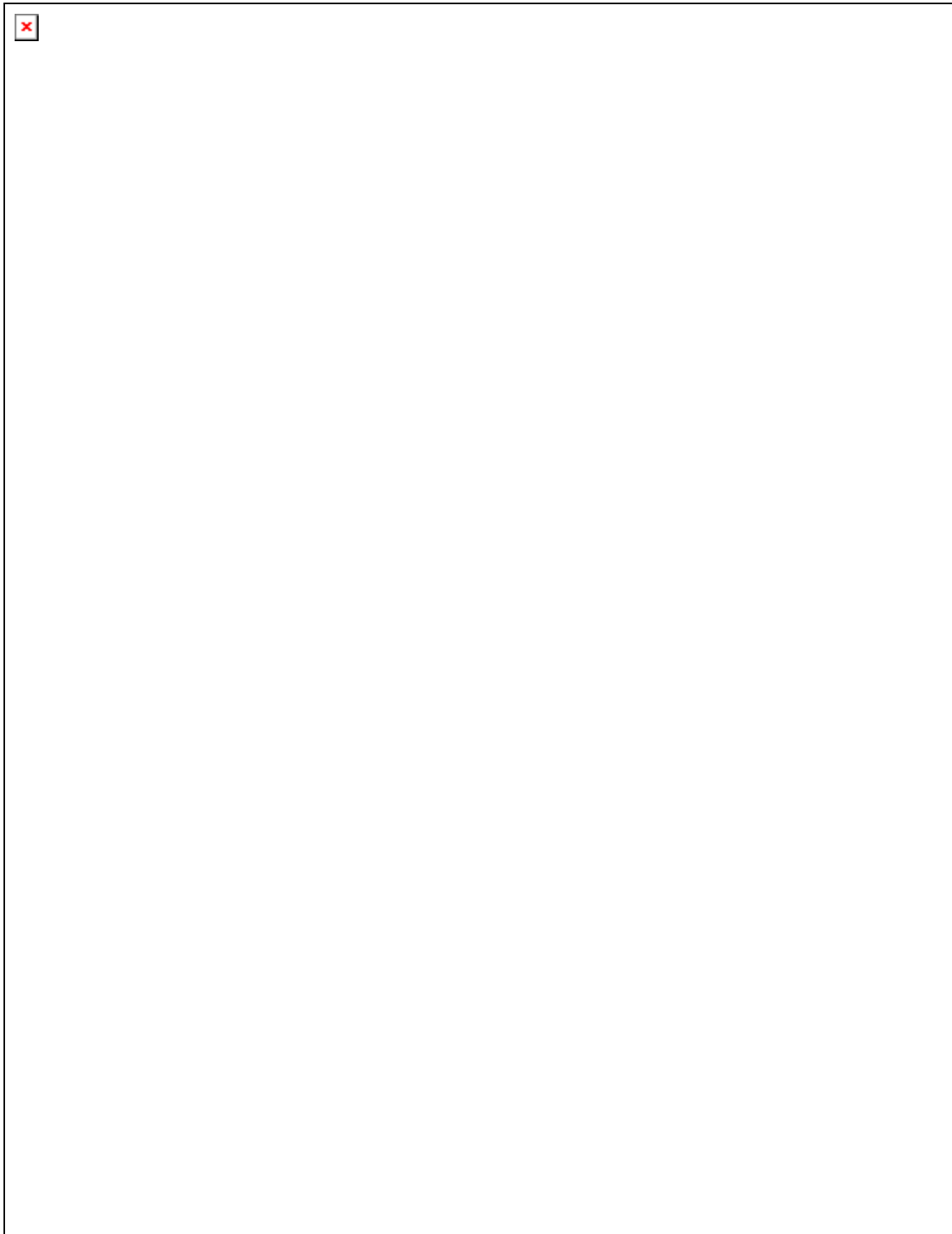

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JANUARY 27, 2008



St. John ^{the} 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.

