

# 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, 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

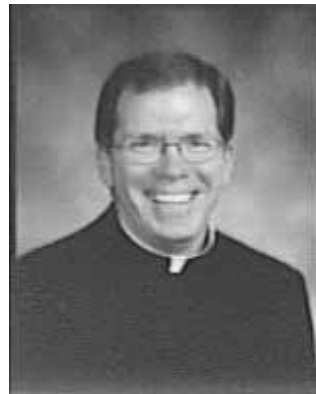
### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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 ◆ ◆ ◆



Throughout the season of Easter we celebrate the new life Christ won for us by his death and resurrection. In the weeks ahead we will celebrate Christ's gift of new life as our young people receive their First Communion. Last week at the Easter Vigil we welcomed eight people into our church.

On Saturday night two people were baptized, confirmed, and received their First Communion:

*Kendra Brown and Bruce Baker*

At the same celebration six people were received into the Catholic Church from another faith and were sealed with the gifts of God's Holy Spirit:

*Brock Olson, Jennifer Gust, Jennifer Kirby and Joshua Hultgren*

Already baptized as members of the Catholic Church, two people received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

*Jessica VonNagy and Nikki Klingelhut*

May each of these people always find in the church a welcoming and loving home.

Throughout the Easter season we celebrate the Risen Lord's presence among us. We see that presence in the faces of those who receive sacraments. Uniquely this spring and summer we will see some sign of Easter's new life in the replacement of our church roof that serves as a physical and tangible sign of our continuing mission to proclaim the Risen Lord in this time and place. Your continuous generosity in so many ways, and in particular as reflected in last week's Easter collection, is one sign of your faith in the Risen Lord's presence among us. Because of your generosity in sharing your time, talent, and treasure, we are able to go forward and proclaim that Jesus Christ is alive, present, and with us, as did the disciples of long ago to their towns and villages. Thank you!

— Father Mike Tix

## ◆ ◆ ◆ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ◆ ◆ ◆

St. John's will celebrate Divine Mercy this Sunday, March 30, from 2:30-3:30pm. 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.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ RAISE THE ROOF ◆ ◆ ◆

As we soon enter the month of April the work from our Raise the Roof Campaign will begin. The first project to be completed will be a new roof for the bell tower. As a part of this work we are also exploring lighting the bell tower as a unique architectural feature of the structure. Thank you to all who have contributed to our Raise the Roof Campaign.

Thank you to all who participated in our *Celebration! Gala* on Saturday, March 1, with special thanks to Paula Beer, Pam McSweeney and Nancy Roscoe who served as event chairs. Proceeds from this event totaled \$23,566 which has been included in the overall contributions to date. You are still invited and encouraged to contribute to our Raise the Roof Campaign by using the special envelope found with your regular contribution envelopes.

Cost of project	\$565,000	Donations-to-Date	\$213,849
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◆ ◆ ◆ FAMILY FUN NIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆



Family Fun Night  
 "Celebrate Under the Big Top"  
 Saturday, April 5th, 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 this 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](mailto:MelissaBecken@mchsi.com) or call 952.440.9126.

**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:

*Charles Steven Ihle*  
*Allan Truong Tran-Vu*  
*Julia Anne Speegle*  
*Erik Charles Speegle*  
*Lauren Daniele Speegle*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

† *Jerry Wasilk*, father of  
 Joan Bieniek  
 † *Genevieve Neck*, parishioner

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

*Trisha & Anthony Gargano*  
*Christopher, Joseph*  
*Nicolle & Michael Berg*  
*Marge Halling*

**ST. JOHN'S BOOK-N-GIFT STORE**

Look what's new at our Book-n-Gift-Store. We now have a nice selection of seasonal St. John's logo "spirit wear." You can view items on our parish website at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org) or stop by the store or the school office. Come and browse and support our school.

**READINGS**

For the Week of March 30

Sun: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/  
 Jn 20:19-31  
 Mon: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Tue: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
 Thu: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
 Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
 Sat: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21  
 Sun: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/  
 Lk 24:13-35

**◆ ◆ ◆ OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆****LOAVES & FISHES, TOO**

On Thursday, April 3, 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.

