



St. John's **55+ Group**
two hour cruise on the
St. Croix River



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, 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
Wednesday, July 29,
from 1 pm - 4:30 pm 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

by 10 am on Monday.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



About a month ago, all of the priests of our diocese gathered in Rochester for our bi-annual Presbyteral Assembly. Each Mass during the week was celebrated by Archbishop John Nienstedt. At one of the Masses, Archbishop Nienstedt prayed for his sister who was having open heart surgery the next day. Life went on, the assembly concluded, and we each returned home to our different parishes.

The day after returning from Rochester was the funeral for Fr. Tim Vakoc. As you probably have seen and heard,

Fr. Tim was an army chaplain who was injured five years ago by a roadside bomb in Iraq. The explosion left Fr. Tim with severe brain damage, the loss of an eye, and paralysis. As is customary for the funeral of a priest, the Archbishop celebrates the Mass and those members of the deceased priest's ordination class are principal concelebrants. Since Fr. Tim and I were in the same ordination class, I prepared for Mass in the Cathedral sacristy where Archbishop Nienstedt also vested. After the funeral had finished, I was talking to an acquaintance while Archbishop Nienstedt was putting away his vestments. With no one around him at the time, I approached Archbishop Nienstedt and respectfully asked about his sister's surgery. He went on to give me an update and finished by saying in a very genuine and heartfelt way, "Thank you for asking."

Those words have stuck with me. Often we think about bishops, as well as priests, as being different. From time to time I have had parents tell me that their young child has pointed to me during Mass and said something to the effect of, "that's God!" While a priest does act "in persona Christi" or "in the person of Christ" in celebrating sacraments, it is also important to remember during this *Year of the Priest*, that they are also human. They have the same cares and concerns as anyone else about family and others. I was reminded of that fact that I had asked Archbishop Nienstedt about his sister. He clearly appreciated me asking the question which allowed him to share a story very much on his mind.

All of this raises the question for me about how we see bishops and priests, as well as how we care for one another. I know that I am far from perfect. But the experience also left me asking myself, in other situations and with other people, do I see them as a person like myself? Do I respectfully ask the question in care and concern or instead do I let fear get the better of me? Fear is the thing that prevents us from asking the question. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called from fear to faith and trust. Today's gospel reading talks about Jesus feeding the multitude of people before him. May we act in faith and truly feed one another with the abundant spirit of God's love.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ GIVING TREE ◆ ◆ ◆

APPLE GIVING TREE

Stop by the atrium to pick an ornament from the Apple Giving Tree. You may drop off school supplies in the atrium anytime up to Sunday, Aug. 23. This year we will be assisting students from our community, the students of Blessed Trinity School in Richfield and our sister parish. Thank you for your generosity.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ST. JOHN'S PARISH PICNIC



Come on **Saturday, Aug. 1**, to 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 by the Knights of Columbus. **Please bring a dish to pass.** The fun doesn't stop there—stick around for the talent show.

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. Deadline is Monday, July 27. Contact Anja at aprins@stjohns-savage.org to sign-up.

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR RAFFLE TICKET?

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

◆ ◆ ◆ MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

It's more than just giving money. Every time you sing at Mass, visit the sick, recycle old cans or pray you're making good use of the gifts God gave to you. Contact Anja at aprins@stjohns-savage.org if you want to know how you can share your time and talent with our parish or to sign up to help volunteer.

Opportunities that are available to help are:

- Decorating the auditorium for the Talent Show on Friday, July 30, from 7-8:30pm
Duties: hanging and setting up decorations
- Performer Party Hosts on Friday, July 31, at 8:30pm
Duties: set up and serve at the ice cream social
- Hospitality Hosts Parish Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 6-7pm
Duties: welcome parishioners and bus tables
- Tech Assistants at the talent show on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 7-9pm
Duties: assist head tech crew and performers for the Talent Show
- Concession sales during Talent Show on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 7-9pm
Duties: selling concessions

◆ ◆ ◆ PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ◆ ◆ ◆

Celebrate the *Year for Priests* by signing up **for one hour a week for a one year** commitment for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. 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. 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>.

