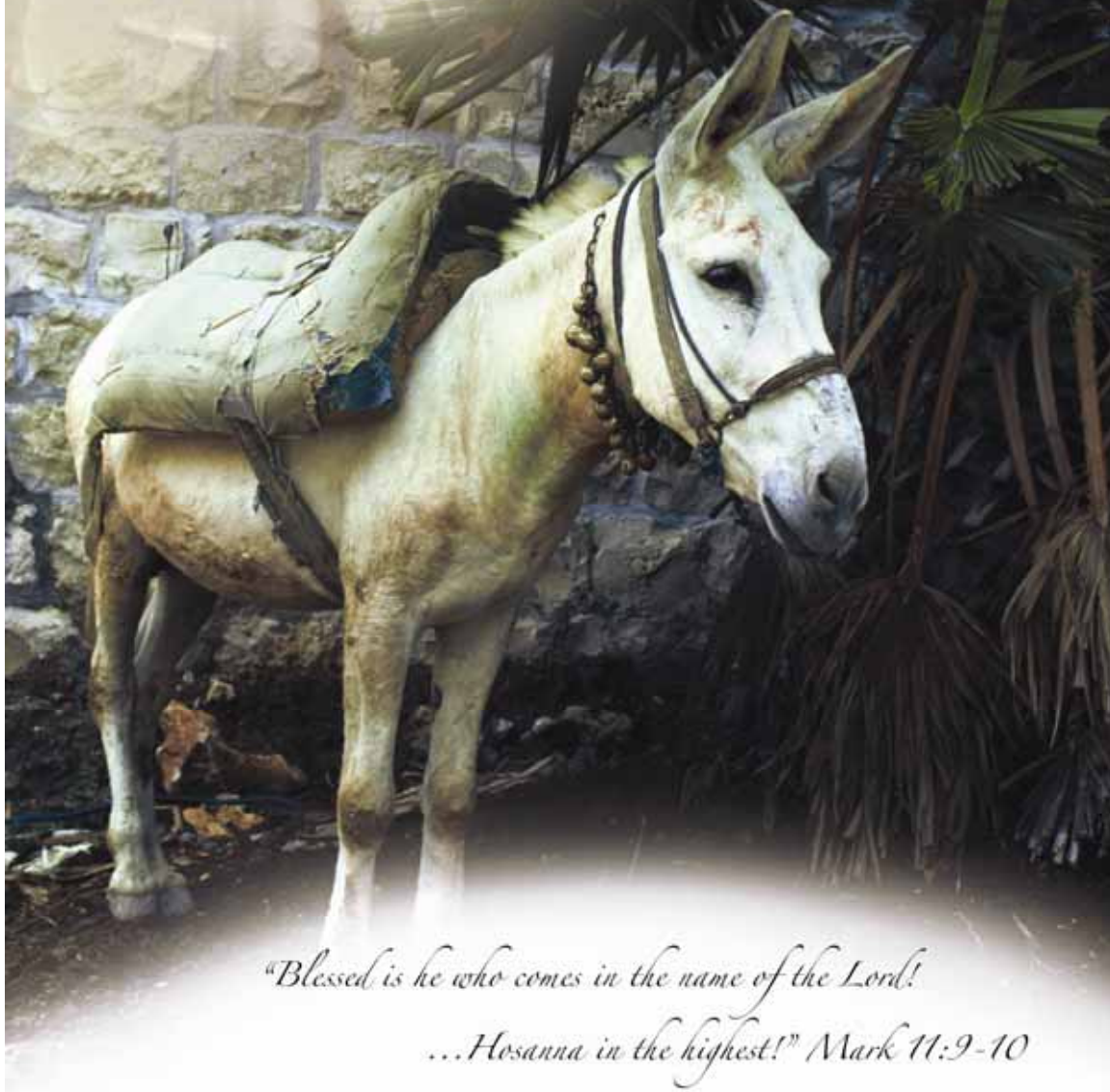

MARCH 16, 2008

PALM SUNDAY
of the Lord's
PASSION



*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
...Hosanna in the highest!" Mark 11:9-10*

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

If you are interested in joining our parish community and are at least 21 years of age, parishioners are available after weekend Masses to answer any questions and provide assistance with registration. You may also stop by the parish office during office hours to register.

Daily Mass

Tuesday - Wednesday 8 am

Communion Service

Monday 8 am

Rosary

Monday - Saturday 7:35 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Easter Vigil: 7:30 pm

Easter 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, April 14, 7-8:30 pm

Marriage

Contact a priest or deacon at least six months in advance.

