



“Building Bridges” in Houston, Mississippi • 2009

Despite the Southern heat and humidity, teens from both St. John's and its sister parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary, with adult volunteers worked together to build bridges of hope for the children of Houston and Vardaman from July 6 to 11 at Vacation Bible School. The “Building Bridges” theme was evident as teens from both communities crossed over language and cultural boundaries to learn more about God, their faith and what it means to be one Body in Christ as well as to shore up some of their reading skills too.

Another and most important bridge is the generous support of everyone in the St. John's parish community that was carried within the hearts of those who traveled south and the prayers and best wishes, our young “bridge builders” were asked to bring from our Houston brothers and sisters at week's end.

**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, August 10, 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 - 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 to

bulletin@stjohns-savage.org

by 10 am on Monday.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



In the final weeks of this past school year we were fortunate to have Archbishop John Nienstedt with us for part of a school day. Beyond celebrating the School Mass, Archbishop Nienstedt met with our 8th grade class and answered many of the questions they had submitted to him. One of the questions regarded his call to the priesthood. In answering the question, Archbishop Nienstedt spoke about the importance of his family in supporting his vocation. He also spoke about the religious sisters who taught him in his formative years of elementary education as being another source of reinforcing his call to serve the church as a priest and now as bishop. Archbishop Nienstedt spoke about the priests of his parish as he was growing up. They were frequent visitors to the Nienstedt home that benefited both family and the individual priest. He told our 8th graders about how it was important to him to see these men as ordinary people with some of the same interests in sports and other things as himself.

As I think about my decision to enter the seminary I would have to agree. I also remember something unique about each of the priests who served my home parish while growing up. One of the most important figures for me was Father Roger Hermes because he allowed me to see a very human side of a priest. While all priests in the celebration of sacraments as “in persona Christi” or “in the person of Christ” they also are ordinary people in need of the same mercy and forgiveness as anyone else. They have the same hopes and dreams as others, who God has somehow called to a unique life of service. That does not make them better than anyone else. As we celebrate what Pope Benedict has designated as the *Year of Priests*, I think this is important for all of us to remember. While there were lots of things about Father Hermes that impressed me, the one that still stands out is his interest in baseball. For more than a few years, we coached little league baseball together. We have all heard the saying that God works in mysterious ways. The fact that Father Hermes was human enough to coach little league baseball had a great influence on me and entering the seminary. It is a perfect example for me of how God works through others in ways that we might not readily perceive. The key remains not to judge, but instead to be open to the workings of God's Holy Spirit in our lives.

Archbishop Nienstedt also spoke to the 8th grade class about how becoming a priest was not something that was immediately revealed to him in either a burning bush like Moses or a bolt of lightning. Instead it was something discovered through a process of both prayer and discernment. Like Archbishop Nienstedt and many others, this was also true for me. I struggled with the decision to first enter the seminary, but when I finally did, I quickly found a sense of peace. Even though there are those days when nothing goes right, I still find a sense of peace in my decision. In this *Year of Priests*, let us all pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Father Mike Tix

**ALL ARE INVITED TO
ST. JOHN'S PARISH**



Before summer slips away, grab the family and come on **Saturday, Aug. 1**, to celebrate the 5pm Mass, followed by a picnic style dinner in the parish center. Hamburgers and hot dogs with all of the fixin's will be provided. The fun doesn't stop there ... stick around for the ...



St. John's Talent Show

*Talent Show starts at 7 PM
Raise Your Voices Raffle drawing at 8 PM*

10 Reasons to buy a Raise Your Voices Raffle Ticket, because if you win the \$10,000 Grand Prize, you can...

1. Buy a new fuel-efficient car.
2. Pay some bills.
3. Take your child and 1,666 of their friends to the movies.
4. Buy family season tickets to the Twins, Vikings, Timberwolves and The Wild.
5. Buy 2,500+ gallons of gas.
6. Buy 4,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies.
7. Take a family vacation over MEA week and Spring Break.
8. Attend 250 St. John's Davanni's pizza nights.
9. A good start to the family college fund.
10. Hearing your name being called for the grand prize by Father Tix on **Saturday, August 1 ... PRICELESS!**

Ticket price is \$100. ONLY 500 tickets being sold! Total of 20 prizes!

First prize is \$10,000!
Second thru fourth prizes - \$1,000 each
Fifth thru tenth prizes - \$500 each
Seventh thru twentieth prizes - \$250 each

The raffle drawing will be held after the Talent Show on Saturday, Aug. 1. You need not be present to win. Tickets are sold after all of the weekend Masses and during the week from 8am-4:30pm at the parish office. For more information call the parish office at 952.890.9465.

◆ ◆ ◆ **55+ GROUP** ◆ ◆ ◆

MINNESOTA'S HISTORY CENTER



Our Tuesday, Aug. 18, our destination trip will be to the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul. We will visit the **Minnesota's Greatest Generation: The Depression, The War, The Boom** exhibit for a guided tour. The exhibit of Minnesota's 150th year of statehood will also be available. Cost is \$28 which includes the deluxe motor coach and admission. Lunch will be on-your-own in the café at the



History Center. We will depart from St. John's at 9:15am and return by 3pm. Call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114, by



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 Radosovich, 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
Charlotte Angela Anderson
into the Christian community
through the holy water of baptism.

