



MEMORIAL DAY

*"No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

JOHN 15:13

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, June 8, 7 - 8:30 pm

Marriage

Contact a priest 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 Memorial Day: Office Closed
Tuesday - Friday: 8 am - 4:30 pm

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles by 10 am on Monday to bulletin@stjohns-savage.org.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. It is both easy and difficult to imagine the disciples being with Jesus on the first Ascension Day. The experience of the disciples being with Jesus was nothing new for them, even after his resurrection. What must have been difficult for them was seeing Jesus ascend to heaven. It must have brought emotions to them ranging from joy seeing Jesus return to the right hand of God in heaven, but also a sense of sadness and even abandonment. Among the disciples must have been a sense of, "Now what?" In our own world and for a variety of reasons, there are many who experience these or similar feelings. In light of today's feast and the thoughts and feelings that go with it, I was taken by a reflection I found and would like to share it with you. Enjoy!

One summer a few years ago, I visited a friend who needed to spend a few weeks in a nursing home. It was a very nice place with a wonderful snack bar that featured a free pinball machine and free popcorn. One afternoon while my friend was napping, I paid a visit to the snack bar. After two successful games of pinball, I treated myself to a bag of popcorn. As I turned to leave the room, I noticed a lady in a wheelchair. She was positioned right in the doorway, so I would have to squeeze past her on my way out.

When I approached the lady, she whispered, "Stay by me." I looked into her old, kind face and realized she was quite frightened. I offered her some popcorn. She declined. I spoke to her of my job and all the wonderful children I see every day. The lady listened and smiled. Just then another woman approached us. She introduced the lady in the wheelchair as her mom. Then she added quietly that ever since her stroke, her mom never wanted to be alone, even for a short time. I watched as she wheeled her mom out onto the sunlit patio.

During the rest of that summer, I often thought of the elderly lady in the wheelchair. I could see her frail body, her silver curly hair and very kind eyes. And I remembered her words: "Stay by me." I found myself using her words in my prayers. Each time I thought of the Lord – when I was afraid, troubled, even moments of joy – I prayed, "Stay by me, Lord." Then one Sunday while I was at Mass, I watched the line of people walking down the aisle of the church to receive Communion. I realized in a powerful way that the Lord stays by us always – especially in the Eucharist. Jesus is the bread that sustains us, strengthens us and empowers us.

The lady in the wheelchair has no idea of the gift she gave me. She showed me that we must stay by one another – just to remind ourselves of the Lord who never fails to stay by us.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ MEMORIAL DAY MASS ◆ ◆ ◆



Honor family members, friends and neighbors on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, at St. John's Cemetery in Burnsville. At 9am the American Legion and Knights of Columbus will lead a prayer/memorial service, followed by **Mass at 10am**. The cemetery is located two blocks south of Williams Drive on Judicial Road. In case of rain Mass will be at the church.

◆ ◆ ◆ WE REMEMBER ◆ ◆ ◆

We pray for those of our parish who have gone before us and for their loved ones.

Markos I. Hatar Nora Lee Brunello
Richard R. Heimerl Harold (Butch) Christian

Katherine E. Guertin
Sherry J. Sylvester
Susan E. DeGrood
Herbert K. Hathaway
Lorraine M. Whitley
Wayne J. Stewart
Mary Lou O'Brien
Helen M. Turner
Gladys M. Rothfork
Jesse A. Barnaby
Joseph A. Thelen



Bernette B. Kapaun
Patrick J. McLaughlin
Jeffery D. Tietz
Viola C. Brandt
Mary C. Ericson
Steve J. Stremikis
Constance Collins
James C. Daleiden
Mary Ann Giles
Michael P. Thomas
John C. Walberer

Derek B. Bloch Theodore R. Marcum
LeRoy F. Mutziger Jack S. Pomeroy

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S ALUMNI PLANNING MEETING

is on Tuesday, May 26, at 7pm in the atrium. New ideas are much appreciated as we plan our 50th anniversary of St. John's School. Contact Suzanne at smillstrittmann@stjohns-savage.org to receive the *Charger Spirit* newsletter or if you are interested in attending the planning meeting.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

St. John's wishes to honor all of our 2009 high school graduates on Sunday, May 31, at the 11am Mass. Check your calendars and plan to join us as we celebrate this wonderful occasion with you. Following Mass, there will be a reception in the atrium for our seniors, their families and the parish community. Seniors who plan to attend should RSVP to lhughes@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. GIVE BLOOD.

The Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, June 11. To set-up an appointment to donate e-mail Anja at aprins@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9465, ext. 124. Thank you for making a difference.

ST. JOHN'S GARAGE SALE — JUNE 24-27

Did you know we have added additional drop off days and hours? We will accept merchandise at door #17 on Lynn Ave. two weeks prior to the sale:

- Monday, June 8 - Friday, June 12, from 4-8pm
- Monday, June 15 - Friday, June 19, from 4-8pm
- Monday, June 22, 9am-8pm

You and your friends can adopt a theme room. This would entail taking care of a room by organizing it, man your room during the sale and pricing items.

Items we cannot accept are:

- chemicals, paint, oil, tires, exercise equipment, sofa beds, mattresses, playground equipment or any baby items that have been recalled including: cribs, playpens, swings and walkers

Remember we need your help. If you have a few hours and would like to volunteer, call Kris Marko at 952.447.7392 or Anja Prins at 952.890.9465, ext. 124.

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

BAPTISMS

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

*Joseph Thomas Walsh
Jayden Michael Leonard
Jonah Lee Leonard
Isabel Mary Millis
Conor Brayden Martinson
Lachlan James Cahill*

MARRIAGE BANNES

Please remember these couples in your prayers as they prepare for their marriage:

*Bridget Johnson & Eric Aumoch
Lindsey Buege & Ramsey Beyer*

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Christine Connelly
Bill & Maribeth Dekker*

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If you are currently in grades 5-7 and are interested in becoming an altar server you are invited to attend a server training session on Saturday, May 30, from 8:30-9:30am, in the church. If you have any questions or would like to sign-up contact Mike Kelly by e-mail at mike.kelly@integraonline.com or call him at 952.226.2332.

READINGS

For the Week of May 24

Sun: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Mon: Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
Tue: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/
Jn 21:20-25
Sun: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/
Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS CONTINUED ◆ ◆ ◆

RAISE YOUR VOICES RAFFLE & TALENT SHOW

St. John's community will come together on Saturday, Aug. 1, for the 5pm Mass, followed by a picnic dinner in the parish center, provided by the Knights of Columbus. Then enjoy the talent show and the raffle.

This year's proceeds from *Raise Your Voices Raffle* will go towards the purchase of new hymnals. Raffle tickets are sold for \$100. First prize is \$10,000! Only 500 tickets will be sold. Purchase a ticket before they sell out. Go in with friends or family. Give a ticket as a gift. Together we can make it happen. Tickets are sold after all weekend Masses in the atrium and during the week in the parish office. Raffle drawing will be at 8pm.

Come show off your talent at the St. John's Talent Show on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 7pm. Can you sing a song, play an instrument, tell a story, read a poem, do a comedy routine, impersonate a famous person or do magic tricks? Contact Anja at aprins@stjohns-savage.org with your entrees.

TASTE OF NATIONS

Come share your culture with our parish. We are looking for volunteers willing to prepare and share food samples from their native country at our second annual *Taste of Nations* event on Sunday, Oct. 25. If you have native clothing, artifacts or information related to your country or culture that you would like to display, that would also be appreciated. For more information and to sign-up come to the atrium after all Masses the weekend of May 30/31.

◆ ◆ ◆ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ◆ ◆ ◆

SHORT TERM POSITIONS

GARAGE SALE

Workers needed for 2-4 hours shifts from 4-8pm on:

Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12

Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19

Volunteers are also needed Monday, June 22 through Saturday, June 27 to help with the sale and clean-up. Call Kris Marko at 952.447.7392.

BLOOD DRIVE

We are in need volunteers to help with various duties on Wednesday, June 10, the day of the blood drive. If you are interested in finding out how you can help contact Anja at aprins@stjohns-savage.org.

RAISE YOUR VOICES RAFFLE & TALENT SHOW

Can you stay a couple of minutes after a weekend Mass? Would you like to help sell *Raise Your Voices Raffle* tickets? Your help is most appreciated.

Are you a good organizer, good with sound or good with the spotlight? Consider sharing your talents and help to organize the Talent Show. For more information e-mail Anja at aprins@stjohns-savage.org.

