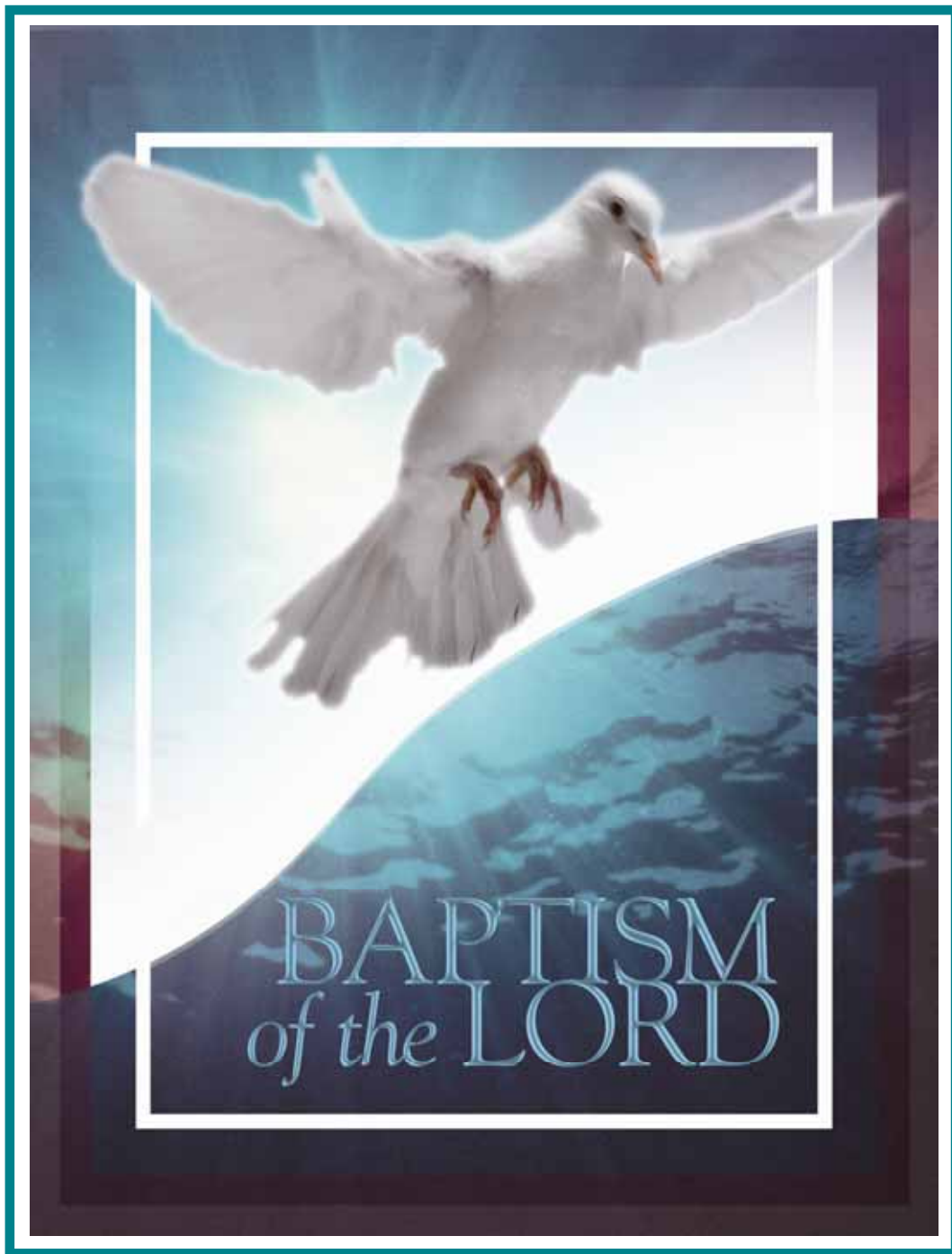


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BAPTISM OF THE LORD • JANUARY 13, 2008

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# St. John <sup>the</sup> Baptist

Catholic Church

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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.

