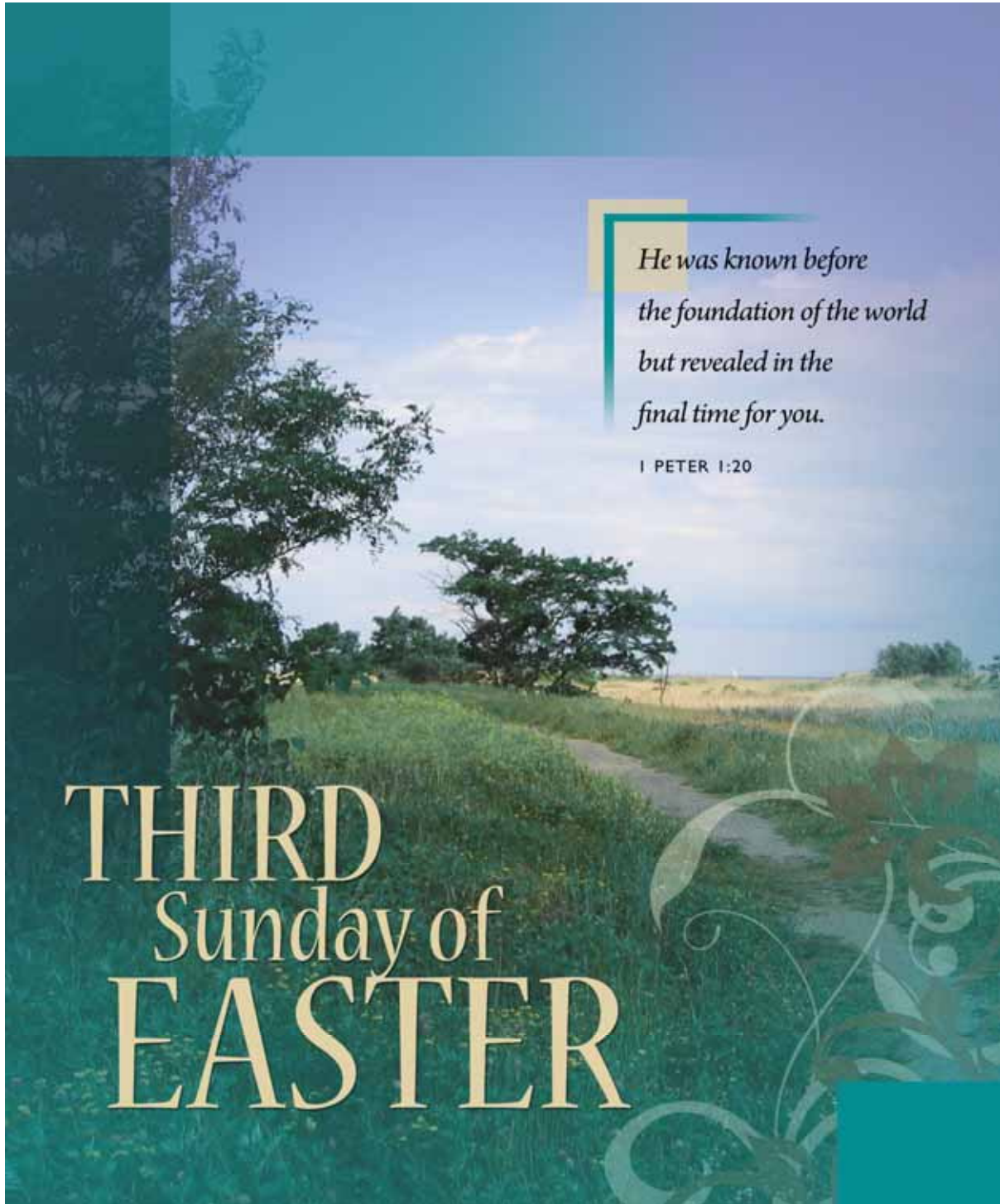

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St. John ^{the} Baptist

Catholic Church

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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, April 7-11

Monday: Office Closed

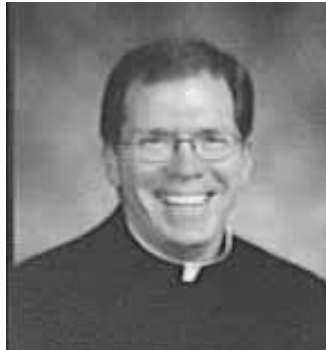
(Office staff will be attending a workshop)

Tuesday-Friday: 8 am-4:30 pm

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



On Holy Thursday I told the story in my homily about recently receiving an assortment of photographs of my Mom. Many of the photos I had never before seen from her childhood including her First Communion and wedding. The pictures came from my aunt as she and her siblings were cleaning out my Grandma's house and preparing it for sale after her death this past fall. Seeing the photos and hearing the stories from both my aunt and Dad about different people and experiences were great fun for me.

Besides looking at photos of Mom, I also have been sorting through some boxes of photos of St. John's history. The reason for the searching and sorting has to do with our upcoming year of anniversaries. In the year 2009, we will celebrate both the 50th anniversary of our parish school, as well as the 25th anniversary of our current church building. Looking through these pictures and school scrapbooks was not only fun but informative.

