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Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. – Matthew 18:20



St. John ^{the} Baptist

Catholic Church

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, July 14, 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

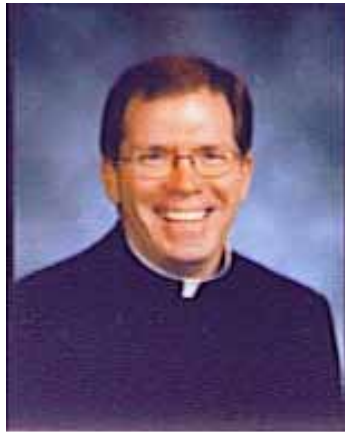
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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 ◆ ◆ ◆



On Tuesday, June 24, our church celebrates the solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist which is also our parish feast day. It was six years ago on this day that as a parish we began Eucharistic Adoration. As we mark both the feast and anniversary I would like to write about my personal experience of Eucharistic Adoration.

I formally started my one-hour a week of Eucharistic Adoration to coincide with the beginning of Lent. Often we talk about Lent as a time to give up something. It is also a time to proactively do something positive in our lives

that will help us in terms of conversion and growth. Prayer is one of those positive things in my life from which I gain the most strength. We are asked to set aside and commit to being in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for one particular hour each week. This doesn't mean that a person cannot come at other times. I know that I am a morning person and thought that this would be the best time for me to start my day while others may prefer afternoon or evenings. Together we make Eucharistic Adoration possible for all as we commit to an hour.

For me, it is the beauty of a planned quiet hour in my life before the presence of Jesus Christ under the form of consecrated bread placed in the monstrance. It gives me an opportunity to reflect on how I encounter our living God in my life and my response as a disciple in a spirit of thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do in my life. During my hour I typically will pray the church's Liturgy of the Hours, do some sort of spiritual reading, or simply spend the time in quiet meditative prayer listening for God to speak to me.

I do believe this time of prayer gives me a clearer vision of my faith to see the presence of God that surrounds each of us in the ordinary events of every day life. I have found the peace and quiet of Eucharistic Adoration to be a great gift.

Prayer is something we are all called to as baptized disciples of Jesus Christ. In prayer we grow in our relationship with God and what it means to live out our common faith. One important form of personal prayer available to us here is the gift of Eucharistic Adoration. As we celebrate our parish feast day and anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration, I invite you to consider this valuable ministry of prayer for yourself and commit to one hour each week for the month of July. Hopefully you will establish a new habit and continue the practice. For more information about Eucharistic Adoration contact Jack Dalrymple at www.pea.g-ware.org or call 952.882.9227.

- Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ PRAYER FOR FAMILIES ◆ ◆ ◆

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, Fountain of the Divine Charity, grant that each family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of love and life.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

HOSPITALITY GROUP

Do you like to plan events? Do you seem to be the one with the fun ideas for gatherings? We would like to get together with you and talk about the Hospitality Committee which is responsible for fun events in the parish. In the past we have sponsored events such as the Wine and Cheese Party and Card Night. We are meeting on Monday, June 23, at 7pm, in the Cathedral Room to discuss ideas and events for next year. If you have questions, call Tracy Tredinnick at 952.890.9465, ext. 118.

55+ GROUP

◆ **Senior Housing** ~ All are invited to join us on Tuesday, July 1, at 8:30am, in the atrium. A representative from Great Lakes Management will talk about and provide information and visuals pertaining to Glendale Place. This is the building currently under construction on 123rd Street a few blocks from St. John's. Great Lakes Management is the company responsible for managing and leasing this senior housing complex. Refreshments will be served.

◆ **Mississippi River Boat Ride** ~ Thursday, July 17, 11am - 2:30pm. Cost is \$37. Guests of all ages are welcome. Deadline to sign-up is Monday, July 7. Checks can be made payable to "St. John's."

