

A special invitation to Confirmed teens!

Join us for The Teen Timeline—or **T3!**

at ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
SAVAGE, MINNESOTA

T3 is the teen version of the revolutionary
Great Adventure Bible Timeline
which has introduced thousands
of Catholic adults to sacred scripture.

As part of St. John's faith formation program,
T3 participants will view and discuss the series
presented by dynamic teen presenter
Mark Hart. Teen participants also will have opportunities to live their
faith in action through a variety of service opportunities.

NEW THIS FALL!



T3 is offered in 3 series of 8 sessions at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,
on Wednesdays starting at 6:45 p.m. — busy teens may register for a series
most convenient for their personal schedules OR plan to attend all 3 series —
cost is \$ 30/series or register for all three for \$75!

To register, use your family's RE Registration form or find one on-line at
WWW.STJOHNS-SAVAGE.ORG or call:

(952)890-9434

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, 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 by 10 am on Friday.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



After a successful first experience, we will again celebrate a *Mass of Hope and Remembrance* on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 10am, with fellowship to follow in the atrium. The focus of this Mass will be for all those who mourn the loss of a child, no matter the age - from recent loss, to a loss long ago, from miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, accident, illness, suicide, violence, adoption, or any other circumstances.

A funeral is always sad, but the saddest ones are those involving the death of a child. As a priest I remember vividly the funerals I have presided at that involved the death of a child. At this Mass we want to embrace in loving kindness those who have experienced this unique kind of loss. We also want to be very respectful of each person and their own individual story that may have been told or may never have been told. I can still remember my mom sharing with me about how between my brother and I, she had experienced three miscarriages. Up until that point it had never been talked about. I still have thoughts about what it would of been like to have other siblings. People didn't and still don't always talk about these major losses, among many others that involve children. Our *Mass of Hope and Remembrance* is about acknowledging the loss of children and supporting one another in faith.

As part of the Mass, the loss of a child will be ritualized in a way that respects individual stories. When you come into the church there will be vases of roses at the entrance to the church. Please take one. At the preparation of the gifts, normally when the gifts of bread and wine would be brought to the altar, you are invited - if you feel comfortable - to take the rose to the altar where it will be placed in a vase, and following Mass, you are invited to take a rose home as a remembrance of your child. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Respect Life Committee for their willingness to purchase the roses for the Mass, as well as Brenda Schroll for coordinating the fellowship that will follow Mass.

It is during these days in the church's liturgical calendar that we celebrate the feast of archangels, guardian angels and saints like St. Therese. What we remember at our *Mass of Hope and Remembrance* is the little ones - the angels - who have died, but who have certainly touched our lives. Again, I invite anyone who has experienced the loss of a child to attend, as well as anyone who may not have personally shared this experience, but would like to offer their support and prayers for someone else.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL ◆ ◆ ◆

Our beautiful Cathedral of Saint Paul requires everyone's help. Please consider a sacrificial gift for this collection to assist with the remaining \$12.7 million for the emergency exterior restoration. Many thanks to all those who generously contributed to last year's collection to care for our Mother Church. The Cathedral Heritage Foundation has been established to address our Cathedral's pressing restoration needs. All gifts received in this special collection will be designated and restricted to the restoration needs of the Cathedral. Envelopes for this special collection on Sept. 19/20 are available in today's bulletin. Archbishop John Ireland relied on every Catholic's support to build this great monument of faith. We need everyone's support now to preserve it for future generations. For more information call 651.228.1766 or visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

DAVANNI'S NIGHT

St. John's School Fundraiser at Davanni's Restaurant will be on Monday, Sept. 14, 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.

