



# VBS Way to Glow!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church ~ Savage, Minnesota ~ 2009



# 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, September 14, 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 ◆ ◆ ◆



In last week's bulletin column I wrote about Eucharistic Adoration and its history from the earliest years of the Church. Today I want to continue to focus on Eucharistic Adoration since the Second Vatican Council by quoting from Bishop James Garland of Marquette, Michigan. The following text is taken from Bishop Garland's "Guidelines for Perpetual Adoration."

*Before the Second Vatican Council and the liturgical renewal it gave to the church, we focused our understanding of the Eucharist mostly upon the bread and wine becoming the body and blood of the Lord. The Eucharist seemed to equal the blessed sacrament present on the altar or reserved in the tabernacle. Private and silent adoration of the Lord truly present on the altar or in the tabernacle appeared to be our understanding of Eucharistic worship.*

*External and internal participation in the Eucharistic sacrifice, especially by reception of holy communion, was key to the liturgical renewal which Pope Paul VI and the council instituted. With the renewal now in place, we realize that our worship is not limited to adoration of the blessed sacrament. Rather, and pre-eminently, our Eucharistic worship is the act of participation in the Mass. We understand that through this participation we are joined to the Lord offering himself to the Father. The bread and wine become the body and blood of the Lord first of all so that we may share in the Lord's passion, death and resurrection, and be nourished with this bread from heaven.*

*Eucharistic worship, then, consists in our active participation in the Mass, culminating in holy communion and also in our public and private adoration of the Lord in the blessed sacrament. They are distinct forms of worship. The latter is dependent on and leads us to the saving action of the Eucharistic sacrifice. That is why the church recommends a separate chapel for reserving the blessed sacrament suited to the faithful's private adoration and prayer.*

*Today the renewal is secure and the Mass clearly central. It seems that the church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is again turning to Eucharistic devotions in order to nourish its understanding of the great gift that the Eucharist is and also to complete our worship of the Lord truly present among us in sacramental form.*

Many people have told me that one of the things they most appreciate about participating in their one hour of Eucharistic Adoration is it being a set time in their busy week to stop for prayer and reflection. Committing to one hour of Eucharistic Adoration is also a great way to celebrate what Pope Benedict has declared as a *Year for Priests*. For more information about Eucharistic Adoration contact Jack Dalrymple at 952.882.9227.

- Father Mike Tix

## ◆ ◆ ◆ VISITING MISSIONARY ◆ ◆ ◆

Next weekend at all of our Masses Fr. Leo Tinkatumire will speak. Each year during the summer months a missionary is assigned to each parish in the diocese to help us recall that we are members of a worldwide church. A second collection will be taken at all of the Masses to help support the work of the missions.

◆◆◆ REGIONAL PARISHIONER MEETINGS ◆◆◆

ARCHDIOCESAN PLANNING PROCESS

Dear Friends in Christ,

In your parish bulletin this month, we wish to give you information about the Regional Parishioner Meetings which will begin in September. The goal of these parishioner meetings is to engage the faithful in the process of finding ways to be the best possible stewards of our gifts while meeting the challenges of our times. Information gathered at these parishioner meetings will be considered, along with other input, by members of the Strategic Planning Task Force. Thank you for your continued prayers for the success of the Planning Process.

Fr. Peter Laird and Fr. John Bauer  
Strategic Planning Task Force  
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Parish	City	Date	Time
St. Richard	Richfield	Saturday, Sept. 12	9:30-11:30am
St. Peter	North St. Paul	Tuesday, Sept. 15	7-9pm
St. Wenceslaus	New Prague	Tuesday, Sept. 22	7-9pm
St. Pius V	Cannon Falls	Saturday, Sept. 26	9:30-11:30am
All Saints	Lakeville	Monday, Sept. 28	7-9pm
Holy Spirit	St. Paul	Thursday, Oct. 1	7-9pm
Holy Name of Jesus	Wayzata	Tuesday, Oct. 6	7-9pm
St. Timothy	Blaine	Thursday, Oct. 8	7-9pm

◆◆◆ 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. Information meetings will be in the atrium on:

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

GREAT ADVENTURE TIMELINE STUDY

Jeff Cavins is returning to St. John's this fall to 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  
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

**BAPTISM**

We welcome  
*Lauren Kathleen Hawkins*  
into the Christian community through  
the holy water of baptism.