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

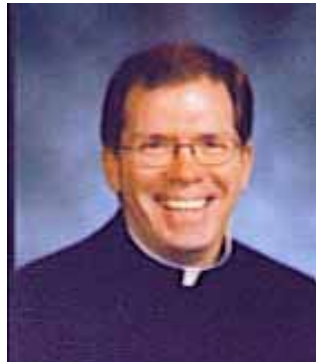
Monday-Thursday: 8 am-4:30 pm

Good Friday: Office Closed

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

For information including sign-up: 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



Today begins the most Holy Week of our church year. Later in the week we will celebrate the most sacred days of our church year. On Thursday we remember the events of the Last Supper and Jesus' call to serve. On Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus. Finally on Saturday night and Sunday morning we come to the tomb with Mary Magdalene and Simon Peter. Together with them we are overjoyed at the fact that Jesus has risen from death to new life!

The events of these days are the core of our Christian faith. It is in these days that we remember in a very profound way the mystery of God's love for us. I invite you to come and participate in these sacred liturgies of Triduum. Each of the major liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday begins at 7:30pm. On Good Friday there will also be Stations of the Cross at 12:15pm. On each of these three days you are also invited to begin the day with Morning Prayer at 8am.

Finally a word about the Easter collection. The Easter collection, and every Sunday collection, is used by parishes to make the presence of the Risen Lord known in our world by funding a variety of ministries. A parish depends on every collection, but especially the Easter and the Christmas collections to catch-up on shortfalls incurred over other times in the year. We are not any different. Easter affords us an opportunity to share our gifts with our God who gives us new and abundant life. I hope and trust that you will be generous in your Easter contribution this year. Thank you!

- Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ HOLY WEEK LITURGIES ◆ ◆ ◆

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Morning Prayer - 8am

Mass of the Lord's Last Supper - 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Morning Prayer - 8am

Stations of the Cross - 12:15pm

Good Friday Liturgy - 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Morning Prayer - 8am

Easter Vigil Mass - 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 23

The Lord's Resurrection

Masses - 7:30am, 9am and 11am



◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

55+ GROUP AND FRIENDS

On Wednesday, April 30, the 55+ Group will sponsor an outing to see the Chicago White Sox and Twins play ball at the Metrodome. Our seats are conveniently located in the lower deck in upper rows with a minimum of steps required. The cost is \$39 which includes a deluxe coach and game ticket. We will depart the church parking lot at 11am for the 12:10pm game. RSVP to Jim Rylander by mail or call 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Checks should be made payable to **St. John's**. Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 15.

All are invited-not just those 55 and over!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, MARCH 30

In the Jubilee year of 2000 as Pope John Paul II was canonizing Sr. Faustina, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday as Jesus had requested through Sr. Faustina. What is Divine Mercy Sunday? It is Jesus' way of freeing us completely of sin and punishment. Here is what Jesus told Sr. Faustina:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

St. John's will be offering a Divine Mercy celebration on Sunday, March 30, from 2:30-3:30pm. This will not include Mass or confession. (The rule on confession is up to 20 days before is acceptable.) We will have Benediction, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, veneration of the Divine Mercy image and conclude with reposing the Blessed Sacrament. Questions? ☎ Chuck at 952.451.0821.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

In recognition of Divine Mercy Sunday on March 30, we have on display spiritual literature, prayer cards, Chaplets of the Divine Mercy and other items that may enrich your devotion.

THE CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY (CBS)

St. John's will offer a four-week study which will explore St. Paul's letter to the Philippians often referred to as *The Joyful Letter*. The program format is Q & A study groups with a 45 minute presentation. CBS will start on Tuesday, April 8, from 6:30-8:30pm, in the school library and Thursday, April 10, from 9:30-11:30am, in the atrium. Cost is \$5. Registration forms are available in the atrium and at the parish office. For more information call Brenda at 952.233.1042.



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
 Pastor
 Fr. Michael Tix..... ext. 111
 Weekend Presider
 Fr. Terry Weber..... ext. 130
 Deacons
 Jerry Little, RCIA..... ext. 131
 Bob Durham ext. 132
 Facilities Manager
 Ron Nord..... ext. 125
 Director of Parish Life
 Jim Rylander ext. 114
 Director of Music & Liturgy
 Karin Barrett..... ext. 116
 Director of Pastoral Ministry
 Bonnie Unzen..... ext. 120
 Director of Finance & Business
 Fred Fox ext. 112
 Bookkeeper
 Christine Kelly ext. 117
 Director of Shared Ministry
 Tracy Tredinnick..... ext. 118
 Communications Coordinator
 Carol Radosevich ext. 248
 St. John the Baptist Catholic School 952.890.6604
 Principal
 Beth Behnke ext. 245
 Assistant Principal
 Mike Smalley ext. 234
 St. John's Steppingstones
 Preschool 952.846.4663
 Dora May, Director ext. 244
 Religious Education, 952.890.9434
 Andi Little, Director ext. 249
 Jan Jirik, Gr. 7-9..... ext. 236
 Joan Walerius, Sunday School .. ext. 252
 Lori Taormina, Youth Minister.....ext. 232

