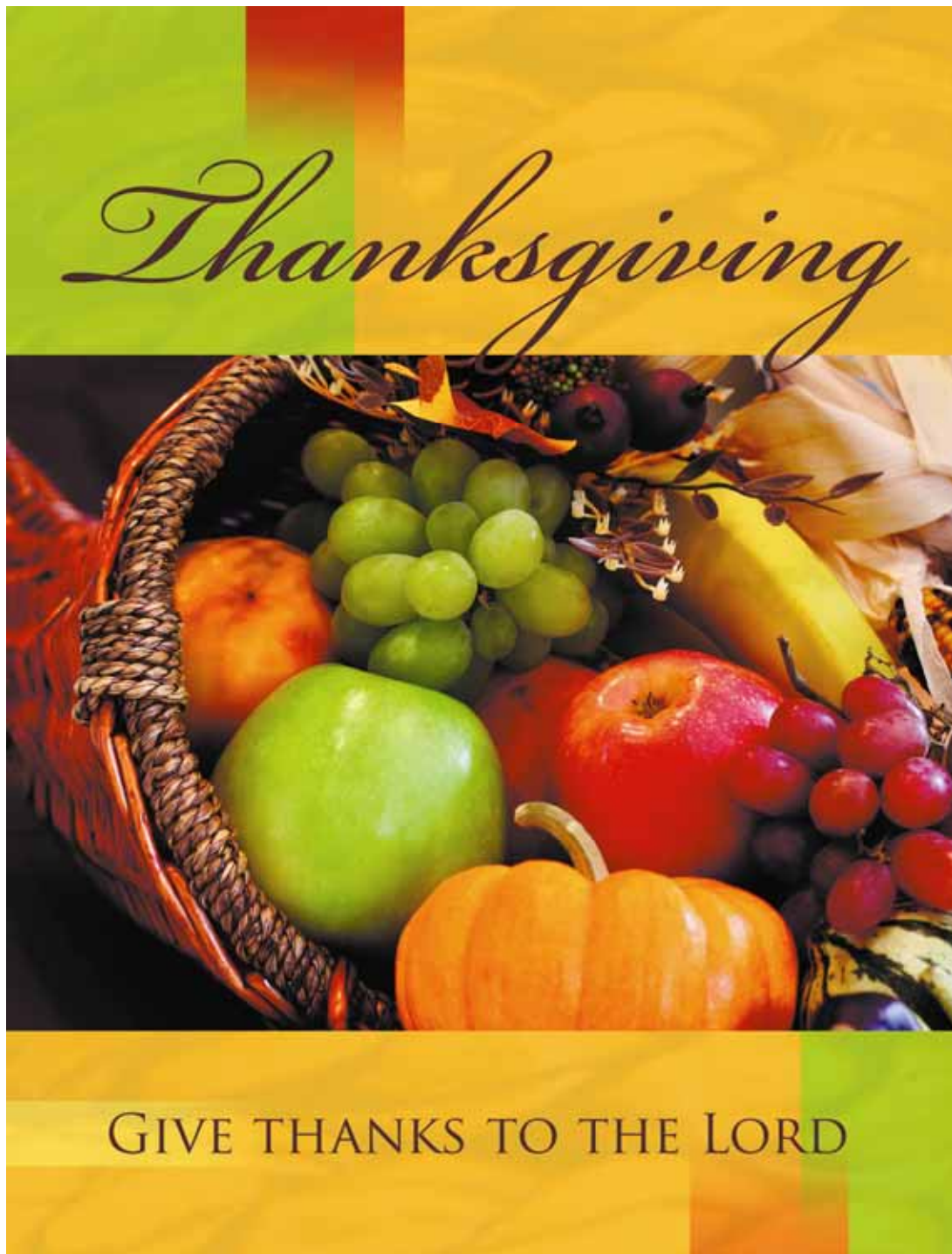

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NOVEMBER 22, 2009



St. John ^{the} Baptist

Catholic Church

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**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 will not be available Nov. 29)

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 - Wednesday: 8 am - 4:30 pm

Thursday - Friday: Closed for Thanksgiving

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 Tuesday, Nov. 24 for the Dec. 6 bulletin.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



A few days ago I went to see my eye doctor for a routine examination. The doctor is someone that I've seen for many years. One of the things I like about this doctor is that he takes time and has a personal interest in his patients. In talking with him he told me he was going to participate in an upcoming medical mission. He was invited by some doctors for a ten-day trip to Peru. Together they would offer a presence of Christ's

healing love to people for whom health care is neither accessible or affordable. I asked whether he had participated in other medical missions. He told me that several years ago he went with a different group of doctors to Haiti. He said it was incredibly sad to see the conditions people live in and that while we often see pictures and hear stories about Haiti, that they don't do justice to the reality of the conditions.