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:

*Grace Evelyn Whitcomb
Celine Elise Auchstetter*

MARRIAGE BANNES

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Matt & Brooke Batulis ~
Jade, Kylee
Brian & Allison Betts ~
Devyn, Colin*

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

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

LOSS OF SPOUSE GROUP

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, the Loss of Spouse Group will gather at 11:30am for a Dutch-treat lunch at Dangerfield's in Shakopee. Call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114 to make your reservation.

READINGS

For the Week of July 26

Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/
Jn 6:1-15
Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/
Mt 13:31-35
Tue: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/
Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42
Thu: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/
Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27,
34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

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, in the church parking lot. 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.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A CATECHIST?

If you love the Catholic faith and wish to share your faith with young people from ages 3 to high school, look deep into your heart and consider volunteering as a catechist in our parish faith formation program during the 2009-2010 school year. Catechists are first called to "echo" the word of God in their lives and then are called to help others do so in their lives. No experience is necessary. All that is needed is an openness to the spirit of God working in your heart and a desire to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Training, support and appreciation for the gifts you share are provided throughout the year. The first major training sessions are scheduled in September prior to the beginning of our Religious Education year. Catechists are Confirmed Catholics who are in 10th grade or older. This is another way our parish teens can serve within their parish. Opportunities to serve with a partner are encouraged but not required. Childcare is provided.

Right now, there are children waiting who will be unable to begin their faith formation year in September because they do not have a classroom catechist. They are waiting for you to say "yes" to this invitation. If you would like to learn more about what it means to be a catechist contact:

- ◆ Sunday School (ages 3, 4 and 5 years old) ~
Joan Walerius at jwalerius@stjohns-savage.org
- ◆ Elementary (grades 1-6) ~
Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org
- ◆ Junior High (grades 7, 8 and 9) ~
Jan Jirik at jjirik@stjohns-savage.org

THE WAY TO GLOW

Registrations for this summer's *Way to Glow* Vacation Bible School and Son Days programs are still being accepted. St. John's VBS is designed for children ages 4 through grade 3. Children in grades 4, 5 and 6 can participate in the Son Days program which runs concurrently with VBS but which also offers optional afternoon activities.

VBS & Son Days morning program starts Monday, Aug. 10, through Friday, Aug. 14, from 9am-12pm.

Optional Son Days activities are:

- A trip to *Feed My Starving Children* on Tuesday, Aug. 11, cost \$10
- An afternoon at Cascade Bay Water Park on Thursday, Aug. 12, cost \$25

Cost for the morning programs is \$40 per child. There is a discounted fee for Confirmed youth and adults who volunteer in the program all five days. To learn more about our parish *Way to Glow* adventure, contact Joan Walerius at jwalerius@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 252.

◆◆◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUED ◆◆◆

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO OUR PARISH TEENS!

Consider helping with *Way to Glow* as a member of our SJB CREW! Confirmed youth can be group leaders. Teens who are entering 7th grade or older and are journeying towards Confirmation can help in a variety of ways. They can help by: providing childcare, leading games, helping with crafts, and acting and role-playing in our Scripture and Holy Heroes stations. To volunteer, take a *Way to Glow* registration form and complete the bottom part of the form – especially the part about where your gifts would be most valued and your t-shirt size! If you have a sibling attending *Way to Glow*, you can use his/her registration form. Questions? Contact Joan Walerius at jwalerius@stjohns-savage.org.

◆◆◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆◆◆

SUMMER STRETCH PRAYER SERVICE

All are welcomed on Wednesday, July 29, from 10-11 am, in the church for a prayer service to celebrate our youth and their service in the Summer Stretch program. Following the prayer service friends and family are invited for a cook-out at Crystal Lake Park in Burnsville. Questions? Contact Lori at ltormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

◆◆◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆◆◆

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL IS STILL ENROLLING

students in kindergarten through grade 8 for the 2009/2010 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 our 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 boundaries (Burnsville, Savage, and Egan). 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.

