



RAISE YOUR VOICES RAFFLE
FOR HYMNALS

Grab a ticket before they sell out; Go in with friends or family; Give a ticket as a gift; together we can make it happen.

Ticket price is \$100 with only **500** tickets being sold!

First Prize – \$10,000

Second thru fourth prize – \$1,000 each
Fifth thru tenth prize – \$500 each
Seventh thru twentieth prize – \$250 each



ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT
TALENT SHOW

Dust off those old band instruments, polish up the tap routine or sing your favorite song!

Come and showcase your talent at the St. John's talent show.

Contact Anja Prins at aprins@stjohns-savage.org with your entry.



SATURDAY
August 1, 2009

Tickets are on sale after all of the Masses and at the parish office.

Everyone is invited to come together.

5:00 pm Mass in the Church
6:00 pm Picnic dinner in the Parish Center
7:00 pm St. John's Talent Show in the Auditorium
8:00 pm Raise Your Voices Raffle drawing

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, July 13, 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—June 29-July 3

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: Office Closed

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 to

bulletin@stjohns-savage.org

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



Recently, Pope Benedict declared starting June 19, 2009 through 2010 as the *Year for Priests*. This date coincides with the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney who was famed for his priestly ministry. What follows is a portion of an article taken from Catholic News Service about this time.

The aim of the Year for Priests is not to organize a historical commemoration, but according to Cardinal Claudio Hummes, prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, to instead to look realistically at the world in which priests live and work and to recognize that the horrible abuse perpetrated by some priests has

harmed the reputation of all priests. "Many priests in the world have been wounded by what has happened in recent times – pedophilia and other crimes that the media has publicized and that are true and extremely serious, especially pedophilia in which the victims are minors who lives are often damaged forever. These are terrible crimes that must be judged and punished."

But justice also requires people to recognize that the vast majority of the world's priests have never been involved in any kind of abuse, and instead give their lives to Jesus and to serving the church and humanity, he said. "We must say to priests that we are proud of them and that we recognize that they are a group that is very special for the church and society," the cardinal said. "We must recognize who they are and what they do and tell them that we love them and want to be alongside them to support them."

Cardinal Hummes is not looking for a yearlong commitment to baking pies for priests or smiling at them more than usual; he's looking for study and discussions and meetings and laypeople rolling up their sleeves to work alongside their priests. And he's definitely not looking for some 1950s style of keeping the celebration in the church or the parish hall, avoiding the wicked world outside. "The post-modern, urban, relativistic, secularized culture is the dominant culture," he said, and the temptation is to say, "Oh, it is impossible to engage this society. We should remain in our corner, with our little group, closing ourselves into a ghetto," the 74-year-old cardinal said. But the world still is the place where priests are called to live with joy and "to evangelize with the certainty that it is possible to bring the Gospel to this new society and not demonize it, not ignore it and not be discouraged by it," he said.

Cardinal Hummes is convinced that men and women still are looking for the love of God and salvation in Jesus, but "maybe not with an approach that starts with doctrine and morals." Once people meet Jesus, he said, "then come doctrine and morality as a form of following that Jesus who attracted me, enchanted me, enlightened me. It is then that you begin talking about what it means to follow Jesus in practice; that's morality." Cardinal Hummes said that showing support for priests includes sharing responsibility with them for parish life and for mission. "Sometimes laypeople help their priests, but think that if things don't go well, it's the priest's responsibility – it's his church. But, no, the church is all of ours," he said.

Obviously any discussion about the world's priests includes talk about the priest shortage, a situation the cardinal insists is not exaggerated. "We have too few priests," he said. "Several countries face a very worrying, very difficult future because the number of priests has fallen so drastically."

In a recent discussion with the Presbyteral [Priest's] Council of our diocese, Archbishop Nienstedt told those gathered that because of a shortage of priests there will be six parishes here that will not have a pastor for an extended period of time. Likely this extended period of time will be one full calendar year. In the interim of a pastor being named, the lay leadership of a parish beyond parish staff plays a crucial role. In this *Year for Priests* all of us need to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. More information about the *Year for Priests*, including indulgences, can be found at www.nccbuscc.org/yearforpriests.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ RAISE YOUR VOICES ◆ ◆ ◆

SING A SONG ~ PLAY A PIECE ~ DO A DUET

St. John's Raise Your Voices Talent Show is looking for parish performers who want to share their talent with our parish community on Saturday, Aug. 1. Entries will need to be three minutes or less. A piano player is available to accompany you as well as a possible pit band. We have room for 24 entries.

Important dates:

- Monday, July 20 • All entries must be in
- Week of July 20 • Rehearsal with Jean Thompson (if needed)
- Week of July 27 • Rehearsal with pit band (if needed)
- Friday, July 31 • Dress rehearsal with a party following for all performers
- Saturday, Aug. 1 • **SHOW TIME!**



Contact Anja at aprins@stjohns-savage.org to sign up.

