



**Turkey
BINGO**

**sunday
nov 22
6 to 8 pm**
(doors open at 5:00 pm)

old gym
st john the baptist catholic church
savage, minnesota

(follow the signs to BIG prizes & family fun)

Serving hot TURKEY sandwiches,
chips, bar & pop for \$5
Bingo cards: \$5 each
All proceeds go to help provide a summer
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL experience at
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Houston, Miss.

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, December 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 Wednesday, Nov. 18 for the Nov. 29 bulletin.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



From time-to-time parents will say to me, "Tell me more about St. John's Middle School program?" or "What about Catholic high school after my years at St. John's . . . or any other school?" Then there is also the question, "Is a Catholic high school education even a possibility for my child?" Along with, "What are my options?" These are very real questions that I hear from parents with some regularity.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30pm, I am hosting a meeting in the atrium for parents of a child in any grade and from any school who may have asked themselves any or all of the same questions. I know that you as a parent want the very best for your child and you are looking for answers to your questions.

My hope is that this meeting will better provide you with some answers and clearer first-hand information. Besides myself, Jesse Foley, who is the Admission Director at the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, will be at this meeting. Jesse will talk first about how our St. John's students transition from our school to a high school setting. One thing we can rightfully boast about at St. John's is our smaller class sizes of about 20 students. With less students, not only do our teachers know their students and families, but greater learning is possible. From follow-up with our graduates we can proudly say that nearly 80% of them are taking advanced placement classes in high school whether in public or Catholic high schools.

Jesse will also provide some information about Holy Angels, and then specifically address the questions of affordability as it relates to Catholic high schools. Jesse is a firm believer that no child should be denied a Catholic education. He has worked hard to make a school like Holy Angels affordable and accessible to families especially with multiple children.

I am a believer in our Catholic high schools because they continue the very best of what we do here. Like St. John's School, our Catholic high schools are a place where young people are formed in academics in an environment based on faith and values that focus's on the needs of the individual student and help them to be successful now and well into the future. Also, be assured that I will always respect the choice of a parent regarding their child's education. At the meeting on Wednesday people will not be asked to make any commitments. What I invite you to do is to simply come with an open mind and listen about what may be possible for your child in our St. John's Middle School as well as any of our Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL ◆ ◆ ◆

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT - CCHD**

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support. Next weekend please use the envelope for this collection that was mailed to you along with your regular envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆**VIRTUS: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

is an adult training program that focuses on preventing child sexual abuse and is required for all adult volunteers working with youth at St. John's. It includes facts and myths about abuse as well as a five-step process to protect children. The next training session is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6pm, in the parish center and is open to all adults over the age of 18. To register go on-line to www.virtus.org and click on *Registration*. If you cannot register on-line or have questions call Tracy at 952.890.9465, ext. 118.

TURKEY BINGO

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of Turkey Bingo and a turkey sandwich dinner on Sunday, Nov. 22, in the school gym. Doors will open at 5pm for dinner. Cost is \$5. Bingo starts at 6pm. \$5 per card plays all evening.

Bring your family, invite your friends and take a chance to bring home a Thanksgiving turkey. There will be a raffle for additional prizes, too. All proceeds will go toward our Sister Parish Vacation Bible School in 2010.

**CHILDREN'S SHOPPING SPREE**

Children in grades 6 and under, here's your chance to shop for mom, dad, brothers, sisters, grandmas and grandpas at great prices. It's the [Children's Shopping Spree](#). Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 6, from 8am-12:30pm, in the parish center. Gifts are priced from \$.50 cents to \$3.50. Santa's helpers will assist the young shoppers in choosing their gifts. We are in need of adult volunteers that are VIRTUS trained to supervise tables during the Children's Shopping Spree. If you can share a few hours of your time, contact Lori Kapusinski by e-mail at kapusins@integraonline.com or by phone at 952.226.5372. Donations of new items, cash or nicely handcrafted items may be brought to the parish or education offices.