MAKE THE GREAT ADVENTURE THROUGH TIME

Join your personal tour guide and scripture expert Jeff Cavins and explore the fantastic wonders of Holy Scripture – from Genesis to Revelation. The trip begins LIVE starting on Tuesday, Sept. 15, or on DVD on Thursday, Oct. 8, and you don't even have to leave town. Cost for the LIVE series is \$95 per person and for the DVD series is \$75 per person. To register or for more information about this trip of a lifetime contact Brenda Schroll, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, at bshroll@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 254.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 4-7pm, in the atrium, Scott County Public Health will be here to provide the seasonal flu shot. The cost is \$25 per person or free if you have Medicare Part B. Any questions should be referred to Scott County at 952.496.8407. This clinic is open to the general public.

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-ins 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.

TASTE OF NATIONS



Come share your culture with our parish. We are looking for volunteers willing to prepare and share food 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 this weekend or contact Deb Pitton at 952.895.9401 or by e-mail at dpitton@gustavus.edu.

◆ ◆ ◆ RAINBOWS ◆ ◆ ◆

RAINBOWS is a cooperative venture between St. John's and All Saints Church in Lakeville. This program offers support 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 families to sort through their pain and confusion, build self-esteem and learn coping skills to deal with their loss. A family orientation meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6:30pm, at All Saints Church, 19795 Holyoke Avenue in Lakeville. The program will begin on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 6-7:15pm. For more information contact our parishioner Diane Wirtz at 952.440.3943.

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.



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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Gerald Kleve*, husband of
Agnes Kleve
† *Rodney Morrisette*, husband of
Donna Morrisette
† *Margaret Daleki*, mother of
Al Daleki

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Michael & Amy Fabro ~
Jack, Katie
Kristy Crowley ~
Liam*

SCHOENSTATT SISTERS

The first meeting of the school year with Sr. Deanne and the Schoenstatt Sisters will be on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 4-5pm, in the media center. This group provides a fun, faith-centered experience for girls in grades 1-6, with specific emphasis on helping girls learn more about the Blessed Mother. The group will meet each month throughout the school year, and ALL girls in grades 1-6 are welcome to attend. Cost to participate is only \$10 for the entire year. If you would like more information contact Andi Little by e-mail at alittle@stjohn-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

READINGS

For the Week of September 13

- Sun: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/
Mk 8:27-35
Mon: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
Tue: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35
Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thu: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

◆ ◆ ◆ ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ◆ ◆ ◆

FALL 2009 BEGINS A YEAR FILLED WITH CELEBRATIONS FOR ST. JOHN'S

The 2009/10 school year marks the 50th anniversary of St. John's School, the 20th anniversary of Steppingstones Preschool and the 25th anniversary of our church. Be sure to mark Saturday, Oct. 3, on your calendar as this will be a day you won't want to miss. We will begin with the traditional school marathon at 9am. Look for the infamous balloon arch and the Savage fire truck in the parking lot. The traditional walk, bike and rollerblade route will take us around several blocks surrounding the school. Of course, a marathon would not be complete without a hot dog in the morning followed by a donut. A warm welcome is extended to all alumni to come back and participate as part of our 50th anniversary.

Following the marathon a local rendition of the *Amazing Race* will be held at 1pm in the school parking lot. Our own Amazing gRace is looking for teams who will travel around Savage to do an activity and race to the next location. The top three teams will win prizes including spirit wear and cash. So, get your team together, it can be family, alumni, friends, etc. Sign-up today by calling the school office at 952.890.6604. Team entry fee is \$25 for a team of four or family.

To continue our day of celebration, join us at the 5pm Mass for the re-dedication. Then stay for food and fun. A Hog Roast dinner will be served at 6pm in the school auditorium followed by a Silver & Gold Dance with songs from the decades. This day of celebration will give us the chance to connect with new friends and reconnect with old friends.

◆ ◆ ◆ 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 may purchase one for \$5.

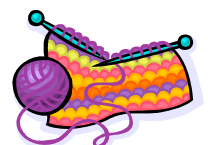
◆ ◆ ◆ BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆

A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

I am looking for volunteers to help staff our display tables during the **Graced and Gifted . . . Catholic Women's Day** on Saturday, Sept. 26. We will have books and gift products for sale prior to the 8am Mass; midday in-between sessions; and again at the completion of the gathering at 4pm. Assistance from volunteers (both men and women) would be greatly appreciated. Contact Patti Nielsen at 952.736.3746 or e-mail Patti at plniels@msn.com. Thank you!

