

*"To him all the
prophets bear witness,
that everyone
who believes in him
will receive
forgiveness of sins
through his name."*

ACTS 10:43

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, April 14, 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

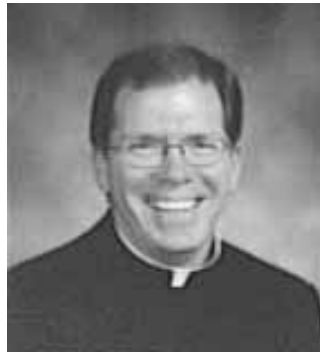
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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 celebrate Easter I want to share with you a favorite reflection of mine. It helps me, and I hope you, to remember that the Easter mystery of God's love surrounds us in many ways and times. The reflection is titled, "Easter Happens" and the author is unknown. Happy Easter to all!

Easter Happens: *Every time a baby is born. Every time a young man and woman decide to build a new life with each other. Every time we find a new friend. Every time we discover something new about life.*

Easter Happens: *In the Sacraments. Every time someone is welcomed into God's family. Every time forgiveness is felt and a man and woman is welcomed home. Every time friends become one by sharing a sacred meal. Every time a person closes their eyes in death and is not afraid.*

Easter Happens: *In everyday living. Every time things go all wrong, then it comes out all right. Every time we make a mistake and the world doesn't come to an end. Every time we think we've made a fool of ourselves, and to others it didn't matter. Every time we think life is too hard, then we find we can do it. Every time we realize that life is bigger than here and now. Every time we realize that life is bigger than just me. Every time we walk outside and can get high on spring.*

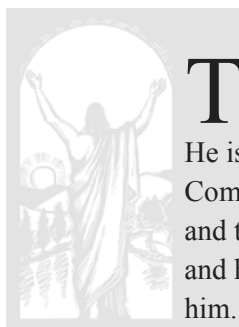
Easter Happens: *Every time we are glad to get home. Every time we feel proud of our work. Every time we feel like singing and dancing. Every time we put on a new outfit and feel like we're really with it.*

Easter Happens: *With every kindness that is shown. With every insult that is overlooked. With every hurt that is forgiven. With every kiss and make-up.*

Easter Happens: *Whenever life replaces death and whenever light shines through the darkness.*

Easter Happens: *Whenever we can feel joy in the midst of sorrow. Whenever we can hope in the midst of despair. Whenever we can feel peace in the midst of turmoil.*

— Father Mike Tix



Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you."

- Mt 28:5-7

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, MARCH 30

St. John’s will be offering a Divine Mercy celebration on Sunday, March 30, from 2:30-3:30pm. This will not include Mass or Reconciliation. (The rule on Reconciliation is up to 20 days before is acceptable.) We will have Benediction, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, veneration of the Divine Mercy image and conclude with reposing the Blessed Sacrament. Questions? 📞 Chuck at 952.451.0821.

THE 55+ GROUP

The next gathering of the 55+ Group will be on Tuesday, April 1, in the atrium following the 8am Mass. Andi Little, Director of Religious Education, will speak on “What is Religious Education Anyway?” Refreshments will be provided.

THE CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY (CBS)

St. John’s will offer a five-week study which will explore St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians often referred to as *The Joyful Letter*. The program format is Q & A study groups with a 45-minute presentation. CBS will start on Tuesday, April 8, from 6:30-8:30pm, in the media center and Thursday, April 10, from 9:30-11:30am, in the atrium. Cost is \$5. Registration forms are available in the atrium and at the parish office. For more information call Brenda at 952.233.1042.

OVERNIGHTS ARE COMING!

Grade 4 Overnight: Friday, April 11, 7pm to Saturday, April 12, 8am. Registration is due by April 7.

Grade 3 Overnight: Friday, April 18, 7pm to Saturday, April 19, 8am. Registration is due by April 14.

Cost is \$15 per child. Both evenings are filled with fun, faith and fellowship. Adult chaperones are absolutely necessary for this event to occur and need to fulfill the requirements of the Archdiocesan guidelines for risk management. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Andi at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

ST. JOHN’S CHURCH GARAGE SALE ~ JUNE 18-21

Keep St. John’s in mind while you do your spring cleaning. We need your donations to make this year’s garage sale another success.