SAVE THE DATE

The Adult Faith Formation Committee will host a Men's Breakfast on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 12, with guest speaker John Crudele. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

◆ ◆ ◆ **55+ GROUP** ◆ ◆ ◆**55+ GROUP WILL PACKAGE MEALS**

On Thursday, Nov. 19, from 9:30-11:30am, in Eagan the 55+ Group will go to *Feed My Starving Children* to "package meals for the world's hungriest children." The bus will leave from our church parking lot at 8:45am and return by 1:30pm. After our shift we will stop for lunch, which is not included in the cost of \$15. This charge is to cover the motor coach expense. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. RSVP to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114, by Monday, Nov. 16.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 55+ Group **Christmas Party** will be on Wednesday, Dec. 16, in the atrium. The social time will begin at 11:30am with a catered lunch to follow. Students from the school will provide musical entertainment and we will also play bingo. The cost is \$12. RSVP by Monday, Dec. 14, to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Friends, relatives and neighbors are all welcome.

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
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Joyce Irlbeck, Administrative Assistant
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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:

Benjamin James Battan
Cole James Hagemann
Carson Andrew Pilon
Tiffany Marie Johnson

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Mary Trumble*, daughter of Phyllis Renner
- † *Bob Rock*, father of John Rock
- † *Bernard Toner*, brother of Maureen Singleton
- † *Kathy Kelly*, sister of Tim Singleton

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Martha Harris ~
Helana, Josh, Madison
Lynette Harris ~
Ferren, Kellop, Kia, Jullian
Daniel & Dawn Schwan ~
Danielle

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

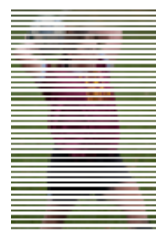
We gratefully acknowledge a donation to St. John's Church in memory of *Diana Kopp*. Let us remember *Diana* and all the faithful departed in our prayers.

READINGS

For the Week of November 15
Sun: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
Mk 13:24-32
Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57,
62-63/Lk 18:35-43
Tue: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thu: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Sun: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/
Jn 18:33b-37

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

EAGER EMILY



Emily Martin is in seventh grade and she plays for the St. John's soccer team. The position that she eagerly plays is defense. There are high and low points in soccer. "My favorite thing about soccer is improving every time I get on the soccer field," explains Emily. In her spare time she plays for a traveling soccer team. "I love playing with my classmates. It is so much fun; we come together and work together like a team." Her favorite memory this soccer season was helping her teammates make up extremely strange names for one another like Exodus and Genesis and then telling their opponents the names. "This season went by fast, it was a lot of fun and I learned a lot." Soccer is not just a sport but an experience you remember for a lifetime.



SCHOOL MARATHON GOAL REACHED

Last Friday our students gathered in the atrium for a pie throwing contest. The middle school was rewarded for their excellence in exceeding their goal of \$20,000 for the school marathon. As the students came together and waited for the contestants to be revealed, they grew anxious and excited. Mr. Smalley, Mrs. Behnke, Mrs. Diwi and Mrs. Piquette were the winners and had pies thrown at them. The kids were enthusiastically cheering the teachers on. Mr. Smalley, Mrs. Behnke, Mrs. Diwi and Mrs. Piquette were covered in whip cream by the end of the contest. It was a fun event. Let's hope that the middle school will make their goal next year so we can have the contest again.

◆ ◆ ◆ OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please stop by the atrium to pick an ornament from the Giving Tree. We are assisting families of St. John's, and also reaching out to families at Blessed Trinity in Richfield and our sister parish Immaculate Heart of Mary in Houston, Mississippi. You may drop off your [unwrapped gifts](#) in the atrium no later than the morning of Sunday, Dec. 13. Thank you for your generous giving spirit.



◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆

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

In preparation for the first Sunday of Advent on Nov. 29, be sure to stop in and browse over our beautiful selection of items that will spiritually prepare you for the season. On our display table you will find for children *The Story of the Real Santa Claus - St. Nicholas* and daily countdown Advent calendars. We have a nice variety of Advent wreaths and boxed replacement candles and literature such as: activity prayer book *Family Nights for Advent & Christmas, Advent & Christmas Wisdom from St. Francis of Assisi* and *Advent, Christmas Wisdom from Henri J. M. Nouwen*.

