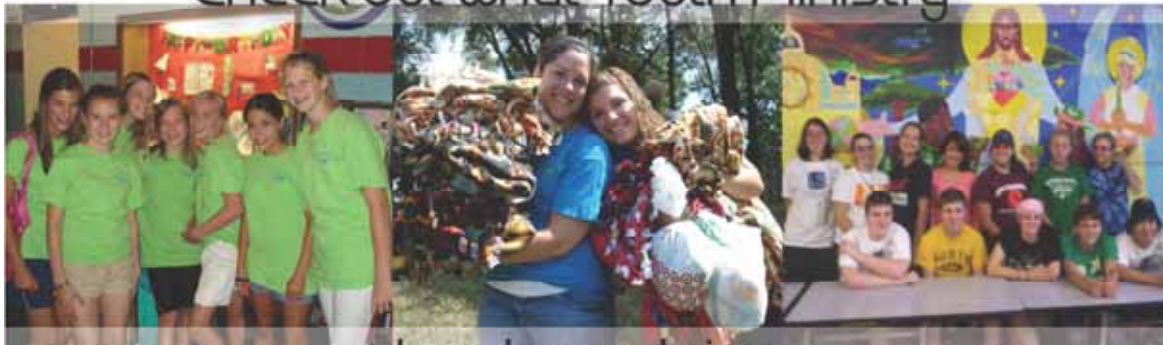




Check out what Youth Ministry



has been doing



all Summer long!



# St. John <sup>the</sup> 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](mailto:bulletin@stjohns-savage.org)

by 10 am on Monday.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



It seems hard to believe but the time is quickly approaching for school to resume. While from the outside of the building all appears to be quiet the reality is that many things have been taking place to prepare for a new school year.

We can all be very proud of St. John's School. Consistently when our students leave they are well prepared to face the challenges of high school and beyond. This year we will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Catholic school. I'm proud to say that our school has a long and rich history of providing a strong foundation of faith and academics that serves our students for a lifetime. I'm also proud to say that we continue to rank among the very best schools in the area.

One of the challenges our school, along with all Catholic schools, continues to face is financial aid to families in need. St. John's is still the most affordable Catholic elementary and middle school in the area. At the same time, many families are unable to afford the cost of a Catholic education for their child. This year we will provide \$40,000 to help families in need. Still the need is greater and because of affordability issues, we have seats that are open in all grade levels.

As we draw closer to the beginning of a new school year I would like invite people to consider sponsoring a student at St. John's and give them the opportunity of a lifetime. Sponsoring a student for some may be an act of thanksgiving for what St. John's School has provided for their own children in the past, let alone the Catholic education you yourself may have received in your formative years. It might be a current family with children at school, who is able to help another student experience the good things their own child already receives at St. John's. The possibilities are endless, but the end product of giving the gift of a Catholic school education to a child is priceless. Any portion you could sponsor of our \$3,324 cost of tuition per student is a great help to make a dream come true for a family and to make our school affordable and accessible to all who seek it. If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please contact me in the parish office at 952.890.9465, ext.111.

In looking to longer-term needs, some years ago endowment funds were established for parish needs, as well as scholarships for students attending St. John's School. Both endowments are under funded at this time. One means of funding endowments is through tax deferred giving as well as wills and bequests. When you are making out your will, please consider naming St. John's and one or both of our endowments as a beneficiary to continue your support of the many good things going on here. For more information on wills and bequests please contact Catholic Community Foundation at 651.389.0300. A brochure with information is also available at the parish office or in the atrium.

- Father Mike Tix

## ◆ ◆ ◆ PICTORIAL DIRECTORY ◆ ◆ ◆

The long anticipated Pictorial Directory is scheduled to arrive later this month. Please check the bulletin for more updates.

## And the Winners of the 2009 Raffle Are...

\$10,000

Cindy Busch

\$1,000

Mary Renner  
Tammy St. John  
Karen Runnels

\$500

Suzanne Wallskog  
Bea Wiita  
Scott Wilgenbusch  
John Dorfner  
Marge Ehr  
Jerry Kisch

\$250

Kaela Fox  
Eleanore Dukart  
Tabytha Luikens  
Steve Nicklaus  
Ray Brandt  
Marge Zieska  
Iika Wilgenbush  
Barbara Nelson  
Jim McNearney  
Roland Matter

## ◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

### DAVANNI'S NIGHT

St. John's School Fundraiser at Davanni's Restaurant will be on Monday, Aug. 10, from 4-8pm, at the intersection of County Road 42 and Highway 13 in Savage. Pick up a red voucher after Mass to turn in with your dine-in or take-out orders. 20% of the evening ticketed sales go to St. John's School.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

### NEXT GATHERING

will be on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 6:30pm, in the atrium for those who are making prayer shawls or for those who would like to become part of this ministry. During the evening we will exchange information and enjoy fellowship. RSVP to Ann Hagen at 952.440.5463 if you plan to attend. Donations of yarn or money to support this ministry are welcome.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ ADULT FAITH FORMATION ◆ ◆ ◆

### GRACED & GIFTED...CATHOLIC WOMEN'S DAY



will be held at St. John's, from 8am-4pm, on Saturday, Sept. 26. Keynote speaker Kimberly Hahn is a mother, grandmother, nationally known author and speaker and the wife of Dr. Scott Hahn, well known Catholic apologist. Through her many books and talks Kimberly shares wisdom on topics related to women, family life and the Catholic faith.

