
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 15, 2009

**FATHER & SON
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

9 A.M. , SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009**

****JOIN US FOR MASS AT 8 A.M.**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
SAVAGE, MINNESOTA**

Featuring

RICH GANNON

*My Story: The LORD'S Work in the
Life of a Professional Athlete*



Cost : \$10/person Reservations are required!
Contact allie@stjohns-savage.org or call (952)890-9434

Financial assistance is available! No one is denied the opportunity to attend based on ability to pay!

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are happy that you are here. If you are just visiting for today, we wish you God's guidance on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, parishioners are available after Mass to answer any questions and provide assistance with registrations. 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, April 13, 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

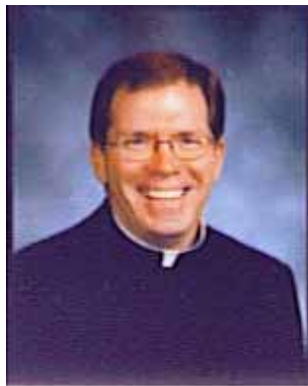
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to bulletin@stjohns-savage.org by 10 am on Monday.

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



In the scripture readings for this weekend we repeatedly hear about water. From the Book of Exodus we hear about the Israelites in the desert and their thirst for water. In the Gospel we hear about the Samaritan woman at the well and her thirst for living water. Lent invites us to reflect on this gift. As we officially begin spring we think about melting snow that will fill our lakes and rivers along with the rain that will water the earth to soon produce green grass and blooming flowers in the months ahead. Water gives life to the world around us. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that just as water gives life, through the death and resurrection of Jesus we are given life. Each of us share in the death and resurrection of Jesus through our baptism where water washes away sin and we are made the new chosen people of God.

In looking towards Easter, Lent is a time for us to rise above all that is negative during challenging times and to be grounded in Christian faith, hope and love. For those times we have fallen short, gotten caught up in the less than positive aspects of life or simply have sinned, we are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. In Penance, sin is washed away and we are again made clean as children of God. We are renewed. On Wednesday, March 18, at 7pm we as a parish will celebrate the communal form of the Sacrament of Penance with individual confession and absolution. A total of 15 priests will be here to celebrate this sacrament of renewal. As we journey through Lent in preparation for Easter, I invite and encourage you to come and celebrate this sacrament of God's love.

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ NEW TRADITION AT ST. JOHN'S ◆ ◆ ◆

EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop on over for our first St. Johns Easter Egg Hunt Egg-stravaganza and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 5, after the 9 and 11am Masses. The Hospitality Committee and the Knights of Columbus is hosting this new tradition at St. John's. It promises to be a hopping event. The Easter egg hunt is open for children ages 10 and younger. An extra prize will be awarded for the finder of the special egg. Please bring your own basket.

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up
to meet you,
May the wind be always
at your back,
May the sun shine warm
upon your face,
And the rains fall softly upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hallow of His hand.



◆ ◆ ◆ CROSS INTERNATIONAL ◆ ◆ ◆



FR. THOMAS HUNSTIGER TO VISIT OUR PARISH

Next weekend we welcome Fr. Thomas Hunstiger who comes to us on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach. Parishes in underdeveloped countries represent more than an important source of spiritual truth for their community. They also stand as a beacon of hope for impoverished families who have nowhere else to turn for help. Next weekend hear how we can make a difference in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Third World. A second collection will not

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Did you know that over 80 new families have joined St. John’s parish in the last six months? Our faith community is growing, and the parish is reaching out to welcome these new families into our parish with a New Parishioner Welcoming Dinner on Saturday, March 28, at 6pm, in the atrium. The Hospitality Committee and the Cultural Outreach Committee are hosting this informal evening for the entire family. We would like to reach out to those newly registered in our parish since August 2008. Join us for this evening of welcoming you into our parish family. A pasta dinner will be served. This will be a great opportunity to meet other new families and to hear about the variety of ways you can become involved in the life of the parish. We are so excited that you have chosen to become part of the St. John’s family. RSVP by Friday, March 20, to Tracy Tredinnick at ttredinnick@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9465, ext. 118.