◆◆◆ PAINT-A-THON ◆◆◆

LAST CHANCE TO HELP

We will be prepping and priming Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31, 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 27

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 am † Renee Armstrong

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 am † Karen (Boyer) Bohn

Thursday, July 30

8:00 am Special Intention of
Marlene & David Trunk

Friday, July 31

8:00 am † John McAndrews

First Saturday, August 1

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Henry Hansen

Sunday, August 2

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am † John Walkowiak

11:00 am † Tom Oaster

LECTORS

August 1/2

5:00 pm Gil Mathews

Aileen Hill

7:30 am Tim Gwost

James Eck

9:00 am Andi Little

Jason Vohnoutka

11:00 am John Melszen

Ann Dominik

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

July 28/29 Isabel Fox

Melanie Fox

Will Diedrick

July 30/31 Jillian Radosevich

Mikayla Kelly

Sydney Schulberg

Saturday, August 1

5:00 pm Lauren Warmka

Sam Klein

Lindsay Becker

Sunday, August 2

7:30 am Alexa Orr

Will Diedrick

9:00 am Nicole Swensen

Shawn Patch

Emma Marko

11:00 am Anna Brunner

Shannon Wilson

Abby Broadwell

**Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I place my trust in you.**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, July 31

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday, August 1

5:00 pm Parish Mass, Picnic, Talent Show, & *Raise Your Voice Raffle**

Saturday/Sunday, August 1 & 2

Can Collection/We Care*

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am AA Meeting

Jeff Cavin's Sign-Up*

DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 1, for the 8am Communion/Prayer service in the church followed by the Rosary and meditation in the Holy Family Chapel.

WHAT IS NEW IN THE BOOK-N-GIFT STORE?

We have new necklace designs beautifully crafted for our youth by our parishioners Colleen Smith and her daughter Heather.

Just arrived *One Bread, One Body* and we have a few copies of the August *Magnificat*. You are always welcome to come in and browse our wonderful selection of books and gift items.

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

Flowers for the week of July 12 and July 19 were donated in memory of *John J. McAndrews on the 100th anniversary of his birth.*

Flowers for the week of July 26 have been donated in memory of *Cletus and Mary Ann Giles.*

From their Family



◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer parked in the church parking lot Saturday or Sunday, Aug. 1/2. Money raised from the collection will be used for St. John's Booster Club activities. Thank you for your continued support.

WHAT IS A "WE CARE" WEEKEND?

This on-going monthly collection of non-perishable food items helps support our local food shelves. Mark your calendar for the first weekend of every month, when we collect these non-perishable food items:

cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, soups, rice and instant potatoes, pancake mix and syrup, spaghetti/pasta and sauce, snacks for kids, canned and bottled juices, crackers, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna/chicken, personal care items, hamburger/tuna/chicken helper, diapers all sizes and baby wipes.

You can place your donations at all entrances on *We Care Weekend*. Our parishioner, Vern Hei, delivers the items to the local food shelf. Donations are appreciated all year long.

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

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

55+ ST. CROIX CRUISE

There were 84 people who joined the 55+ Group on Wednesday, July 15, for a two hour cruise on the St. Croix River in Stillwater. We sailed towards Hudson and had an excellent buffet lunch on board. After the cruise some walked into Stillwater, while others preferred sitting along the St. Croix enjoying the beauty of the area. It was a day that was enjoyed by all.

JOIN US ON

Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 8:30am, in the atrium. The 55+ Group will gather to hear our guest speaker Greg Jones, supervisor of the Emergency Department at St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee. He will present a very practical and concise CPR Anytime Class. Refreshments will be provided.

MINNESOTA'S HISTORY CENTER

On 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 Monday, Aug. 3, to make your reservation.



Save the date!

Graced & Gifted...

Catholic Women's Day

*The Total Package ~
Unwrapping God's Endless Gifts of Love*

Keynote Speaker **Kimberly Hahn**

September 26th, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$21,203
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$14,790
Total donations	\$35,993
Weekly revenue budget	\$32,625
Over budget.....	\$3,469
Budget year-to-date	- \$5,623



Parting and coming together again can be mini reminders to love the person to whom you pledged your life. Do you have a custom to kiss or hug at these times? For daily marriage tips visit: www.ForYourMarriage.org.