

# ST. JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES  
All are invited to Come and Celebrate as a Community.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009

- 9:00 a.m. **Traditional School Marathon**  
in the church parking lot
- 1:00 p.m. **Amazing gRace**  
in the church parking lot  
Join other teams in this challenging journey around Savage to discover clues leading your team from location to location. Entry fee is \$25 per team of four or family. Sign up today!
- 5:00 p.m. **Re-dedication Mass**  
in the church
- 6:00 p.m. **Hog Roast & Silver and Gold Dance**  
in the school Father Wittman Auditorium  
\$25/family; \$10/individual; \$5 for dance only.

*Featuring*



DJ & Entertainer

**BILL HERMANN**

**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, October 12, 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 Friday.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



Next weekend we celebrate significant anniversaries as a parish. These include the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Steppingstones Preschool, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our current church building and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. John the Baptist Catholic School. On the cover of today's bulletin and on page 3 there is more specific information about how we will celebrate next weekend. I invite and encourage everyone to be a part of what promises to be a great celebration.

In thinking about these anniversaries that span many years, one thing that could be said is that the years are rich in stories of faith. When we think about the anniversary of the completion of our current church, we to remember those who have gone before us who left a legacy of faith that has spanned through five buildings and more than 150 years. In 1984 the current church was built in response to Savage becoming a growing suburb. It's amazing to think in the last 25 years how many people have come through our doors to attend Mass and experience the presence of Jesus Christ. From here people have left with hope and inspiration to go forth and make a positive difference in our world based on the gospel values.

It could be easily said that a particular mission of our parish is rooted in education. We rightfully take pride in our many programs of education and faith formation. In talking with long-time parishioners often the name of Fr. Clarence Zlotkowski comes up. Fr. Clarence was once a pastor at St. John's and is credited with the opening of our Catholic school. Work was something that was part and parcel of Fr. Clarence's life it seems. Among the stories of Fr. Clarence is as a licensed electrician he was the one who literally wired the original addition of the school. He was also a school bus driver and it is not uncommon to hear stories of him driving the early classes of students to the newly opened St. John the Baptist Catholic School. As an extension of St. John's School and our parish commitment to children and families, Steppingstones Preschool was opened in 1989. In both of these parish ministries of education and outreach, hundreds have been formed and gone to not only lead successful lives but ones grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, bringing that spirit of love not only to Savage and Burnsville but to the far corners of our world.

We can be proud of our history and our collective mission of living out the gospel message. Next weekend we will celebrate the many stories of our history. We who are gathered here today to look forward in faith to continuing that mission in the years that lie ahead.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ STEWARDSHIP ◆ ◆ ◆

**WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?**

Stewardship is Jerry and Kassie Riens, who have given many years of service to St. John's by teaching RE, chaperoning youth mission trips, Steubenville retreat, involved with our sister parish, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, registering new parishioners, Stewardship Committee, Hospitality Committee, involved with Cursillo and other retreat experiences, and both are Eucharistic Ministers. These are just some of the many things they have been involved in or are currently involved in and much, if not nearly all, of what they do is together as a team. We thank you, Jerry and Kassie, for your example of living your faith and sharing it with all of us.





## ANNIVERSARY DINNER

is on Saturday, Oct. 3, starting at 6pm, in the Father Wittman Auditorium. Come and celebrate with family and friends, new and old:

- ☺ 20 years of Steppingstones Preschool
- ☺ 25 years of our “new” church building
- ☺ 50 years of St. John the Baptist Catholic School

The evening includes a meal featuring Dave Giles’ slow-roasted pork, salads, beverage and dessert and dance entertainment provided by professional DJ Bill Hermann (formerly of KOOL 108 radio!). A Welcome Suite also will be available for school alumni who want to catch up with friends and reminisce. Cost is \$25 per family; \$10 per individual and \$5 for the dance only. Tickets will be on sale starting at 4:30pm in the atrium and at the door after the 5pm Re-dedication Mass.