As I searched and sorted, one of the ideas I had was to do a visual tribute to the history and growth of our parish school. In both a school and church I believe it can be far too easy to take the efforts of previous generations for granted in building what we enjoy today. The idea of the visual tribute was to give particular recognition to the School Sisters of Notre Dame from Mankato who first staffed the school along with lay staff. Various communities of religious women like the School Sisters of Notre Dame have worked tirelessly over the years to build our schools and plant the seeds of faith that extend over a lifetime.

The visual tribute includes a water-colored picture of the first school building and a series of black and white pictures of the school in its early days. There are also four different collages of pictures that encompass the original building and three expansions of the facility. In the first collage is pictured the original groundbreaking and first school faculty. All of the different components of the visual tribute were intentionally placed in the hallway adjacent to the school and religious education offices because on any given school day, every student in our school passes through this hall at some point. My hope is that while passing through the hallway they will look at the photos and gain a greater appreciation of our history and the many people who make possible the Catholic education they receive today.

Along with our school students, I invite you to take a look at the visual tribute in our school hallway. Whether in our day school, or other activities that take place in our school building we continue a mission of Catholic education and faith formation that began long ago. Not only do we celebrate a rich history, but also a bright future grounded in Jesus Christ!

- Father Mike Tix

They returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

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 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.

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:

Howard & Elizabeth Breeggemann

Judy Menke

Angelito & Angelina Simba

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Pete and Dolly Schmitz on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. We wish them God's blessings and many more happy years together.



READINGS

For the Week of April 6

Sun: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/
Lk 24:13-35

Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tue: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wed: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thu: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Fri: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Sat: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Sun: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/
Jn 10:1-10

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

To assist with Bible studies we have a laminated Bible verse reference card, many styles of bookmarks, and Bible tabs in regular or large print. There are also several authors of spiritual literature and guidance, such as "The Essentials" series. For prayerful reflection we have a nice selection of prayer books, most of which are in a convenient pocket size.

1 Peter is an exhortation
on the meaning of baptism.

◆ ◆ ◆ COMING THIS SUMMER ◆ ◆ ◆

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

Are you doing some spring cleaning and wondering what to do with all the things you don't need anymore? The St. John's Church Garage Sale will accept most of those items. Your donations are one of the main reasons that our garage sale is a success every year.

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, sofa beds, mattresses, tires, microwaves, large exercise equipment, large appliances, air-conditioners,

Another big reason for the success of our garage sale is our volunteers. We need help with set-up, working the days of the sale and clean-up. Even if you only have a few hours to give, it is appreciated! To volunteer, contact Kris Marko at 952.447.7392.

◆ ◆ ◆ 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 • JP Arnold • Colin Moening
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 • 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 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.

EMPTY INK JET CARTRIDGES FOR SISTER PARISH

There is a box for empty ink jet cartridges in the entry by the parish center.

Note: Epson cartridges cannot be accepted. Proceeds from this recycling effort benefit our sister parish.

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◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

OVERNIGHTS ARE COMING

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

Registration is due by Monday, April 7.

Grade 3 Overnight: Friday, April 18, 7pm to Saturday, April 19, 8am.

Registration is due by Monday, 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 or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

**FAMILY BINGO
FUND RAISER**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Family Bingo Fund Raiser for our mission group. It was a wonderful night to enjoy with your family as well as meet new people. We raised more than \$1,000. We hope you will join us for more fund raisers in the coming weeks. Every little bit helps the youth go and do Christ's work.



SUMMER STRETCH PARENT INFORMATIONAL MTG.

Summer Stretch is for youth who will be in grades 7 and 8 next fall. Parents are invited to an informational meeting on Monday, April 14, 7pm, in the media center.

SIGN-UP DEADLINES FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

- **Friday, April 25, is the deadline** to sign up for Summer Festival for grades 6-9. It will be the week of July 21-25.
- **Thursday, May 1, is the deadline** to sign up for Summer Stretch for grades 6-8, which will be every Wednesday beginning June 25.
- Registration forms can be found in the Education Office.

BECOME A PRAYER AND FINANCIAL PARTNER

for our Mission Team after all Masses the weekend of April 26/27. This year our parish will be sending 56 youth and adults to serve in Kearney, New Jersey. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this year's trip that will enable us to continue to put the message of the Gospel into action. We thank you for all of your support.