Theme for the day: *Catholicism ~ Unwrapping the Gifts Within*  
Cost for the day: \$45 by Sept. 1 OR \$55 after Sept. 1

Pre-registration required. No walk-in will be taken.  
Register early seating is limited!

Day includes: Morning Mass, Continental Breakfast,  
Breakout Sessions, Box Lunch, Door Prizes and more!

For more info: contact Brenda at 952.233.1042 or  
Monica at 952.892.7587 or visit [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org).

*Graced & Gifted ...* is a collaborative effort of Catholic women from south metro area parishes committed to bringing women together to encourage, inform, affirm and nurture their Catholic faith.



## 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  
Laurie Dietz, Administrative Assistant  
Joyce Irlbeck, Administrative Assistant  
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

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:

*Chloe Lois Ward  
Veronica Ann Luoma*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† *Adeline Hortsch*, mother of Cheryl Fox – grandmother of Ben, Callie, Julie and Max

## NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Charles & Rachell Sherburne ~  
Charles, Jr. & Aubrey  
Mary Schneider*

## 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. Dangerfield's is located at 1583 1<sup>st</sup> 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.](tel:952.890.9465)

## READINGS

For the week August 9

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/  
Jn 6:41-51  
Mon: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26  
Tue: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wed: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20  
Thu: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/  
Mt 18:21-19:1  
Fri: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12  
Sat: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16;  
16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/  
Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,  
10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/  
Lk 1:39-56  
Sun: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/  
Jn 6:51-58

## ◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

### HOSPITAL VISITS

Hospitals are essential, hopeful and helpful. They may also be scary, painful, lonely or sad. Whenever you or someone you love is in the hospital, your Church community can offer meaningful support. St. John's has trained BeFrienders who bring the hope and prayer of the community and a confidential listening ear to our parishioners. Eucharistic Ministers can visit and bring communion or Fr. Tix can visit and offer the sacraments of anointing and reconciliation. If you are facing a hospital experience or if you have a friend or relative who is a parishioner of St. John's, and you think they would appreciate a visit, call the parish office at 952.890.9465.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

### MINNESOTA 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.](tel:952.890.9465)



## ◆ ◆ ◆ REFLECTIONS ◆ ◆ ◆

Perhaps you've heard the story of the atheist who while out hiking fell off the side of a cliff, only to grab on to a branch that stopped him from falling to a certain death. He held on for dear life, with nothing between him and the canyon below. He decided at that moment to give prayer a chance, asking God for salvation from his fate. A voice from above told him to let go of the branch; his new faith would save him. The man thought for a moment, and then looking skyward asked, "Is there anyone else up there I can talk to about this?" When we are offered the gift of eternal life, do we ignore it?

We listen to the words of Jesus as he admonishes a crowd of grumblers: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." We are drawn to God; on Sundays we are drawn to Mass. Our parishes draw us in from the parking lot or the street; our pastor draws us to the altar to receive the Holy Eucharist. At times, we may feel as if we are holding on for our dear lives, barely able to make it through each day. It is at these times that we quiet ourselves and listen to God. We are drawn into loving arms, and we are safe.

Underlying Jesus' message that he is the bread of life is that in order for us to receive eternal life, we must live in love. To live in love means to seek Jesus, and through him God, in contemplative prayer. We seek him, because doing so is the beginning of true love (CCC 2709). In the sharing of the Eucharist at every Mass, we are reaffirming our vow to live a life of love. Today, as you approach the altar, leave behind your anger and bitterness. Let go of that branch, and you will be saved.

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◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL AND STEPPINGSTONES  
PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, AUGUST 22/23**

Come find out about St. John's School and Steppingstones Preschool after all Masses the weekend of Aug. 22/23, in the atrium. Take a tour of our school, watch a demonstration on our SMART Board, ask questions or visit with current families about their experiences.

**WHY ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL?**

St. John's School community is characterized by a pervading influence of Catholic values. There is a strong emphasis on an orderly and disciplined atmosphere, a personal approach to education and a firm commitment to academic excellence for 50 years. Our school offers a rich and challenging learning environment and by exposing our students to all of the important high-tech knowledge we strive to prepare and accommodate their needs for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century technology. Through innovative and diverse teaching styles we spark a love of learning for even the most challenging. Each student develops a strong, positive self image in an atmosphere where students feel secure and comfortable which ensures positive learning. We practice daily Christian values of kindness and respect for others. Our students become critical thinkers and problem solvers in an ever changing world and perform at or above grade level in all subject areas and are well prepared for high school.



**WHY STEPPINGSTONES 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 Non-Public 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, and 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.

