorate our anniversary year the marathon will be more of an interpretative historical walk. The Parish 25th Committee is looking for your input, ideas and/or suggestions. We would like to invite you for a brainstorm planning meeting on Thursday, May 7, at 7pm, in the Hamilton Room. Contact Anja Prins at aprins@stjohns-savage.org if you are planning to attend.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S GARAGE SALE ◆ ◆ ◆

THINK GARAGE SALE

Donations are needed. Best selling items are those that are new or like new. Furniture is our big ticket item. Need help getting furniture to St. John's? This can be arranged by calling Kris Marko at 952.447.7392.

Remember we are taking donations earlier this year. • 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 door #17 on Lynn Avenue.

Volunteers are needed. Sign-up to help with the set-up, sale and/or clean-up.

Questions? E-mail Kris Marko at kamarko@integra.net or call 952.447.7392 or the parish office at 952.890.9465.

◆ ◆ ◆ HOST FAMILIES NEEDED ◆ ◆ ◆

HOST KOREAN STUDENTS FOR 2009-2010

KoAm Education Alliance is looking for host families who would like to experience an exciting cultural exchange, broaden their perspectives and their horizon of the world. Students for the 2009-2010 school year will be in grades 4-8. Students will attend school from August 2009 through May 2010. They carefully select KoAm students coming to your home hoping to learn and experience our culture, language and values. For more information e-mail Yu Soon Rondorf, area coordinator for Minnesota at mokyusoon@yahoo.com or call 952.237.1903. Check out KoAm's website at www.koameduall.org for more information about this program.

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

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Andi Little, Director
Brenda Schroll, Adult Faith Formation
Jan Jirik, Junior High - Grades 7-9
Joan Walerius, Sunday School
Lori Taormina, Youth Minister

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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

† *Albert Krieg*, father of Mike Krieg

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Justin & Kristi Broadwater ~

Nicole, Troy, Sara

Justin & Christa Erp

James Clancy

**CUB SCOUT PACK 338 JOIN SCOUTING NIGHT**

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30pm, in room 102. All boys in grades K-4 and their parents are invited to attend. If you are interested in Cub Scouts and cannot attend this meeting, e-mail

Ken Walerius at

www.kwalerius@aol.com or call 612.518.0547.

READINGS

For the week of May 3

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

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

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 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/
Jn 15:1-8

**◆◆◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆◆◆
OUR SCHOOL COULD BE THE PERFECT FIT FOR YOUR CHILD**

Are you interested in a Catholic School for your child and all that it can bring?

- ◆ At St. John's we offer small class sizes in a nurturing environment that focuses on the needs of the individual child beginning in preschool and extending through middle school.
- ◆ We are local leaders in technology with seven SMART boards to enhance our core curriculum.
- ◆ Our academic excellence is a proven commodity and seen in the fact that nearly 80% of last year's graduates are taking advanced placement classes in high school today.
- ◆ As a school we are grounded in our common Catholic faith and values of respect, honesty and integrity that are all woven into the fabric of each day.
- ◆ Come and see what makes St. John's School great. Each Friday we are offering tours from 9:30-11am. Individual tours are also offered by appointment during our school day from 9:15am-3:40pm. Come see what makes us different by calling the school office at 952.890.6604.

FIRST GRADERS ENJOYED

the performance of *The Paper Bag Princess* at the Stage Theatre. Teachers prepared them by reading and discussing the book. "They were so excited" said teacher Susie Mahowald. "This was their first trip to the theatre with St. John's and I am sure that they are looking forward to those to come."

◆◆◆ A MAGICAL NIGHT ◆◆◆**FATHER - DAUGHTER DINNER AND DANCE**

Over 100 fathers and daughters had a wonderful evening at our Father/Daughter Dinner and Dance. After a delicious dinner everyone had fun on the dance floor. Thank you to all who put many hours into planning this activity.

**◆◆◆ 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 facility and activities that are available. Refreshments will be provided.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUTTER BRAID ORDERS

There was a phenomenal response to our Butter Braid fundraiser for St. John's VBS! Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to offer more scholarships and resources for this summer's *Way to Glow* VBS and Son Days programs. Butter Braids will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, May 6, from 4:30-6pm, in the atrium. If you are unable to pick-up your order at the posted time, contact the RE Office at 952.890.9434.

ST. JOHN'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration materials for *Way to Glow* – this year's Vacation Bible School and Son Days program – are now available online at www.stjohns-savage.org and in the parish and education offices. VBS & Son Days is scheduled for Monday through Friday, Aug. 10-14, 9am-noon. To learn more about VBS & Son Days, and how to volunteer call the RE Office at 952.890.9434.

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 are all 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 or call 952.890.9434.

THERESA LIVING CENTER RESIDENTS SAY "THANK YOU!"

Sr. Rita Jirik extends her gratitude and appreciation to everyone who helped put the Easter baskets together for the children of Theresa Living Center in St. Paul. She says, "Our children, young and not so young, were so pleased to be remembered." Children filled baskets and wrote special Easter greetings to the children receiving them. The baskets were filled in part by St. John's School 5th grade students and at an Elementary Youth Ministry event on Friday, April 4.



◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

On Saturday, April 25, friends and family gathered in the parish center to play an enjoyable game of Bingo. Lots of food, prizes and many laughs! All proceeds will go to the 49 youth and adults going on this year's mission trip to New Orleans. A special



thank you to: Warren Jackson with Midwest Vending for donating Doritos, Bunnie and her school lunch staff for preparing some of the food, and to all those who gathered to help support our youth.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 4

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 am † Margaret Skarupa

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 am † Les Bartosch

Thursday, May 7

8:00 am † Dick O'Keefe

9:25 am † Robert Kloss
(School Mass)

Friday, May 8

8:00 am Special Intention for
Sylvia Meyer

Saturday, May 9

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Mary Lou O'Brien

Sunday, May 10

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am † Nora Brunello

11:00 am † Anne Hughes

LECTORS

May 9/10

5:00 pm Kris Lambrecht
Rich Myers

7:30 am Tim Gwost
James Eck

9:00 am Ann Dominik
Angelo Kusber

11:00 am Katie Broadwell
Kent Anderson

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

May 5-6 Cassie Boutelle
Jillian Radosevich
Megan Cleary

May 7-8 Amanda Pfeiffer
Catherine Nardi
Corrigan Shea

Saturday, May 9

5:00 pm Alyssa Radosevich
Cristy Goerd
Jillian Radosevich

Sunday, May 10

7:30 am Jaclyn Hinz
Sarah Hinz

9:00 am Bailey Sernett
Elizabeth Flemming
Megan Cleary

11:00 am Kelly Keenan
Robert Tobroxen
Tommy Adam

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, May 4

6:30 pm Troop 336
7:00 pm Hospitality Committee Mtg.

Tuesday, May 5

10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study
5:30 pm Loss of Spouse Dinner*
6:00 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings
6:30 pm Join Scouting Night*
7:00 pm Commission Meetings
7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group & Rosary for Life

Wednesday, May 6

8:30 am 55+ Group*
4:15 pm Cherubim A Rehearsal
4:30 pm Butter Braids Pick-Up*
5:30 pm Cherubim B Rehearsal
6:45 pm Seraphim Rehearsal

Thursday, May 7

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm 25th Anniv./Marathon Mtg.*

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday/Sunday, May 9/10

Mother's Day Rose Sale*
Sign-Up for Feed My Starving Children*

Sunday, May 10

8:00 am AA Meeting



GET READY FOR SUMMER WITH "SIMPLE GIVING"

Some of our parishioners have asked to make their offerings electronically especially for the summer months. "Simple Giving" is an invitation to participate in an automatic transfer program that allows you to give your offerings without writing checks. For more information call Christine Kelly at the parish office at 952.890.9465, ext. 117.

◆ ◆ ◆ MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆



A PRAYER IN EVERY STITCH

The St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully knits and crochets shawls for those in need of comfort and prayer. If you know of someone who needs some extra care and comfort because of illness, mourning a loss, loss of a job, or is going through a rough time, e-mail Jim Rylander at jrylander@stjohns-savage.org or call the parish office at 952.890.9465.

Our gratitude goes out to those who provide us with the beautiful handmade shawls. By sharing your time and talent our St. John's Community is able to reach out to those who need our care and prayer.

◆ ◆ ◆ THANK YOU ◆ ◆ ◆

PIE & COFFEE NIGHT FOR NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS

They welcome our new parishioners; they provide information about our St. John's community; they invite new parishioners to share their time and talent with St. John's. On Wednesday, May 13, at 7pm, in the atrium, the St. John's Stewardship Committee would like to thank our registration volunteers for their dedication with a Pie & Coffee Night. If you are interested in joining this ministry contact Anja Prins at aprins@stjohns-savage.org. On average once a month registration volunteers give 15 minutes of their time after a weekend Mass of their choice. Frequency is flexible.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

An interdenominational coalition of south suburban churches will present the fourth in a four-week series on Thursday, May 7. Registration begins at 6:30pm, at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. *Stories from the Journey of Grief* - this panel discussion will be facilitated by Joyce Besser. Speakers are:

- ✧ Tom & Alice Handrich Loss of a Child
- ✧ Michele Swanson Loss of a Spouse
- ✧ Nancy Amundson Loss of a Relationship
- ✧ Sandi Krohn Loss of Health

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHRIMP & STEAK DINNER

will be on Friday, May 8, from 5-8pm at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Fried shrimp, sirloin steak with mushrooms, baked potato, Texas toast, salad bar, dessert and coffee or milk will be served. The cost is \$13 for both or \$10 for shrimp or steak. Child's meal is available for \$2. Open to the public.

PILGRIMAGE TO VISIT THE NATIONAL SHRINE

of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL, July 31-Aug. 3. The entire cost includes: round trip by bus, lodging at the Shrine Motel for three nights, six meals and a fun day to St. Louis is only \$400 (double occupancy) or \$550 for a private room. For more information call Marie Larson at 651.587.1349. This trip is sponsored by The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

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◆ ◆ ◆ RESPECT LIFE ◆ ◆ ◆

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

Respect Life Committee will sponsor our annual Mother's Day Rose Sale after all Masses on May 9/10. The roses come in a variety of colors and cost \$5 each. They will be sold at all of the church entrances. What a beautiful way to tell your mother *thank you for life*. Proceeds from the sale will go to a Pro-Life charitable organization.



◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆

MOTHER'S DAY

In honor of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10, you are invited to stop by our parish store and browse over a nice selection of surprises for Mom. We have spiritual phrases on coffee mugs for her desk at home or work, beautiful framed art emphasizing a mother, or meaningful pocket sized prayer books. We also offer gift bags and greeting cards specially for this occasion. This is just a sampling of what our store has to offer to make your gift special and unique.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$20,182
Simple Giving	
electronic donations	\$2,414
Total donations	\$22,596
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,050
Under budget.....	\$11,454
Budget year-to-date	- \$75,868

Do you ever let your spouse sleep in while you take care of morning duties? Try it on a random day other than Mother's or Father's Day as a treat.

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