*Volunteers to help with the dinner/dance also are needed on Saturday, Oct. 3, starting at 1pm.* There are many ways you can help with this event: set-up, clean-up, serving, host and hostess. To volunteer contact Rita Meyer at [envrita@yahoo.com](mailto:envrita@yahoo.com) or call 952.894.2964.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ MARATHON NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

### ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL MARATHON

Everyone is invited to start the day with the traditional school marathon at 9am. Look for the infamous balloon arch and the Savage fire truck in the church 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.

If you have a *Fr. Tix Marathon Pledge Envelope* to return, place it in the collection basket this weekend. All pledges for Fr. Tix go directly to our school to help fund many important educational needs. Pledge envelopes can also be dropped off at the parish office this week. Remember – small pledges add up!

## ◆ ◆ ◆ AMAZING GRACE ◆ ◆ ◆

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. Entry fee is \$25 for a team of four or a family.

## 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:

*Isaak Jay Beling  
Gerardo Camacho, Jr.  
Nathaniel Jones Spivey*

## NEW PARISHIONERS


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

*Tom Venables & Megan Venables-Allen ~  
Caitessa, Serena*

*William & Gena Gonzalez ~  
Michael, Nicholas, Norele, Maimie*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

*Patty and Duane Straley*

 as they celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 4, at the 11am Mass. Your family, friends and your faith community of St. John's wish you God's blessings and many more happy years together.

Jesus replied, **“Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”**  
- Mk 9:39-40

## READINGS

For the Week of September 27  
Sun: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
Mon: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50  
Tue: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or  
Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51  
Wed: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62  
Thu: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/  
Lk 10:1-12  
Fri: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/  
Lk 10:17-24  
Sun: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/  
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

## ◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

### LOAVES & FISHES, TOO

On Thursday, Oct. 1, volunteers from Loaves & Fishes, Too will prepare and serve dinner to the needy at St. Stephen's Church in Minneapolis. If you would like to contribute a few hours of your time to help with this project call Pat Turgeon at 952.894.5888. Did you know that Great Harvest Bread Company on County Rd. 42 donates bread to serve at Loaves & Fishes, Too?

### FELLOWSHIP

is next weekend in the atrium. Come and visit with other parishioners, both new and veteran and say hello! Cookies will be served after the Saturday 5pm Mass. Donuts will be served after the 7:30am, 9am and 11am Masses.

### WE CARE SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND

Remember to bring non-perishable food items for the food shelves in Scott and Dakota Counties and leave items in the church entrances. Vern Hei of our parish took 484 pounds of, food that was donated in August, to the food shelves. We thank Vern and all those who assist in this ministry. Thank you for your generous donations, many families will be helped.

### SUPPORT SJB BOOSTER CLUB NEXT WEEKEND

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer parked in the church parking lot Saturday or Sunday, Oct. 3/4.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

### ROCHESTER OUTING

for the 55+ Group will be on Wednesday, Sept. 30. We will leave from the church parking lot at 8am and return by 5pm. The cost is \$39. RSVP by **Monday, Sept. 28**, to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

### INFORMATION ABOUT DIABETES

and an optional blood sugar screening at no cost will be presented by Colleen Roethke, RN CDE, on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 8:30am, in the atrium. Colleen is a parishioner and also the Coordinator of the Diabetes Education Program at St. Francis Hospital. Refreshments will be available during this informative presentation.

### OCTOBER TRIP TO SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, the 55+ Group will be going to St. John's University in Collegeville. We will tour the abbey church in the morning and attend the noon Mass. Lunch will follow in the Dining Room. In the afternoon we will visit the famous Saint John's Bible project at the Hill Museum. We will leave the church parking lot at 8am and return by 5pm. The cost is \$39 which includes deluxe motor coach, lunch and a donation. Please make your reservation by Wednesday, Oct. 14, to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext 114.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆

### WHAT'S NEW AT ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

We are expecting a new shipment of the *RSV 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Ignatius Bible* which will be available for the Jeff Cavins Bible Study. We have the most recent *One Bread, One Body* for the months of October - November.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

**INFORMATION MEETING FOR RECONCILIATION**

and First Eucharist is on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6:30pm, in the church. Children in second grade or older, if they have not already received these sacraments, can prepare for them through a family-centered 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](mailto:cconnelly@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434.

