



CONFIRMATION

FEBRUARY 2, 2008

We welcome the newly  
Confirmed of our parish.  
They have completed their  
initiation into the Catholic  
Church which began at  
their Baptism.

Jacob Algren  
Erik Anderson  
Michael Armstrong  
Victoria Axt  
Alicia Babcock  
Hayden Baker  
Thomas Bartzen  
Matthew Bearth  
Ali Bebeau  
Genevieve Becker  
Kelsey Beerling  
Chelsea Behnke  
Thomas Bien  
Jeremiah Bjerke  
Corey Blexrud  
Alyssa Boutelle  
William Bowman  
Jacob Branson  
Kelsey Broadwell  
Alexander Brodjeski  
Eric Brokofsky  
Ashley Brule  
Elizabeth Brunner  
Daniel Cain  
Andrew Case  
Chase Chapman  
Kyle Cousins  
Conor Cullen  
Kathleen Dennis  
Jennifer Disher  
Blake Diwi  
Samantha Dix  
Kathleen Dorfner  
Spencer Drake  
Marissa Drummer  
Tyler Emanuel  
Elliott Etz Korn  
Alec Fischer  
McKenzie Foster  
Cole Frechette  
Samantha Gartner  
Mitchel Gavino  
Kathryn Gaydos  
Collin Giles  
Jessica Gillitzer  
Samuel Girouard  
Michael Grosulak  
Ryan Grove  
Samuel Gullickson  
Megan Haberlack  
Jacob Hadley  
Tregg Hagen  
Sara Hanel  
Irene Hanson  
Luke Harman  
Michael Haskins

Stephen Hegedus  
Scott Hegg  
Ryan Helin  
Brett Herdegen  
Emily Herkenhoff  
Sara Hermansen  
Christopher Hinh  
Matthew Hoffman  
Austin Howes  
Lisa Hughes  
Jennifer Hurinenko  
Matthew Jamieson  
Emily Jensen  
Kelli Jensen  
Andrew Jirik  
Kevin Jirik  
Cody Johnson  
Erin Jones  
Julianne Kambeitz  
Bridget Keenan  
Quinn Kelly  
Shane Kelly  
Mary Klocke  
Megan Kuehne  
Megan Kuelbs  
Charlie LaSalle  
Matthew Laxen  
Adam Le  
Denyal LeClaire  
Elizabeth Lindemann  
Katerine Livingston  
Alex Loraas  
Matthew Lorang  
Barbara Marko  
Donavan Matesky  
Molly Mathys  
Heather McCauley  
Brenna McClarnon  
Casey McClarnon  
Greg McGrail  
Denis McMahon  
Michelle Melich  
Rachael Moen  
Abby Morrison  
Donovan Morrison  
Charles Mosey  
Sarah Muellerleile  
Shannon Murphy  
Zachary Nistler  
Sarah Nunne  
Andrew Orr  
Emily Orr  
Daniella Overett  
Melanie Pavlow  
Spencer Peka  
Brandon Peterson

Chelsea Pettit  
Margaret Pint  
Mason Plumski  
Jacob Pribble  
Jenna Pritchard  
Kaitlin Rempfert  
Adam Rhedin  
Christopher Richard  
Samuel Rinnac  
Ryan Ringstead  
Kristin Roe  
Amy Roethke  
Jennifer Ryan  
Benjamin Rydberg  
Brian Saunders  
Kole Schoenecker  
Frederick Schroeder  
Alicia Schumacher  
Rachael Scislow  
James Severson  
Scott Severson  
Catherine Shea  
Patrick Skusa  
Kaylee Snyder  
Kelsey Steinbach  
Kyle Steinberger  
Alexander Sterling  
Alexandria Stolen  
Joshua Streit  
Erin Suel  
James Sullivan  
Martin Sullivan  
Melissa Summers  
Mylo Svoboda  
Katherine Swanson  
Elizabeth Swensen  
Luke Sybilrud  
Brianna Thene  
Megan Ullrich  
Melissa VanDusartz  
Kristin Vendel  
Martin Vu  
Megan Waletzko  
Christopher Walker  
Amanda Walsh  
Kelsey Walz  
Elizabeth Watson  
Tessa Weber  
Kristin Wilkes  
Benjamin Williams  
Kaitlin Wirtz  
Alec Wroblewski  
Kaylee Wytttenbach  
Michael Zwack