New this year in our Book-N-Gift Store — we have in stock 300 copies of the *Advent Blue Book*. The cost for daily reflective prayer book is \$1.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

FIRST RECONCILIATION

will be celebrated at our Communal Penance Service on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7pm, in the church. More than 140 children have been preparing to receive this wonderful sacrament of healing. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Children who will make their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, Nov. 17, should pick-up their name tags from the atrium before they sit with their family.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

are reminded that as part of their preparation, they are to schedule and complete a Confirmation interview with a member of the Religious Education staff. These interviews should be completed before Wednesday, Nov. 25. To make an appointment contact:

- ▶ Lori Taormina, Youth Minister, at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org
- ▶ Jan Jirik, grades 7-9 Coordinator, at jjirik@stjohns-savage.org
- ▶ Andi Little, Director of Faith Formation, at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

ADVENT-URE INTO THE SEASON

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Season of Advent on Friday, Dec. 4, from 7-9pm, in the parish center. There will be a variety of activities for all ages including creating an Advent wreath from live greenery. Cost is \$10 per family. Pre-registration is required; a minimum of 10 families is required for this event to occur. Registration forms are available on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org and in the atrium or parish and education offices.

Adults, teens and Confirmation candidates who are looking for a great service opportunity are welcome to volunteer to help younger participants at activity stations. To learn more about St. John's **ADVENT-ure** or to volunteer, contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

STEVE ANGRISANO IN CONCERT AT LIFELINE

Steve Angrisano is an internationally known Catholic musician, songwriter and witness. He will be in concert at NET Ministries LIFELINE on Saturday, Dec. 5. Meet at door #1 at 4pm. (LIFELINE doors open at 5:30pm). We will return by 11pm. The concert will be part of an evening which also includes Mass and presentation by Fr. Nels Gjengdahl. **Tickets are required for this event. Cost if registered before Nov. 23 is \$10 per person; after Nov. 23 cost is \$20 per person.** Depending on the number of people attending, a bus may be reserved at an additional cost of \$5 per person; otherwise, transportation to and from West St. Paul will be by **car***.

Registration materials are available on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org and in the education office. For more information contact Lori Taormina at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434.

**Drivers who have passed both a background check and driver's check and who have attended VIRTUS training will be needed if carpools are used. To check on your status or to get background check materials, contact Tracy Tredinnick at ttredinnick@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9465, ext. 118.*



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 16
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
Tuesday, November 17
8:00 am † Ralph Braun
7:00 pm First Reconciliation
Wednesday, November 18
8:00 am † Don O'Brien
Thursday, November 19
8:00 am Special Intention of Patrica & Vernon Brunkow
9:25 am School Penance Service
Friday, November 20
8:00 am Special Intention of Jane & John Govek
Saturday, November 21
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
5:00 pm † Joe Thelen
Sunday, November 22
7:30 am For the Parish
9:00 am †† For the Poor Souls
11:00 am †† Margaret & Ralph Mueller

LECTORS

November 21/22
5:00 pm Kris Lambrecht
Rich Myers
7:30 am Timothy Gwest
James Eck
9:00 am Ann Dominik
Angelo Kusber
11:00 am Katie Broadwell
Mike Goering

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am
Nov. 17/18 Brianna Fesenmaier
Kelly Keenan
Taylor Sernett
Nov. 19/20 Carley Dowell
Ryan Gall
Samantha Shadick

Saturday, November 21
5:00 pm Catherine Nardi
Cristy Goerd
Kristen Ober

Sunday, November 22
7:30 am Lucy Walbruch
Will Diedrick
9:00 am Bailey Sernett
Brianna Fesenmaier
Taylor Sernett
11:00 am Jenna Kacheroski
Laura Wee
Shannon Wilson