No Daily Masses this Week

Communion Service

Monday - Saturday 8 am

Rosary

Monday - Saturday 7:35 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, January 14, 7-8:30 pm

Marriage

Contact a priest or 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

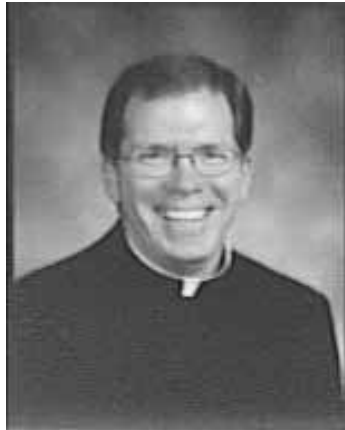
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

Early Bulletin Deadline

Submit articles to the parish office by 10 am on Friday, Jan. 18, for the Jan. 27 bulletin.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord which concludes our Christmas season and invites us to consider our own baptism. Often we think about baptism as a single moment, on a single day. Baptism, however, is a lifelong calling to follow Jesus Christ. In baptism we are initiated into the saving grace of Jesus' death and resurrection and made children of God. Our following Christ, or our discipleship, is a comprehensive outlook at our lives that includes vocation, and other choices that we make in our daily lives. Baptism also implies life within the community of the church. It is for this reason,

that on this weekend, I invite you to consider the many "Opportunities to Serve" within our parish and how you might share your time and talent with our church and all that we do together in the name of Jesus Christ.

Baptism and stewardship are intimately connected. We talk about stewardship as the sharing of time, talent, and treasure. I want to wholeheartedly thank everyone who has shared their gifts in the past calendar year. The sharing of your time, talent, and treasure is a silent and very powerful statement of your faith in Jesus Christ. In particular I want to thank those who have shared their time and talent to make our Christmas liturgies so wonderful these past weeks: the cantors, choirs, ushers, lectors, altar servers, decorators, and Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you also to those who have financially shared their gifts this past year through our Sunday collection which sustains our parish operations, as well as our ongoing Raise the Roof efforts.

By sharing our time, talent, and treasure we live out our baptismal commitment of following Jesus Christ and proclaiming God's Kingdom to our world. Thank you for the many ways that you help St. John's to reflect ever more clearly the presence of God's love for all people to see.

- Father Mike Tix

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

The Interdenominational Coalition of South Suburban Churches, comprised of 16 churches "south of the river," will present the second in a five-week series entitled *Growing Through Loss*. Pastor Michelle Gawienowski and Peter Gawienowski, LCSW, School Social Worker, Minneapolis Public Schools will speak Tuesday, Jan. 15, on *A Couple's Perspective on Life and Loss*. Come for one or all sessions from 6:30-9pm, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road in Apple Valley. Donation per session is \$3. If you have any questions, call Julie Opheim at 952.432.6351. Listed below are upcoming dates and topics:

- ◆ Jan. 22 *We're not in Kansas Aymore*
- ◆ Jan. 29 *HOPELETS . . . Gifts of Hope in Times of Loss*
- ◆ Feb. 5 *Cherished Memories*

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

**55+ GROUP**

**January Event** ~ On Thursday, Jan. 24, we will tour the Mill City Museum in Minneapolis. We will gather for lunch in the atrium at 11am and return to the church at 4pm. The cost is \$25 which includes: soup-and-sandwich lunch, admission ticket and deluxe motor coach. **RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 15**, to Jim Rylander by mail or by calling 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

All are invited - not just those 55 and over!

**HOW CAN THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGE YOUR LIFE?**

Many people have experienced the peace of the Holy Spirit and it has changed their lives. The *Life in the Spirit Seminar* is a time to sit back and enjoy a new speaker each week and hear people share how their lives have become complete with the help of the Holy Spirit. The music is upbeat and the sharing is awesome. If this is your first seminar or if you are returning to the seminar, the Holy Spirit has something exciting waiting for you.

