

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Savage, Minnesota

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

*Growing in relationship with God with other adult seekers
and members of the Catholic faith community*

Information Meetings:

7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10 or

10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 13

St. John's Atrium

For more information:

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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

Monday - 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

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, September 7; office closed
Tuesday - 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>

New Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to

bulletin@stjohns-savage.org

by 10 am on Friday.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



Five months ago the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis embarked on a major planning process to consider how to best use the personnel and resources of the Archdiocese given the realities we are experiencing. The Archdiocesan staff has gathered data, and priests have been holding discussions at extended meetings over the summer months. In the meantime, regional parish leadership meetings have been taking place. Including, one in Lakeville in July that was attended by trustees and representatives from both parish and finance councils, as well as other commission lay leaders. The data shared indicated that the Archdiocese as a whole is now about 650,000 individuals strong, and growing 7.5% per year, fueled in large part to immigration. The growth is unevenly distributed in the Archdiocese. It was also noted that weekend Mass attendance is only about 34% of registered Catholics. From the demographic information we see that as an Archdiocese we are aging and becoming more ethnically and socio-economically diverse.

Many parishes are living beyond their means. We as an Archdiocese know that very few parishes can comfortably support a Catholic school on their own in terms of an annual subsidy. Faith formation attendance has dropped by 9% in the past four years. Enrollment in our elementary Catholic schools has dropped in this Archdiocese by over 11% in the past five years. Among our elementary aged children, 38% do not attend either a Catholic school or faith formation program. In the next ten years projections suggest that we will have 19 fewer priests available to be pastors in this Archdiocese.

These statistics point out some serious difficulties both now and for the future. We also have significant strengths that include an increase in enrollment for our Catholic high schools and the fact there are many strong organizations based in the Archdiocese to support the mission of our parishes. Many parishes are strong in certain areas and can share that wisdom, talent and those programs with neighboring parishes for the greater good of all. The need for a response to these questions has led to the appointment of a Strategic Planning Task Force by Archbishop Nienstedt.

In forming the task force, Archbishop Nienstedt gave some clear goals:

- Full sacramental ministry
- Competent pastoral leadership (clergy, religious, and lay)
- Special concern must be given to the poor and the marginalized
- Every parish will be involved in the discussion
- Every parish will be expected to evaluate their own resources and adjust accordingly
- Catholic schools support and inclusion in the planning process
- Respect, patience and honesty in all discussions to build on strengths

What is next? Soon a series of meetings that invite the participation of all parishioners will begin. Those meetings closest to St. John's are:

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| • Saturday, Sept. 12 | St. Richard, Richfield | 9:30-11:30am |
| • Tuesday, Sept. 22 | St. Wenceslaus, New Prague | 7-9pm |
| • Monday, Sept. 28 | All Saints, Lakeville | 7-9pm |

From these meetings the task force will develop recommendations that will be presented to Archbishop Nienstedt who will make the final decisions. I encourage you to participate in these important meetings that will affect the life of our Archdiocese for years to come. For more information about the Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Process go to www.archspm.org.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

GATHER COMPREHENSIVE II HYMNAL

The new hymnals will be blessed next weekend and used for the first time. This hymnal combines the best of our former green hymnals, both traditional and contemporary, with the addition of the more traditional hymns and the newest contemporary songs as well. The very first song we will use from the hymnal is *When, In Our Music, God Is Glorified*, a well known classic in the Catholic Church. If you are not familiar with this hymn we have included a link on the home page of the parish website, www.stjohns-savage.org, where it can preview. It marks a beginning of utilizing our most loved hymns and songs of the past.

MASS OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE

We invite your presence at a *Mass of Hope and Remembrance* for all who mourn the loss of a child, no matter the age from a recent loss to a loss long ago, from miscarriage, stillbirths, abortion, accident, illness, suicide, violence, adoption or any other circumstance. Family members, friends and all who have been touched by the loss of a child are welcome to attend. The Mass will be on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 10am, with a reception to follow.

TASTE OF NATIONS



Come share your culture with our parish. We are looking for volunteers willing to prepare and share samples from their native country or heritage at our *2nd Annual Taste of Nations* on Sunday, Oct. 25. If you have native clothing, artifacts or information relating to your culture or heritage that you would like to display, that would also be appreciated. For more information or to sign-up visit the atrium after all Masses the weekend of Sept. 12/13.

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

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.



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 into the Christian community through the holy water of baptism:

David Keegan Karels

**REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

† *Dale Beckel*, father of
Kevin and Robert Beckel
† *Donald O'Brien*, our parishioner

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Michael & Michelle Rhoades ~
Elle*

Diane Blazejak

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Dennis & Diane McCauley as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 5.



Bob & JoAnn Englund as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Sept 10.

We wish both couples God's graces and blessings and many more happy years together.