Besides the specific talk of Peru and Haiti, he spoke about his life. He has a good practice, a good marriage, a nice house. He talked about having two daughters who have now graduated from high school and who are both doing well in college. Life has been good to my eye doctor and his comment to me was, "I need to give something back and this is one thing I can offer." As we approach Thanksgiving, we should take the opportunity to stop and think about how we've been blessed. It is also a time to reflect on how we express our spirit of thanks for all that our loving God has given to us.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite and encourage you to attend the annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service that is held among our local churches. This service is a long-standing tradition in the Savage area and is a unique opportunity to gather in Christian churches in prayer for God's abundant blessings to us. This year's service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 7:30pm, at St. James Lutheran Church, 3650 Williams Drive. As in the past, there will be a combined choir of participating churches including our own and I will be the homilist. Pie will be served following the service. You are asked to bring a food item to be donated to our local food shelves.

Another way for us to give thanks is in the Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" literally means "thanksgiving." At the Eucharist we offer thanks to God through Jesus Christ for our many blessings. We also receive the Body and Blood of Christ that leads us to lives of service to others and imitating Jesus Christ by laying down our lives so that others may live. Particularly at this time of year we are mindful of our blessings, but what about other times? Do we live in a spirit of thanksgiving throughout the year and express that thanksgiving in the Eucharist we share? Do we come together to give God one hour of praise a week for our many blessings? May our celebration of Thanksgiving be a time of committing ourselves to a spirit of thanksgiving that expresses itself not only during these November days, but throughout the year.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!
Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆**SCHWAN'S TRUCK RETURNS TO ST. JOHN'S**

On Sunday, Nov. 22, during Turkey Bingo, St. John's parishioners, family members and friends can order holiday delights such as seasonal pies and appetizers for their Christmas parties and celebrations from Schwan's. Order forms and catalogs are available in the atrium and parish and education offices. Pre-orders will be taken until noon, on Monday, Dec. 14, for guaranteed delivery on Wednesday, Dec. 16. The Schwan's truck will also be in the church parking lot from 4-7pm on Wednesday, Dec. 16. At that time, you also may purchase items but some items may be limited. No payment is due until delivery is made. Money that is raise will go to Vacation Bible School for the children of our sister parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Houston, Mississippi. Schwan's also has gift cards for those "hard-to-buy-for" and calendars for \$7.99 which contains coupon savings of over \$150.

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 are needed for this event to occur. Registration forms are available in the atrium or parish and education offices or on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org.

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.

SOUTH METRO CHORALE TO PERFORM AT

St. John's on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7:30pm, in the church. Come and relax, enjoy and feel the spirit of Christmas as you hear angelic voices sing some of your favorite songs of the season. Cost: \$10 for adults; \$8 for students and seniors.

CHILDREN'S SHOPPING SPREE

is on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 8am-12:30pm, in the parish center. Children in grades 6 and younger can shop for family and friends with the assistances of Santa's helpers while Mom and Dad relax with coffee, juice and donuts. Gift items are priced from \$.50-\$3.50. We are hoping for a visit from St. Nick himself. Donations of purchased 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.

ST. JOHN'S DAY AT BARNES & NOBLE

Sunday, Dec. 13 is St. John's annual shopping day at the Burnsville Barnes & Noble store. Present a voucher at the register and a portion of your sale will come back to St. John's. Barnes & Noble carries more than just books. They also have games, puzzles, music, movies, calendars and so much more. You can do your holiday shopping at one stop. Cafe purchases count too. So don't forget to grab a latte while shopping or order a cheesecake for your holiday gatherings. Vouchers will be available closer to the event.

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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Rev. Mr. Jerry Little, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Bob Durham, Deacon
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Dora May, Director

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian community through the holy water of baptism:

*Jacob Anthony Fiedler
Andrew Hoang Poirier*

**REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

† *Norman Nord*, father of Ron Nord
† *Katherine Luikens*, mother of Robert Luikens

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Tracy Carlson ~
Austin*

*Chad & Danielle Hanson ~
Ivan*

*Dan & Shauna Lembeck ~
Liam*

*Eric & Tricia McBrayer ~
Alice Marie*

*Robert & Erin Stoering ~
Rin*

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

In previous years our parish has supplied free copies of *The Little Blue Book*, for Advent and Christmas, a prayerful reflection throughout the seasons. Due to budget restrictions, we are charging \$1 per copy. They will be sold only in the parish bookstore. Stop by to purchase your copy and browse over the other beautiful selections on our display table in preparation for the season of Advent.

