



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

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 ◆ ◆ ◆



Traditionally on Aug. 4, the church celebrates the feast of St. John Vianney. What is unique about this patron saint of priests is that this year marks the 150th anniversary of his death. To honor his memory Pope Benedict has designated this to be the *Year of the Priest*.

Plans are still underway in our Archdiocese about how this year will be celebrated. Today, inserted in the bulletin is an invitation for families in our parish to either choose a priest from among those in our Archdiocese to pray for in the next year or to pray individually each day for one of the priests who serves our Archdiocesan church. As we face an increasing shortage of priests I hope that you will take the opportunity in the coming year to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. While there are many ways to pray, one I would suggest is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA). For more information about PEA contact Jack Dalrymple at 952.882.9227.

The following is taken from the *Letter for Year for Priests* by Pope Benedict in which he quotes at length the words of St. John Vianney. They are a good source of reflection for us all in this year dedicated to the life and ministry of priests.

Explaining to his parishioners the importance of the sacraments, he would say: "Without the sacrament of holy orders, we would not have the Lord. Who put him there in that tabernacle? The priest. Who welcomed your soul at the beginning of your life? The priest. Who feeds your soul and gives it strength for its journey? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest, always the priest. And if this soul should happen to die [as a result of sin], who will raise it up, who will restore its calm and peace? Again, the priest . . . After God, the priest is everything! . . . Only in heaven will he fully realize what he is."

These words welling up from the priestly heart of the holy pastor might sound excessive. Yet they reveal the high esteem in which he held the sacrament of the priesthood. He seemed overwhelmed by a boundless sense of responsibility: "Were we to fully realize what a priest is on earth, we would die: not of fright, but of love . . . Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption on earth . . . What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: It is he who opens the door; he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of his goods. Leave a parish for 20 years without a priest, and they will end by worshipping the beasts there . . . The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you."

Father Mike Tix

P.S. Last week I received Anja Prins' resignation as Stewardship Coordinator effective Saturday, Aug. 1. Anja has decided to return to the family business supporting her husband fulltime. I want to take this opportunity to thank Anja for her work as a member of the parish staff.

◆ ◆ ◆ ADULT FAITH FORMATION ◆ ◆ ◆

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

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 in the atrium on:

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

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

Registrations are now being taken after all weekend Masses in the atrium.

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

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

Save the date!

Graced & Gifted...
Catholic Women's Day

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

Keynote Speaker **Kimberly Hahn**

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

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◆ ◆ ◆ BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆

COME IN AND SEE WHAT'S NEW

Arrivals of chunky board books for the little ones are here! Look for these new books: *Inside Noah's Ark*, *Baby's First Bible*, and *Jesus Hears Me*.

Do you know of a newborn or a baby being baptized? Be sure to browse our wonderful selection of spiritual gift ideas such as the *God Created Everything* water globe, *His Little Lamb* booties and cap, boy or girl porcelain wall crosses, plus greeting cards and gift bags to complete your purchase.

BAPTISMS

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

Lauren Ann Happe

Cassidy Ione Olinger

Annaleigh Rose Stahlnecker

MARRIAGE BANNS

Please remember this couple in your prayers as they prepare for their marriage:

Sarah Sticha & Brandon Gruenhagen

**REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

† *Frank Marshall*, brother of
Agnes Kulak

† *Stacy Hei*, daughter of
Vern Hei

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Dang Vu & Tuyet Nguyen ~
David*

Jeffry & Krista Karels

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Geri & Lyle Boeser

as they celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary. We wish them God's graces and blessings and many more happy years together.

READINGS

For the Week of August 2

Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17,
20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tue: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or
15:1-2, 10-14

Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a,
34-35/Mt 15:21-28

Thu: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mk 9:2-10

Fri: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Sat: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/
Jn 6:41-51

◆ ◆ ◆ 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 Eagan). 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ 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 2009/2010 school year. Contact Dora May at 952.846.4663 for more information.

◆ ◆ ◆ 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 Immaculate Heart of Mary in Houston Mississippi. Thank you for your generosity.



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◆ ◆ ◆ 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, ages 3 to high school, consider volunteering as a catechist in our parish faith formation program during the 2009-2010 school year. 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 RE 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.

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

WAY TO GLOW VBS & SON DAYS VOLUNTEERS!

Please plan to attend one of the following training sessions to **get wired** for our electrifying *Way to Glow* adventure starting Monday, Aug. 10:

- ▶ Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 7-8pm or
- ▶ Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 10-11am

Teen volunteers are also expected to attend a special training in addition to the volunteer training. Teen training sessions:

- ▶ Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 6:30-7pm or
- ▶ Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 11-11:30am

All sessions are scheduled in room 301 in the school. There's still room for adult and teen volunteers to join in the fun! To volunteer, or if you have questions about training, contact either Joan or Andi at 952.890.9434.