MEET JEFF CAVINS ~ AUTHOR OF THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

Jeff Cavins is recognized both nationally and internationally as an exciting public speaker who has a deep love for Jesus Christ and who communicates his zeal with clarity and enthusiasm. After 12 years as a Protestant pastor, Jeff returned to the Catholic Church under the guidance of Bishop Paul Dudley. He received his MA in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville with Catechetical Certification. For six years, Jeff produced and hosted "Life on the Rock," a live talk show for young adults on EWTN.

We are very excited to have Jeff teaching at St. John's starting in the fall. The Great Adventure Bible Study has grown into a remarkable system designed to give the average Catholic a solid foundation for a lifetime of Bible reading. Parishes around the world are finding renewed faith and increased involvement among parishioners whose lives have been changed by this exciting study series.

Jeff will be at St. John's for all the Masses on Sunday, Aug. 17, to personally invite you to his Bible studies in the fall and in February 2008. Look for Jeff's books, *My Life on the Rock* and the *Amazing Grace* series in the St. John's Book-n-Gift store soon.

For program/registration information visit St. John's website at www.stjohns-savage.org or contact Andi at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext 249. Space is limited register early. Limited babysitting is available.



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
 Communications Coordinator
 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

BAPTISM

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

Alexander Nathaniel DiFrischia

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† *Katherine Guertin*, our parishioner
† *Larry Kapaun*, son of Bernie Kapaun

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Hector & Angeles Colon ~
Krizia, Jessie*

Amanda Kastelic

Isaac Schwoch

READINGS

For the Week of June 22

Sun: Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/
Mt 10:26-33

Mon: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/
Mt 7:1-5

Tue: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wed: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/
Mt 7:15-20

Thu: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

Fri: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4

Sat: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/
Mt 8:5-17

Sun: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
Mt 16:13-19

LIFE LINE SCREENING

will be at St. John's on Thursday, July 10. They will offer four health screenings:

- Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
- Peripheral Arterial Disease
- Osteoporosis Screening

Pre-registration is required. Call 1.800.324.1851 to schedule your screening.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆**CELEBRATION! 2009**

Volunteers are needed to help plan, share ideas, chair sub-committees and to assist as needed. If you are interested e-mail Paula at pgbeer@hotmail.com or call 952.492.3833.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATION FOR

the Pig Roast Party on Saturday, July 19, at 6pm, hosted by Mike and Amy Smalley? The cost is \$35 per person. Guests are invited to bring your own beverage. If you would like to attend put your check in an envelope marked "Pig Roast Party," include your telephone number and e-mail address. You can place your envelope in the weekend collection or bring it to the parish office during business hours.

STRONG INTEREST IN TASTE OF NATIONS SUNDAY

The Cultural Outreach Team is very encouraged that so many St. John's parishioners came forward to express interest in sharing their culture at the *Taste of Nations* in October. We were excited to learn that we have a diverse community represented by many countries, such as:

Colombia, China, Caribbean, Ecuador, Germany, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Liberia, Mexico, Native American, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Poland, Russia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Vietnam

What's your heritage? We invite other parishioners to share your culture.

Also, the planning committee will need many volunteers to make this welcoming event a success. If you are interested in becoming involved in any way, contact Deb and Jon Pitton at 952.895.9401.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The Pictorial Directory will not be the same without. Schedule your appointment today either on-line at our website www.sjohns-savage.org or sign-up after Masses on June 28/29.

Schedule your date today: Early sign-ups will get the first choice of times!

Tuesday, July 29 - Friday, Aug. 1	2:30pm - 9pm
Saturday, Aug. 2	10:00am - 3pm
Monday, Aug. 4 - Friday, Aug. 8	2:30pm - 9pm
Tuesday, Aug. 19 - Friday, Aug. 22	2:30pm - 9pm
Saturday, Aug. 23	10:00am - 4pm
Monday, Aug. 25 - Thursday, Aug. 28	2:30pm - 9pm

Volunteers also are still needed. For more information, call Carol Radosevich at 952.890.9465.