◆ ◆ ◆ PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 21, at 6:30pm, in the atrium for those who are making prayer shawls. Would you like to learn how to make a prayer shawl? We will pray, knit or crochet and enjoy music and fellowship. RSVP to Ann Hagen at 952.440.5463. Donations of yarn to support this ministry are always welcome.



◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO CELEBRATE

the beginning of the new RE year at an Opening Mass, on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7pm, in the church. After Mass, meet volunteer catechists, view class lists and pick-up a copy of the program's family handbook. **Special Note:** Families who have not yet registered for the 2009-2010 RE year are still more than welcome to do so. There's still room in many grade levels, especially Sunday School. To register, contact Christy Connelly at cconnelly@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434 today!

THE 2009-2010 RE CALENDAR

has been posted at www.stjohns-savage.org for your information. The calendar includes Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sunday School, Wednesday programs, parent information meetings and Adult Faith Formation activities and events as well as general parish information. Calendars also are included in the RE Family Handbook.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

for children ages 3, 4 and 5 begins on Sept. 20, at 9 am. To learn more about Sunday School join us in the gym for fellowship after Mass and Sunday School.

ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH PROGRAMS

begin on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 4:15, 5:30 or 6:45pm for elementary programs OR 6:45pm for junior/senior programs (or as otherwise determined by the volunteer catechist). Children in the elementary program should gather before each session in the Fr. Wittman Auditorium and meet at their assigned classroom when the session ends.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING

is on Sept. 23, at 6:45pm, in the church for students in 10th grade who wish to be Confirmed this year. At least one parent should attend this important meeting about Confirmation preparation and its requirements. Students who attend Catholic high school are reminded that even though it is not expected they attend Wednesday classes, they are required to register as Confirmation candidate. For more information, contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

AN INFORMATION MEETING

for Reconciliation and First Eucharist is on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6:30pm, in the church. Children in 2nd grade or older, if they have not already received these sacraments, can prepare for them through a family-centered program administered through St. John's RE program. Children are prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is celebrated at a Communal Penance Service in November. In the new year, children prepare to receive First Eucharist during the Easter season. Children preparing for first sacraments are required to be enrolled in a faith formation program, either through a parish program or Catholic school. For more information, contact Christy Connelly at cconnelly@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

IN-SERVICE REMINDER

for grades 7, 8 and 9 is on Monday/Tuesday, Sept. 14/15, at 6pm in the media center.

◆ ◆ ◆ BEFRIENDERS ◆ ◆ ◆

If you are interested in becoming a BeFriender, please stop by the information table in atrium next weekend after Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 am †† Helen & William Lannon

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 am †† Mike & Leo Dannecker

Thursday, September 17

8:00 am † Paul Mikkalson

9:25 am † Dale Beckel
(School Mass)

Friday, September 18

8:00 am † Stan Cox

Saturday, September 19

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

10:00 am Mass of Hope &
Remembrance

5:00 pm † Bill Hayes

Sunday, September 20

7:30 am † Dick O'Keefe

9:00 am † Nora Brunello

11:00 am For the Parish

LECTORS

September 19/20

5:00 pm Veronica Bartsch
Mick Finn

7:30 am Mike Goering
Timothy Gwost

9:00 am Jason Vohnoutka
Jeanne Nardi

11:00 am Katie Broadwell
Terry Miller

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Sept. 15/16 Charles Haug
Nate Becker
Ryan Gall

