



St. John ^{the} 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

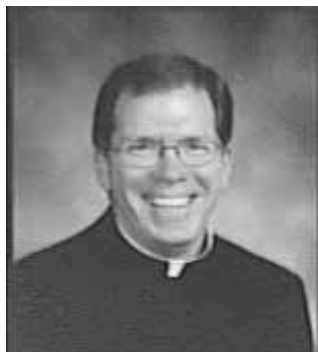
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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 ◆ ◆ ◆



As we enter into the season of Lent, I want to take this occasion to tell you more about our Parish Mission. This time of renewal will begin on Saturday, March 8, at the 5pm Mass. The principal instruction of the Mission will take place Sunday, March 9, through Thursday, March 13, at 7pm, in the church.

The presenter of the Parish Mission will be Fr. Bill Mason, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI), from Belleville, Illinois. The Oblates oversee the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Fr. Bill attended an Oblate

high school in Buffalo, New York and then entered the Oblate seminary in Newburgh, New York in 1961. After graduating and spending a special year of spiritual training in Tewksbury, Massachusetts, he continued his studies at the Gregorian University in Rome where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and a Master's Degree in Theology. In 1969 he made his perpetual profession of religious vows and in 1971 was ordained as a priest.

The Missionary Oblates are a religious community of priests and brothers founded in 1816 by St. Eugene DeMazenod, who later became Bishop of Marseilles, France. The principal focus of their ministry is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor, in every sense of the word. Today over 5,000 members of the order continue to carry on the same mission in every continent. I had the privilege of becoming acquainted with this order during the time I served as pastor at Assumption in Richfield. Prior to my time at Assumption, the Missionary Oblates had staffed the parish for nearly 100 years. The parish was returned to the Archdiocese when the Missionary Oblates reorganized their priests and brothers in light of shrinking numbers.

The theme of our Parish Mission will be *The Journey of Life*. The Scriptures tell the story of God and that relationship with God's people on the journey of life, through the joy and pain, the laughter and tears, through the mountain top highs and the dry desert lows. The journey of the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, as well as the journey of the first disciples of Jesus, is also our own story, our own pilgrimage of life.

I invite and encourage you to mark your calendar now for what promises to be a wonderful opportunity of spiritual growth. I also hope you will invite friends and neighbors who may not be members of St. John's to join us.

- Father Mike Tix

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" — Mt 4:8-10

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE

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. Following dinner will be our 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.

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. **The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, Feb. 11.** For more information, call Brenda at 952.233.1042.

SCOTT COUNTY METH TASK FORCE

will provide important information all people 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 Ciliberto, Mitch Patterson, a recovering meth addict, and members of CLIMB Theatre. There is no cost to attend. Go to www.ChooseLifeNotMeth.com for more information about the task force and its work in area schools and churches.

CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATRE

The 55+ Group is sponsoring an outing on Wednesday, March 26, to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre to see *42nd Street*, a 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 *42nd 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. 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 — not just those 55 and over!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? A two hour training session with commissioning will be on Sunday, March 2, following the 11am Mass. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Jane Mannila at 952.736.8258.

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

We have many prayerful reading materials, DVDs and CDs with the Lenten theme in our bookstore for your selection. Stop by after Mass and browse through out selection.



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:

*Michael & Michelle Beling
Mina*

*Tim & Cris Emerson
Michael, Sean*

*Nina Erickson
Audriana*

Judith Mertz

*Mike & Kerry Pavek
James, Sophia*

REST IN PEACE

- † Jan Prins, father of Theodore Prins
- † Donna Roelke, wife of Ronald Roelke
- † Gordon Gullickson, father of Richard Gullickson
- † Joyce Holtz, sister of Lila Kastens

PRAY FOR

Fr. Leonard Jenniges, our former pastor, was recently moved into a nursing home. His address is:

Divine Providence Community Home
700 3rd Ave. N.W.
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

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*Lent intensifies the journey
of conversion for us,
offering Jesus as a model.*

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READINGS

For the Week of February 10

Sun: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19
or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tue: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Sun: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/
Mt 17:1-9

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

CELEBRATION! ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Here are some fabulous items that will be available at the live and silent auctions.

Sports Fans will enjoy tickets to the Wild, Twins, Timberwolves, St. Paul Saints, or Thunder. Also available – MN Pro Paintball, The Wilds, Grand Slam, Hyland Ski Resort, a NASCAR package, Snap Fitness and so much more.