GET YOUR ST. JOHN'S RAISE THE ROOF RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY

As we continue to look on top of the church, our roofing project is well on its way. In late July the final pieces will be laid. So don't delay, buy your Raise the Roof Raffle Tickets today. There are only 350+ tickets left. GRAND prize is \$10,000 with only 500 tickets being sold. Chances of at least doubling your money is 1 in 25 Tickets are sold after all of the Masses and at the parish office. We appreciate your support and good luck to one and all!



◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

The R. E. Office is officially “closed.” You may still contact R. E. staff by calling 952.890.9434 and leave a voice message. You may also contact staff members via e-mail until Friday, Aug. 1. The R. E. Office will re-open Monday, Aug. 4.

Andi Little: alittle@stjohns-savage.org
 Lori Taormina: ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org
 Jan Jirik: jjirik@stjohns-savage.org

Registration materials for the 2008-09 R. E. programs will be mailed to all parish homes in early August. Call us if you have questions about our parish R. E. programs – including this summer’s Vacation Bible School and Son Days.

EUREKA! IT’S TIME FOR VBS & SON DAYS

Registration materials for St. John’s VBS and Son Days experience are available on-line at the parish website www.stjohns-savage.org, in the parish office and in the atrium. VBS is for children who are currently 4 years old through grade 3 this fall; Son Days, which runs concurrently with VBS, is for children who will enter grades 4 through 6 this fall. Both sessions run Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15, from 9am to noon. Two optional afternoon experiences are offered to children enrolled in the Son Days morning program. Cost for the morning programs (either VBS or Son Days) is \$40 per participant. Optional Son Days activities cost:

- \$10 to go to *Feed My Starving Children* on Tuesday, Aug. 12
- \$20 for Cascade Bay Water Park on Thursday, Aug. 14

VOLUNTEERS, adults and teens grade 7 and older, are needed for these programs. Complete the “volunteer” section of the registration form to join our Eureka team.

All adult volunteers MUST have completed a background check and VIRTUS awareness training in accordance with Archdiocesan risk management policies and the US Bishops’ Charter. VIRTUS training will be offered at St. John’s on Tuesday, June 24, from 6:30-9pm. (This is the last time VIRTUS will be offered at St. John’s until August.)

If you would like more information, contact the R. E. Office at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

FAMILY BBQ

The Mission Team will host a Family BBQ on Saturday, June 28, from 6-8pm, in the parish center. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of four or more. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend and at the door on Saturday, June 28. Join us for a fun night filled with food, music and games for all ages. Proceeds will go to this summer’s mission trip. Questions? Contact Lori at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434, ext. 232.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 23
 8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
 Tuesday, June 24
 8:00 am † Rose Gregory
 Wednesday, June 25
 8:00 am †† Irene & Ted Moreen
 Thursday, June 26
 8:00 am † Joe Nielsen
 Friday, June 27
 8:00 am † Helen Bueltel
 Saturday, June 28
 8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
 5:00 pm † Thomas Joyce
 Sunday, June 29
 7:30 am † Jerry Mikkalson
 9:00 am † Giuse Dinh Van Rinh
 11:00 am For the Parish

LECTORS

June 28/29
 5:00 pm Christine Kelly
 Terry Miller
 7:30 am Maureen Peterson
 Dennis Peterson
 9:00 am David Foertsch, Bill King
 11:00 am Katie Broadwell
 Luke Bearth

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am
 June 24/25 Charlie Nicklay
 Jacob Heim
 Molly Jones
 June 26/27 Corrigan Shea
 Lucy Walbruch
 Victoria Kusber
 Saturday, June 28
 5:00 pm Hannah Brown
 Maddie Haug
 Nicole Beaton
 Sunday, June 29
 7:30 am Daniel Moriarty
 Maddie Haug
 9:00 am Erin Swensen
 Liliana Gomez
 Nicole Swensen
 11:00 am Abby Broadwell
 Brett Miller
 Tony Boutelle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Elaine Berdan
 7:30 am Jane Mannila
 9:00 am Theresa Gomez
 11:00 am Nancy Steele
 Please call your team members for the month of July.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, June 23