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

is a volunteer program that offers groups the opportunity to work together in a positive, team-focused environment packaging meals for starving children. St. John's parishioners are encouraged to share this experience together. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We have openings for 60 volunteers for each shift on Saturday, April 5, from 2-4pm or 4:30-6:30pm, at 18738 Lake Drive East in Chanhassen. For more information or to sign-up e-mail Tracy at [ttredinnick@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:ttredinnick@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9465, ext. 118. Please leave a message with your name, preferred time and number of volunteers.

**WHAT IS "WE CARE" WEEKEND?**

This on-going monthly contribution from parishioners of non-perishable food items, helps support our local food shelves. Traditionally the first weekend of every month, St. John's collects these food items at all entrances. They are delivered to our local food shelves by our parishioner Vern Hei. Last month we gave 526 pounds of food to our local food shelves. Please remember to bring in non-perishable food items the first weekend of the month, April 5/6.

**SUPPORT SJB BOOSTER CLUB APRIL 5/6**

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer parked in the church parking lot Saturday or Sunday, April 5/6.

**◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆****COADJUTOR ARCHBISHOP NIENSTEDT ~ A HOLY HOUR OF SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION**

All college-age men and women are invited to join Coadjutor Archbishop Neinstedt as he leads a "Lectio Divina" prayer service on Sunday, April 6, from 8-9pm. This method of prayer and scriptural reading is intended to promote communion with God and to provide special insights. It is a way of praying with scripture which calls one to ponder, listen and finally pray from God's Word. It will take place at the Florence Chapel on the St. Thomas University campus in Saint Paul (Cleveland Ave. side). The prayer services are held on the first Sunday of each month through May.

**THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES TO DEPRESSION**

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church located at 1265 Johnny Cake Rd. in Apple Valley will host two speakers who will speak on the topic of depression:

- ◆ Monday, April 7, at 7pm, Lynne Silva-Breen, M.Div., M.A., LAMFT will speak on depression and how it is one of the most common mental health problems in the world and what the drug companies would like us to believe.
- ◆ Monday, April 21, at 7pm, John Henrich, M.Div., Psy.D., L.P. will speak on *What is Depression?* Where does it originate and what is the impact on the body, brain, sense of self and relationships.

For more information call 952.432.6351. Free-will donation will be taken. Pre-registration and payment is required for Kidcare ages 6 weeks-12 years old. Cost: \$3 per child per evening. Go to [www.sotv.org](http://www.sotv.org) to register for Kidcare.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

**DESTINATION IMAGINATION**

On Saturday, March 15, four teams represented St. John's at the Destination Imagination competition in Minnetonka. It was a great day for the 26 students who took on this big challenge back in November. Their skits were entertaining and their costumes among the best. Their pride was evident as they moved through the day. At the end of the day, we listened to the awards and heard how our St. John's teams placed.

- *Pink Pebble Society Team* ~ our middle school took 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- *Duster Dustbunnies* ~ took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and will attend State in April
- *Bames Jond 7-0-0* ~ got an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Instant Challenge which tells us a lot about the great thinking of that team
- *Smoothie Chaos Team* ~ with lots of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade rookies and two fearless leaders from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, maneuvered their fantastic props like pros and presented a wonderful skit that showed off their talents.

Congratulations to our teams, their coaches, and parents!

**KS95 CHANGE FOR KIDS**

During Lent we encouraged our students to give the loose change that they had collected for doing good deeds throughout the 40 days for their Lenten Almsgiving. You all are to be commended for going above and beyond to help other children with needs at Gillette Children's Healthcare. St. John's Preschool-8th grade collected \$2,245.43. This is outstanding! We know that our efforts are going to make a difference in research and at the hospital.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

**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.**

**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 Sarah Care, and more. Each afternoon is spent having 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 e-mail Lori at [ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9465, ext. 232.

**SUMMER FESTIVAL 2008**

is a one-week retreat featuring exhilarating activities designed to help you make great friends, have a blast and walk a little closer to God. The invitation to Summer Festival is extended to every teen in grades 6-9. St. John's will be participating the week of July 21-25. Registration forms can be found in the Education Office. 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.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, March 31

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, April 1

8:00 am †† Rosemary & Victor Kehren

Wednesday, April 2

8:00 am † Lillian Taylor

9:35 am †† LaVerne & William Mies (School Mass)

