

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

A PARISH MISSION

March 8 through March 13
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Savage, Minnesota

Facilitated by Fr. William Mason, OMI

The journey schedule:

Saturday, March 8:

Fr. Mason preaches at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 9:

Fr. Mason preaches at Sunday Masses
7 p.m. ~ Evening Mission Service ~ Church

Monday through Thursday, March 10 — 13:

Fr. Mason preaches at daily 8 a.m. Mass
followed by Morning Mission Service &
Fellowship in the Atrium

7 p.m. ~ Evening Mission Service**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be
celebrated Tuesday, March 11

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 that word. Today, more than 5,000 members carry on their mission in every continent.

The Mission is free and open to the public. Child care is available with reservation.

Transportation also may be arranged.

Call Jim Rylander at (952)890-9466, ext.114 for more information.

www.stjohns-savage.org

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, March 3, 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

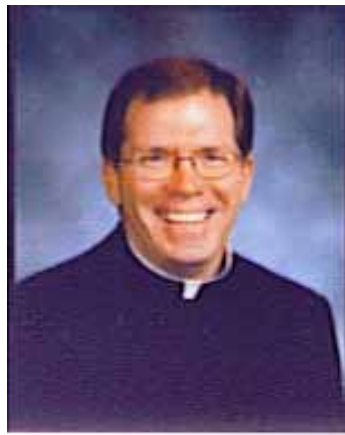
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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 ◆ ◆ ◆



Mission will be Fr. Bill Mason, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) from Belleville, Illinois.

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, AT 7PM, AS PART OF THE PARISH MISSION WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE. Following the evening's presentation by Fr. Bill Mason, you will have the opportunity to celebrate with one of 16 priests who will be here for individual confession and absolution. The Sacrament of Penance continues to be available each Saturday at 3:30pm.

At the beginning of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, as ashes were placed on our foreheads we heard the words, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." Lent is a gift of blessed time that we are given to look at our lives. It is a time for us to see how we live Jesus' mandate, "Love one another as I have loved you." It is also a time for us to admit that we also fall short from that command. Lent is a time for us to grow and be better at reflecting the light of God's grace given to us in Baptism. The Sacrament of Penance we will celebrate this week as a part of our Parish Mission is about letting go of the past in the spirit of God's love and forgiveness, and looking to a future of living our daily lives as disciples.

I invite and encourage everyone to come and join in on any or all of our Parish Mission, as well as the Sacrament of Penance, in these days quickly leading to the joy and new life of Easter.

- Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE ◆ ◆ ◆

Your prayers for the success of the Appeal and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are pledges and gifts. Each gift is important to the mission of our Archdiocese. It takes many people to form the body of Christ. No gift is too small. Please return a pledge slip with your response today. Thanks to the generosity of many of our parishioners, to-date we have pledges totaling \$49,722. This is 45% of our parish goal which is \$110,720.

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

55+ GROUP

The 55+ Group will gather on Tuesday, March 4, at 8:30am, in the atrium. Jeanne Strandberg of Sunshine Travel will present a travel show about the trip to Winnipeg on August 5-8. There will also be information about the trips to the Black Hills on June 17-22 and to Door County in October. These trips are open to all parishioners and friends. Refreshments will be served.

HELP THE EASTER BUNNY!

Looking for a great family Lenten service project? Consider helping the Easter Bunny fill baskets for the children of Theresa Living Center in St. Paul, on Sunday, March 9, from 12:30-2:30pm, in the gym. There is no cost to attend. All participants are asked to bring items for the baskets to be filled for children ages newborn to 17 years old. Suggested donations include socks, underwear, personal hygiene items, coloring books, crayons and/or markers, small stuffed animals and candy. Bring donated items to the Education Office.