**If you can't make it to the open house call the school office at 952.890.6604 or Steppingstones Preschool at 952.846.4663 to set up a time for a private tour.**

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

**THE NEXT EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY**

meeting is on Thursday, Aug. 13, at 7:10pm, at St. John Neumann in Eagan. A relevant job search topic will be presented and there will be time for networking afterwards. All those seeking new employment or who are going through job transition are welcome to attend. Also, if you are aware of job leads through your place of employment you are encouraged to share those leads with the Employment Ministry at [jobministry@sjn.org](mailto:jobministry@sjn.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, August 10

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 am † Bill Fox

10:30 am † Rev. Edward Grzeskowiak  
(Ridges Nursing Home)

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 am Special Intention of Francis  
& John Toth

Thursday, August 13

8:00 am † Mary Ann Giles

Friday, August 14

8:00 am † Marlys Gross

Saturday, August 15

8:00 am Special Intention of  
Katey Reissner

5:00 pm † Richard Heimerl

Sunday, August 16

7:30 am Special Intention of  
Betty Cates

9:00 am † Joseph Rode

11:00 am For the Parish

**LECTORS**

August 15/16

5:00 pm Rachel Goering  
Richard Gross

7:30 am Sharon Warmka, James Eck

9:00 am David Foertsch  
Teresa Hoffman

11:00 am Ann Dominik, Gene Abbott

**MASS SERVERS**

Weekdays 8:00 am

Aug. 11/12 Jacob Heim, McKenzie  
Svoboda, Sam Brunkow

Aug. 13/14 Jacob Notermann, Matt  
Notermann, Nate Becker

Saturday, August 15

8:00 am Catherine Nardi, Heather  
Smith, Jacob Smith

5:00 pm Cristy Goerd, Jillian  
Radosevich, Kristen Ober

Sunday, August 16

7:30 am Carrie Mannila, Ryan Gall

9:00 am Alex Kubicek, Matthew  
Kubicek, Sam Brunkow

11:00 am Charlie Nicklay, Eric  
Miller, Kelly Keenan

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, August 10-14

9:00 am Vacation Bible School\*

Monday, August 10

7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class\*

7:30 pm Home & School Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

7:00 pm SAC Meeting

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, August 12

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, August 13

4:00 pm Schwan's-VBS Fundraiser\*

7:00 pm BeFriender Meeting

Friday, August 14

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday/Sunday, August 15/16

Jeff Cavins Sign-Up\*

Graced & Gifted Sign-Up\*

Sunday, August 16

8:00 am AA Meeting

## SIMPLE GIVING

Some of our parishioners have asked to make their offerings electronically. **Simple Giving** is an invitation to participate in an automatic transfer program that allows you to give your offering without writing checks. For more information call Christine Kelly at 952.890.9465, ext. 117.

## HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

have been donated in memory of  
*Renee Armstrong*

- Stephen Armstrong 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.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ 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](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND SON DAYS ARE READY TO GLOW!

More than 180 children are registered for this week's *Way to Glow* Vacation Bible School and *Son Days* experience. Children who are registered are reminded to arrive in the Fr. Wittman Auditorium at 9am to start their day. Each day ends at noon. If you have questions about VBS or Son Days, call the RE Office at 952.890.9434.

### RE REGISTRATION CONTINUES

There's still plenty of room in our RE programs Sunday School through high school. Programs include:

- ◆ **Sunday School for children who are 3, 4 and 5-years old** offers a lectionary-based curriculum with music, crafts and faith-filled fun during the 9am Mass.
- ◆ **Elementary programs for grades 1-6** are offered for one-hour during one of three sessions: 4:15, 5:30 and 6:45pm on Wednesdays using classrooms in St. John's School.
- ◆ **Junior and Senior High programs** are offered at 6:45pm on Wednesdays. Some groups meet in volunteer homes; others meet on-site at St. John's. In addition to a planned curriculum, monthly presentations and service opportunities are included in this program.
- ◆ **T3, Teen Timeline Great Adventure Scripture** is a new series for Confirmed youth who are high school juniors or seniors. This program is structured in three series of eight-sessions each. Teens can choose to participate in one, two or all three. Cost is \$30 per series or \$75 if registering for the entire year.

Tuition for these programs are \$105 for the first two children, \$95 for the third with a family maximum of \$305. Discounted tuition is available for program volunteers. Financial assistance and convenient payment options are also available.

Volunteer catechists are absolutely necessary for this program to exist. No prior experience is needed - just an open heart to learning more about and sharing your Catholic faith with young people. Training and support is offered throughout the year to help make your experience as rewarding as possible.

Registration forms are available on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org) and in the education and parish offices. To learn more about our RE programs or how you can share your gifts of time and talent contact Andi Little at 952.890.9434 or [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org).



◆ ◆ ◆ 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.

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Last week's donations:

Envelopes .....	\$23,962
Simple Giving electronic donations .....	\$9,961
Total donations .....	\$33,923
Weekly revenue budget .....	\$32,625
Over budget .....	\$1,299
Budget year-to-date .....	- \$12,952

***“I am the bread of life. Your  
ancestors ate the manna in the  
desert, but they died; this is the bread  
that comes down from heaven so that  
one may eat it and not die.”***

- Jn 6:48-50