**LIVING YOUR FAITH FROM THE INSIDE OUT**

is a presentation by NET Ministries Outreach Coordinator Joe Roueche on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 6:45pm, in the church. Joe has spoken to thousands of Catholic teens throughout the world. He is the host of LIFELINE, a dynamic event hosted at NET Ministries in West St. Paul, which draws nearly 1,000 young people every month. Everyone is welcome. **Junior and senior high students along with Confirmation candidates in St. John's RE programs are expected to attend.**

**RE FAMILY HANDBOOK**

outlines our policies and procedures, including the calendar of parish faith formation events. It is available on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org) and was mailed electronically to all currently enrolled families. Families are reminded to sign and return the "read receipt" on the handbook's last page to the RE Office.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011**

Planning for WYD 2011 in Madrid, Spain has begun. The first information meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 12pm, in the youth room.

**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.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR**

parents, grandparents and students who would like to be part of our Youth Ministry Committee. This committee will meet once a month to help plan, organize and prepare for upcoming Youth Ministry events.

Questions? Or for more information contact Lori by e-mail at [ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

◆ ◆ ◆ FOR THE FAMILY ◆ ◆ ◆

**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION**

Join Bishop Piché and other families, friends, priests and religious at this annual event as we entrust our families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on:

- Friday, Oct. 2
- 6:30pm assemble at the State Capitol
- 7pm procession to the Cathedral begins
- Close with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, September 28  
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service  
Tuesday, September 29  
8:00 am †† Betty & Wilfred Hergott  
Wednesday, September 30  
8:00 am † Joe Nielsen  
Thursday, October 1  
8:00 am Special Intention for George Marshall  
9:25 am † Len Renner (School Mass)  
First Friday, October 2  
8:00 am † Aaron Edquist  
10:30 am Communion/Prayer Service (Augustana Regent)  
First Saturday, October 3  
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service  
5:00 pm † Eugene Hennen  
Sunday, October 4  
7:30 am † Stacy Hei  
9:00 am † Joseph Thinh  
11:00 am For the Parish

**LECTORS**

October 3/4  
5:00 pm Richard Gross  
Terry Miller  
7:30 am James Eck  
Tom Reicks  
9:00 am Blaise & Kitty Eisenbeil  
11:00 am Jeff Olson  
Katie Broadwell

**MASS SERVERS**

Weekdays 8:00 am  
Sept. 29/30 Catherine Nardi  
Eric Miller  
Mikayla Kelly  
Oct. 1/2 Amanda Pfeiffer  
Corrigan Shea  
Jacob Heim

Saturday, October 3  
5:00 pm Catherine Nardi  
Cristy Goerd  
Kristen Ober

Sunday, October 4  
7:30 am Lucy Walbruch  
Will Diedrick  
9:00 am Amanda Pfeiffer  
Liliana Gomez  
Tony Sullivan  
11:00 am Jack Dominik  
Kaija Eckholm  
Sydney Schulberg

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, September 28

6:30 pm Troop 336

Tuesday, September 29

10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study

6:30 pm Reconciliation Mtg.\*

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 30

4:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:45 pm RE Gr. 1-6

4:15 pm Cherubim A Rehearsal

5:30 pm Cherubim B Rehearsal

6:30 pm Bible Study

6:45 pm RE Gr. 7-10 (on site classes)

Joe Roesch Guest Speaker\*

Thursday, October 1

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study

7:00 pm BeFriender Meeting

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 2

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

Saturday, October 3

Can Collection/We Care\*

4:00 pm Saturday Singers/Seraphim

6:00 pm Anniversary Dinner/Dance\*

Sunday, October 4

Fellowship/Can Collection/We Care\*

8:00 am AA Meeting

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 am RCIA Program

3:00 pm Mission Trip Mtg.\*

6:00 pm Youth Ministry

6:30 pm Adult CCD\*

**HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS**

have been donated in honor of

*the anniversary of**Bob & Lois Ward*

-With love from your children

**YOU CAN PICK-UP YOUR**

2009 Pictorial Directory in the parish office during the week from 8am-4:30pm. Anyone who did not have their picture taken may purchase one for \$5.