We will accept these items in good, clean condition:
furniture, clothing, household items, bikes, skates, games, toys, baby items, bedding, personal accessories

We cannot accept these items:
computers or computer parts of any type, oil, paint, any hazardous chemicals, magazines, mattresses, tires, large exercise equipment or large appliances, air-conditioners or microwaves

NEW TO THE CHURCH GARAGE SALE THIS YEAR IS A BOUTIQUE ROOM.

Volunteers are needed to help with garage sale set-up, work the days of the sale and clean-up after the sale. To volunteer, contact Kris Marko at 952.447.7392.

PRAYER † FASTING † ALMSGIVING

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† John Myshka, father of
Ron Myshka

READINGS

For the Week of March 23

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4
or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or
Mt 28:1-10

Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tue: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thu: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Fri: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sun: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/
Jn 20:19-31

ST. JOHN'S NEWS BY E-MAIL

Get charged with St. John's lightning mail! Stay informed with up-to-date parish news and events with periodic e-mails. We will e-mail the bulletin to your home and/or work on Fridays. Sign up at cradosevich@stjohns-savage.org. In the subject box type "St. John's e-mail group."

EASTER BASKETS

Children and parents of all ages helped the Easter Bunny fill baskets



for the children of Theresa Living Center in St. Paul on March 9.

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

◆ ◆ ◆ STEPPINGSTONES PRESCHOOL ◆ ◆ ◆



Registration is still being accepted for children ages 3 to 5 in our two or three day morning or afternoon program. Our goal is to offer a Christian-based program that will encourage cognitive, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual development of our children. We offer:

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| Art | Story Time | Science |
| Music | Library | Gym |
| Language Development | | Field Trips |

Registration information is available by contacting Dora May at 952.846.4663.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

Enrollment has begun at St. John's School for the 2008-09 school year. Let St. John's School fill your child's school day with the values you embrace and academic preparedness they will need to compete and succeed. Watch your child further grow as a complete and happy person who contributes in a positive, respectful, tolerant and nurturing manner. Feel secure knowing your school is constantly monitoring, evaluating, and adapting to keep students moving ahead and fully prepared for their high school of choice. We offer:

- Small class sizes
- Positive role models
- Free transportation with ISD 191
- Opportunities for community service
 - Academically challenging curriculum
- Integration of Christian values throughout the school day
 - Development of good interpersonal skills
- Close relationships with caring, experienced teachers
 - In-House before and after school program
- Weekly Mass
- School uniforms
- Athletics (Go Chargers!)
- Extracurricular activities

Financial assistance is available at St. John's. Contact the school office at 952.890.6604 for more information or to arrange a tour.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

SUMMER STRETCH

is a program for youth who will be in grades 7 and 8 next fall. Mornings are spent experiencing various community service opportunities such as Goodwill, Feed My Starving Children, building relationships with the elderly at SaraCare, and more. Each afternoon is spent having Fun, Fun, Fun! Some of this year's plans include a Twins game, Bunker Hills Wave Pool, Valleyfair, and more. There will be a parent informational meeting on Monday, April 14, at 7pm, in the media center. For more information call Lori at 952.890.9465, ext. 232, or e-mail her at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

High school students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend the *Are You Normal 2008 Rally* at St. Therese in Deephaven on Saturday, April 12, from 2-9:30pm. Cost is \$20. **If you would like to attend contact Lori by April 1.**

◆ ◆ ◆ FAMILY FUN NIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆




Family Fun Night
Celebrate Under the Big Top
Saturday, April 5, 2008

Parish Center:
Sloppy Joes & Hot Dogs
after Mass, 6-7pm

In the Auditorium:
Clowns, Magician Performance &
Family Dance, 6:30-9:30pm

In the Old Gym:
Carnival Games & Refreshments
6:30-8pm




Family Fun Night is a wonderful opportunity to bring parish and school families together to celebrate our community and enjoy an evening full of fun for everyone!

TICKET ORDER FORM

Tickets will be sold after all Masses next weekend, March 29/30. Tickets may also be purchased at the door: \$20 per family; \$10 per adult and \$4 per child. You can send money and order form to the school or parish office.