**REMEMBER  
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- † *Mary Gofkowski*, sister of  
Lillian Mathews  
† *Margret Busch*, mother of  
Brian Busch  
† *Len Renner*, husband of  
Phyllis Renner

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

*Philip & Nikki Price ~  
Kaia*  
*Timothy & Jill Theis ~  
Finnian*  
*Richard & Jil Matuseski*  
*Jim & Jean Forman*  
*Tom & Barbara Ditty*

*Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do  
you also want to leave?" Simon  
Peter answered him, "Master, to  
whom shall we go? You have the  
words of eternal life. We have come  
to believe and are convinced that  
you are the Holy One of God."*

- Jn 6:67-69

**READINGS**

For the Week of August 23

Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/  
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/  
Jn 6:60-69  
Mon: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51  
Tue: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26  
Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32  
Thu: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51  
Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13  
Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29  
Sun: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆****BEFRIENDERS**

Imagine a world with a handful of giving for every handful of taking. Within St. John's Pastoral Ministry is a group of volunteers known as BeFrienders who are trained to understand the importance of confidentiality, non-judgmental listening and empathy. They are open and prepared to "give a handful" when a fellow parishioner is experiencing a difficult time in their life.

Perhaps you are at a time in your life when you are able to give of yourself as a listening presence to someone in need. If you would like to learn more about the BeFriender Ministry contact Jim Rylander, our Pastoral Minister, at 952.890.9465, ext 114. Jim is currently taking applications and conducting interviews with anyone sensing a call to serve in this capacity. BeFriender training starts on Thursday, Oct. 1, and continues through Thursday, Dec. 17, with six sessions on Thursdays and Saturdays. Candidates must be able to attend these classes.

**◆ ◆ ◆ GRACED & GIFTED ◆ ◆ ◆****GRACED & GIFTED...CATHOLIC WOMEN'S DAY**

will be held at St. John's on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8am-4pm. Keynote speaker Kimberly Hahn is a mother, grandmother, nationally known author, speaker and the wife of Dr. Scott Hahn, a 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-ins 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.

**WHAT'S NEW AT OUR BOOK-N-GIFT STORE**

In anticipation of Kimberly Hahn at *Graced & Gifted* we have on display the following books she has beautifully written: *Graced and Gifted: Biblical Wisdom for the Homemakers Heart*, *Chosen* and *Cherished: Biblical Wisdom for Your Marriage*. We also will have the book *Rome Sweet Rome*, the powerful story of Scott and Kimberly's conversion to Catholicism. Here is your chance to obtain her books prior to her appearance. Please be sure to browse our display table as shipments arrive.

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POTLUCK PICNIC



will be on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 11:30am, in the atrium. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and beverages will be provided. RSVP by Monday, Sept. 21, to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext 114. We always enjoy a variety of those favorite dishes that you love to share. If you know of a friend, neighbor or relative who has lost a spouse they are most welcome to join us.

◆ ◆ ◆ STEPPINGSTONES NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

PARENT MEETING

Steppingstones Parent Orientation will be held on Monday, Aug. 24, at 6:30pm, in the atrium. Park in the church parking lot and enter through door #7. This meeting is for parents, so please understand that children should not attend if possible. There are still a few openings in our three year old classes. Call Mrs. May at 952.846.4663 for more information.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

A BIG THANK YOU!