Daily Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8 am

Communion Service

Monday 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, February 11, 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

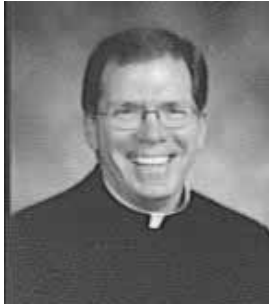
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

Bulletin Deadline

Submit articles to the parish office
by 10 am on Monday.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



This weekend begins Catholic Schools Week. As a Catholic School our mission is to proclaim God's love to each child and family that we are privileged to serve. Just prior to Christmas I received an e-mail from one of our school parents reflecting on their experience. I want to share this with you as one testimony among others about what we together help to support as a parish. I promised to keep the writer's name anonymous.

I have been intending to send you a note for so long and decided today was the day that I would do it. In my mind I thought that a hand written one was called for but if I wait to do that it will never come. With that out of the way here goes.

My kids are both at St. John's School and we could not be happier with it. We have a third grader and a kindergartener. They are both doing so well and it is such a relief as a parent to send them to a school that is simple but so wonderful. We had really never intended to send our kids to Catholic school but the year our oldest was heading off to kindergarten, we were at Steppingstones Preschool. It just seemed to fit to try out St. John's and here we are four years later and could imagine nothing else for our kids. Our youngest son has a speech delay and was in special education pre-school last year as well as Steppingstones. It was indicated that he might need to go to public school. When I talked to Mrs. Behnke she simply told me that there was a place for our son at St. John's. She is the best. I have told her along the way as well as all the teachers how much we value them and in the process never included you. I have come to realize how important your role is in the school and we wanted you to know how we feel.

I was raised Catholic and as a child the priests that I knew were untouchable. I thought they were Jesus himself and could never have imagined talking directly to them. We were lucky enough to have the chance to be married by a priest at the parish I grew up at that started to help me see that priests are people too. I am so thankful to you for showing my boys that you are a real person. They both think nothing of talking directly to you at school and my third grader tells me all the time that Wednesday Mass is one of his favorite things about school. Please don't be offended but at that age I was not at all excited to go to church and I only had to go on Sunday as I went to public school. I went to Mass this Wednesday and I understand why my son likes Wednesday Mass. I really like how you talk to the kids at the school Mass and get down off the altar and talk to them, not at them. You explain to them so well the readings and they get it.

I myself find liking to go to Mass and I am proud to say my kids go to St. John's School. When I tell people, I always say the reason we continue the commitment to pay tuition to send our kids to school, and why we keep them there, is so different than why we tried it four years ago. I even have my husband very interested in coming to Mass and he was raised Lutheran. Thank you for all you do to make St. John's School and Church feel like home to my family.

- Father Mike Tix

2008 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Next weekend marks the beginning of the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal. The Appeal supports numerous ministries and programs that help the spiritual, educational and social needs of the Archdiocesan community. Look for your letter in the mail from Archbishop Flynn and prayerfully consider a gift to the Appeal.

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

THE 55+ GROUP

February Gathering ~ The next gathering will be on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the atrium following the 8am Mass. Shirley Rowley, Pastoral Care at St. Joseph’s in Rosemount, will speak on *Lenten Reflections*. Refreshments will be served.

February Event ~ Our pre-Valentine lunch will be on Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the atrium. The luncheon will begin at noon and will include stuffed chicken breast, potato, rolls, salad, beverage, and dessert. RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 7, to Jim Rylander by mail or by calling 952.890.9465, ext. 114. The cost is \$10 and checks should be made payable to *St. John’s*.

CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATRE ~ 42ND STREET

The 55+ Group is sponsoring an outing on Wednesday, March 26, to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre to see *42nd Street*. This classic musical and dancing extravaganza is a salute to Broadway. The cost is \$65, which includes deluxe motor coach, admission, and lunch. We will leave from the St. John’s parking lot at 10:15am and return by 4:30pm. RSVP to Jim Rylander by mail or by calling 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Checks should be made payable to *St. John’s*.

All are invited to any of these events - not just those 55 and over!