I wish to purchase:

_____ Family Ticket (\$20) # Adults _____ # Children _____
 _____ Adult Ticket (\$10)
 _____ Child Ticket (\$4)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Family Name _____

We are in need of volunteers. If you would be interested in helping out e-mail Melissa at MelissaBecken@mchsi.com or call 952.440.9126.

**ALLELUIA
HE IS RISEN**

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, March 24**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Tuesday, March 25**
8:00 am † Joanne Hennes
- Wednesday, March 26**
8:00 am Spec. Int. for U. S. Military
- Thursday, March 27**
8:00 am †† Daniel & Maxine Muzzy
- Friday, March 28**
8:00 am † Rose Gregory
- Saturday, March 29**
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
5:00 pm † Donna Robinson
- Sunday, March 30**
7:30 am For the Parish
9:00 am † Joanne Oman
11:00 am †† Leo & Mike Dannecker

LECTORS

- March 29/30**
5:00 pm Rick Myers,
Craig Schoenecker
7:30 am Maureen & Dennis Peterson
9:00 am Bill King, Linda Moriarty
11:00 am Donna & Bill Pfeiffer

MASS SERVERS

- Weekdays 8:00 am**
March 25-26 Joey Hanel, Charlie Nicklay, Matt Warner
March 27-28 Ariel Jarvis, Victoria Kusber, Elizabeth Vohnoutka
- Saturday, March 29**
5:00 pm Maddy Kempf, Daniel Motl, Nicholas Pepler
- Sunday, March 30**
7:30 am Ashley Brotherton, Daniel Moriarty, Lucy Walbruch
9:00 am Erik Olson, Amanda Patch, Nick Ryan
11:00 am Abby Broadwell, Rhiannon Dominik, Molly Jones

**EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS**

- 5:00 pm Cindy Kelsey
7:30 am Richard Neuville
9:00 am Sandy Swenson
11:00 am Margaret Gross
- Please call your team members for the month of April.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Tuesday, March 25

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, March 26

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, March 27

7:00 pm BeFriender Training

Friday, March 28

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

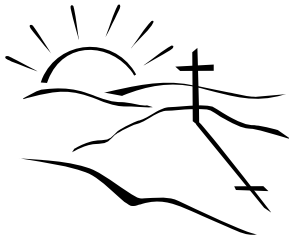
Saturday/Sunday, March 29/30

Family Fun Night Ticket Sale*

Sunday, March 30

8:00 am AA Meeting

2:30 pm Divine Mercy Sunday*



PRAYER FOR EASTER

Lord Jesus,

This holy Sunday, we celebrate the greatest of all days: the day your resurrection changed the world.

In conquering death, you brought us eternal life.

In conquering sin, you reconciled God and humankind.

In forgiving your enemies, you conquered hatreds.

In submitting to your Father's will, you conquered pride.

In our own lives, help us to always see that death is not the end of all things, but a beginning.

That living for God is the beginning of new joys in life.

That forgiving enemies is not a weakness, but a strength.

That submitting to God's will is not a yoke to be feared, but a cross to be embraced, and a crown to be gained.

Amen.