◆ ◆ ◆ LOSS OF SPOUSE ◆ ◆ ◆

LUNCHEON OUTING

On Thursday, July 16, the Loss of Spouse Group will gather at 11:30am for lunch at The Olive Garden in Burnsville. The location is 1451 County Road 42 which is just west of the Burnsville Center. Please call the parish office at 952.890.9465 to make your reservation. If you know of a friend, neighbor, or relative who has lost a spouse at anytime, they are most welcome to join us.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

SUMMER STRETCH FREE CAR WASH



As part of their service projects, Summer Stretch will be washing cars on Wednesday, July 1, from 9:30-11:30am, in the church parking lot. Stop by and get your dirty car washed for FREE!

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.



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

BAPTISM

We welcome
Nikolaas Arnold Gravos
into the Christian community
through the holy water of baptism.

MARRIAGE BANNS

Please remember
Diane May & Aaron Lee
in your prayers as they prepare
for their marriage.

**REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

† *Cecilia Nundahl*, mother of
Cindy Busch
† *Robert Connelly*, brother of
Ann Cosgrove and Frank Connelly

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome
Rob & Donna Jarosch
Timothy & Karen Schuring ~
Samuel, Maxwell
who recently joined our
parish community.

READINGS

For the Week of June 28

Sun: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2
Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43
or 5:21-24, 35b-43
Mon: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tue: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
Wed: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
Thu: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
Fri: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Sat: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
Sun: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/
Mk 6:1-6a

**CRISIS PREGNANCY
HOTLINES**

Catholic Charities ~ 1.800.CARE.002
American Crisis Pregnancy Hotline
~ 1.800.67.BABY.6
www.pregnancycenters.org

◆◆◆ RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ◆◆◆

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? The RCIA program is for anyone seeking a better understanding of the Catholic faith whether they are already Catholic or are interested in instruction to become Catholic. There will be information meetings on:

- ◆ Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7pm
- ◆ Sunday, Sept. 13, at 10am

For more information call Brenda Schroll at 952.890.9434, ext. 234.

◆◆◆ 55+ GROUP ◆◆◆**JULY GATHERING**

Store To Door is a non-profit organization that provides quality affordable grocery shopping and prescription delivery services to aging and disabled adults. On Wednesday, July 1, at 8:30am, we will gather in the atrium to hear Susan Herridge from *Store To Door* explain their program which is now expanding into the Savage area. Refreshments will be provided.

CRUISING THE ST. CROIX RIVER

The 55+ Group will be taking a cruise on the beautiful and scenic St. Croix River on Wednesday, July 15, departing from Stillwater. This will include a two hour cruise with a luncheon buffet on board. There will be time after the cruise to look around the shops of historic and quaint Stillwater. We will depart by deluxe motor coach from the church parking lot at 9:45am and return by 4pm. The cost is \$35. Call the parish office at 952.890.9465 by Tuesday, July 7, to make your reservation. Friends, relatives and neighbors are welcome to join us.

ANNUAL PICNIC

On Wednesday, June 10, over 120 people gathered together to celebrate the beginning of summer at the annual St. John's 55+ Group summer picnic. The St. John's staff prepared and served the food while Wayne Mosey and Vern Hei emceed the Bingo games. A great time was had by all!



◆ ◆ ◆ 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 donations. Volunteers are 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 ◆ ◆ ◆

Reminder!

Registration fees for the 2009-2010 Religious Education year will increase as of Wednesday, July 1. Registrations will continue to be accepted through Monday, Aug. 3. After that date, children will be placed as sessions and volunteers allow. Visit http://www.stjohns-savage.org/pages/page_48.htm or call 952.890.9434 for more information.

SUMMER SON DAYS & VBS 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.



SCRIPTURE STUDY ADDED TO WEDNESDAY RE LINE-UP

We are excited to offer our Confirmed high school juniors and seniors, regardless of where they attend school, the opportunity to continue exploring their Catholic faith through this exciting scripture journey. This is the teen version of *The Great Adventure Bible Timeline*, developed by Jeff Cavins and Mark Hart, who appear in the DVDs. *The Teen Timeline* (T3) will be presented on Wednesday evenings as part of St. John's Religious Education program. The year will be divided into three 8-week modules. Busy teens may choose to attend as many of the modules which fit into their schedules. Cost per 8-week module is \$30; however if you register for all three by Wednesday, July 1, the cost is \$75. To register for *The Teen Timeline*, use the registration form which is included in the RE brochure. It is also available in the atrium, parish office or on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org. Call the RE office at 952.890.9434 for more information.