ALL MUSICIANS/SINGERS FOR LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

are to meet on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 5:15pm for rehearsal before the seminar. If you have questions e-mail Lois Ward at loisville@yahoo.com or call 952.892.0892.

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. Cost is \$5 per child which includes a meal. For more information, contact Brenda Schroll at 952.233.1042.

HELP “RAISE THE ROOF” BY MAKING A DONATION TO CELEBRATION!

If you would like to make a donation to our Live or Silent Auction, it needs to be dropped off by Friday, Feb. 1. The early drop off is requested so that your donation can be listed in our *Celebration!* brochure. Cash donations, bottles of wine for the Wall of Wine, and gift certificates for the Gift Certificate Tree will be accepted until Monday, Feb. 25. For more information on donating to *Celebration!* contact Paula Beer at 952.492.3833. Check the St. John’s website at www.stjohns-savage.org and click on *Gala Wish List* for some fun ideas.

Auction items will include a fabulous Martini Party, a birthday party package for kids, Walt Disney World Park Hopper passes and so much more. Don’t miss your chance at winning these fabulous items. Or, you could be the big winner at Heads and Tails and go home with \$250 cash. Stop by the *Celebration!* table in the atrium after all weekend Masses or drop off your ticket order in the school or parish offices. For more information or to print a ticket order form, visit the parish website at www.stjohns-savage.org.

If you are able to help sell tickets after weekend Masses or the evening of the event, contact Nancy Roscoe at 952.808.1295.

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:

Sarah Florence Gottwalt

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Michael Joseph*, father of Gayo Andreasen
- † *Annamma Cherucheril*, mother of George Cherucheril
- † *Blanche Vicker*, wife of Tom Vicker

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Ryan & Gane Ferreras
Makenna*

*Tom & Sarah Walsh
Michael, Abigail*



DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 8:30am for the Rosary and meditation in the Holy Family Chapel.

READINGS

For the Week of January 27

- Sun: Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
- Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
- Tue: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/
Mk 3:31-35
- Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
- Thu: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
- Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/
Mk 4:26-34
- Sat: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Sun: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/
Mt 5:1-12a

◆ ◆ ◆ STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL ◆ ◆ ◆

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is still being accepted for children ages 3-5 in our 2 or 3 day morning or afternoon program. Children are given the opportunity to build skills in preparation for Kindergarten in a nurturing, Catholic environment. Children participate in activities such as art, music, science, small and large motor skills, language development, and story time. Registration information is available by contacting Dora May at 952.846.4663.

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

SPEAKER TALKS ABOUT FAITH AND HOPE

Everyone is invited to come and hear Mary Treacy O'Keefe who will be at St. John's on Thursday, April 10, at 7pm. Mary will talk about her book, *Thin Places: Where Faith is Affirmed and Hope Dwells*. She is a local author, co-founder and executive director of Well Within, a non-profit wellness resource center in West St. Paul. Some of Mary's writings have appeared in magazines and books including *Chicken Soup for the Christian Family Soul*. Her book is now available in our Book-n-Gift Store and will be autographed that evening. St. John's BeFriender Ministry will host this presentation. There is no cost to attend. We ask that you RSVP if you are planning to attend by calling Bonnie Unzen in Pastoral Care at 952.890.9465, ext. 120.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

The fourth in the five-week series of *Growing Through Loss* will be on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 6:30pm, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley. Mary Christopherson, BA, Life Coach, Founder of Hope After Loss, will speak on *Hopelets . . . Gifts of Hope in Times of Loss*. This program is offered to any adult experiencing a loss or major crisis. For more information call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

◆ ◆ ◆ OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆

TOWELS FROM TEENS

Students from Holy Angels and St. John's schools will be collecting new and gently used towels and blankets the weekends of Feb. 9/10 and Feb. 16/17. Baskets will be placed at all church entrances for this collection. Towels and blankets will be given to St. Stephen's Homeless Shelter and Bridging, Inc. They provide for those who are economically disadvantaged and in transition. Thank you for your generosity. Questions? Call Kelsey Shea at 952.435.5990.