READINGS

For the Week of November 22

Sun: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/
Jn 18:33b-37

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tue: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,
23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thu: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

Fri: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

Sun: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆**ENGINEERING AT ST. JOHN'S**

Last Thursday, 8th graders Liliana Gomez, Sarah Zwack, Brandon Gill and Andy Bollig went to the University of Minnesota to attend the *Fluid Power Challenge* orientation with a focus on engineering. They watched a video about pneumatics and hydraulics. After that they were handed a kit. They were told to build a pneumatic lift by following the instructions. The purpose of this orientation was to equip the school teams with the materials necessary to prepare for the Engineering Challenge which will be held in December. The students reported that there were many other schools from the Twin Cities area that will be participating. They were able to see and try out a professional pneumatic lift. They had a lot of fun building and are hoping to be successful at the Challenge in December. We would like to thank Mr. Martin for bringing this opportunity to our students and a special thank you to Mrs. Diedrick, middle school math/science teacher, for enthusiastically stepping forward to be the St. John's Engineering Team Advisor. We wish you the best of luck in the building of your portfolio and prototype for the Challenge on Thursday, Dec. 10.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆**55+ GROUP**

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 8:30am, in the atrium for a Christmas sing-along and "Stump the Piano Player" with songs of the season! Jean Thompson from our Music & Liturgy Ministry will join us at the piano for a festive time of singing and fellowship. Refreshments will be served.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 55+ Group Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, Dec. 16, in the atrium. 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 welcome to join us.

◆ ◆ ◆ LOSS OF SPOUSE ◆ ◆ ◆**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

On Saturday, Dec. 12, at noon, in the atrium, the Loss of Spouse Group will meet for our Christmas potluck luncheon. RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 10, 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ 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, 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.



◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

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 school 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***. **Chaperones and adult drivers are needed.**



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

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN VOLUNTEERS

A huge, heart-felt THANK YOU to the 80 St. John's parishioners, children and adults who packaged enough meals in their two-hour shift to feed 37 children for one year at the Chanhassen site of *Feed My Starving Children* on Saturday, Nov. 14. Your generous gift of time and energy is truly appreciated. A very special thank you to First

Student bus driver Karen Klein who donated her time to provide bus transportation to and from the FMSC site. Another trip to FMSC is being planned for Spring 2010.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

More than 20 priests gathered at St. John's to hear confessions at our First Reconciliation on Nov. 17. We thank them for their presence as the children experienced God's sacrament of healing for the first time. Children who prepared for this sacrament but were unable to attend the communal penance service are welcome to celebrate Reconciliation with the parish during its Advent Penance Service on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2pm, or to make a private confession on any Saturday, starting at 3:30pm, in the church. For more information about St. John's preparation for the first sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, contact Andi Little, Director of Faith Formation, at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ~ OCC

Confirmation candidates, students in our day school and in our RE program will be going to the *Operation Christmas Child* packing center at a variety of times in the next few weeks. All parishioners are more than welcome to pack a shoe box for OCC for a girl or a boy who may have never experienced the joy of receiving a gift. Our teens will bring them to the center on their packing dates. To learn more about *Operation Christmas Child* and what to pack in a box, visit their website at www.samaritanaspurse.org or pick up a flyer in the Education Office. Packed shoe boxes should be brought to the Education Office no later than Wednesday, Dec. 2, to ensure they are ready for overseas delivery. To learn more, call 952.890.9434.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, November 23

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, November 24

8:00 am †† Margaret & Ralph Mueller

Wednesday, November 25

8:00 am † Leroy Mutziger

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am † James Sodomka

Friday, November 27

8:00 am † Sr. Mary Zacchais Ryan

Saturday, November 28

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Richard O'Keefe

Sunday, November 29

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am † Len Renner

11:00 am † Donn Dalrymple

LECTORS

November 28/29

5:00 pm Gil Mathews

Jon Pitton

7:30 am Luke Bearth

Tom Reicks

9:00 am David Foertsch

Cynthia Hagens

11:00 am Wilfred & Janet Williams

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Nov. 24/25 Kaylin Elfering, Laura Wee, Megan Cleary