**READINGS**

For the Week of September 6

Sun: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37

Mon: Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tue: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wed: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thu: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

Sun: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/
Mk 8:27-35

◆ ◆ ◆ ADULT FAITH FORMATION ◆ ◆ ◆**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

will begin on Sept. 11, at 9:30am, in the atrium. This year's study is *The Gospel of Luke: An Ignatius Catholic Bible Study*. Childcare is available with a monthly donation. Cost of the book is \$10. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, contact Lyn Haeg at 952.890.3929 or Yvette Frear at 952.894.3494.

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 Cavins will present:

- Bible Timeline LIVE starting on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 10am-noon. Cost is \$95.
- Video series starting on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$75.
- Childcare is available at \$3 per child per week.
- Registrations are now being taken after all weekend Masses in the atrium.

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

will be on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8am-4pm, at St. John's. 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. Cost for the day is \$55.

Pre-registration is required. No walk-in will be taken. For more information contact Brenda at 952.233.1042 or visit our website at www.stjohns-savage.org. Registrations are now being taken after all weekend Masses in the atrium.

◆ ◆ ◆ BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆**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.

◆ ◆ ◆ PICTORIAL DIRECTORY ◆ ◆ ◆**THEY HAVE ARRIVED**

The 2009 Pictorial Directories are in and anyone who had their picture taken can pick-up their free copy after all Masses this weekend or in the parish office during the week from 8am-4:30pm. Anyone who did not have their picture taken, but would like one you may purchase one for \$5.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

REGISTRATION CONTINUES

We are excited about our new year of St. John’s RE programs: Sunday School for our littlest parishioners ages 3, 4 and 5; elementary children in grades 1-6; junior and senior high school. With an earlier than traditional start, we are able to add some exciting presentations and activities into the calendar, including monthly presentations for young people in grades 7-12.

If you have not already done so, please consider registering your child(ren) to attend our parish programs:

- Sunday School is at 9am during Mass
- Elementary programs are offered Wednesdays for one-hour either at 4:15; 5:30 or 6:45pm
- Junior and Senior High programs are Wednesdays at 6:45pm (unless otherwise determined by the volunteer catechist)

The RE year officially “kicks off” with:

- Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 16, celebrated at 7pm
- Sunday School classes begin on Sept. 20
- Elementary through high school programs begin on Wednesday, Sept. 23

For more information or to register go to www.stjohns-savage.org or call the RE Office at 952.890.9434.

VOLUNTEER CATECHIST TRAINING SESSIONS

In order to help assure our volunteers are prepared to be effective partners with parents in their children’s faith formation, all volunteers are required to attend in-service training sessions. These sessions not only introduce new and returning volunteers to what it means to be a “catechist,” they also offer opportunities for sharing and support with one another. Catechist in-services are scheduled:

- Grade 10: Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 7pm, in the media center
- Sunday School: Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 6pm with fellowship and dinner provided in the atrium; 6:30pm meeting in the atrium
- Elementary Grades 1-6: Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 6pm with fellowship and dinner provided in the atrium; 6:30pm meeting in the parish center

Grades 7-9:

- All volunteers with previous experience will meet on Monday, Sept. 14, from 6:30-7:30pm, in the media center
- Grade 9 new volunteers Monday, Sept. 14, 7:30-8:30pm, in the media center
- Grade 8 all returning teachers **thank you**
- Grade 7 new volunteers, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:30-8pm, in the media center

Volunteer catechists who are unable to attend their grade level training should contact their coordinator directly:

- Joan Walerius, Early Childhood Coordinator (Sunday School) at jwalerius@stjohns-savage.org
- Jan Jirik, Grades 7-9 Coordinator at jjirik@stjohns-savage.org
- Andi Little, Elementary and grade 10 volunteers, at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434

Volunteer catechist opportunities remain in our parish program. To learn more about the joy of being a catechist call the RE Office at 952.890.9434.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 7

8:00 am † Blanche Vicker

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 am † Dorothy Gall

10:30 am † Rev. Timothy Vakoc
(Ridges Nursing Home)

Wednesday, September 9

8:00 am † Margaret Mueller

Thursday, September 10

8:00 am Special Intention of
Bob & JoAnn Englund
(60th Wedding Anniversary)

9:25 am For all Students
(School Mass)

Friday, September 11

8:00 am Special Intention for
T. & H. Huttner

Saturday, September 12

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm Special Intention for the
elderly, the sick or the lonely

Sunday, September 13

7:30 am † Richard Heimerl

9:00 am For the Parish

11:00 am † Michael Fox

LECTORS

September 12/13

5:00 pm Margaret & Ron Eustice

7:30 am Luke Bearth
Sharon Warmka

9:00 am Don Kuplic
Kris Lambrecht

11:00 am Janet & Wilfred Williams

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Sept. 8/9 Jacob Notermann
Matt Notermann
Sydney Schulberg