COUPLE-TO-COUPLE LEAGUE

will offer a series of Natural Family Planning classes at St. John's for engaged and married couples on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning*. Classes begin on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 1pm. To register visit their website at twincities.ccli.org or call 612.721.3791.

Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the Messiah, and praises God for gifting us with Jesus' "revealing light."

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Students in St. John's R. E. and day school will use donations of cans of soup and cash to determine this year's Super Bowl winner. R. E. students are reminded to bring their can of soup and \$1 donation to the Fr. Wittman Auditorium on Wednesday, Jan. 30. Students in St. John's School can start bringing their donations in on Thursday and Friday. *Super Bowl of Caring* is a national effort, led by youth, to raise the awareness of poverty and hunger in our country. All donations will be given to the CAP Agency Food Shelf, along with the parish donations from We Care Weekend, Feb. 2/3.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

our 166 young people who will be Confirmed at St. John's on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 10am, at a Mass presided by Bishop Richard Pates. Confirmation candidates are reminded to be in the Fr. Wittman Auditorium with their sponsor by 9:15am.

**THERE ARE NO R. E. CLASSES ON
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6.
ASH SERVICES WILL BE AT 5 & 7PM.**

FIRST EUCHARIST MEETING · FEBRUARY 12

Parents of children preparing to receive Eucharist for the first time this spring are reminded to attend the information meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30pm, in the church. Children preparing for First Eucharist should be in 2nd grade or older, who have prepared for and received Reconciliation, and who attend either a Catholic day school or a faith formation program. Preparation materials will be distributed that night. If you have questions about our preparation program, call the R. E. Office at 952.890.9434.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Fifth graders and friends are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day (a day late) at Faith & Fun Night on Friday, Feb. 15, from 7-9pm, in the parish center. In addition to faith sharing, games and snacks, we will tie fleece blankets which will be donated to Bridging, Inc. Cost is \$5 to help cover the cost of materials. Registration materials are in the Education Office. Register by Wednesday, Feb. 13. Donations of blanket fleece would be appreciated. Adult chaperones are needed. Teens are welcome to help lend their hands to help our fifth graders with their projects. **If volunteering, VIRTUS training is required.** To volunteer check the box on your child's registration form or e-mail Andi at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

SONAR BAND AT LENTEN RETREAT

As part of the Lenten retreat on Friday, Feb. 8, at 8:30pm, the band *Sonar* will be performing a Lenten Service for the youth. This is a FREE invitation to the whole parish so bring your friends and family. *Sonar* is a Christian band that frequently plays at NET ministries and other parishes around the state. Check out their website at www.sonarband.com. 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, January 28

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, January 29

8:00 am †† Rosemary & Victor Kehren

Wednesday, January 30

8:00 am †† LaVerne & William Mies

9:35 am Special Intention for Ken
Wundrow (School Mass)