Thursday, April 3

8:00 am † Leo R. Picek

First Friday, April 4

8:00 am † Dave Soucek

First Saturday, April 5

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Thomas Joyce

Sunday, April 6

7:30 am † Floyd Keahna

9:00 am † David Soucek

11:00 am For the Parish

**LECTORS**

April 5/6

5:00 pm Ann Rogers  
Nancy Abicht

7:30 am Sharon Warmka  
Dennis Cummings

9:00 am Jessica & Garrett Shurts

11:00 am Terry Miller  
Christine Kelly

**MASS SERVERS**

Weekdays 8:00 am

April 1-2 Jenna Kacheroski,  
Megan Cleary, Callie Fox

April 3-4 Charlie Nicklay,  
Bailey Sernett, Jacob Heim

Saturday, April 5

5:00 pm Nicole Beaton, Brian  
Brokofsky, Hannah Brown

Sunday, April 6

7:30 am Kris Keding, Brian Zetah

9:00 am Anne Prins, Bailey  
Sernett, Alex Kubicek

11:00 am Ariel Behnke,  
Greta Fisher,  
Sydney Notermann

**DEVOTION TO THE  
IMMACULATE HEART  
OF MARY**

Join us on Saturday, April 5, for the 8am Communion/Prayer service in the church followed by the Rosary and meditation in the Holy Family Chapel.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

### Monday, March 31

6:30 pm Troop 336

### Tuesday, April 1

8:30 am 55+ Group\*

6:00 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings

7:00 pm Council & Commissions

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group &  
Rosary for Life

### Wednesday, April 2

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, April 3

6:30 pm Schoenstatt Sisters\*

7:00 pm REAC Meeting

7:00 pm SJB Choir

### Friday, April 4

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

### Saturday, April 5

6:00 pm Family Fun Night\*

### Saturday/Sunday, April 5/6

Fellowship/Can Collection\*/We Care\*

### Sunday, April 6

8:00 am AA Meeting

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:00 pm Mission Meeting



## 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.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ PARISH NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

### 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.

### ALL ARE WELCOME

On Wednesday, April 30, the 55+ Group will sponsor an outing to see the Chicago White Sox and Twins play ball at the Metrodome. Our seats are conveniently located in the lower deck in upper rows with a minimum of steps required.

The cost is \$39 which includes a deluxe coach and game ticket. We will depart the church parking lot at 11am for the 12:10pm game. RSVP to Jim Rylander by mail or call 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Checks should be made payable to **St. John's**. Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 15.



### ST. JOHN'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

is seeking applicants for three openings on the Council. The three-year terms will begin this June. Responsibilities include meeting with Fr. Tix to discuss upcoming events and information regarding the parish. Currently the Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Council members must be registered members of St. John's, at least 16 years of age and have completed their Christian initiation through Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Employees of St. John's are not eligible to serve as members. You may pick-up an application at the parish office. Questions? Contact Rich Myers at 952.447.4503.

### 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. RSVP to Bonnie at 952.890.9465, ext. 120, if you are planning to attend.

### SUNSHINE TRAVEL TO WINNIPEG

Sunshine Travel is extending an invitation to you, your family and friends to join them for four days, August 5-8. You will travel by motor coach to Winnipeg's Folklorama, Canada's Festival of Nations, the largest multicultural festival in the world. This trip includes wonderful culture, dining, and entertainment at international pavilions, all with reserved seating. In addition, we will visit the St. Boniface Museum, Manitoba Legislative Building, Museum of Man and Nature, and markets featuring local merchants and artisans. Your tour includes a deluxe motor coach, fine hotel accommodations, baggage handling, sightseeing admissions, six meals, and a professional tour director. For more information and a brochure call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114. Please register by Monday, June 30.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

**SCHOENSTATT SISTERS**

The next meeting with the Schoenstatt Sisters will be on Thursday, April 3, from 6:30-7:45pm, in the parish center. All girls in grades 1-6 are welcome. If you would like more information contact Sr. Deanne at [sr.d.niehaus@usa.com](mailto:sr.d.niehaus@usa.com) or 507.794.7727 or Pam McSweeney at [mcsweeney.pam@comcast.net](mailto:mcsweeney.pam@comcast.net) or 952.808.0847.

**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 have fulfilled the requirements of the Archdiocesan guidelines for risk management. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Andi at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

March 16 donations .....	\$26,040
March 23 donations .....	\$42,579
Simple Giving electronic donations .....	\$15,960
Weekly revenue budget .....	\$34,014
Budget year-to-date .....	- \$32,172

**✝ STEWARDSHIP ✉**

Let us honor God with our first fruits rather than the leftovers.