

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HOUSTON, MISSISSIPPI

2008

Dear Andi and all of the volunteers,
Thank you again for your wonderful leadership and being our VBS mother hen. Thank God for a sister parish that brings such a great experience for our kids and teenagers. It really helps us feel that we are not alone as Catholics. That we are not "freaks". It truly does remind us that our church is universal and multicultural.



Thanks again for everything, for the organizing, for all the preparation and packing, for driving 18 hours with a van full of tired people, for sweating in our humid summer day, for having limited shower time and sleep, for dancing with kids, for helping the teenagers feel at home, and giving up a week of your time to come and do all of this for us. Thank you! If there is ANYTHING my family and I can do for you, we will do it in a heartbeat. Thanks again and God bless you and all of St. John's!

Love, Alejandra

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, August 11, 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

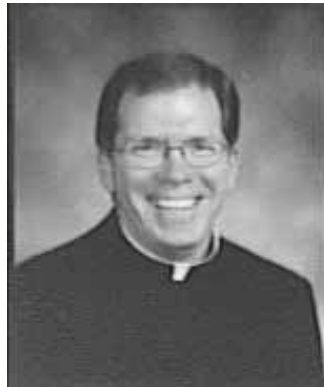
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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 ◆ ◆ ◆



Earlier this month Karin Barrett informed me that she was resigning as Director of Music and Liturgy. In a letter to cantors and members of our various choirs, Karin wrote about the reason for her resignation.

As many of you know, in spite of all the wonderful things that have been accomplished and that were set in motion for St. John's, last year also brought with it some very challenging times for me and for my family. The cost of this position in terms of time away from my family was much more than I anticipated. My lack of presence at home was felt

deeply by my family and was not easily remedied because of the considerable distance between St. John's and my home in St. Paul. Therefore, after much prayerful discernment I have made the tremendously difficult decision to leave St. John's effective August 15. To facilitate our family life, I have accepted a position as Pastoral Associate for Music and Worship at Corpus Christi parish in Roseville, just ten minutes away from my home and close to my daughters' school . . .

On behalf of the entire parish I want to take this opportunity to thank Karin for her work over the past year. All of us wish you the very best in your new position!

With the absence this position brings there are certainly many practical questions related to our music ministry. First let me say that the position itself is already posted with the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and will be advertised in a variety of sources. Given the timing of the opening, however, there is the very real possibility that the position could be hard to fill before mid-September at the earliest. I am in the process of forming a search team and will keep you posted regarding developments.

All of this having been said, let me clearly say that I am committed to our music ministry and building upon the successes of the past. While we search for a new Director of Music and Liturgy, and knowing the very real possibility that it may take some time for the position to be filled, we will do a concurrent search process. By concurrent search I mean searching for a full-time person, as well as an interim search for part-time adult and children's choir directors. Not wanting to withhold the gifts and talents of our choirs, it is our hope to have them start at the beginning of the new school year. In all of this transition, George Behr will continue as our accompanist. He will continue to prepare the cantors and play the organ and piano for all of our weekend Masses, including school Masses. He will also continue, as in the past, to serve as accompanist for the choir rehearsals and be on call for both weddings and funerals.

Finally, I ask that everyone please be patient during the search process and pray that God's Holy Spirit will guide us during this important time for the entire parish.

- Father Mike Tix

**In a person's mind, they plan their course,
but the Lord directs their steps.**

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆



**SATURDAY, AUG. 2
MASS AT 5PM**

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE PARISH PICNIC

Celebrate summer with your parish family on Saturday, Aug. 2, with an outdoor Mass at 5pm and potluck picnic to follow at Warren Butler Park in Savage (behind M. W. Savage School). Bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, and beverages for the family. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be cooked by the Knights of Columbus and all of the fixings will be provided. There will be games and lots of fun for everyone. Don't forget to bring bats and balls. The picnic is FREE and all are welcome!