◆ ◆ ◆ BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆

Congratulations to all graduates. We have a display table of gifts ideas for the special grad in your life. Consider purchasing a gift certificate. We also have laminated prayer cards, gift bags and great cards. Stop in and browse.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

THE USED UNIFORM SALE

will be Wednesday, July 8, from 5-7:30pm, in the parish center. Bring your items for the sale to the school office. All items should be marked with your name and price. All unmarked items will be considered donation. Volunteers needed as well. If you would like to help or have questions contact Julie Johnston at mommyjj@hotmail.com or call 952.435.5739.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S WILL HONOR



Liz Hughes, RE administrative assistant, on Friday, May 29, at a reception from 3-5pm, in the atrium. Liz has provided more than 20 years of dedicated service to St. John's and its faith formation programs. She has been a part of hundreds (if not thousands) of children's first sacraments and Confirmations. She has seen our elementary program grow from one session on Wednesdays to three. Despite the changes, in numbers, directors, pastors and offices she has remained an exemplar member of the parish team. Join us in wishing her and her husband Dan all the best in the years ahead.

RE REGISTRATION HAS STARTED

The registration process for Sunday School through high school started this spring in order to offer our parish families the opportunity to enroll their children at the 2008-09 fees of \$95/child (with a family cap of \$275), if they register by July 1. After July 1, registration continues but fees increase to \$105/child (with a family cap of \$305). Registration with fees should be received in the RE Office by Saturday, Aug. 1. After that, classes will be filled as space and available volunteers allow. The 2009-2010 RE year will begin with Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

SUMMER SON DAYS & VBS SHOW THE WAY TO GLOW

will be the week of Monday, Aug. 10 - Friday, Aug. 14, from 9am-noon, for children who will be 4 years old through grade 3 this fall. Son Days program is for children entering grades 4-6 in the fall. Cost for VBS or Son Days is \$40 per child. Afternoon fees for *Feed My Starving Children* is \$10 for Cascade Bay is \$25.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

STEUBENVILLE NORTH CONFERENCE

There are still openings for this summer's Youth Conference in Rochester, MN the weekend of July 17-19. Our first meeting is on Sunday, May 31, at 5pm, in the youth room. This will be a pot-luck so please bring something to share. If you have any questions or want to join the group contact Lori at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call Lori at 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

◆ ◆ ◆ A GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

HOST FAMILIES ARE NEEDED

for Korean students during the 2009-2010 school year. To keep this global opportunity alive at St. John's we need you! St. John's is looking for host families who would like to experience an exciting cultural exchange. It is a great education for all involved and it is also a lot of fun. Students in grades 4-8 are carefully selected and come to your home hoping to learn and experience our culture, language and values. For more information contact Beth Behnke at 952.890.6604, ext. 245.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

10:00 am †† All Who are Buried in the Cemetery

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 am Special Intention of Aaron Lattery

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 am † Claudette Kotz

Thursday, May 28

8:00 am † Eric Morgan

9:25 am Living Rosary

Friday, May 29

8:00 am † Anton Suzik

Saturday, May 30

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
Bridget Johnson &

2:00 pm Eric Aumoch Wedding

5:00 pm †† Pat & Mary McAndrews and Family

Sunday, May 31

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am † Victor Quispe-Herrera

11:00 am †† Ralph & Margaret Mueller

LECTORS

May 30/31

5:00 pm Christine Kelly

Craig Schoenecker

7:30 am Don Kuplic, Tim Gwost

9:00 am Jeanne Nardi, Jeff Olson

11:00 am Gene Abbott

John Melssen

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

May 26/27 Jenna Kacheroski, Kristen Ober, Sam Brunkow

May 28/29 Brianna Fesenmaier

Emma Marko

McKenzie Svoboda

Saturday, May 30

5:00 pm Billy Klein, Jacob

Notermann, Maddy Kempf

Sunday, May 31

7:30 am Heather Smith, Jacob Smith

9:00 am Alex Kubicek, Erin

Swensen, Tony Sullivan

11:00 am Abby Broadwell, Joseph

Mosset, Molly Kate Jones

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Carol Jones

7:30 am Luke Bearth

9:00 am Ernie Frankovich

11:00 am Diane Hanson

Please call your team members for the month of June.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Tuesday, May 26

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

7:00 pm 50th Anniversary Mtg.*

Thursday, May 28

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 29

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

Saturday, May 30

8:30 am Altar Servers Training*

Saturday/Sunday, May 30/31

Raises Your Voice Ticket Sale*

Taste of Nations Sign-Up*

Sunday, May 31

8:00 am AA Meeting

5:00 pm Steubenville North Mtg.*



GET READY FOR SUMMER

Many of our parishioners contribute through electronic giving. This makes tithing especially easy 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.



SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS

Are you wondering what to do with your empty pop cans from your graduation open house? Every weekend in June you may drop off your aluminum cans at the trailer in the church parking lot. The money from the can collections goes to the Booster Club for school activities.

Note: Our can collections at this time include only aluminum cans. Please recycle plastic bottles and tin cans with your weekly waste pick-up. Thank you for your cooperation.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

JUNE GATHERING

Fr. Custodio, our former Parochial Vicar who retired in 2005, will speak on his recent trip to New Zealand. Join us on Wednesday, June 3, as we gather at 8:30am, in the atrium to view pictures of Fr. Custodio's trip. He is sure to have a few stories to share. Refreshments will be provided.

55+ PICNIC

Join us for the 55+ Picnic on Wednesday, June 10, at noon, in the atrium. Just as we did last year, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, and root beer floats. This will be a good time to be with the parish staff, who will be doing the cooking and serving. There is no charge. RSVP to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114 by Monday, June 8.

◆ ◆ ◆ LOSS OF SPOUSE ◆ ◆ ◆

Anyone who has lost a spouse is invited to gather for lunch on Saturday, June 6, at 12pm, in the atrium. This is a time for fellowship and getting to know one another. There is no charge for the lunch. RSVP to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

◆ ◆ ◆ DAN PATCH PARADE ◆ ◆ ◆

Spend a wonderful afternoon at a parade! St. John's School will again participate in the *Dan Patch Parade* on Sunday, June 28, at 1pm. We are looking for students of all ages and parents who would like to walk in the parade and hand out candy, or ride the school bus driven by Fr. Tix. **NEEDED:** Donated bags of candy, bottled water and/or ice cream buckets for the students to carry the candy. If interested or for more information contact Jeff Freund at jeffandliz15@msn.com or call the school office at 952.890.6604.

◆ ◆ ◆ MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆

RESPECT LIFE

The mission of the Respect Life Committee is to affect the hearts and minds of St. John's Parishioners on the value of human life and encourage responsibility in forming a Catholic conscience. Through prayer, information gathering, education and discussion we encourage individual and group action on the life issues of our time. The Respect Life Committee is active in supporting pro-life issues, from conception to death. We try to encourage parishioners to become involved in our activities and fundraising for pro-life organizations. Committee meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, September through June, at 7pm, in the atrium. Many members and volunteers are needed for our activities and fundraising events. If you are interested in joining our committee e-mail Lisa Case at Lisackrc@comcast.net or call at 952.894.8141.

◆ ◆ ◆ GETTING YOUR BUSINESS NOTICED ◆ ◆ ◆

Our bulletin publisher Liturgical Publications, Inc. (LPI) representative will be here at St. John's Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11. If you are interested in advertising on our parish bulletin contact Gina directly at 1.800.678.4574, ext. 214. We would like to thank all of our advertisers for renewing their ad and for their continued support. Our advertising sponsors make our bulletin possible.

◆ ◆ ◆ A FEW MORE THOUGHTS ◆ ◆ ◆

FROM OUR 8TH GRADE CLASS WHEN ASKED THE QUESTIONS “Why is St. John’s important to you?” and “What did you like most about St. John’s?”

St. John’s is like my second home. The students, teachers, and staff are all so nice. I have formed great friendships at St. John’s. It all started in kindergarten when I came to St. John’s and I LOVED IT! I’ve always loved school and St. John’s has given me more than friendships here I have also grown in my faith and academics. Every Thursday, when we gather for Mass, I feel joyful and I can’t help but smile. Looking around at all the kids singing and praying. It is powerful and gives me such a good feeling inside. I have learned so many things and I will carry everything with me on my journey of life. – Megan



St. John’s is important to me because I have grown up here. This is where most of my friends are and I get to see them everyday. Also, everyone of the teachers are caring and you can always go to them with a problem, even if it’s not about school. They’re never intimidating which makes it easy to talk to them. I also like the fact that I go to a Catholic school, because then I can learn more about my faith and not be embarrassed. The thing I like most about St. John’s is the feeling of a community because it is such a small school, you know almost everyone. – Marissa

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week’s donations:

Envelopes.....	\$19,324
Simple Giving	
electronic donations	\$14,714
Total donations	\$34,038
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,050
Under budget.....	\$10
Budget year-to-date	- \$84,046

TOURS EVERY FRIDAY

St. John’s School will have tours each Friday for the remainder of the school year between 9:30-11am for prospective families who would like to see our school facilities. Please invite anyone you know to this opportunity that is being offered and encourage them to come and take a look at our amazing school.