BAPTISMS

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

*Eve Kathryn Druvenga
Vincent Raymond Welter*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Dennis Gelhar*, father of Joe Gelhar
- † *Edward Morgel*, father of Paul Morgel
- † *Donald Tredinnick*, father of Don Tredinnick
- † *Martha Winum*, sister-in-law of Mary Ellen Reger

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Articles for the March 30 bulletin are due in the parish office by 10am on Wednesday, March 19.

**READINGS**

For the Week of March 16

- Sun: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
- Tue: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
- Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/
Jn 8:31-42
- Thu: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- Sat: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
Rom 4:13,16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a
- Sun: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or
27:11-54

◆ ◆ ◆ EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ◆ ◆ ◆

WILL BE CLOSED STARTING THURSDAY, MARCH 20, AT 4PM

AND

WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23, AT 12 NOON

THANK YOU

We appreciate your immeasurable support these past weeks through the loss of our husband, father and grandfather. Thank you for the many hugs, kind words, cards, gifts and food. Dad would have been so proud of the beautiful service to celebrate his life. We are grateful for the delicious food that many of you provided for the luncheon and for the volunteers who worked hard to serve us. We thank you with all of our hearts.

The Jack Egan Family

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆**SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION SPRING 2008**

Losing someone we love is one of life's most challenging passages. Understanding the grieving process and having the opportunity to explore your feelings with others can lead to personal growth and healing. A six-part series, *Living and Growing Through Loss*, is being offered starting on Thursday, March 27, from 5:30-7:30pm, at Eden Prairie United Methodist Church, 15050 Scenic Heights Road, Eden Prairie. For more information call 952.941.3150 or free childcare call 952.937.8781.

SOUTHERN VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR BATTERED WOMEN

is in need of additional volunteers to answer its 24-hour crisis line, facilitate women's support groups and provide childcare for those groups. Free training for crisis line and group facilitation volunteers will begin on Saturday, March 29. No training is required for childcare volunteers. For more information call Lori or Bobbi at 952.873.4214.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

A series of classes on this scientific Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning (NFP) will begin on Tuesday, April 1, at All Saints Church in Lakeville. To register or for more information call 952.913.7623. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese visit their website at www.archspm.org or call 651.291.4489.

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

Scott County Foster Care Program needs Scott County families to provide foster care for children, teens and adults from our communities. Some of the children may become available for adoption. If you are interested in serving your community and are ready for the rewarding challenge of foster care, e-mail your inquiries to mmittelstadt@co.scott.mn.us or call Margie at 952.496.8505 for information on becoming a licensed foster care provider.

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◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆



WHAT A GREAT SKI SEASON

Over 150 kids joined St. John's Ski Club for another GREAT year of skiing. Our thanks to the many parent volunteers who helped with chaperoning and car pooling. It is the volunteers that made it a wonderful ski season!

CONGRATULATIONS

to all of our basketball teams for their very successful season. Four out of the eight basketball teams finished their season in the Championship games for the South Side Youth Organization tournament. All four teams took second place.



◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S STEPPINGSTONES ◆ ◆ ◆



St. John's Steppingstones Preschool and school collected loose change for the *KS95 Change for Kids Program*. Containers filled up fast as these students discovered. The change that was collected will be used to support the work being done by the Children's Cancer Research Fund and Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare to help sick children.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2008

is a one-week retreat featuring exhilarating activities designed to help you make great friends, have a blast and walk a little closer to God. The invitation to Summer Festival is extended to every teen in grades 6-9. St. John's will be participating the week of July 21-25. Registration forms can be found in the Education Office. If you have any questions contact Lori by e-mail at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 17
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
Tuesday, March 18
8:00 am Spec. Int. of William Pettit
Wednesday, March 19
8:00 am † Mike Courey
9:35 am † Pollyann Jorgenson
Thursday, March 20
8:00 am Morning Prayer
7:30 am For Vocations
Friday, March 21
8:00 am Morning Prayer
Saturday, March 22
8:00 am Morning Prayer
7:30 pm † Blanche Vicker
Sunday, March 23
7:30 am For the Parish
9:00 am † David Soucek
11:00 am † Eugene Hennen