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, November 16

6:30 pm Troop 336

6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.*

Tuesday, November 17

10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, November 18

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

6:00 pm VIRTUS Training*

6:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm Catholic School Info Night*

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

Thursday, November 19

8:30 am 55+ Group - FMSC*

4:00 pm Schoenstatt Girls Group

5:00 pm NET Retreat

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 20

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

Saturday, November 21

4:00 pm Saturday Singers Rehearsal

Sunday, November 22

After Mass - K C Auxiliary Bake Sale*

8:00 am AA Meeting

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 am RCIA Program

5:00 pm Dinner & Turkey Bingo*

6:00 pm Youth Ministry

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS



have been donated for
the intention of
Thanksgiving.

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.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

TWIN CITIES MISSION 2010

There are still openings. Registration deadline is Monday, Dec. 7. Our next meeting is on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 4pm, in the parish center.

◆ ◆ ◆ K OF C WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ◆ ◆ ◆

REMEMBERING OUR MILITARY

The Knights of Columbus Auxiliary would like to send Christmas greetings and a small token of appreciation to those members of our church who are actively serving in the military. Please forward names and addresses to Tabytha Luikens at luikens@mchsi.com or call 952.944.7522.

BAKE SALE

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knight of Columbus, Savage/Prior Lake, will hold their bake sale on Sunday, Nov. 22, after the 7:30am, 9am and 11am Masses, in the atrium. Lots of goodies for all, so come and buy something special for Thanksgiving.



◆ ◆ ◆ RESPECT LIFE ◆ ◆ ◆

THANK YOU

The Respect Life Committee would like to thank you for your generous donations of baby items and money during the month of October. The contributions will be shared between Pregnancy Choices in Apple Valley and Alpha Pregnancy Resources in Savage. These will be a great blessing for new and expecting mothers and their babies. We appreciate your support during Respect Life month.

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

The next presentation will be on Monday, Nov. 16, at St. Thomas Beckett Church, 4455 South Robert Trail in Eagan. Fr. Terry Weber will speak on *Divorce and the Catholic Church*. Registration is at 6:45pm, speaker at 7pm. Donation per session is \$2. New participants are welcome and encouraged to attend at any time. Call Jim Rylander for more information at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 16, at 6:30pm, in the media center (use door #1) for those who are making prayer shawls or those who would like to learn. We will pray, knit or crochet and enjoy music and fellowship. RSVP to Ann Hagen at 952.440.5463. Donations of new yarn to support this ministry are always welcome.

◆ ◆ ◆ TIME & TALENT SURVEY ◆ ◆ ◆

By this point in time, everyone who signed up for any of the various ministries listed on our recent Time and Talent Survey should have received a phone call either from a staff person, or volunteer ministry head. If you did sign-up, but have not received a call or e-mail with more information, please contact Fr. Tix at mtix@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9465, ext. 111.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

**COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL SERVICE . . .
BONDED IN FAITH, HOPE AND SERVICE**

St. John's parishioners are invited to join members from other area churches in Savage to celebrate in Thanksgiving at an Ecumenical Service of prayer and music on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 7:30pm, at St. James Lutheran Church in Burnsville. Please bring a can food item for the food shelves.

COME AND SAVOR THE SEASON

Experience the music of Advent and Christmas at a benefit concert sponsored by the St. Paul Monastery. *Winter Name of God* will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, at Transfiguration Church in Oakdale. This event will feature music by two of our local priests, Fr. Michael Joncas and Fr. Michael Byron, plus refreshments, Sisters' Bakery, a raffle and silent auction. Cost is \$60. Reservations are required. For more information e-mail vbieren@stpaulsmonastery.org or call 651.777.8181, ext. 404.

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.” - Mk 13:26-27

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$26,373
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$2,287
Total donations	\$28,660
Weekly revenue budget	\$32,625
Under budget.....	\$3,965
Budget year-to-date	- \$63,914

“Every child, at every age of development, brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment.”



Flyer for 2009 Respect Life Program