Sept. 17/18 Brianna Fesenmaier
McKenzie Svoboda
Taylor Sernett

Saturday, September 19

5:00 pm Joey Hanel
Maddy Kempf
Sam Klein

Sunday, September 20

7:30 am Heather Smith
Jacob Smith

9:00 am Kyle Thomas
McKenzie Svoboda
Megan Cleary

11:00 am Cassie Boutelle
Kelly Keenan
Molly Kate Jones

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, September 14

- 6:00 pm In-Service Grades 7, 8 & 9*
- 6:30 pm Troop 336
- 7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class*
- 7:30 pm Home & School Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

- 10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study*
- 6:00 pm Pack 338, Pack Meetings
- 6:00 pm In-Service Grades 7, 8 & 9*
- 7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm SAC Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

- 4:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:45 pm RE Gr. 1-6
- 6:30 pm Bible Study
- 6:45 pm RE Gr. 7-10 (on site classes)

Thursday, September 17

- 4:00 pm Schoenstatt Girl's Group*
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 18

- 8:30 am Stations of the Cross
- 9:30 am Bible Study

Saturday, September 19

- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Kick-Off*

Saturday/Sunday, September 19/20

- BeFriender Information Table*

Sunday, September 20

- 8:00 am AA Meeting
- 9:00 am Sunday School Open House*
- 10:15 am RCIA Program
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry*

CALLING ALTAR SERVERS

If you were an altar server 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. This will be one of the last games that the Twins will play in the 'Dome'. The KC's will supply a bus 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, at 952.226.2332 or by e-mail at mike.kelly@integraonline.com.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

YOUTH MINISTRY KICK-OFF

All youth in grades 6-8 who are interested in getting involved in youth ministry are invited to attend our Youth Ministry Kick-Off on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 6:30-8:30pm, in the Fr. Wittman Auditorium. Come enjoy pizza, games, and entertainment. \$5 per person.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY KICK-OFF

All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to Brunswick for bowling and laser tag on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 6pm. Cost is \$15 per youth, meal not included.

MISSION 2010

Applications are now available for Mission 2010 in the Twin Cities June 13-19. This is a "next level" camp and is open to students entering grade 10 in fall of 2010 and older. You can pick-up a form in the atrium or RE Office. Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be an information meeting on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 3pm in the media center.

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 ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ LOSS OF SPOUSE ◆ ◆ ◆

POTLUCK PICNIC

will be on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 11:30am, in the atrium. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. RSVP by Monday, Sept. 21, to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114. 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. We will leave from the church parking lot at 8am and return by 5pm. 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. The cost is \$39. RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 23, to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at the Ridges Hospital, it is required that you complete a training session on Friday, Sept. 18, from 9-11:30am, at the Ridges Hospital. If you are interested contact Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114, by Monday, Sept. 14.

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 second in a four-week series will be presented by Jennifer Silvera, speaker and author. She will speak on *A Greater Yes* on Thursday, Sept. 17, 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ MUSIC MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS STARTING SOON!!

CHERUBIM Children's Choir: for children in grades 3-6 who will sing at the 9am Mass every other Sunday. Rehearsals start on Wednesday, Sept. 23. First Mass for Cherubim to sing at is Sunday, Sept. 27.

Rehearsals are in the church choir area on Wednesday evenings. There are two time slots to choose from, so that a rehearsal can fit within the same evening as Religious Education classes. The time slots are: **A: 4:14-5:15pm** and **B: 5:30-6:30pm**.

SERAPHIM Children's Choir: for children in grades 7-8 who will sing at the 5pm Mass every other Saturday. Rehearsals are at 4pm on the Saturdays that they sing, the first one is Sept. 19. On these Saturdays, Seraphim will combine with the *Saturday Singers*, which employs guitar, bass, and many times drums, to offer an exuberant and energized music ministry. You can also register for Cherubim or Seraphim the first night of rehearsals or register by e-mail at tmalone@stjohns-savage.org.

SEASON BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE AND AT THE PIANO.



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$21,349
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$2,404
Total donations	\$23,753
Weekly revenue budget	\$32,625
Under budget.....	\$8,870
Budget year-to-date	- \$37,781

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

have been donated in memory of
Al & Wilma Watson

- Don & Judy Paul