St. John's will once again host the *Life in the Spirit Seminar* during the Lenten season. Mark your calendars for the following Sundays at 6:30pm to attend with an open mind and heart. Childcare is available. Each week has a new topic:

- January 27 - *God's Love*
- February 3 - *Salvation*
- February 10 - *New Life*
- February 17 - *God's Gifts*
- February 24 - *Baptism in the Spirit*
- March 2 - *Growth and Transformation*

If you have questions call Sandra at 952.890.4676 or Marge at 952.435.5159.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DINNER AND SPEAKER**

Dr. John Buri, author and professor of psychology at the University of St. Thomas, will be the featured speaker for the Marriage Enrichment Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 16, following the 5pm Mass. Dr. Buri will engage you in an inspirational presentation "As For Me, We Comes First," based on his book, *How to Love Your Wife*.



Cost is \$35 per couple which includes social time, dinner and speaker. Tickets will be sold in the atrium after weekend Masses through Feb. 3. Childcare will be provided for a \$5/child fee which includes a meal. For more information, contact Brenda Schroll at 952.233.1042.

**JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!**

Gather a group of friends and come for an evening of good food and fellowship on Saturday, March 1, while helping to raise funds for St. John's. Tickets for the event are on sale after weekend Masses. If you are unable to attend, consider making a donation to the event such as a bottle of wine or a gift certificate. For a suggested list of donations go to St. John's website at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org). Volunteers are also needed to help make the evening a success. Contact Paula Beer for more information at [pgbeer@hotmail.com](mailto:pgbeer@hotmail.com) or 952.492.3833.

**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:

*Grace Cecilia Galbus*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Mary Machacek*, mother of Kelly Hansen
- † *Pollyanne Jorgenson*, wife of Wayne Jorgenson

## NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*David & Erika Kensinger  
Varrah*

*Joe & Julie Johnston  
James*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

*James and Judith Kolz* on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary on Jan. 14. We wish them God's blessings and many more happy years together.



Jesus publicly indicates his desire to properly commit himself to God's covenant.



## READINGS

For the Week of January 13

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/

Mt 3:13-17

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tue: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thu: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/  
Mk 2:13-17

Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/  
Jn 1:29-34

## ◆ ◆ ◆ RESPECT LIFE ◆ ◆ ◆

**Saturday, January 19** ~ Silent No More MN will host its 6th Annual Speak Out event in the State Capitol's Rotunda from 12-2pm. The event is free and open to the public. We encourage you to come and support those who are speaking out about the pain abortion has caused in their lives and how they found healing. There is limited free parking available in front of the Capitol.

**Tuesday, January 22** ~ Plan to attend the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul. An offering will be taken which will go to the Archdiocesan Life Fund and will be used to help pregnant women and babies in need. The schedule for the day is:

- 9:30am Bus will leave St. John's parking lot
- 10:30am Ecumenical Prayer Service at the Cathedral  
Homily by Archbishop Harry Flynn
- 11:30am March for Life to the Capitol
- 12pm MCCL Rally at the Capitol
- 2pm Return to St. John's

Parishioners are invited to ride the bus to this inspiring event. We invite you to bring your life affirming posters and a bag lunch. There will be one bus for St. John's students and one for parishioners. The parishioner's bus is on a first-come, first-served basis. If the bus fills up, people are welcome to follow the bus in their cars. Last year we had extra room, so consider joining us. Stop by the Respect Life table next weekend in the atrium for more information.

**Tuesday, January 22** ~ Pro-Life Action Ministries will hold a rally in front of Regions Hospital after the event at the Capitol. For more information, contact Pro-Life Action Ministries at 651.771.1500.

*"Life is the gift of Gods love to all...."*

Monsignor Jean Lafitte, vice pr esident, Pontifical Academy for Life

## ◆ ◆ ◆ OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆

### REMEMBER OUR MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ryan Pfaff • Cory Berg • Patrick Cole • Patrick Adelman • Dennis Johnson  
Joseph Jenkins • Sean Tisdell • Joshua Krieg • Walter Lang • Scott Miller  
Gerry Peppmuller • Jeremy Glenz • Jamie Sieben • Stephanie Griffith  
Gregory Beach • Joseph Rouse • Tom Bunnell • Josh West • Kevin Sweeney  
Nick VandeGriffe • Ashleigh Howard • Jeff Mouras • Cameron Mayasich  
Simon Walbruch • James Duke • Becky Duke • Troy Bauman • Luke Anderson  
Zachary Kirchner • Angie Colón • Michael Duerr • Matthew Gotelaere  
Michael Durkin • Andrew Motzko • Jon Myrman • Thomas Hilla  
Laura Winge

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS; FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

If you know that any of the above are no longer on active duty, contact Jim Rylander at [jrylander@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:jrylander@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9465 to let him know and we will take them off the list.