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

Catholic Church

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 & 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, 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

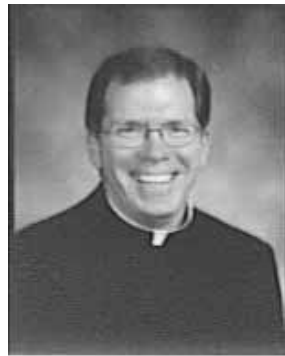
**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**

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 ◆ ◆ ◆



Today I want to briefly highlight some of the things that will be coming up soon in the month of February. This weekend we kick-off the 2008 Archbishop's Annual Catholic Appeal. The theme of this year's appeal is, "Offering Our Best to the Lord." More information is inserted in today's bulletin about the many services that we together as an Archdiocesan church of 221 parishes provide throughout the ten county metropolitan area. This past week you received a letter from Archbishop Flynn inviting you to participate in the work of our greater church. You can bring your envelope to Mass and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Your support and prayers are needed for our Archdiocesan church and all those we serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Our parish goal, as set by the Archdiocese for the 2008 Archbishop's Annual Catholic Appeal, is \$110,720.

On another note, on Saturday, Feb. 2, 166 of our young people received the fullness of God's Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. What was particularly unique about this year's celebration of the sacrament is that for the first time since 1989, Confirmation was celebrated here at St. John's. Congratulations to each of our newly confirmed and their families!

On Wednesday, Feb. 6 we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of reflection and greater conversion to living out our common baptismal calling of discipleship. More information can be found in today's bulletin insert about the schedule of liturgies for Ash Wednesday and Stations of the Cross on Fridays, as well as Lenten rules and regulations relating to fast and abstinence. One thing I would like to make you aware of as we look to Lent is our Parish Mission on March 8-13. The theme is "The Journey of Life" and our presenter will be Fr. Bill Mason, OMI. More information about the Parish Mission will be in upcoming bulletins and spring the issue of *Crossroads*.

- Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION ◆ ◆ ◆

Dear Lord,

When the human race was young and arrogant,  
they tried to build a tower to attack you.

You showed mercy, and made them speak many languages,  
and they fell into disunity.

At Pentecost,

you gave your Holy Spirit and the Church was born  
and all who heard could understand and all were made one,  
and united in you.

As I am confirmed,

grant that I will always appreciate what a blessing it is to be part  
of the family of God and receive your Holy Spirit not only as a child in  
Baptism, but now, in all its fullness, as an adult in Confirmation.

Amen.

◆ ◆ ◆ **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**

The 55+ Group is sponsoring an outing on Wednesday, March 26, to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre and everyone is invited. *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* is the classic musical and dancing extravaganza which is a salute to Broadway. This is the story about a chorus girl who comes to the Big Apple to break into show business and is unexpectedly thrust into the starring role on opening night. Some of the popular hits are *Lullaby of Broadway*, *We’re In The Money*, *Shuffle Off To Buffalo* and the title number *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*.

The cost for this outing is \$65, which includes a deluxe motor coach, admission, and lunch. We will leave from the St. John’s parking lot at 10:15am and return by 4:30pm. Please RSVP to Jim Rylander by mail or call 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Checks should be made payable to *St. John’s*. We need to have the final count and payment by Wednesday, Feb. 20.

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

**SCOTT COUNTY METH TASK FORCE**

will provide important information all parents should know regarding the dangers and warning signs of meth use on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7pm, in the atrium. Presenters include Scott County Attorney Pat Cilberto, Mitch Patterson, a recovering meth addict, and members of CLIMB Theatre. There is no cost to attend. Go to [www.ChooseLifeNotMeth.com](http://www.ChooseLifeNotMeth.com) for more information about the task force and its work in area schools and churches.