LECTORS

March 20, Holy Thursday
7:30 pm Craig Schoenecker,
Andi Little
March 21, Good Friday
7:30 pm Craig Schoenecker,
Andi Little
March 22, Easter Vigil
7:30 pm Andi Little, Bill King,
Craig Schoenecker
March 23, Easter Sunday
7:30 am Tim Gwost
9:00 am Jeanne Nardi
11:00 am Terry Miller, Gene Abbott

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am
March 18-19 Alexa Orr, Kyle Thomas,
McKenzie Svoboda
Thursday, March 20
7:30 pm Rhiannon Dominik,
Nick Pepler, Anne Prins
Friday, March 21
12:15 pm Rhiannon Dominik,
Nick Pepler, Ryan Gall
7:30 pm Sean McSweeney, Danny
Moriarty, Madeline Esterl
Saturday, March 22
7:30 pm John Kelly, Maddy Kempf
Sunday, March 23
7:30 am Madeline Esterl, Ashley
Brotherton, Ryan Gall
9:00 am Nick Pepler, Nick Ryan,
Anne Prins
11:00 am Greta Fisher

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS
(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, March 17

6:30 pm Troop 336

Tuesday, March 18

6:00 pm Pack 338

6:30 pm Virtus

7:00 pm SJB Choir

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, March 19

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

5:20 pm Children's Choir School

6:30 pm Bible Study

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

Thursday, March 20

9:30 am Catholic Bible Study

Sunday, March 23

8:00 am AA Meeting

THANK YOU

for a wonderful evening. I enjoyed celebrating Mass in your beautiful church. The dinner and auction were great. You people are truly wonderful!

My best,

Archbishop John C. Nienstedt

GRACED & GIFTED...CATHOLIC WOMEN'S DAY

Graced & Gifted... for Purpose is the focus of the first Graced & Gifted ... Catholic Women's Day. This event will be on Saturday, April 5, at All Saints Church in Lakeville.

Rosalind Moss, the keynote speaker, will present two talks: *How Do I Know God's Will for My Life* and *Mary Our Jewish Mother*.

For more information visit St. John's website at www.stjohns-savage.org or contact Brenda Schroll at 952.233.1042.

Space is limited.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 19.

◆ ◆ ◆ **FAMILY FUN NIGHT** ◆ ◆ ◆



**Family Fun Night
"Celebrate Under the Big Top"
Saturday, April 5th, 2008**

In the Parish Center:
Starry Joes and Hot Dogs after Mass 6-7pm

In the Auditorium:
Clowns, Magician Performance and Family Dance 6:30-9:30pm

In the Old Gym:
Carnival Games, Refreshments and Coffee 6:30-8:00pm




Family Fun Night is a wonderful opportunity to bring parish and school families together to celebrate our community and enjoy an evening full of fun for everyone!

TICKET ORDER FORM

Tickets purchased by Wednesday, March 19, will receive \$5 off a family ticket (regularly \$20) or \$2 off an adult ticket (regularly \$10). Send money and order form to the school or parish office.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekend of March 29/30.

Tickets purchased on Saturday, April 5, at the door are: \$20 per family; \$10 per adult and \$4 per child.

I wish to purchase _____ Family (\$15) _____ # Adults _____
#Kids _____

or

Adult Ticket (\$8) _____ Child Ticket (\$4) _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Family Name _____

We are in need of volunteers. If you would be interested in helping out e-mail Melissa at MelissaBecken@mchsi.com or call 952.440.9126.

◆ ◆ ◆ PRAYER ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY ◆ ◆ ◆

Dear Lord,

Your servant, Saint Patrick, was first a slave to, and then a servant of, Your people in Ireland.

As he endured years of hardship as a slave, so help us to persevere through our trials.

As Patrick's time in Ireland served him well, after he was called to be a bishop of that land, so help us to see how our sufferings strengthen us to do Your will.

Later, as Patrick's people withstood great hardship, protected Your word in monasteries, and brought your Church to many new lands, help us also to grow in faithfulness and be Your instruments of the world's conversion.

Amen.

◆ ◆ ◆ FRANCISCAN RETREATS ◆ ◆ ◆

Theme for 2008: Francis of Assisi: Finding Peace In An Uncertain World

There is a retreat for everyone:

April 11-13 Married Couples

April 18-20 Women's Weekend

For more information on these retreats and other upcoming retreats visit their website at www.FranciscanRetreats.net or call 952.447.2182.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donation	\$26,568
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$2,135
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,014
Budget year-to-date	-\$46,589

SIMPLE GIVING
EASTER DEDUCTIONS

If your contributions to St. John's are deducted through *Simple Giving*, our automatic transfer program, please note that your Easter contribution will be deducted on April 1. If you would like more information about our *Simple Giving* program, go to our website at www.stjohns-savage.org.