RAISE THE ROOF RAFFLE

When you least expect things and you have faith that God will take care of you, things just have a way of working out.

This comment was made by Sandy Sokolik after she found out that she and her husband Bob won the \$10,000 Raise the Roof Raffle last year.



2007 RAFFLE WINNERS

Bob and Sandy Sokolik, members of St. James Lutheran Church in Burnsville, heard about the Raise the Roof Raffle from their neighbors who are parishioners of St. John's. Right away Sandy had a feeling that for some reason she needed to buy a ticket even though her husband was resistant because it was a lot of money to spend on one raffle ticket.

Last June, Bob was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and because they both retired early their medical insurance was high and their deductible was even higher...a whopping \$10,000. Never dreaming they would win and with their medical expenses piling up, Sandy reflects, "Something just told me to buy a ticket; I think it was God's way of helping us out when we really needed it!"

With the \$10,000 Bob and Sandy won they were able to pay their high insurance deductible. "It was a true gift from God," Sandy states. They bought a ticket again this year, not hoping to win, but because they wanted to give back to St. John's Parish for helping them during a year that was very difficult for them.

PAINT-A-THON IS JULY 28 - AUGUST 2

You can volunteer as much or as little time as you want as we prepare, prime and paint a home. We will be working from 5 - 8pm, Monday through Friday. On Saturday, paint day, we will start at 8am and work until complete. After painting we are all invited to our parish picnic. For more information contact Doug and Cindy Symes at CADS4@Comcast.net or 952.894.4328.



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:

Andrew Robert Gerlach

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† *Alice Mae Eustice*, mother of Ron Eustice

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Alyce Anderson

Greg & Stephanie Janasko

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear. Mt 13:41-43

READINGS

For the Week of July 20

Sun: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Mon: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

Tue: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wed: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9

Thu: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

Fri: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Sat: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30

Sun: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

IF YOU CAN HOLD SOMEONE'S HAND,
HUG THEM, OR EVEN TOUCH
THEM ON THE SHOULDER,
YOU ARE BLESSED, BECAUSE YOU
CAN OFFER GOD'S HEALING TOUCH.

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEEDS YOU!

Our goal is to have 100% participation to make this pictorial directory the best and most complete one ever! The directory can only be useful if we have most of the parish in it so don't delay, sign-up today. Each photographed family receives a free 8x10 color portrait and a copy of the published directory. Appointment sheets will be available after all of the Masses this weekend and next or a representative from Lifetouch (at area code 419) will soon be calling you to assist you in scheduling your appointment. You may also schedule your appointment on-line at our website at www.stjohns-savage.org.

- Wednesday, Aug. 6 and Thursday, Aug. 7 2:30 - 9pm
- Monday, Aug. 18 through Friday, Aug. 22 2:30 - 9pm
- Monday, Aug. 25 through Thursday, Aug. 28 2:30 - 9pm
- Monday, Sept. 29 through Friday, Oct. 3 2:30 - 9pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 8 through Friday, Oct. 10 2:30 - 9pm
- Saturday, Oct. 11 10am - 4pm

Volunteers are also needed for two hour shifts to help check in families when they are being photographed on picture days. This is a great opportunity for young people looking for service hours. For more information or to volunteer, contact Carol Radosevich at 952.890.9465, ext. 248.

ST. JOHN'S YACHT CLUB

The YACHT (Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together) Club is being formed at St. John's to bring young adults, married or single, together to promote involvement in the church through spiritual, social and volunteer activities. The YACHT Club is currently seeking young adults interested in becoming part of this new group. If you are interested contact Fr. Tix at mtix@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9465.