**HELP "RAISE THE ROOF" BY MAKING A DONATION TO CELEBRATION!**

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](http://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](http://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

## NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*John & Laurie Reinagel*  
*Mary Elisabeth*  
*Kerry Mitchell*  
*Eryn & Lauryn*

## LADIES SAVE THE DATE

*Graced & Gifted . . . for Purpose*

- \* Catholic Women's Day Saturday, April 5, at All Saints Church in Lakeville
- \* Keynote speaker Rosalind Moss
- \* Informative & engaging break out sessions
- \* Ladies luncheon & entertainment
- \* Book & resource tables
- \* Spiritual refreshment, fellowship & fun

For more information call:  
Monica at 952.892.7587 or  
Brenda at 952.233.1042

or visit these websites:

[www.allsaintschurch.com](http://www.allsaintschurch.com)  
[www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org)

Graced and Gifted is a collaborative effort of Catholic women from the south metro area parishes committed to bringing women together to encourage, inform, affirm and nurture their Catholic Faith.

## READINGS

For the Week of February 3

- Sun: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/  
Mt 5:1-12a
- Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/  
Mk 5:1-20
- Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,  
30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43
- Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thu: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
- Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
- Sun: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19  
or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

## ◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING SPEAKERS ◆ ◆ ◆

### THERE'S A PLACE STILL WAITING FOR YOU

There's still time to spend a wonderful evening with your spouse at this year's Marriage Enrichment Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 16. The evening begins by celebrating Mass at 5pm, followed by a dinner prepared and served by caterer, Kris Marko, with special guest speaker Dr. John Buri. We are looking forward to Dr. Buri's first visit to St. John's and his presentation, based on his book, *How to Love Your Wife*, available in our parish book store.

John Buri received his Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology from Loyola University in Chicago in 1976. Since that time, Dr. Buri has been at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, where he is currently a full time Professor in the Department of Psychology. He has received numerous local, regional and national teaching awards and has published more than 30 journal articles and research papers. Dr. Buri and his wife Kathy have been married for 34 years and they have six children and two grandchildren.

Cost is \$35 per couple which includes social time, dinner and speaker. Tickets are still available in the parish and education offices. Childcare is available. The cost is \$5 per child, which includes a meal. For more information, call Brenda Schroll at 952.233.1042.

### SPEAKER TO TALK 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.

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

### LOAVES & FISHES, TOO

On Thursday, Feb. 7, volunteers from Loaves & Fishes, Too will prepare and serve dinner to the needy at St. Stephen's Church in Minneapolis. If you would like to contribute a few hours of your time to help with this project call Pat Turgeon at 952.894.5888.

### GROWING THROUGH LOSS

The fifth in the five-week series of *Growing Through Loss* will be on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30pm, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley. Joyce Besser, MARL, Associate Director of Vital Aging Ministries and Martha Alken, O. P., D. Min. Pastoral Care Minister, will speak on *Cherished Memories*. 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.

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◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

**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 the 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](mailto: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, the band *Sonar* will perform a Lenten service for the youth at 8:30pm. 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](http://www.sonarband.com). If you have any questions contact Lori by e-mail at [ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org). or call 952.890.9434, ext 232.

◆ ◆ ◆ 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.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, February 4**

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

**Tuesday, February 5**

8:00 am † LaVerna Mies

**Ash Wednesday, February 6**

8:00 am † Arnold Rasmussen, Sr.