LOSS OF SPOUSE GROUP

Our potluck will be on Saturday, March 21, at noon, at the rectory. This is a time for fellowship and getting to know one another. If you know of a friend, neighbor or relative who has lost a spouse, they are most welcome to join us. RSVP to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext 114. **Deadline to register is Tuesday, March 17.**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? A two-hour training with commissioning will be held on Sunday, March 29, at 12pm, in the nursery. If you plan to attend RSVP to Jane Mannila at 952.736.8258.

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

BURNSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

On Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30pm, we will attend the final dress rehearsal of *The Secret Garden* at Burnsville High School. **There is no cost for tickets but you must have at ticket to attend.** Complimentary refreshments will be available during intermission. No bus transportation will be provided. Please meet at Burnsville High School (Mraz Center) located at Hwy. 13 and Portland Avenue. RSVP to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114 by Monday, April 13.



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.....
- Deacons
- Jerry Little
- Bob Durham
- Facilities Manager
- Ron Nord..... ext. 125
- Pastoral Minister
- Jim Rylander
- Director of Music & Liturgy
- Tim Malone..... ext. 116
- Parish Business Administrator
- Fred Fox
- Bookkeeper
- Christine Kelly
- Director of Shared Ministry
- Tracy Tredinnick..... ext. 118
- Communications Coordinator
- Carol Radosevich
- St. John the Baptist Catholic School..... 952.890.6604
- Principal
- Beth Behnke
- Assistant Principal
- Mike Smalley
- St. John’s Steppingstones Preschool..... 952.846.4663
- Dora May, Director
- Religious Education
- Andi Little, Director
- Jan Jirik, Gr. 7-9.....
- Joan Walerius, Sunday School ..
- Lori Taormina, Youth Minister.....



BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian community through the holy water of baptism:
Creed Rielly Boegemann-Caspersen

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Steve Stremikis*, brother of Sherry Luoma
- † *Bill Hei*, brother of Vern Hei

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following people who recently joined our parish community:
Patrick & Traci Gannon ~ Anna, Olivia, Daniel
Thang & Bach Nguyen

READINGS

- For the Week of March 15
- Sun: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 - Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
 - Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
 - Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 - Thu: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 - Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
 - Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
 - 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

◆ ◆ ◆ **ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS** ◆ ◆ ◆

STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL ENROLLING NOW FOR 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Are you looking for a top-notch, affordable and dependable Catholic pre-school? No need to look any further. St. John's Steppingstones Preschool is the place to begin your child's education. Our preschool offers a high quality program that brings together an experienced staff, a proven curriculum and parent involvement to help children develop the social, emotional and pre-readiness skills they need to succeed in school and in life. Your child will receive an excellent faith-based education and have fun while learning. For more information or to arrange a tour, contact Dora May at 952.846.4663.



WHY PARENTS LOVE ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

I was driving to work this morning thinking about how grateful we are to you and your staff at St. John's for helping our sons fit in so quickly this year. Jacob and Matt felt welcome right away! They both have good friends and enjoy their teachers very much. You make school fun while at the same time keep them challenged to learn. We couldn't be happier with our decision to transfer them, and so just wanted to say thank you.
Nicki and Jerry Notermann

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL ALUMNI CELEBRATION

will be held on October 3/4, the same weekend as the school marathon, the 25th anniversary of our current church dedication and the 50th anniversary of our school. We encourage everyone to join our alumni group. To receive your copy of *The Charger Spirit*, our parent/alumni newsletter, e-mail Suzanne Mills-Rittmann at smills-rittman@stjohns-savage.org.

◆ ◆ ◆ **FATHER-SON PRAYER BREAKFAST** ◆ ◆ ◆

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

for the *Father-Son Prayer Breakfast* on Saturday, March 21, from 9-11am, featuring former Viking's quarterback and current CBS sports commentator Rich Gannon. Cost is \$10 per person with financial assistance available. Everyone is invited to start the morning with Mass at 8am, in the church with Fr. Tix. Reserve your place by e-mailing Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249. Checks should be made payable to *St. John's* and if providing cash, please make sure you enclose it in an envelope clearly marked *Prayer Breakfast*. Reservation forms and payment may be dropped off at the education, school or parish offices.