### MILITARY MEDAL

The Knights of Columbus will provide at no charge a prayer card and St. Michael's medal to any member of the armed forces who is on active duty . If you would like a card and medal sent to a service person, contact Jim Rylander at the parish office with the person's name, rank and mailing location.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

### REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND PARENTS

Plan to attend an important meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30pm, in the church about this year's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition to the brief informational meeting, there also will be a presentation by David Rinaldi for all candidates and any parents who wish to remain. The topic of David's presentation is "Putting on the Armor of Christ." If you have questions, contact Andi Little at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or 952.890.9434.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MOVIE NIGHT

You are invited to join the youth ministry for Movie Night on Friday, Jan. 18, at 6:30pm. The movie will start at 7pm in the auditorium. Snacks and pop will be served. The cost is \$3. Permission forms can be found in the Education Office. For more information contact Lori at [ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

### TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

is this year's Lenten retreat which will be held here at St. John's over the weekend of Feb. 8/9 for youth in grades 6-8. It will start at 5pm on Friday and end at 10am on Saturday. If you are a 10<sup>th</sup> grader who would like to be a leader, this will go towards your requirements for Confirmation. Adult chaperones also are needed. Permission slips can be found in the Education Office. If you have questions contact Lori at [ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

### HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS

There will be a training session on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 5pm, in the youth room for high school students who would like to lead the Lenten retreat. Contact Lori if you have any questions.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

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

For the Confirmation candidates (Confirmation is Feb. 2) we have on display many great gift ideas such as youth prayer books, jewelry, lapel pins or tie tacks, themed trinket boxes, olive wood crosses from Bethlehem, gift cards and a gift item for the Confirmation sponsor. Please take some time and browse through our store to see our merchandise.

### TESTS THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Life Line Screening will be conducting a health screening at St. John's on Tuesday, Feb. 12. They will perform potentially life-saving ultrasound screenings identifying men and women who are unknowingly at risk of a stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral artery disease and osteoporosis. With early detection, these problems can be treated. Results of the ultrasound screenings are sent to your home after they are reviewed by Board Certified Professionals. These screenings take very little time. Prices vary, depending on which tests you choose. You must pre-register by calling 1.800.690.0295. Don't hesitate - the limited number of appointments always go fast.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 14

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, January 15

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Wednesday, January 16

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

9:35 am † Richard Notermann  
(School Mass)

Thursday, January 17

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Friday, January 18

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Saturday, January 19

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm Special Intention for the  
U. S. Military

Sunday, January 20

7:30 am † Richard O'Keefe

9:00 am † Julian Witt

11:00 am † Patrick M. Connelly

## LECTORS

January 19/20

5:00 pm Margaret & Ron Eustice

7:30 am Maureen & Dennis Peterson

9:00 am Katie Broadwell

Mike Goering

11:00 am Bridgett Comee

Larry McCrory

## MASS SERVERS

Saturday, January 19

5:00 pm Matt Warner, Tad Neeser,  
Nhu-Y Nguyen

Sunday, January 20

7:30 am Matt Berg, Nate Berg,  
Brian Zetah

9:00 am Erik Olson, Nick Ryan,  
Amanda Patch

11:00 am Sam Hinh, John Kelly,  
Brett Miller

*After* Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."  
— Mt 3:16-17

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

### Monday, January 14

6:30 pm Troop 336  
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class  
7:00 pm Home & School Meeting

### Tuesday, January 15

6:30 pm Catholic Bible Study  
7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

### Wednesday, January 16

4:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:45 pm RE Gr. 1-6  
6:30 pm Bible Study  
6:30 pm Confirmation Candidate & Parent Speaker/Meeting\*  
6:45 pm RE Gr. 7-9 (on site classes)

### Thursday, January 17

9:30 am Catholic Bible Study  
6:00 pm REAC  
7:00 pm SJB Choir

### Friday, January 18

8:30 am Stations of the Cross  
9:30 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm Youth Event - Movie Night\*