Specialty Items include: ½ ctw Diamond Earrings, a 12-Bottle Wine Cellar, Photography Packages, Framed Art, Jewelry and Handmade Quilts.

Get-Aways include a Memorial Day weekend for a family of four at Ruttgers, one week at a Colorado Condo, park hopper passes to Disney World and a birthday party package to Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria.

St. John's School families can bid on the chance to have Fr. Tix sub for their child's classroom teacher for a whole day or for their middle school student to be a Gym Teacher for a Day.

It's Party Time! Group and individual parties include a Pig Roast hosted by Mike Smalley and friends, Bunco Party, Martini Party, Fiesta Party, Kids' Pool Party and a Child's Birthday Party hosted by Andi Little and Beth Behnke.

Donations are still being accepted for the Wall of Wine or Gift Certificate Tree. Bottles of wine and gift certificates can be dropped off at either the parish or education office or after Mass at the ticket sales table.

Limited seating available. Tickets are going fast! For more information about *Celebration!* go to St. John's website at www.stjohns-savage.org.

SCOUT MASS

St. Johns will celebrate Scouting on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the 5pm Mass. Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts should wear their Class A uniforms to Mass. Religious emblems will be presented during the service.

◆ ◆ ◆ 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 or you would like to add someone to the list, call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465 or e-mail him at jrylander@stjohns-savage.org.

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◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

2008-2009 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for parishioners begins on Thursday, Feb. 14, at 6:30pm in school room 311. If you are unable to attend in the evening, stop by the school office to pick up registration materials anytime after Feb. 14. Registrations will be accepted in priority order based on your family's date of registration in the parish.

STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

is now open to the public. For more information call Mrs. May at 952.846.4663.

PIZZA! PASTA! SPAGHETTI!

All are invited to the Davanni's in Savage on Monday, Feb. 11, from 4-8pm. A portion of the evening's sales comes back to St. John's School. Davanni's is located at County Road 42 and Hwy. 13 near the Cub Food Store.



STUDENTS ATTEND PRO-LIFE RALLY

About 25 students in 7th and 8th grade from St. John's School attended the Pro-Life Rally at the Cathedral in St. Paul on Jan. 22.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

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. If you have questions about our preparation program, call the R. E. Office at 952.890.9434.

FIFTH GRADE FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Fifth graders and friends are invited to the Faith & Fun Night on Friday, Feb. 15, from 7-9pm, in the parish center. We will tie fleece blankets which will be donated to Bridging, Inc. Cost is \$5. Registration forms are in the Education Office. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, Feb. 13.** Donations of blanket fleece would be appreciated. Adult chaperones are needed. Teens are welcome 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ TOWELS FROM TEENS ◆ ◆ ◆

Students from Holy Angels and St. John's schools will be collecting new and gently used towels and blankets this weekend, 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 11

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, February 12

8:00 am Special Int. for Stephanie H.

10:30 am †† Msgr. Patrick Hessian,
Rev. Msgr. John Sweeney,
Rev. Msgr. Robert Probst
(Ridges Nursing Home)

Wednesday, February 13

8:00 am † John Hayes

9:35 am † Leona Zimmerman
(School Mass)

Thursday, February 14

8:00 am † John Walkowiak

Friday, February 15

8:00 am † Frances Keahna

Saturday, February 16

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Simon Knoblach

Sunday, February 17

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am † David Soucek

11:00 am † Margaret Fox

LECTORS

February 16/17

5:00 pm Ann Dominik
Angelo Kusber

7:30 am Larry McCrory
Jon Pitton

9:00 am Gil Mathews
Paul Mockenhaupt

11:00 am Gene Abbott
Jennie Boeser

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

Feb. 12-13 Abby Broadwell, Megan
Cleary, Ariel Jarvis

Feb. 14-15 Ariel Behnke, Molly Jones,
Jenna Kacheroski

Saturday, February 16

5:00 pm Lindsay Becker, Callie Fox,
Zach Gartner

Sunday, February 17

7:30 am Matt Berg, Nate Berg,
Rose Ann Sullivan

9:00 am Elizabeth Flemming, Connor
Norton, Kyle Thomas

11:00 am Greta Fisher, Molly Jones,
Sydney Notermann

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, February 15

7:00 pm Tony Boutelle, Greta Fisher,
Liliana Gomez

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, February 11

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

Tuesday, February 12

- Life Line Screening*
- 6:00 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings
- 6:30 pm Catholic Bible Study
- 6:30 pm 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting*
- 7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group
- 7:30 pm Adult Faith Formation Mtg.