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FATHER-SON PRAYER BREAKFAST

Total # of People Attending _____ @ \$10/person = \$ _____

Name(s) of Participants _____

Clip and attach with payment and send to:

Prayer Breakfast
 c/o Religious Education
 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
 12508 Lynn Avenue South

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

NO RE CLASSES ON MARCH 18 & 25
CLASSES RESUME ON APRIL 1

HELP THE EASTER BUNNY

Children in grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to help the Easter Bunny fill baskets for the children of Theresa Living Center in St. Paul on Friday, April 3, at 6:30pm, in the parish center. You can enjoy the Lenten Soup Supper (hosted by Steppingstones Preschool) with your family in the atrium. After supper, children can come to the parish center for this much appreciated service opportunity while parents pray the Stations of the Cross. A suggested donation of \$10 per child is requested to cover the cost of baskets and items to fill them. All proceeds over basket costs will also be donated to Theresa Living Center. Pre-registration is encouraged and forms are available on-line and in the RE Office. Questions? Contact Andi at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434.

CELEBRATE PASSOVER AS JESUS DID

Students in grades 5 and 6 and their parents are invited to a Seder Meal on Tuesday, April 7, at 5pm, in the atrium. This traditional Passover meal commemorates the Jew's escape from Egypt with Moses. The evening includes the retelling of the Passover story: the Haggadah and a chicken dinner. Cost is \$5 per person. Adults are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Registration materials are available on-line at www.stjohns-savage.org and in the RE Office. A minimum of 20 participants is needed for this event to happen. For more information, contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

SUMMER STRETCH

Applications for 2009 Summer Stretch are now available. Summer Stretch is a Gospel centered program for students entering grades 6-8 next fall. Students entering grades 9-12 are peer mentors throughout the summer program. Our desire is that this program will help and encourage students to put their faith into action. In the morning, participants reflect on the Word of God and perform service projects. In the afternoon they will go to an area recreational facility. Over 50 churches in the metropolitan area have a summer stretch program. We meet for an all day celebration at Valley Fair at our final session. Applications can be found in the RE Office or atrium. For more information e-mail Lori at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.892.9434, ext. 232.

◆ ◆ ◆ LENT: A STEWARDSHIP PERSPECTIVE ◆ ◆ ◆

Prayer ~ Realize God as the source of all good things through an increase in reading scripture or daily prayer, as well as participation in daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and/or Stations of the Cross.

Almsgiving ~ Share the gifts God has entrusted to us through either a financial donation to a charitable organization or goods in the form of food and personal hygiene items. On the first weekend of each month St. John's has "We Care Sunday." As a parish we collect food and personal hygiene items for the food shelves in both Scott and Dakota counties. Items can be placed in any of the three main entrances.

Fasting ~ Create a place for our God who continually blesses us by taking time away from a favorite activity. Use that time to spend with someone, maybe family or a friend, someone who is sick, in the hospital or in a care facility. Try to see the dignity in others as people created in God's image and likeness.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, March 16**

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 17

8:00 am † Jack Egan

Wednesday, March 188:00 am Special Intention for
Gerry Klement & Family

7:00 pm Parish Penance Service

Thursday, March 19

8:00 am For our Military

9:25 am School Penance Service

Friday, March 20

8:00 am † Tom Severson

Saturday, March 218:00 am †† Revs. Myles McGown &
Robert Patterson5:00 pm †† Ed Giles &
Dave Williamson**Sunday, March 22**

7:30 am Special Intention for T. & H.

9:00 am † Joseph Hien

11:00 am For the Parish

LECTORS**March 21/22**5:00 pm Richard Gross
Terry Miller7:30 am James Eck
Tom Reicks

9:00 am Kitty & Blaise Eisenbeil

11:00 am Jeff Olson
Katie Broadwell**MASS SERVERS****Weekdays 8:00 am**March 17/18 Charlie Nicklay
Jacob Heim
Sydney SchulbergMarch 19/20 Corrigan Shea
Kaija Eckholm
Megan Cleary**Saturday, March 21**5:00 pm Corrigan Shea
Kristen Ober
Meghan Shea**Sunday, March 22**7:30 am Lucy Walbruch
Will Diedrick9:00 am Alex Kubicek
Amanda Pfeiffer
Bailey Sernett11:00 am Abby Broadwell
Greta Fisher
Jenna Kacheroski

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, March 16

6:30 pm Troop 336
6:30 pm Life in the Spirit*
7:30 pm REAC

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 pm Parish Penance Service*

Thursday, March 19

4:00 pm Schoenstatt Girl's Group
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Festival Choir

Friday, March 20

8:30 am Stations of the Cross
9:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Soup Supper*
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Saturday, March 21

9:00 am Father/Son Breakfast*
12:00 pm Loss of Spouse Luncheon*

Sunday, March 22

8:00 am AA Meeting
10:15 am RCIA Program

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Experience the peace of the Holy Spirit on Monday, March 16, 6:30pm.
Topic: *God's Gifts*

ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE

FR. TIX PICKS

Six copies of *Power of Positive Thinking* are located in the Book-n-Gift Store on the shelf under *Fr. Tix Picks*.