Thanksgiving Day Mass, Nov. 26, 9am

9:00 am Jacob Smith, Laura Wee, Ryan Gall

Friday, November 27

8:00 am Jacob Smith

Saturday, November 28

5:00 pm Corrigan Shea, Jillian

Radosevich, Victoria Kusber

Sunday, November 29

7:30 am Alexa Orr, Ryan Gall

9:00 am Kyle Thomas, McKenzie Svoboda, Megan Cleary

11:00 am Mikayla Kelly, Molly Kate Jones, Tommy Adam

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Carol Pelzel

7:30 am Patricia Olson

9:00 am Sandra Brastad

11:00 am Darrell May

Please call your team members for the month of December.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, November 23

6:30 pm Troop 336

7:00 pm REAC Mtg.

Tuesday, November 24

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, November 25

7:30 pm Ecumenical Service*

Friday, November 27

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday, November 28

4:00 pm Saturday Singers/Seraphim

Sunday, November 29

8:00 am AA Meeting



K OF C WOMEN'S AUXILIARY BAKE SALE

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, Savage/Prior Lake, will hold their bake sale today 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.

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.

◆◆◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆◆◆

SPECIAL FRIEND/GRANDPARENT DAY



On Nov. 13, all students had the opportunity to invite a special guest or grandparent to come to the school Mass and have a tour of the school. Mrs. Diedrick's seventh grade religion class and Mrs. Calices' fifth grade class have been e-mailing seniors at Augustana Regent at Burnsville. They e-mail the seniors once a week and wait



for a reply. The great thing about this is that they got to meet and learn about new people. On grandparent's day the seniors visited the school and attended the school Mass. It was a great experience for the children, seniors, special guests and grandparents.



◆◆◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆◆◆

CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

The next presentation will be on Monday, Nov. 23, at St. Thomas Beckett Church, 4455 South Robert Trail in Eagan. Maureen Campion, Minnesota Valley Psychologist, will speak on *The Effects of Divorce on Children of All Ages*. 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.

HEARTSTRINGS UNLIMITED

An all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, Dec. 4, from 5-8pm, at the Savage American Legion will benefit children and young adults with autism and developmental disabilities. Menu also includes salad, bread and sweets. Cost: \$10 per person. Children five and under eat for free.

HOLY ANGELS PRESENTS *STAR CHILD*

Begin your holiday season with a performance of *Star Child*—a celebration of the season in music and words featuring the music of David Haas. Presented by the students of Holy Angels and its Starlight Productions theater company. *Star Child* is a one hour show. Performances are on Friday, Dec. 4, at 7pm and Saturday, Dec. 5, at 4pm and 7pm. General admission tickets are \$5. Holy Angels is located at 6600 Nicollet Ave. in Richfield.

◆◆◆ THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER ◆◆◆

Dear Lord,

On this Thanksgiving Day, please bring us not only good food and memories but help us remember that it is you we are thanking.

When we enjoy our meal with our relatives, may we thank you, who brings all food from the earth.

When we enjoy the company of relatives and friends, may we thank you, the source of all life and happiness.

And when we pray our prayer of blessing, may our hearts be on you, who is the source of all holiness, joy, and every blessing that is showered on us.

Amen.

◆ ◆ ◆ CELEBRATION! 2010 ◆ ◆ ◆

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for this “must not miss” event. Bring your family, bring your friends and join us on Saturday, Feb. 27, at The Wilds Golf Club in Prior Lake. We are offering fellowship, dining and dancing as well as silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$55 per person. Proceeds will be used to support education scholarships for students at St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

For further information on tickets, auction items or how you can get involved in this fun event contact:

- ✦ Jody Wermers at 952.233.8951 or jodywermers@yahoo.com
- ✦ Kathy Haug at 952.894.4852 or Kmhaug2004@msn.com.

◆ ◆ ◆ RESPECT LIFE ◆ ◆ ◆



Every little boy and girl is a unique and irreplaceable creature designed by the God of love, his personal gift that comes to us bearing his image and likeness. While biological parents assist in God’s creative act, God contributes the child’s eternal soul - his or her intellect, consciousness, will and the capacities to reason and love, to hope and aspire.

Respect Life Program (2009-2010)

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week’s donations:

Envelopes.....	\$23,992
Simple Giving	
electronic donations.....	\$15,755
Total donations.....	\$39,747
Weekly revenue budget.....	\$32,625
Over budget.....	\$7,122
Budget year-to-date.....	-\$56,792

St. John’s staff would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