Children in grades 3, 4 and 5 may attend this event without a parent. Adult chaperones who meet all requirements of our parish risk management guidelines are needed. For more information, contact Andi at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE

Boys and girls, ages 11 to 15, who want to learn the skills to be a better babysitter should mark their calendar for Saturday, April 26, from 9am - 4pm, in the parish center. St. John's will host this one-day American Red Cross Babysitter's Training to help young people:

- Interview for a babysitting job
- Choose safe and age-appropriate toys and games
- Perform first aid
- Learn diapering and feeding techniques
- Handle bedtime issues
- Learn tips for having a safe babysitting experience and more

Cost is \$58. Registration materials are available on-line at our parish website: www.stjohns-savage.org and in the education and parish offices. For more information, call Bonnie Unzen at 952.890.9465, ext. 120, or Andi Little at 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

ALMSGIVING † FASTING † PRAYER



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:

*Bree Lynn Holmes
Van Quoc Nguyen*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† *George Jurgens*,
father of Cheryl Haberlack
† *Ron Peppmuller*,
brother of Joyce Houlihan

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Jim & Mary Erickson
Samuel*

*John & Jill Kalal
Alex, Matthew, Michael*

*Curtis Rosario
Harielani*



**REMINDER ~ SPRING
AHEAD ONE HOUR
NEXT WEEKEND.**

READINGS

For the Week of March 2

Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Mon: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2,
10, 25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sun: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45

◆ ◆ ◆ OUT REACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆**LOAVES & FISHES, TOO**

On Thursday, March 6, 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.

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 • JP Arnold

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 e-mail Jim at jrylander@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

MILITARY MEDAL

The Knights of Columbus will provide at no charge a prayer card and a 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.

INTERFAITH CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY NETWORK

iCAN is a program agency of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, which was founded by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches 19 years ago, and still considers itself a partner of GMCC. It is a passionate, faith-based advocate for children, especially those living in poverty, and is committed to influencing our elected officials to pay attention to the needs of kids. One way or another, by commission or omission, nearly everything our governor, senators and representatives do affects children.

One way iCAN does its job is to issue e-mail alerts weekly during the legislative session (and less frequently at other times), called *Wednesdays4Kids*. We urge you to subscribe to these alerts in one of two ways: go to www.icanmn.org, click on "Subscribe to E-news," and complete the very simple form, or send an e-mail to info@jrlc.org and type "subscribe to *Wednesdays4Kids*" in the subject line.

If you do not have e-mail access, you can write to Laurie Beckman Yetzer, Organizer, Interfaith Children's Advocacy Network, 122 West Franklin Avenue, Suite 315, Minneapolis, MN 55404-2452, with name and mailing address, and you will be added to the postal database.

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◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

Over the last several months the counseling staff of St. John's School has been working on Christian Character Development (CCD) with the students. CCD presents students with an invaluable opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills that will last a lifetime. Successful students possess personal skills that make a difference in relationships: confidence, sensitivity, respect, kindness, and self-esteem. The goal for students is to learn what they need to be successful individuals and to practice what they learn. To date the students have learned:

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| How to Greet Someone | How to Introduce Yourself |
| How to Follow Directions | How to Give a Compliment |
| How to Accept a Compliment | How to Make a Request |
| How to Accept "No" for an Answer | How to Disagree Appropriately |
| How to Apologize | |

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

Grades 1-6 religion classes will meet as scheduled on Wednesday, March 12. Young people in our junior and senior high programs are encouraged to attend the Mission with their catechists and/or families on Wednesday, March 12, in lieu of regular class.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

THANK YOU

to all the youth who participated in the Lenten Retreat. The Holy Spirit was alive in our prayer, service, and games throughout the night. I want to thank all of the parents and the cooks that



made this night possible. A special thanks to Fr. Tix and Fr. Weber for giving their time to be with the youth.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Jn 9: 35-38



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 3

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 4

8:00 am †† Rosemary & Victor Kehren

Wednesday, March 5

8:00 am †† LaVerne & William Mies

9:35 am † John Walkowiak (School Mass)

Thursday, March 6

8:00 am †† Emma & Joseph Sodomka

First Friday, March 7

8:00 am † David Soucek

Saturday, March 8

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Ida Knoblach

Sunday, March 9

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am † David Soucek

11:00 am † David Johnson

LECTORS

March 8/9

- 5:00 pm Jessica Shurts
Garrett Shurts
- 7:30 am Kris Lambrecht
Larry McCrory
- 9:00 am Jeanne Nardi
Ann Rogers
- 11:00 am Luke Bearth
Bridgett Comee