REGISTRATION FOR RE CONTINUES

Registrations for Sunday School through high school are still being accepted. Registration forms are available in the parish and education offices, atrium and on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434. The year will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 16, with a family Mass. To learn more about our programs for children and teens, contact the RE Office at 952.890.9434.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 3
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
Tuesday, August 4
8:00 am † Aaron Edquist
Wednesday, August 5
8:00 am †† Sadie &
Edmund Stramowksi
Thursday, August 6
8:00 am Special Intention of Rose
& Bill Huttner
First Friday, August 7
8:00 am † Connie Werner
10:30 am † Nora Brunello
(Augustana Regent)
Saturday, August 8
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
2:00 pm Sarah Sticha & Brandon
Gruenhagen Wedding
5:00 pm † Helen Bueltel
Sunday, August 9
7:30 am Special Intention of Reta,
Jessica & Jay
9:00 am For the Parish
11:00 am † Michelle Bros

LECTORS

August 8/9
5:00 pm Veronica Bartsch
Richard Gross
7:30 am Blaise & Kitty Eisenbeil
9:00 am Nancy Abicht
Tracy Dennis
11:00 am Bob & Christine Brickweg

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am
Aug. 4/5 Carrie Mannila
Megan Cleary
Ryan Gall
Aug. 6/7 Eric Miller
Kelly Keenan
Kristen Ober
Saturday, August 8
5:00 pm Charles Haug
Emily Lerick
Matt Warner
Sunday, August 9
7:30 am Heather Smith
Jacob Smith
9:00 am Kyle Thomas
McKenzie Svoboda
Megan Cleary
11:00 am Joseph Mosset
Mikayla Kelly
Molly Kate Jones

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Tuesday, August 4

6:30 pm VBS Teen Training*

7:00 pm VBS All Volunteer Training*

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group & Rosary for Life

Wednesday, August 5

8:30 am 55+ Group*

10:00 am VBS All Volunteer Training*

11:00 am VBS Teen Training*

6:30 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council

Thursday, August 6

8:00 am Summer Stretch

Friday, August 7

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday/Sunday, August 8/9

Jeff Cavins Sign-Up*

Sunday, August 9

8:00 am AA Meeting

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Aug. 2, from 8am-12pm at 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Meal includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$7 per person; \$3 for children ages 5-10 and children under five eat for free.

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

have been donated in memory of
Cletus & Mary Ann Giles

- From their 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

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. 10, to make your reservation.



◆ ◆ ◆ LOSS OF SPOUSE ◆ ◆ ◆

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, the Loss of Spouse Group will gather at 11:30am for a Dutch-treat lunch at Dangerfield's in Shakopee. Dangerfield's is located at 1583 1st Ave. E., on Highway 101. If you know of a friend, neighbor, or relative who has lost a spouse they are most welcome to join us. Call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114, by Monday, Aug. 10, to make your reservation for Dangerfield's.

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

Are you feeling overwhelmed? Does the idea of having someone to talk with sound good to you? A BeFriender is a good listener and confidant. If you would like to have someone help you get through a difficult time in your life, call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114 and he can arrange for you to meet a St. John's BeFriender.



◆ ◆ ◆ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ◆ ◆ ◆

LOAVES & FISHES, TOO

On Thursday, Aug. 6, 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.

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◆ ◆ ◆ **QUESTION & ANSWER** ◆ ◆ ◆

What preparations did Pope John XXIII enact during the spring and summer of 1959 to prepare for the ecumenical council?

Fifty years ago newly-elected Pope John XXIII announced his desire to convoke an ecumenical council. His announcement encountered a variety of reactions and objections. However, John felt compelled to pursue his Spirit-led desire for a council. In May 1959, John established an Ante-Preparatory Commission whose task was to survey the world's bishops and other interested parties on topics the council should address. The commission, led by Cardinal Tardini, wrote an open letter requesting suggestions of topics and areas of concerns that the council might address. The letter of June 18, 1959, stated "the Venerable Pontiff wants to know the opinion or views and to obtain the suggestions and wishes of their excellencies, the bishops and prelates who are summoned." Some 2,598 letters were sent, and 1,998 responses were returned, an excellent response rate of 77%. The shortest response was six lines from the bishop of Wollongong in Australia, while the longest response was 27 pages from the cardinal archbishop of Guadalajara in Mexico. The information gathered in response to the June letter filled 12 volumes. This comprehensive and consultative preparation set in motion the groundbreaking ecumenical council.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$21,816
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$2,179
Total donations	\$23,995
Weekly revenue budget	\$32,625
Under budget.....	\$8,630
Budget year-to-date	- \$14,251

SO they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

- Jn 6:34-35