MARRIAGE BANNS

Please remember
Sarah Sticha & Brandon Gruenhagen
in your prayers as they prepare for
their marriage.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Jack Dominik*, father of
John Dominik
- † *Renee Armstrong*, mother of
Stephen Armstrong
- † *Marlene Hinnenkamp*, mother of
Peggy Voxland and Jean Elfering
- † *Jack Lemner*, our parishioner
- † *Candice Knutson*, sister of
Geraldine Boeser

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Sharon Hawkins Besonen
Thomas & Lynn Lenarz ~
Colleen, Caitlin
Mary Lewis



READINGS

For the Week of July 19

- Sun: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/
Mk 6:30-34
- Mon: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
- Tue: Ex 14:21---15:1/Mt 12:46-50
- Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thu: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/
Mt 13:10-17
- Fri: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
- Sat: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
- Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/
Jn 6:1-15

◆ ◆ ◆ BIBLE STUDY ◆ ◆ ◆

GREAT ADVENTURE TIMELINE STUDY

We are very excited to have Jeff Cavins returning to St. John's this fall. He will present the *Great Adventure Timeline Study*. This 24-week study is designed for people who are new to scripture study yet challenging enough for seasoned veterans. Salvation history is covered from Genesis through the coming of Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church. Jeff will present:

- Bible Timeline LIVE starting on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 10am-noon
Cost for Tuesday series is \$95 per person
- Video series starting on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 6:30-8:30pm
Cost for Thursday series is \$75 per person

Financial assistance is available upon request. Childcare is available for the Tuesday morning sessions at \$3 per session per child. Registration forms are available at www.stjohns-savage.org or contact Brenda Schroll at bschroll@stjohns-savage.org.

◆ ◆ ◆ BULLETIN ON-LINE ◆ ◆ ◆

FIND OUR BULLETIN ANYTIME YOU NEED IT

Do you leave your bulletin in the car after you drive home from weekend Mass? Does it get lost in the weekend newspapers? Do you find that you are looking for the bulletin to get an update on a meeting time or find the name of that plumber who advertises every week to support our parish? Now you can find the bulletin on-line, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Go to www.SeekAndFind.com and enter your zip code. You can now download each week's bulletin. You can also ask for reminders. Sign-up to receive an e-mail notification when the new bulletin is available on-line. This site also allows you to look at other bulletins from churches in Minnesota and across the United States. Or if you would like it e-mailed to you directly you can contact Carol Radosevich at cradosevich@stjohns-savage.org.



◆ ◆ ◆ GARAGE SALE UPDATE ◆ ◆ ◆

GARAGE SALE HAD A RECORD BREAKING YEAR!

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the tireless volunteers, especially the morning coffee group, the 55+ Group, Friday Morning Bible Study, all of our veteran garage sale volunteers, and those who volunteered this year for the first time. Thank you all for the energy you devoted to this annual event. This year's sale was the best ever, and it would not have been possible without your dedication and hard work.



We wish to also thank those who donated so much to our sale, those who came and shopped, and the speedy clean up crew (Boy Scouts, K of C, RE group, and many other volunteers) that had it all picked up in a few hours. The remaining



donations were brought to either Bridging, Inc. or the Veterans. We took in more than **\$20,000** this year. The best ever! It took everyone to make this year's garage sale a huge success and we can't thank you enough and look forward to continuing the relationship at next year's garage sale.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

DAN PATCH PARADE

The St. John's School Marketing Committee would like to say thank you for joining us on Sunday, June 28, in downtown Savage for the annual *Dan Patch Parade*. We wish to thank all who attended, volunteered to march, handed out St. John's rulers and candy and for the many who cheered us on. It was a beautiful day for a parade!



ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL IS STILL ENROLLING

St. John's School currently has openings in kindergarten through grade 8 for the 09/10 school year. Average class size is 20 students per class with three sections of each grade. Kindergarten students receive developmentally appropriate, yet challenging curriculum presented in a half or full day format. Middle school math and reading scores are traditionally among the highest in our region. Graduates are exceptionally prepared for high school thanks to the commitment from students, parents, and teachers working together. Because they are enrolled in an accredited Catholic School, students are exposed to the faith's rituals, prayer and teaching through formal classroom and weekly Mass. Financial assistance is available. Busing is available without charge to families living within District 191 (Burnsville, Savage, and Eagan) boundaries. Car pool opportunities are also available for those outside of the district.

For more information or to set up a tour contact the School Office at 952.890.6604 or visit our website at www.stjohns-savage.org.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER STRETCHERS

It's the thing to do and the place to be on Wednesdays for many youth in middle and high school for service and fun. Instead of a steady diet of "dorito munching, coke drinking, hazy lazy" days of summer, many youth are



spending their Wednesdays hanging out with friends at church doing service projects and fun recreation. On Wednesday, July 1, St. John's Summer Stretchers spent their day at *Feed My Starving Children* in Chanhassen.