Thursday, January 31

8:00 am Special Intention of Joe Bries

First Friday, February 1

8:00 am † Dave Soucek

First Saturday, February 2

8:00 am No Communion Service

10:00 am Confirmation

5:00 pm † Elizabeth Rheume

Sunday, February 3

7:30 am † Bill Paget

9:00 am † Julian Witt

11:00 am † Richard Notermann

LECTORS

February 2/3

5:00 pm Ann Rogers

Craig Schoenecker

7:30 am Luke Bearth

Sharon Warmka

9:00 am Don Kuplic

Kris Lambrecht

11:00 am Janet & Wilfred Williams

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Jan. 29-30 Lindsay Becker

Maddy Kempf

McKenzie Svoboda

Jan. 31-Feb. 1 Joey Hanel

Charlie Nicklay

Robert Tobroxen

Saturday, February 2

5:00 pm Maddy Kempf

Daniel Motl

Nicholas Pepler

Sunday, February 3

7:30 am Madeline Esterl

Kris Keding

Lucy Walbruch

9:00 am Alex Kubicek

Anne Prins

Madi Vohnoutka

11:00 am Laura Comee

Robert Tobroxen

Shannon Wilson

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, January 28

6:30 pm Troop 336

6:30 pm Sister Parish Cultural Meeting

Tuesday, January 29

6:00 pm Steppingstones Registration

6:30 pm Catholic Bible Study

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, January 30

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, January 31

9:30 am Catholic Bible Study

7:00 pm SJB Choir

Friday, February 1

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

Saturday/Sunday, February 2/3

Fellowship/Can Collection/We Care*

Celebration! Ticket Sale*

Marriage Enrichment Ticket Sale*

Sunday, February 3

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 K. of C. Chili Feed*

7:00 pm Life in the Spirit ~ *Salvation*

CAN COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer parked in the church parking lot Saturday or Sunday, Feb. 2/3. Money collected is used to support activities of St. John's School Booster Club.

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mt 4:17-19

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

USED UNIFORM SALE

will be on Monday, Feb. 4, from 5-7:30pm, in the parish center. You may bring gently used items to the school office by Friday, Feb. 1. Include price and your name on the items you wish to sell. If you have questions call Jeanne Adam at 952.440.1372.

DAVANNI'S NIGHT ~ JANUARY 14



Who said serving food, busing tables and cleaning dishes wasn't fun? St. John's 2nd grade class did a great job!



◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

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. Those less fortunate need your help. In January 266 pounds of food items was delivered to the CAP Agency in Shakopee. Thank you for your donations.

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

Prior to the season of Lent we have on display spiritual reading material such as daily prayer books and Stations of the Cross for children. We also carry art work, DVD movies and CDs to enhance the theme of Lent. Do you need a Confirmation gift? We have a wide variety of items from bookmarks to scrapbook kits, from jewelry to trinket boxes, and everything in between. Please come and browse our store.

PARISH MISSION ~ MARCH 8-13

Fr. William Mason, OMI, a member of the renewal team of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, will lead parishioners, families and friends through our Parish Mission from March 8-13. The theme is *Journey of Life*. Childcare will be available. For childcare reservations call Andi at 952.890.9434, ext. 249. Visit our parish website at www.stjohns-savage.org for more information.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

You and your family are invited to a chili feed with all the fixings on Sunday, Feb. 3, from 4-6pm in the parish center. All K. of C. members and their families are also invited. Come and learn more about the K. of C. and have a hot bowl of chili before the Super Bowl. Questions? Call Rich Myers at 952.447.4503.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a pre-Lent Fish fry on Friday, Feb. 1, at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Baked or fried fish, three varieties of potatoes, coleslaw, fresh baked bread, dessert and coffee or milk will be served from 5-8pm. The cost is \$9 (age 11 or older); \$4 (ages 5 to 10); children under 4 are free. Open to the public.

◆ ◆ ◆ RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE ◆ ◆ ◆

In your recent mailing of contribution envelopes you will find a new Raise the Roof envelope. This envelope will temporarily replace the blue Debt Reduction envelope. All parishioners are encouraged to consider a special gift to our Raise the Roof efforts. Beyond the recent November and December mailings, these envelopes will offer a regular reminder. A shortfall of dollars needed to complete the necessary projects will result in an increased additional debt to the parish. Thank you to those who have already offered their support for our Raise the Roof efforts.

Cost of Project \$565,000 Donations-to-Date \$160,892

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S DAY

All women are invited to hear Rosalind Moss speak on *Graced & Gifted...for Purpose* on Saturday, April 5, at All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville. The day includes:

- ≈ Informative and Engaging Breakout Sessions
- ≈ Ladies Luncheon and Entertainment
- ≈ Book & Resource Tables
- ≈ Spiritual Refreshment...Fellowship...Fun

For more info call Monica at 952.892.7587 or Brenda 952.233.1042 or visit www.allsaintschurch.com or www.stjohns-savage.org

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donation \$19,627
 Simple Giving
 electronic donations \$2,140
 Gifts of Stock \$22,242
 Weekly revenue budget \$34,014
 Budget year-to-date - \$30,393

Comments written on children's envelopes from this past weekend -

My good deed was:

Visiting an old person.

I did the laundry for Mom and Dad.

Making my bed.

Saying thank you to the bus driver

Cleaned my room without being asked.