Twenty copies are on order of *A Complaint Free World*. These books have been suggested by Fr. Tix for Lenten reading.

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS



for the week of March 15, have been donated in memory of *Ed Giles and Dave Williamson*

- The Giles Family

◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

“RACE FOR THE CURE” TEAM NEEDS A CAPTAIN

St. John's would like to put together a team for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, at the Mall of America. If in any way you've been touched by breast cancer, please consider being St. John's "Team Captain" to get a team going. If you are interested, or cannot do the walk but would like to donate to our team, contact Monica Seme at 952.808.0809.

◆ ◆ ◆ MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆



A look at Volunteer Ministry Opportunities at St. John's
This week: Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

It has been the consistent belief of the Catholic Church from the very beginning that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass truly become the Body and Blood of Christ; and that, furthermore, as the Catholic Catechism states, this “*Eucharistic presence of Christ [which] begins at the moment of the consecration...endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist.*” (CC #1377). In other words, the Eucharistic Christ then continues to be present in our midst beyond the Eucharistic liturgy when the consecrated host is either reposed in a tabernacle or exposed on the altar.

St. John's offers Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week to unite parishioners in making continuous hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. If you are interested in this special devotion e-mail Jack Dalrymple at pea@g-ware.org or call 952.882.9227.

◆ ◆ ◆ GOOD EATS DURING LENT ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S SOUP SUPPERS

A simple soup supper will be served from 6-7pm on these Fridays in Lent with one of our parish ministries serving you as your host:

March 20 The 55+ Group March 27 Hospitality Committee
April 3 Steppingstones Preschool and St. John's School

THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND BUT FREE-WILL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

ALPHA PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Join them for a breakfast fellowship on Thursday, March 19, at 9am, at their location 13845 Hwy. 13 South in Savage. You will get a brief overview of Alpha and their mission, goals and partnership for 2009. RSVP by Tuesday, March 17 to director@alphaprc.com or call 952.447.5683. Space is limited.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 20, from 5-8pm, at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Menu includes baked or fried fish, three varieties of potatoes, coleslaw, fresh baked bread, dessert and coffee or milk. Cost: adults \$10, children 5 to 10 years old \$5, children 4 and under eat for free. Open to the public.

TURKEY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Turkey Dinner on Sunday, March 22, from 4-7pm, at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Menu includes turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, cranberries, rolls, dessert and coffee or milk. Cost: adults \$10, children 3 to 10 years old \$4, children 2 and under eat for free. Open to the public.

◆ ◆ ◆ RESPECT LIFE ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

will participate in the 40 Days for Life Walk, which is sponsored by Pro-Life Action Ministries on Thursday, March 26, from 7am-7pm, at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Abortions are preformed into the sixth month of pregnancy at this hospital. This is a peaceful vigil that stands for life through 40 days of peaceful public witness outside the facility. Respect Life is asking parishioners to volunteer and sign-up to walk for 1 to 2 hours or more as we are responsible to cover 12 hours on that day. If you are interested in riding with a group there will be a van leaving from St. John's parking lot at 3:30pm that day and returning about 7:30pm. The address of Health Partners at Regions Hospital is 640 Jackson Street in St. Paul. To sign-up for a time to walk or for more information call Mary Wee at 952.226.3272.

- Watch your thoughts; they become words.
- Watch your words; they become actions.
- Watch your actions; they become habits.
- Watch your habits; they become character.
- Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$27,662
Simple Giving	
electronic donations	\$2,159
Total donations	\$29,821
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,050
Under budget.....	\$4,213
Budget year-to-date	- \$79,109

In the *Song of Songs* the beloved is compared to "bannered troops."
 Surely you can come up with better modern analogies to compliment your spouse today. Today, say at least once,
 "You are as beautiful
 (or handsome) as..."
 For daily marriage tips visit:
www.ForYourMarriage.org.