No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted.
—Aesop



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 29
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
Tuesday, June 30
8:00 am † Ed Boehm
Wednesday, July 1
8:00 am † Joel Nielsen
Thursday, July 2
8:00 am Special Int. for Carrie Sand
First Friday, July 3
8:00 am † Sadie Stramowski
10:30 am † Rev. Thomas J. Conroy
(Augustana Regent)
First Saturday, July 4
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
5:00 pm † Dave Williamson
Sunday, July 5
7:30 am For the Parish
9:00 am † Phero Nguyen Van Chuc
11:00 am † Cole Buckingham

LECTORS

July 4/5
5:00 pm Andi Little
Craig Schoenecker
7:30 am Luke Bearth
Mike Goering
9:00 am Tracy Dennis
Angelo Kusber
11:00 am Jon Pitton
Jeff Olson

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am
June 30 - July 1 Eric Miller, Kristen Ober, Christian Overett
July 2-3 Sam Brunkow, Kelly Keenan, McKenzie Svoboda
Saturday, July 4
5:00 pm Victoria Kusber, Kristen Ober, Corrigan Shea
Sunday, July 5
7:30 am Alexa Orr, Lucy Walbruch
9:00 am Sam Brunkow, Amanda Pfeiffer, McKenzie Svoboda
11:00 am Kelly Keenan, Eric Miller, 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 July and August.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS (*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, June 29

6:30 pm Troop 336

Tuesday, June 30

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 1

8:30 am 55+ Group*

7:00 pm 20/25/50 Anniversary Mtg.

Friday, July 3

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday/Sunday, July 4/5

Fellowship/Can Collection/We Care*

Raise Your Voices Raffle Ticket Sale

Sunday, July 5

8:00 am AA Meeting

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded.

Mk 5:41-42

DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Join us on Saturday, July 4, for the 8am Communion/Prayer service in the church followed by the Rosary and meditation in the Holy Family Chapel.

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS



have been donated in memory
of *Steven Stremikis*

- The Luoma Family

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.

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

FACILITATORS FOR SMALL GROUP SUPPORT

are needed this fall for the Separated and Divorced Catholics program. This Catholic sponsored program provides peer support and information for adults who are dealing with broken relationships. It runs from October through April, one evening a week (breaks for holidays). It is sponsored by a coalition of area Catholic Churches including Mary, Mother of the Church. Facilitator training is provided. If you have gone through a divorce and feel you are at a place where you can help others, this may be the ministry for you. For more information, contact Jamie at jmoloney@mmotc.org or call 952.890.0045, ext. 234.

◆ ◆ ◆ OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆

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. Those less fortunate need your help. Two recent deliveries of food items were brought to the CAP Agency of 791 pounds and 511 pounds. Thank you for your donations.

PAINT-A-THON

We are very excited for the Paint-A-Thon this year because the home owner is from St. John's! This is a first for us. Having said that, we will be needing MORE volunteers because of the size and repairs needed to the home. We will be prepping, priming, and painting this home for one week only so please check your calendars. From Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31, we will prepare and prime the home, working from 5-8pm. Paint Day is Saturday, Aug. 1, starting at 8am until completed.

We will take any help you and your family (cousins, aunts and uncles, neighbors, bible study group, golfing buddies) can offer. Come for an hour, an evening or for the entire week. If you need service hours, this would be a terrific way to complete them. We'll even take volunteers to help find volunteers. We would love to hear from you! You may contact us at cads4@comcast.net or 952.894.4328. Thank you and God Bless.

Doug & Cindy Symes

◆ ◆ ◆ RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS ◆ ◆ ◆

THANK YOU!

to JoAnn Englund, a member of our Music Ministry, who, for many years, has volunteered and helped sort music and maintain the large music library after each season of the Church year. God bless you, JoAnn, for sharing your time, talent and random acts of kindness.



ENJOY A FUN, SAFE
4TH OF JULY.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

LOAVES & FISHES, TOO

On Thursday, July 2, volunteers from Loaves & Fishes, Too will prepare and serve dinner to the needy at St. Stephen's Church in Minneapolis. Extra help is always welcome and appreciated especially during the summer months. If you would like to contribute a few hours of your time to help with this project call Pat Turgeon at 952.894.5888.

◆ ◆ ◆ CROSS INTERNATIONAL ◆ ◆ ◆

DEAR PARISHIONERS

I would like to thank you for your most generous response to our ministry Cross International Catholic Outreach during my weekend visit on March 21-22, 2009. Your donations of \$11,092 will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor. May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

Rev. Thomas P. Hunstiger

What lies behind us and what lies before us
are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

—Walt Emerson

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$20,359
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$2,284
Total donations	\$22,643
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,050
Under budget.....	\$11,407
Budget year-to-date	- \$118,540

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The foundation of Paul's
person and mission derives
from his encounter with
the risen Christ.

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