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

- March 4-5 Jack Dominik, Rhiannon Dominik, Tony Sullivan
- March 6-7 Ryan Gall, Bailey Sernett, Callie Fox

Saturday, March 8

5:00 pm Matt Warner, Joey Hanel, Ariel Jarvis

Sunday, March 9

- 7:30 am Madeline Esterl, Marissa Mahoney, Rose Ann Sullivan
- 9:00 am Nicole Swensen, Katie Cleary, Erin Swensen
- 11:00 am Anna Brunner, Angela Gruenwald, Jordan Tuff

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 7

- 7:00 pm Greta Fisher
Nick Pepler
Madeline Esterl

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, March 3

6:30 pm Troop 336
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

5:20 pm Children's Choir School
6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, March 6

7:00 pm SJB Choir

Friday, March 7

8:30 am Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8

6:00 pm Parish Mission/Fellowship

Saturday/Sunday, March 8/9

Catholic Women's Day Ticket Sale*

Sunday, March 9

8:00 am AA Meeting
8:30 am Pancake Breakfast*
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:15 am RCIA Program
12:30 pm Easter Baskets*
7:00 pm Parish Mission/Fellowship*



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 9, after the 7:30am and 9am Masses. Proceeds will benefit St. John's School 8th grade Variety Show which will take place this spring. Students of the 8th grade class will be assisting throughout the morning. A free-will offering will be taken to off-set the costs of the Variety Show.

◆ ◆ ◆ WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ◆ ◆ ◆

GRACED & GIFTED...CATHOLIC WOMEN'S DAY

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.

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

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

Schedule for the day includes:

- ◆ Breakout sessions
- ◆ Luncheon
- ◆ Entertainment by "Sister"
- ◆ Books and resource tables
- ◆ Spiritual refreshment...Fellowship...Fun!

For more information visit St. John's website at www.stjohns-savage.org or contact Brenda Schroll at 952.233.1042. Event sponsors include Knights of Columbus Lakeville Council #8367 & Prior Lake/Savage Council #4914.

Registration is available in the atrium after all Masses this weekend. Space is limited. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 19.

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

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

To highlight the feast day of St. Patrick on Monday, March 17, browse our "green" display of Irish themed merchandise in honor of the life of this saint. We have prayer cards, Celtic crosses, rosaries imported from Ireland, beautiful statues of St. Patrick, and CDs from a variety of Irish artists, to name a few. Or if you need a good spiritual book to read, a wedding or baby gift to purchase, or have a child who is making their First Holy Eucharist in April, we have a nice selection of merchandise and very helpful volunteers who can assist you.

ST. JOHN'S MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DINNER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

for the 97 couples who attended this event on Saturday, Feb 16. Thank you to the St. John's mission teens that served our tables, Kris Marko for her delicious dinner, our decorating staff, and clean-up crew. Thank you to the Hegedus family for donating gift boxes from Abdallah's. Also to Fr. Tix who blessed our marriages and lead us into the evening with prayer. It was a wonderful experience for all who attended.

SJB

◆ ◆ ◆ RAISE THE ROOF ◆ ◆ ◆

In your last mailing of contribution envelopes was a new gold colored envelope for Raise the Roof. 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. These envelopes will offer a regular reminder about our current need. 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 \$189,048

◆ ◆ ◆ ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY ◆ ◆ ◆

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 7, 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.

St. Patrick's Church of Cedar Lake is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 7, from 5-8pm. Menu includes: fish, French fries, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, beans, rye bread and rolls, bars and beverage. Cost is \$10 (age 13 or older); \$5 (ages 4-12); and children under 3 are free. All are welcome. St. Patrick's Church is located 9 miles south of Prior Lake on Hwy. 13.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donation \$23,198
Simple Giving
electronic donations \$2,155
Weekly revenue budget \$34,014
Budget year-to-date- \$43,570

SIMPLE GIVING
CONTRIBUTORS

If you bank at First Community Bank in Savage (changing to KleinBank), please call the parish office with your new routing number or fill out a *Simple Giving* form with the new information. Forms can be downloaded from our website at www.stjohns-savage.org or stop by the parish office.