55+ GROUP

- The 55+ Group will gather on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 8:30am, in the atrium. Augustana Regent at Burnsville is a senior living community located just west of the Burnsville Center. Our parishioner, Vicki Tobroxen, and Jacque Mihm are on the staff at Augustana Regent. They will give a presentation about the senior living accommodations, services and activities available there. Refreshments will be served.
- On Tuesday, Aug. 19, we will visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska. Lunch will be on-your-own in their restaurant followed by a tram tour of the grounds and a snack. You will also have time to just look around and visit the gift shop. We will leave from the church parking lot at 10:30am and return by 3:15pm. Cost is \$27 which includes: admission, tram ride, deluxe motor coach bus, and snack. Make your reservation and payment at the parish office by Monday, Aug. 11.
- Harry's Motorcoach Tours has a trip to the Norsk Hostfest in Minot, ND Oct. 2-5. This is a Scandinavian Festival and among the entertainers are the Oak Ridge Boys, Randy Travis and Daniel O'Donnell. Brochures are available in the parish office.

For more information on 55+ events, call Jim Rylander at the parish office at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

◆ ◆ ◆ ADULT EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

LOOKING FOR A LITTLE PEACE?

The Bible has been the greatest source of comfort and wisdom throughout the ages, but it can be intimidating. Now is your chance to learn how to navigate through scripture with one of today's foremost Bible scholars. Jeff Cavins will be at St. John's LIVE and IN PERSON to direct a study of the *Letters of James*. The series begins with orientation on Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 10am to noon, and continues through the fall for 10 weeks. An evening VIDEO series also is scheduled, beginning Monday, Oct. 6, from 6:30-8:30pm. Then plan to continue the adventure by studying *Psalms*, starting Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Cost is \$75 if you register immediately for both fall and spring series and \$50 to register for either James or Psalms. Registration deadline is Monday, Aug. 25. Forms are available on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org and in the atrium and parish/education offices. For more information, contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

◆ ◆ ◆ 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 and 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. For more information, call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

RAINBOWS...

FROM HURT...THROUGH HEALING...TO HOPE

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? RAINBOWS is a support group for children, ages pre-kindergarten through eighth grade who have suffered a significant loss in their lives, either through death, divorce or other painful transitions. The primary goal of RAINBOWS is to provide a safe environment for those families to sort through their grief and confusion, build self-esteem and learn coping skills to help deal with their loss. Children are placed in groups of 3-6 participants with adult facilitators who will encourage them to share their experiences and support each other.

RAINBOWS is looking for additional adult facilitators for this program. Training will be on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 10am-2pm, at All Saints in Lakeville. The program will begin Tuesday, Sept. 30, and consists of two 7-week sessions from 6-7:15pm, at St. John's. For more information or to sign-up contact Diane Wirtz at 952.440.3943.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 21

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, July 22

8:00 am † Jean Meyer

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Thursday, July 24

8:00 am † Billy Olson

Friday, July 25

8:00 am †† Irene & Ted Moreen

Saturday, July 26

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Thomas Joyce

Sunday, July 27

7:30 am † Richard O'Keefe

9:00 am † Giuse Dinh Van Rinh

11:00 am † Janet Magnuson

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

July 22-23 Jenna Kacheroski

Kristen Ober

Elizabeth Vohnoutka

July 24-25 Megan Cleary

Joey Hanel

Ariel Jarvis

Saturday, July 26

5:00 pm Joey Hanel

Maddie Haug

Emily Lerick

Sunday, July 27

7:30 am Daniel Moriarty

Alexa Orr

9:00 am Isabel Fox

Elizabeth Vohnoutka

Madi Vohnoutka

11:00 am Abby Broadwell

Greta Fisher

Kelly Keenan

LECTORS

July 26/27

5:00 pm Richard Gross, Aileen Hill

7:30 am Jane Grevstad, Tom Reicks

9:00 am Les Knoke, Jeanne Nardi

11:00 am Christine & Bob Brickweg

EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

5:00 pm Richard Myers

7:30 am Cindy Elliott

9:00 am Pam McSweeney

11:00 am Don Kuplic

Please call your team members for the month of August.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Tuesday, July 22

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 am Summer Stretch

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, July 25

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday/Sunday, July 26/27

Raise the Roof Ticket Sale*

Pictorial Directory Sign-up*

Jeff Cavins Bible Study Sign-up*

Sunday, July 27

8:00 am AA Meeting

WHAT'S NEW IN ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 2008 to June 2009 as the Jubilee Year of St. Paul. We have purchased study aides and other book titles to give you the opportunity to enrich your faith and knowledge through the teachings of this Apostle.