◆ ◆ ◆ **NURSERY** ◆ ◆ ◆**NURSERY DURING 9AM SUNDAY MASS**

Childcare is available for children 12 months to 4 years old in the nursery, which is located in the back of the church by the Holy Family Chapel. It is staffed by a volunteer rotation of parents whose children attend the nursery. All parents must have a background check and VIRTUS training. The nursery is not available on holidays. For further information or questions contact Sarah Helm at 952.894.2080 or at [sarah.helm@comcast.net](mailto:sarah.helm@comcast.net).

◆ ◆ ◆ **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 fourth in a four-week series will be presented by Ted Bowman, trainer, consultant, educator and author. He will speak on *Hope in the Midst of Grieving—For the Bad Times and the Good* on Thursday, Oct. 1, 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.

**CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED**

The next presentation will be on Monday, Sept. 28, at St. Thomas Beckett Church, 4455 South Robert Trail in Eagan. Adaire Lassonde, SSND, Office of Separated and Divorced Catholics, Catholic Charities, will speak on *Grief and Divorce*. Registration is at 6:45pm, speaker at 7pm. Donation per session is \$2. Call Jim Rylander for more information at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

**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 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ **FAMILY LOSES HOME** ◆ ◆ ◆**STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL FAMILY CAN USE YOUR HELP**

As some of you might know from watching the news this past weekend, there was a major home fire in Savage. One of our preschoolers, Christian Cerda's family home was destroyed in the fire. Christian is in our class of 3 year olds. His family has lost everything and is presently living with Mrs. Cerda's sister in Lakeville. It was suggested that rather than clothing, household items, toys, etc. we will be collecting donations toward gift cards from Target and Cub. These cards will be purchased to help the family at this difficult time with their everyday needs. If you wish to make a donation, please send your donation to Steppingstones Preschool in an envelope marked **Cerda Family Donation**. Thank you for your support. The Cerda family will be most grateful.

◆ ◆ ◆ STEWARDSHIP ◆ ◆ ◆

**TIME AND TALENT SURVEY, 2009**

Thank you to those who took time to complete a Time and Talent Survey at Mass last weekend. Since last weekend you should have received a call from our Stewardship calling committee to thank you and also to inform you that as a new volunteer you will receive a call from the appropriate ministry head with more specific information on any necessary training. Additional copies are available in the atrium, parish office and inserted in your recent issue of *CrossRoads*. Everyone has a gift to share for the many ways God has blessed each of us. Together in sharing our gifts we make a difference in the lives of others and reflect the Kingdom of God on earth.

◆ ◆ ◆ RESPECT LIFE ◆ ◆ ◆

Join Bishop Piché and *Priests for Life* for a conference during Respect Life month on Oct. 30/31, at St. John the Baptist Church in New Brighton. Fr. Peter West, from *Priests for Life*, will be the main presenter and Bishop Piché will celebrate Mass. Over 20 pro-life groups will come together for this event. You can register at [www.totustuuscyo.com](http://www.totustuuscyo.com) or call 612.418.5375.

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$22,048
Simple Giving electronic donations .....	\$15,005
Total donations .....	\$37,053
Weekly revenue budget .....	\$32,625
Over budget.....	\$4,428
Budget year-to-date .....	- \$41,567

**DEVOTION TO THE  
IMMACULATE HEART  
OF MARY**

Join us on Saturday,  
Oct. 3, for the 8am  
Communion/Prayer  
service in the church  
followed by the Rosary  
and meditation in the  
Holy Family Chapel.