6:30 pm Troop 336
7:00 pm Hospitality Committee*

Tuesday, June 24

6:30 pm VIRTUS *
7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, June 25

8:00 am Summer Stretch
6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, June 26

7:00 pm Finance Meeting

Friday, June 27

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday, June 28

6:00 pm BBQ Dinner*

Saturday/Sunday, June 28/29

Pictorial Directory Sign-Up*
Raise the Roof Ticket Sale*

Sunday, June 29

8:00 am AA Meeting

ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

We now have on display a "Table of Nations." Just as saints and spiritual authors come from different parts of the world, we too as parishioners may come from other countries and cultures. Let us deepen our faith by further educating ourselves by the beautiful faith set by all peoples.

COMBINED BULLETIN

Due to the 4th of July holiday, we will combine the July 6 and July 13 bulletins. Articles need to be submitted to the parish office by Tuesday, June 24, by 10am.

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS

Are you wondering what to do with 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ VIRTUS ◆ ◆ ◆

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

VIRTUS is an adult training program that focuses on preventing child sexual abuse and is required for all volunteers working with youth at St. John's. It includes facts and myths about abuse as well as a five-step process to protect children. The next training session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, at 6:30pm, in the atrium and is open to all adults over the age of 18. To register go to the Archdiocese's website at www.virtus.org and click on *Registration*. If you cannot register online or have questions call Tracy at 952.890.9465, ext. 118.

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

FACILITATORS NEEDED FOR SMALL GROUP SUPPORT

Separated and Divorced Catholics is a Catholic Church sponsored program that provides peer support and information in a confidential setting for adults who are dealing with broken relationships. The program runs from October through April, one evening a week. This program is sponsored by a coalition of area Catholic Churches including St. John's.

We are seeking individuals to serve as small group facilitators when the program begins again this fall. Facilitators provide guidance and structure to the small group setting. Training is provided.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be of service to others. For more

◆ ◆ ◆ ASK A CATHOLIC QUESTION ◆ ◆ ◆

Q: I've heard the term *poor in spirit* and that we should seek this out in our lives. Wouldn't being poor in spirit be something considered a negative quality to possess?

A: Actually no, though the phrase might conjure an image of a person who is lacking something spiritually in their relationship with God. The Church teaches that to be poor in spirit or *poverty in spirit* as it's also referred to, asks us to not focus totally on ourselves or rely on ourselves alone when leading our daily lives. To be poor in spirit means that we rest less in our own abilities, endeavors and material goods and place trust in God, thereby freeing us from the worries about what will happen tomorrow in this world. By detaching a little bit from the world, we attach ourselves more closely to God and the ability to share eternity with him.

Source: United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

◆ ◆ ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHRIMP & STEAK DINNER

will be on Friday, June 27, from 5-8pm, at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. The cost is \$13 for both or \$10 for shrimp or steak. Children's meal is \$2.

SPORTSLIFE CAMP

is returning to Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville July 21-24, from 9am-12pm, for children entering second through sixth grade. Children will be led by trained coaches and parish volunteers who will work with the children on developing their athletic and artistic talents and skills, while teaching from the Bible and modeling Jesus' love. Go to www.sportslifecamp.com to learn more about this camp. Registration forms are available at www.mmotc.org or for more information call Kathleen Groh at 952.890.0045.

◆◆◆ TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ◆◆◆

The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or “eternal flame” burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word “tabernacle” itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for “tent,” and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally “pitched his tent with them” in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of “ark” or “tent” to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament. In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God’s presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ.

Source: United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week’s donations:

Envelopes/cash	\$21,024
Simple Giving electronic donations	<u>\$14,040</u>
Total donations	\$35,065
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,014
Over budget.....	\$1,051
Under budget year-to-date	\$71,021

“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”
- Mt 10:29-32