We now have a full stock of spiritual books written by the renowned Bible teacher and evangelist, Jeff Cavins. Be sure to browse the display to familiarize yourself with this wonderful author prior to his visit to our parish on Aug. 16/17. We also have his autobiography entitled, *My Life On The Rock*.



AN ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because You have revealed them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.



◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL ◆ ◆ ◆

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

St. John's School community is characterized by a pervading influence of Catholic values, a strong emphasis on an orderly and disciplined atmosphere, a personal approach to education, and a firm commitment to academic excellence. Our school offers a rich and challenging learning environment in language arts, science, math, social studies, Spanish, religion, computer science, art, music and physical education. Students become critical thinkers and problem solvers in an ever changing world. Our students perform at or above grade level in all subject areas and are well prepared for high school.

We offer:

- Small class sizes from kindergarten through grade 8
- Daily religion classes and integrated Christian character development
- In-house before and after school Kids Care
- Athletics and extracurricular activities
- Free transportation to students residing in ISD 191
- Financial assistance for those who qualify

Come and experience large school opportunity at its best in a small school environment. We invite you to visit St. John's School. You will see first hand, our school is different. Call 952.890.6604 for more information or to arrange a tour.

In everything we do, we do it with the mindset of excellence.

◆ ◆ ◆ STEPPINGSTONES ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2008-2009

While there are many good preschools in our area, there are very few Catholic preschools. St. John's is proud of its Catholic based preschool program, and also of the quality program it provides for children ages 3-5. The preschool offers a nurturing program designed to meet the spiritual, cognitive, social, physical, and emotional needs of young children. The curriculum is based on learning through play and hands-on activities. All of the teachers hold a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Minnesota Teaching License. Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is currently being accepted. Call Dora May at 952.846.4663 for more information or to schedule a tour.

◆ ◆ ◆ HERE I AM, LORD ◆ ◆ ◆

DOES GOD NEED YOU FOR THE RELIGIOUS LIFE?

Our late great Pope John Paul II reminded us to "Be not afraid." If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, have the courage to answer him. God needs you! For more information about the priesthood or religious life, contact Fr. Tix at mtix@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9465.



◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

JULIFEST AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH IN SHAKOPEE

All are invited to Julifest on Saturday, July 26, with a polka Mass at 6pm and a street dance from 7:30 - 11:30pm. The fun continues on Sunday, July 27, from 11am - 7pm, with games, silent auction, raffles, beer garden, continuous entertainment, food and beverages.

COME AND CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Have you or someone in your family been touched by adoption? Come celebrate the great gift of life at the 4th Annual Mass in Celebration of Adoption. The Mass will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 6:30pm, at St. Joseph Church, 1154 Seminole Ave., West St. Paul. Fellowship will follow in the parish hall. For more information or to volunteer, call 651.291.4488.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your marriage the best gift possible. Attend the Aug. 16-17 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at the Dakota Ridge Hotel on 35E and Yankee Doodle in Eagan. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of retreats or call 651.454.3238.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

July 6:

Envelopes.....	\$20,180
Simple Giving	
electronic donations.....	\$7,197
Total donations	\$27,377

July 13:

Envelopes.....	\$24,436
Simple Giving	
electronic donations.....	\$16,064
Total donations	\$40,500

Weekly revenue budget \$34,050

Under budget..... - \$220

Budget year-to-date - \$220