◆ ◆ ◆ BENEFIT SISTER PARISH ◆ ◆ ◆

SCHWAN'S ORDERS TO BENEFIT SISTER PARISH VBS

Catalogs and order forms for Schwan's products are available in the atrium, parish and education offices or from any of the youth and adults who attended this summer's Vacation Bible School at Immaculate Heart of Mary. If you are pre-ordering from the catalog, orders should be returned to the RE Office by noon, on Tuesday, Aug. 11. Orders may be picked up on Thursday, Aug. 13, anytime between 4-8pm. Proceeds from this sale will go to offset the cost of providing a IHM-VBS at our sister parish. Questions? Contact Andi at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 20
8:00 am † Marlene Tix
Tuesday, July 21
8:00 am Special Int. of Evelyn Voita
Wednesday, July 22
8:00 am † Cecilia Nundahl
Thursday, July 23
8:00 am † Dick O'Keefe
Friday, July 24
8:00 am † Scott Richards
Saturday, July 25
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
5:00 pm Special Intention
Sunday, July 26
7:30 am †† Deceased Members of the Hilla Family
9:00 am † Maria Dothi Ro
11:00 am For the Parish

LECTORS

July 25/26
5:00 pm Christine Kelly
Terry Miller
7:30 am Maureen & Dennis Peterson
9:00 am David Foertsch, Bill King
11:00 am Katie Broadwell
Luke Bearth

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am
July 20 Amanda Pfeiffer,
Jenna Kacheroski,
Laura Wee
July 21/22 Jacob Heim,
Quentin Flores, Ryan Gall
July 23/24 Corrigan Shea,
Emma Marko, Laura Wee

Saturday, July 25
5:00 pm Callie Fox, Joey Hanel,
Maddy Kempf

Sunday, July 26
7:30 am Carrie Mannila
Lucy Walbruch
9:00 am Isabel Fox, Matt Schroer,
Melanie Fox
11:00 am Cassie Boutelle, Jenna
Kacheroski, Tommy Adam

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Vi Knoblach
7:30 am Marlene Heimerl
9:00 am Kassie Rients
11:00 am Patti Auron
Please call your team members for the month of August.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 22

8:30 am Summer Stretch

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, July 24

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday/Sunday, July 25/26

Jeff Cavins Sign-Up*

Raise Your Voices Ticket Sale*

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am AA Meeting

12:00 pm Mission '09 Reunion

DO YOU SPEAK SPANISH?

Pregnancy Choices LifeCare Center in Apple Valley is looking for Spanish speaking volunteer counselors. Please contact Jeri at 952.997.2229 if you or someone you know would be interested. The need is urgent.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The long anticipated Pictorial Directory is now scheduled to arrive in late August. Please check the bulletin for more updates.

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.

◆◆◆ 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.

◆◆◆ STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL ◆◆◆

LOOKING FOR A GREAT PRESCHOOL?

St. John's Steppingstones Catholic Preschool 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. Steppingstones Preschool is accredited by the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association and is licensed by the State of Minnesota. All of our teachers are college graduates with teaching certificates. The program has a well developed, strong curriculum that has been expanding since the school started in 1989.

The children develop respect for others in a Catholic environment, learn self-discipline, develop perseverance, resourcefulness and creativity – the tools needed for academic and life success. They also develop kindergarten readiness by gaining skills in the areas of cognitive, social/emotional and physical development. Registrations are still being accepted for the 09/10 school year. Contact Dora May at 952.846.4663 for more information.

◆◆◆ PAINT-A-THON ◆◆◆

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

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

SJB

◆ ◆ ◆ PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ◆ ◆ ◆

Celebrate the *Year for Priests* by signing up for an hour a week for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA). Perpetual Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members of St. John's parish unite in taking hours of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament both during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week. Pope John Paul II says that: "Our essential commitment in life is to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." This hour can be spent any way you want. You may bring your own prayer books, read the Bible, pray the Rosary, or just sit, relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. For more information including signing up call Jack at 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>.

◆ ◆ ◆ NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING ◆ ◆ ◆

REAL LOVE. REAL NATURAL.

NFP is based on comprehensive scientific research, which helps couples easily and effectively identify the physical signs of fertility and infertility. There are no drugs, devices or chemicals to use. Intro session will be at All Saints in Lakeville on Wednesday, Aug. 5. For more information or to register call 651.330.6881. Curious about the facts? Interested in learning about NFP on-line? Go to www.archspm.org/family.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

July 5:

Envelopes.....	\$23,913
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$10,042
Total donations	\$33,955
Weekly revenue budget	\$32,625
Over budget.....	\$1,330
Budget year-to-date	\$1,330

July 12:

Envelopes.....	\$20,067
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$2,134
Total donations	\$22,201
Weekly revenue budget	\$32,625
Under budget.....	\$10,424
Budget year-to-date	- \$9,092