Ash Distribution

8:00 am, 9:35 am, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

**Thursday, February 7**

8:00 am † Rose Gregory

**Friday, February 8**

8:00 am † Anthony Rella

**Saturday, February 9**

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Earl Blaylock

**Sunday, February 10**

7:30 am † Justin Williams

9:00 am † Elizabeth Rheaume

11:00 am † Eugene Hennen



**LECTORS**

**February 9/10**

5:00 pm Diane Chase

Les Knoke

7:30 am Mike Goering

Tim Gwost

9:00 am Jeanne Nardi

Jason Vohnoutka

11:00 am Katie Broadwell

John Melssen

**MASS SERVERS**

**Weekdays 8:00 am**

Feb. 5-6 Callie Fox, Alexa Orr,

Kyle Thomas

Feb. 7-8 Nicole Swensen, Elizabeth

Vohnoutka, Greta Fisher

**Saturday, February 9**

5:00 pm Hannah Brown, Brian

Brokofsky, Nicole Beaton

**Sunday, February 10**

7:30 am Ashley Brotherton, Brian

Zetah, Marissa Mahoney

9:00 am Luke Elfering, Rebecca

Hopperstad, Brittney Hegg

11:00 am

Tony Boutelle, Rhiannon

Dominik, Abby Broadwell

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

### Monday, February 4

6:00 pm Troop 336  
6:00 pm Used Uniform Sale

### Tuesday, February 5

8:30 am 55+ Club\*  
6:00 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings  
6:30 pm Catholic Bible Study  
7:00 pm Council & Commissions  
7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group & Rosary for Life

### Thursday, February 7

9:30 am Catholic Bible Study  
7:00 pm IHM - VBS Meeting  
7:00 pm SJB Choir

### Friday, February 8

8:30 am Stations of the Cross  
9:30 am Bible Study  
5:00 pm Youth Lenten Retreat\*  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday/Sunday, February 9/10

*Celebration!* Ticket Sale\*

### Sunday, February 10

8:00 am AA Meeting  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:15 am RCIA Program  
6:00 pm LITE Youth Group  
6:30 pm Life in the Spirit - *New Life*

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Reminder that Life in the Spirit is on Sunday evenings and starts at 6:30pm.

## 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. These screenings take very little time. Prices vary, depending on which tests you choose. You must pre-register by calling 1.800.690.0295.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

### DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY

For the past several years, *Disciples on the Journey*, a faith-sharing booklet for small groups published by the Diocese of Victoria, Texas, has been made available for Lenten devotion and scripture study. This book is a great tool for small group discussion over coffee or the dinner table with family and friends or for personal reflections through Lent. *Disciples on the Journey* is lectionary-based and invites participants to break open the Word proclaimed at each Sunday Mass.

A limited number of booklets are available for purchase in St. John's Book-n-Gift Store. Cost is \$5 per booklet. For more information about how *Disciples on the Journey* can be used to deepen your Lenten experience, call Andi at 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, Feb. 8, 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.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆



### ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL K-8 REGISTRATION

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:

- Parish families begins on 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).

## ◆ ◆ ◆ 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE ◆ ◆ ◆

On Saturday, March 1, we will have our annual “Celebration! ~ a gala evening to celebrate St. John’s community.” In the past, Celebration! has benefited both our sister parish and more recently various capital projects in our school building. This year the funds raised by Celebration! will go to our “Raise the Roof” efforts. As in the past, this evening is casual or formal and is a wonderful event. Tickets are now on sale after all of our weekend Masses in the atrium, or the parish or school offices. Our special guest at Celebration! this year is Archbishop John Nienstedt.

Cost of Project \$565,000 Donations-to-Date \$161,677

◆ ◆ ◆ SUNSHINE TRAVEL ◆ ◆ ◆

Would you like to discover some new treasures that await you in the Black Hills of South Dakota? Could you see yourself enjoying the Black Hills Passion play, Mount Rushmore, Custer State Park or a Lewis and Clark cruise on the Missouri River? How about seeing the Enchanted World Doll Museum, Deadwood and Lead, plus all the natural beauty of the Black Hills and the Badlands. This bus tour is June 17-22 and includes deluxe motor coach, fine hotel accommodations, baggage handling, sightseeing admission, seven meals, and a professional tour director. Be sure to register by Friday, May 16, to reserve your seat. Questions? Call Jim at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week’s donation ..... \$23,252  
Simple Giving  
electronic donations ..... \$2,065  
Weekly revenue budget ..... \$34,014  
Budget year-to-date .....- \$41,155

Children are invited to pick-up envelopes in the atrium entry. Comments written on children’s envelopes from this past weekend - My good deed was:

- Babysitting my brother
- Picked up a man’s scarf for him
- Holding the door for a lady with a baby
- Helped make breakfast
- Visiting an older person
- Giving hugs when mommy needed it
- Worked hard at basketball