◆ ◆ ◆ EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS ◆ ◆ ◆

Todd McLaughlin • Lawrence & Angeline Maas • Edward Kulak
 Karen (Boyer) Bohn • Jim La Count • John Muench • Eusibius Santos
 Victoria Santos • Albert Da-Silva • George Beaumaster • Michael Miles
 Michael, Shade Santos • Ereberta Lopez • Charles Miles • Paulino Lopez
 Mary Lunney • Elsie Lunney • Edna Lunney • Becky Thomas
 Nancy Brusletten • Grandpa Schulberg • Liem Meagher • Earl & Ethel Peters
 Robert Marschall • Michael Peters • Marlys Gross • Groshans Family
 Majkowski Family • Jacqueline Pomeroy • Michael Pomeroy
 Deonisia Pablo • Donald • Bea • Braun & Allen Families • Mathilde Jackson
 Lillian Taylor • Charles Taylor • Ann Pritchard • Gervais Kaiser
 Helen Yentsch • Mose & Pearl Neuville • Viggo & Betty Monssen
 M/M W. H. Meyer • Arlin Brehmer • Sterling McCarty • Larry McCarty
 Roselee Martin • Joyce Martin • Martin Family • Roger & Mary Jayne Taney
 Marshall & Phyllis Olson • Francis Ballman • Marlene Ballman
 Lois Herman • Thelma Schmidt • Robert Skudlarek • Lila Skudlarek
 Jim McQuiston • Kenneth Cameron • Earl McQuiston • James McEneaney
 Harold & Kathryn McQuiston • John & Margaret McQuiston • Victor Vu
 John & Florence Davidson • Connery Joseph Speltz • Milton Schirmer
 Frank & Lena Schirmer • William & Thelma Lancaster • Dennis Cosgrove
 Mary & Pat Connelly & Family • Pierre Arnold, Sr. • Cheryl Arnold
 M/M Alwies Kroyer • Carolyn Kizer • Cecilia Krempges • Richard Werner
 Douglas Werner • John Werner • Rosalie Bensie • Dick O'Keefe
 Eugene Hennen • Gilbert Klein • Ronald Klein • Phyllis Freiberger
 Mary Carlson • Harry Carlson • Alpers & Fisher Families • Leo Clemens
 Kathleen Calhoun • Richard Nelson • Ray Kadrlik • Matt & Gladys Hei
 Coakley Family • Kaufenberg Family • Fiola Family • Ed McQuiston Family
 Alphonso & Shirley Zarsadias • Bill & Mrytle Condon • Dave Tepley
 Jerry Mikkalson • Paul Mikkalson • Loretta Hepola • Opal DeWitt
 Hill & Torgeson Family • Francis & Theresa Adamietz
 Dick & Gary Peterson • Ed Giles • Henry & Elizabeth Giles • Val Mosey
 Bill & Louise Martin • Pete & Ginnie Giles • Lucille Flynn • Kate Lund
 Shirley Stromberg • Bill Hayes • Jack Hilla • Dick Hilla • Betty Hilla
 Harvey & Gerry Schultz • Gordon & Francis Olson • Francis Morrisette
 Roma Morrisette • LaDonna Melichar • Lucy Dorfner • Art Williams
 Graves, Triemert & Weis Families • Don Cacic • Ellen Anderson
 Jon Williams • Hannah Besser • Joe Slater • Ron Fielder
 Bill Simms • Martha & Al LaPlace • John & Anne Haberberger
 Annabelle Olmstead • Mark Armitage • Sophia & Thomas Armitage
 Caroline & Ben Humbert • Bill Hayes • Lucy Dorfner
 George & Sadie Egan • Francis & Helen Coleman
 James O'Halloran • John & Mary Kasten • Hazel Kasten
 Marian Sweitzer • Kelleher Family • Riley Family
 Mildred Varey • Ed Harr • Pung/Irlbeck Families
 Molly Cade • Loretta Simon • George Joyce



◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

FAMILY DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

All are welcome especially families to tour this historical landmark and make art projects with Minnesota Children’s Museum staff on Sunday, April 6, from 1-5pm, located at 239 Selby Avenue in Saint Paul. Tour guides will be dressed in period costumes bringing to life the historical characters that played a part in building the Cathedral one hundred years ago. A pass to visit the bell tower will be given to every 100th visitor. This free event marks the on-going celebration of the Cathedral’s Cornerstone Centennial year. For more information visit their website at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org or call the Welcome Center at 651.228.1766.

CATHOLICS COMING HOME

If you’ve been away from the Church or are drifting away from it, consider this invitation to come and talk.

Six Tuesday evenings
April 1 - May 6
7 to 9pm

Basilica of Saint Mary
Sixteenth at Hennepin, Minneapolis
Basilica School, room 113

For more information call Carrie Kemp at 651.457.5427 or the Basilica of Saint Mary Learning Office at 612.317.3414.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate - Remember - Fight Back

The Relay For Life of Scott County is partnering with Applebee’s to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

- All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast
- Saturday, March 29, 8-10am
- Applebee’s - Shakopee
1568 Vierling Drive E.
- Tickets are \$5/person at the door
- Information will be provided about the Relay For Life event.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life, a nationwide effort, is a community based event in which participants represent the memory of those lost to cancer, and embrace and support those who face cancer with the hope that one day cancer will be eliminated.