Summer Stretch ended with a bang at Valleyfair on Aug. 6. What an amazing summer filled with service,



new friends and fun afternoon activities. We want to thank all those who not only made the program a success but possible: parent chaperones, our head leaders Amy and Patience and most of all Fr. Tix.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

Planning for WYD 2011 in Madrid, Spain has begun. The first informational meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 12pm, in the youth room. Questions? Contact Lori by e-mail at [ltormina@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:ltormina@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

THANK YOU

for an **ELECTRIFYING WEEK** in God's Kingdom. 200 children ages 4 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 50 teen volunteers and 50 adult volunteers electrified our *Way to Glow* Vacation Bible School to make it one of the best weeks ever. Thank you to the many volunteers – adults and teens – whose gifts of time, energy and caring support made this week happen. Thank you to the parents who graciously shared their children with us so that those of us who were involved in the program had a reason to show up every day. Also, thank you to the children who came every day willing to learn about God with smiles on their faces and love in their hearts. There's no doubt, we all now know the *Way to Glow*. See the bulletin cover for pictures of our awesome week.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, August 24  
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Tuesday, August 25  
8:00 am Special Intention of  
Mary Friesen
- Wednesday, August 26  
8:00 am † Audrey Allen
- Thursday, August 27  
8:00 am Protection of the Unborn
- Friday, August 28  
8:00 am † Bob
- Saturday, August 29  
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service  
5:00 pm †† Ester & Sylvester Gavinski
- Sunday, August 30  
7:30 am For the Parish  
9:00 am † Dick O'Keefe  
11:00 am † Renee Armstrong

LECTORS

- August 29/30  
5:00 pm Ann Rogers  
Craig Schoenecker
- 7:30 am Maureen & Dennis Peterson
- 9:00 am Jason Vohnoutka  
Jeff Olson
- 11:00 am Christine Kelly  
Kent Anderson

MASS SERVERS

- Weekdays 8:00 am  
Aug. 25/26 Jenna Kacheroski  
Quentin Flores  
Ryan Gall
- Aug. 27/28 Corrigan Shea  
Jacob Heim  
Laura Wee
- Saturday, August 29  
5:00 pm Jacob Heim  
Jake Feilen  
Joshua Miller
- Sunday, August 30  
7:30 am Alexa Orr  
Heather Smith
- 9:00 am Isabel Fox  
Melanie Fox  
Tony Sullivan
- 11:00 am Greta Fisher  
Jack Dominik  
Sydney Schulberg

EUCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS

- 5:00 pm Linda Pfaff  
7:30 am John Bierbaum  
9:00 am Raleigh Seelig  
11:00 am Cathy Abbott
- Please call your team members for the month of September.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, August 24

6:00 pm Steppingstones  
Parent Orientation\*

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, August 26

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, August 27

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday/Sunday, August 29/30

Graced & Gifted Sign-Up\*

Jeff Cavins Sign-Up\*

Back-to-School Packet Pick-Up\*

Sunday, August 30

8:00 am AA Meeting

## APPLE GIVING TREE

This is the last weekend to drop off school supplies in the atrium. Thank you for your gift of generosity.



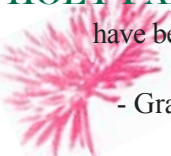
## BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

Check out our new arrivals — copies of Pope Benedict's encyclical letter, *Charity in Truth (Caritas in Veritate)* for \$6.95. For the little ones we have new coloring books for \$1.50 and St. Joseph picture books in a variety of titles for \$1.95. Stop in and browse our gift store and check out our fantastic prices.

Be sure to check out our Clearance Corner where we have quality merchandise at marked down prices.

## HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

have been donated in memory of  
*Bridget H. Slater*  
- Grandmother of Mary Egan



## 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 CONTINUED ◆◆◆

### REGISTER NOW FOR RE PROGRAMS

It's hard to believe that the new school year will start and with it, our parish RE programs begin, too. Please note these important dates on your family calendar:

- ◆ **Opening Mass** for all families registered in any RE program, Sunday School through high school on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7pm
- ◆ **Sunday School** for children ages 3, 4 and 5 begins Sunday, Sept. 20, at 9am
- ◆ **Elementary Programs** for children in grades 1-6 attending the 4:15pm, 5:30pm or 6:45pm session begins on Wednesday, Sept. 23
- ◆ **Confirmation Candidate and Parent Meeting** Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7pm
- ◆ **T3 Teen Timeline junior and senior high programs** begin at assigned times on Wednesday, Sept. 23

*Please note that our programs are starting significantly earlier this year!*

Registrations are still being accepted and our programs remain open to all.

Tuition is charged to help defray the cost of materials, resources and speakers used throughout our program. This year's tuition is \$105 for the first two children; \$95 for the third with a family maximum of \$305. Generous financial assistance and payment plans are available for the asking.

### VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS ALSO ARE NEEDED

St. John's RE programs depend on the generous gifts of time and spirit from our Confirmed parishioners who answer God's call to share their faith with our children and young people. Right now, we have several openings in the Sunday School and elementary programs. No experience is necessary. Training and support are provided. Important dates for catechist training are:

- ◆ Grade 10 Catechists: Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 7pm, in the media center
- ◆ Sunday School Catechists: Teen Volunteers on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 5:30pm, all other volunteers join us at 6pm, in the atrium
- ◆ Elementary grades 1-6 Catechists: Teen volunteers Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 5:30pm, all other volunteers join us at 6pm in the parish center
- ◆ Grades 7, 8 and 9 Catechists: Monday, Sept. 14 or Tuesday, Sept. 15 depending on grade level

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION BEGINS, TOO!

Sacramental preparation for first sacraments (Reconciliation and Eucharist) and Confirmation also is part of our RE programs. Children preparing for first sacraments should be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and are required to be registered in a faith formation program either through a Catholic school or parish program. At St. John's, children are prepared to make their first confession and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the fall. Eucharist preparation begins in 2010 and is celebrated in the spring. The fee attached to sacramental preparation covers the cost of the family-centered preparation materials and retreats. Cost for preparation materials for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is \$60 (\$30 for each).

Young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, this February, should be in 10<sup>th</sup> grade (or older) and are **required to be registered as Confirmation candidates** regardless of where they attend school, either public or Catholic school. However, teens attending Catholic high schools are not required to attend faith formation classes, but are welcome to do so. The Confirmation fee of \$85 helps cover costs associated with the required retreat, speakers and service opportunities. For more information about registering your children for our RE programs, including sacramental preparation, or how to become involved as a volunteer, contact Andi Little, Director of Faith Formation, at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ **BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION** ◆ ◆ ◆

**REMINDER REGARDING UPCOMING DATES**

- ☑ Back-to-School packets are available for pick-up after all Masses the weekend of Aug. 29/30 in the atrium. If you are unable to pick them up they will be available at the school office on Monday, Aug. 31.
- ☑ **Back-to-School night** is Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 6:30-8:30pm.
- ☑ **New Families** are invited on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 6pm, in the atrium on Back-to-School night for a New Family gathering.
- ☑ **Orientation** for all 6<sup>th</sup> graders and new 6-7-8 graders and their parents on Monday, Aug. 31, at 6pm, in the Father Wittman Auditorium.
- ☑ **Busing Information:** Fill out a Student Daycare information form if you need the bus to pick-up or drop-off your child at a different address. Also, if you live outside of the school district and want to use District 191 busing please complete a Pay-to-Ride form. Forms are located on the District 191 website at [www.isd191.org](http://www.isd191.org) or contact the school office at 952.890.6604. Forms should be filled out and returned ASAP.

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$23,593
Simple Giving electronic donations .....	\$15,020
Total donations .....	\$38,613
Weekly revenue budget .....	\$32,625
Over budget.....	\$5,988
Budget year-to-date .....	- \$18,853

**CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL**

Reminder if you made a pledge to Catholic Service Appeal please send your payment(s) to the St. Paul address and not to St. John's. We appreciate your understanding to this matter.