Sept. 10/11 Emma Marko
Shawn Patch
Tommy Adam

Saturday, September 12

5:00 pm Charles Haug
Lindsay Becker
Nate Becker

Sunday, September 13

7:30 am Lucy Walbruch
Ryan Gall

9:00 am Bailey Sernett
Brianna Fesenmaier
Taylor Sernett

11:00 am Abby Broadwell
Anna Brunner
Laura Wee

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 pm RE In-Service*

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 9

6:00 pm RE In-Service*

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, September 10

7:00 pm RCIA *

7:00 pm BeFriender Meeting

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 11

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study*

Saturday/Sunday, September 12/13

Graced & Gifted Sign-Up*

Jeff Cavins Sign-Up*

Taste of Nations Sign-Up*

Sunday, September 13

8:00 am AA Meeting

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY

will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 7pm, at St. John's in the nursery. Knights of Columbus wives are invited to attend this meeting. Please bring a scissor as we will be making cards for our military from St. John's and St. Michael's. You will also receive information about upcoming events including the well received bake sale.

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS



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.

◆ ◆ ◆ LOSS OF SPOUSE ◆ ◆ ◆

POTLUCK PICNIC

will be on Wednesday, 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

THE NEXT OUTING

for the 55+ Group will be to Rochester on Wednesday, Sept. 30. The morning will include a tour of the Sisters of Saint Francis Community followed by a Mass. Lunch will be at the well-known Westfire Grille. Cost for lunch is not included in the trip. In the afternoon we will visit the Mayowood Mansion and ornamental gardens. This national historic site was the home to Doctors Charles H. and Charles W. Mayo. We will leave from the church parking lot at 8am and return by 5pm. The cost is \$39 which includes a deluxe motor coach, admission to Mayowood and a donation to the Sisters of Saint Francis. RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 23, to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

is a series of presentations and support for adults who have experienced a loss or a major crisis in their life. The first in a four-week series will be presented by Bob Bartlett, candidate therapist. He will speak on *Grief: Result of Love and Life-Better to Have Loved and Lost* on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6:30pm, at Easter Lutheran Church by the Lake, 4545 Pilot Knob Road in Eagan. Freewill offering. For more information contact Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

THE CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED

series runs from Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 through March 22, 2010. Registration is at 6:45pm, speaker at 7pm, at St. Thomas Beckett Church, 4455 South Robert Trail in Eagan. Donation per session is \$2. Call Jim Rylander for more information at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER

Dr. Taylor is a nationally-known author, clinical psychologist and father of three children with ADD/ADHD. He will present a video on *Nutrition and Neurochemistry, the ADD Link, New Hope for Attention Deficit Disorder* on Monday, Sept. 28, at 6:45pm, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road in Apple Valley. To learn more about the cost of this class and more information on upcoming classes go to www.sotv.org or call 952.985.7331.

RAINBOWS

All Saints Church in Lakeville is hosting the RAINBOWS program. RAINBOWS is a non-denominational support group for children pre-kindergarten through grade 8 who have suffered a significant loss in their lives either through death, divorce or other painful transition. The primary goal is to provide a safe environment for those families to sort through their pain and confusion, build self-esteem and learn coping skills to deal with their loss. Family orientation meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6:30pm, at All Saints Church, 19795 Holyoke Avenue in Lakeville. Program will begin on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 6-7:15pm. For more information contact our parishioner Diane Wirtz at 952.440.3943.

◆ ◆ ◆ ALTAR SERVERS ◆ ◆ ◆

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS

If you were an altar server at sometime during 2009, you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus at a Twins game. The game is on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 3:10pm, against the Detroit Tigers and will be one of the last games that the Twins will play in the 'Dome'. The KC's are supplying a bus ride and a ticket free of charge. There may be a limited number of tickets available for purchase by family members for \$20 per ticket. The bus will leave the St. John's parking lot at 2pm and will return immediately after the game. If you are interested in going contact Mike Kelly before Tuesday, Sept. 15, by e-mail at mike.kelly@integraonline.com or 952.226.2332.



◆ ◆ ◆ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ◆ ◆ ◆

SHRIMP AND STEAK DINNER

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a shrimp and/or steak dinner on Friday, Sept. 11, from 5-8pm, at 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Fried shrimp, sirloin steak with mushrooms, baked potato, Texas toast, salad bar, dessert and coffee or milk will be served. The cost for both is \$13 or \$10 for shrimp or steak. Child's meal is available at a cost of \$2. Open to the public.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$23,128
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$9,736
Total donations	\$32,864
Weekly revenue budget	\$32,625
Over budget.....	\$239
Budget year-to-date	- \$28,911

VISITING MISSIONARY

Last weekend Fr. Leo Tinkatumire preached about his mission. A collection was taken and we will send Fr. Leo \$9,959 from our parish to aid in his missionary work. Thank you for your generosity and continued prayers for our missions throughout the world.