### Saturday, January 19

9:00 am Virtus Training

### Saturday/Sunday, January 19/20

*Celebration!* Ticket Sale\*  
Marriage Enrichment Ticket Sale\*

### Sunday, January 20

8:00 am AA Meeting  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:15 am RCIA Program

## FAITH IN SCHOOLS

*When we see the cross on the classroom wall, may we always remember the reason our schools of faith exist.*

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*For Christ died upon the cross, not for academic excellence, and not for a dress code; not for well-written essays, or for correctly added math problems.*

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*Christ died upon the cross for our salvation, and as a model of love for us to follow.*

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*May we remember while learning or teaching, that the most important thing we can learn or teach is not in our textbooks, but instead, is our faith in Christ himself. Amen.*

## ◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

### MAKE MONDAY NIGHT PIZZA NIGHT

All are invited to the Davanni's in Savage on Monday, Jan. 14, from 4-8pm. A portion of the evening's sales comes back to St. John's School. Davinni's is located at County Road 42 and Hwy. 13 near the Cub Food Store.

### STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

St. John's will host an Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 22, from 5:30-7pm in the parish center. All interested families are invited to join us for pizza and a program to learn more about our kindergarten and preschool programs. Tours of the school will follow the program. Call the office at 952.890.6604 by Friday, Jan. 18, to register.

### REGISTER FOR ST. JOHN'S STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL

St. John's Steppingstones Preschool program offers classes for children ages 3 to 5 years old, two or three days a week with morning and afternoon classes. Steppingstones is a child centered preschool that provides enrichment, music and school readiness in a program that reflects the spiritual values of the enrolled families. Registration dates are:

- Current Steppingstones families                      Thursday, Jan. 17, 6pm-7pm
- St. John's and parish families                         Saturday, Jan. 26, 9am-10am
- Open to the public    Tuesday, Jan. 29, 6pm-7pm

Available openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee will be collected to finalize registration for each student. All registration will be held in room 115, the Starlight room, and you may enter through the Lynn Avenue doors. If you have questions, call the preschool office at 952.846.4663.

### ST. JOHN'S K-8 SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 23

St. John's offers small class sizes, a faith-filled environment, advantages of school uniforms, an academically challenging curriculum, free transportation within the boundaries of ISD 191, sports and extracurricular activities, in-house before and after school care, affordable tuition, opportunities for community service, and weekly Mass. St. John's is fully accredited through Minnesota Non-Public Schools Academic Association and financial aid is available.

Registration dates are:

- Current families starts Wednesday, Jan. 23
- Parish families starts Thursday, Feb. 14
- Registration opens to the public as of Wednesday, Feb. 20

Contact the school office at 952.890.6604 for more information or to arrange a tour. Visit us on the web at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org).

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## THANK YOU

Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all those who participated in the Christmas Giving Tree program on our behalf! Our clients were blessed by each contribution. We could not continue this important ministry without your support, and we thank the Lord for you.

◆ ◆ ◆ RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE ◆ ◆ ◆

Since the recent mailings outlining the projects we hope to accomplish during the summer months, many questions have been asked regarding the replacement of the cedar tiles with a steel roof and the aesthetics of this type of roof. In the atrium, near the table for registering new parishioners, is a large sample that shows the steel material being explored. Information about the product is also available to anyone interested. Feel free to help yourselves.

Donations-to-Date	\$135,359
Cost of Project	\$565,000

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

**HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Hospice of the Twin Cities serves the 12-county metro area. Training is available to potential volunteers and those who want to learn more about Hospice. It will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Jan. 15 through Feb. 7, at Hospice of the Twin Cities, 10405 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. in Plymouth. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call Kristin Debner at 763.531.2424 or 763.253.2114.

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Dec. 23 donations .....	\$26,270
Christmas donations.....	\$47,742
Dec. 30 donations .....	\$34,677
Jan. 1 donations.....	\$4,443
Jan. 6 donations.....	\$22,065
Simple Giving electronic donations .....	\$3,917
Weekly revenue budget .....	\$34,014
Fiscal year-to-date .....	- \$43,238