Wednesday, February 13

- 12:00 pm 55+ Group Valentine's Lunch
- 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, February 14

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

Friday, February 15

- 8:30 am Stations of the Cross
- 9:30 am Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm Faith & Fun Night*

Saturday, February 16

- 6:00 pm Dr. Buri Dinner/Presentation*

Sunday, February 17

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

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Sign-up for painless, non-invasive, potentially life-saving ultrasound screenings.

- Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the atrium
- Pre-register by calling 1.800.690.0295

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

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

CROSSROADS DEADLINE

Include your news in our spring issue of *Crossroads*. Send your articles to cradosevich@stjohns-savage.org by Monday, Feb. 18.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆**ST. JOHN NEUMANN EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY**

will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14, at 7:10pm, in the Adult Ed Room. Chip Kurt will present tips on successful interview techniques and skills. He offers a great perspective as a hiring manager and has valuable insight to share. The church is located at 4030 Pilot Knob Road in Eagan. For more information visit their website at jobministry@sjn.org or call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, Feb. 15, 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 5-10); children under 4 are free. Open to the public.

GRACED & GIFTED . . .

Catholic Women's Day is being planned for Saturday, April 5, at All Saints Church in Lakeville. This year's theme is *Graced & Gifted...for Purpose*. The day will begin with Mass followed by a continental breakfast, keynote address, break-out sessions, lunch, entertainment, resource tables and more. The cost for the day is \$40. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged.

Keynote speaker, Rosalind Moss, will present two talks: *How Do I Know God's Will for My Life* and *Mary Our Jewish Mother*. For more information go to our website at www.stjohns-savage.org or call Brenda Schroll at 952.233.1042. Registration forms are available in the parish office or our website. Event sponsors include Knights of Columbus Lakeville Council #8367 and Prior Lake/Savage Council #4914.

Graced & Gifted... is a collaborative effort of Catholic women from South Metro area parishes committed to bringing women together to encourage, inform, affirm and nurture their Catholic faith.

FRANCISCAN RETREATS

Lenten Days of Prayer ~ Wednesday, Feb. 13, 20, 27 and March 5, from 9:30am - 3pm. Bring your own bag lunch. No reservation required. Suggested contribution is \$20 for each day.

Women's Weekend Retreats ~ Feb. 22-24 and March 7-9

Men's Holy Week Retreat ~ March 20-22

For more information or to register for a retreat, e-mail Franciscan Retreats at secretary@franciscanretreats.net or call 952.447.2182.

FIREARM SAFETY/HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS

Knights of Columbus Council 4914 will sponsor a Minnesota DNR Certified Firearm Safety/Hunter Education Class starting Monday, Feb. 25, from 6:45 to 9:15pm, at St. Michael's Church in Prior Lake in the Archangel Hall. The class will be conducted on Monday and Thursday nights through April 10 and a range day on Saturday, April 12, at the Suburban Sportsman Club. Students must be 12 years of age or older. Pre-registration is required by calling Tom Esterl at 952.445.7563 or Paul Berscheid at 952.447.4710.

◆ ◆ ◆ RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE ◆ ◆ ◆

Work is progressing on our Raise the Roof efforts for this coming spring. In early January, specifications for the work were made available to contractors with bids due to the parish office on Jan. 28. A total of six contractors submitted bids with the work awarded to B. L. Dalsin Roofing of Minneapolis. Dalsin Roofing is a long established roofing contractor in the Minneapolis area with a good reputation for commercial construction. The bid submitted by Dalsin falls within the original budget proposed for the projects. As a part of the bid process, the date of completion for all work is Friday, July 18. A penalty for delays beyond this date to the contractor has also been established at a cost of \$300 per day.

Cost of project \$565,000 Donations-to-Date \$173,049

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to those who have returned your pledge slips for the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not returned yours, please take the time to prayerfully respond and bring your pledge slip to Mass next weekend. Your response is needed and greatly appreciated!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donation \$22,775
Simple Giving
electronic donations \$9,967
Weekly revenue budget \$34,014
Budget year-to-date - \$42,426



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:

- Sharing with my sister
- Being a good listener at school
- Putting the dishes away
- Made my bed without being told
- Sharing my toys with my brother