If you have questions about any youth event or program, e-mail Lori Taormina at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 7

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, April 8

8:00 am †† Irene & Ted Moreen

10:30 am Special Intention for Timothy J. McLaughlin (Ridges Nursing Home)

Wednesday, April 9

8:00 am † Maryann Jahn

9:35 am † Pollyann Jorgenson (School Mass)

Thursday, April 10

8:00 am Special Intention for Frank & Irma Kelly Family

Friday, April 11

8:00 am † Vess Uphoff

Saturday, April 12

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Paul Pannier

Sunday, April 13

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am † Joseph Rinh

11:00 am † Annamma Cherucheril

2:00 pm For our First Communicants (First Eucharist)

LECTORS

April 12/13

5:00 pm Kris Lambrecht
Diane Chase

7:30 am Timothy Gwost
James Eck

9:00 am Ann Dominik

11:00 am Katie Broadwell
Jennie Boeser

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

April 8-9 Angela Gruenwald
Corrigan Shea
Meghan Shea

April 10-11 Anna Brunner
Amanda Pfeiffer
Nicole Swensen

Saturday, April 12

5:00 pm Lindsay Becker
Callie Fox
Zach Gartner

Sunday, April 13

7:30 am Marissa Mahoney
Rose Ann Sullivan

9:00 am Luke Elfering
Brittney Hegg
Madi Vohnoutka

11:00 am Tony Boutelle
John Kelly
Brett Miller

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, April 7

6:30 pm Troop 336
6:30 pm Pack 338 PLM Meeting
6:30 pm Sister Parish Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

6:00 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings
6:30 pm First Eucharist Practice
7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group
7:30 pm Adult Faith Formation Mtg.

Wednesday, April 9

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 10

6:30 pm Kindergarten Open House*
7:00 pm Speaker-Mary Treacy O'Keefe*
7:00 pm SJB Choir

Friday, April 11

8:30 am Stations of the Cross
9:30 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Grade 4 Overnight*

Sunday, April 13

8:00 am AA Meeting
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
2:00 pm First Eucharist

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Discover the full potential of your marriage and renew your commitment to a Christian marriage by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 19/20. Weekends are held at the Kakota Ridge Hotel on 35E and Yankee Doodle Road in Eagan. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of monthly retreats or call 651.454.3238.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

A series of NFP classes will begin on Tuesday, May 6, at All Saint's Church in Lakeville. NFP teaches couples how to achieve or postpone pregnancy, while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. For more information or to register call 952.913.7623.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

ST. JOHN'S KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our kindergarten open house on Thursday, April 10, at 6:30pm, in the parish center. Explore our accredited program which offers half and all-day sessions. Tour the classrooms with your children



and participate in some fun activities with the teachers. For more information visit our website at www.stjohns-savage.org or contact the school at 952.890.6604. Transportation is provided for students who reside in School District 191. Financial aid is available.



◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

will hold a dinner on Friday, April 18, in the Archangels Hall, 16311 Duluth Ave. S.E. in Prior Lake. Mass will be at 5:30pm, followed by social time at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm and a presentation by Fr. Jack Davis. A free-will offering will be taken which will benefit their sister parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Chimbote, Peru. For more information call Carol at 952.898.1627.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF GARDENING

Spring is coming, believe it or not, and with it gardening as a spiritual discipline in which one encounters God's own creative power in the rhythms of preparing the ground for harvest. Learn from Cathy Scherer Stubbs, master gardener and spiritual director, how to cultivate this practice in your life on Saturday, April 19, 9am-noon, at the Benedictine Center of St. Paul's Monastery, 2675 Larpenteur Ave. E. in St. Paul. Cost is \$25. Register online at www.stpaulsmonastery.org (follow the Benedictine Center links) or call 651.777.8181.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Hospice of the Twin Cities serves the 12-county metro area. Volunteer training is open to potential volunteers and those who want to learn more about Hospice.

- Spring training will begin Tuesday, April 22, from 6-9pm. Tuesday & Thursday evenings for 7 sessions.
- Summer training will begin Monday, July 21, from 1-4pm. Monday & Thursday afternoons for 7 sessions.
- Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call Kristin Debner or Deb Pascuzzi at 763.531.2424 or 763.253.2114 or e-mail at debnerk@Hospiceofthetwincities.com.

SOUTHERN VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR BATTERED WOMEN

is holding their 9th Annual Silent Auction and Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, April 25. This year's theme is a Hootenanny Hoedown, which will be held at the OK Corral Barn in Jordan. The public is invited for an evening of music, fun and all the fixins'. Donations are also needed. For tickets/information, call 952.873.4214.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Shrimp and Steak Dinner ~ Friday, April 11, from 5-8pm, at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Fried shrimp, sirloin steak with mushrooms, baked potato, Texas toast, salad bar, dessert and coffee or milk will be served. The cost is \$13 for both or \$10 for shrimp or steak. Children’s meal is \$2.

Turkey Dinner ~ Sunday, April 13, from 4-7pm, at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, cranberries, rolls, dessert and coffee or milk will be served. The cost is \$10 for ages 11 and up; \$4 for ages 3 to 10; ages 2 and under are free.

Tootsie Roll Drive ~ The Savage/Prior Lake Knights of Columbus will be handing out Tootsie Rolls after all Masses on April 19/20. Tootsie Rolls are free but a voluntary donation to help developmentally challenged children will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to volunteer to help hand out Tootsie Rolls call Jim Anderson at 952.447.2905.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* in the church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy. 😊

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

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| Last week’s donation | \$23,022 |
| Simple Giving | |
| electronic donations | \$12,772 |
| Weekly revenue budget..... | \$34,014 |
| Budget year-to-date.....- | \$30,391 |



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:

- Cleaned the playroom
- Helped Mom make meals
- Sharing my toys
- Played nice with my sister
- Babysitting my little brother
- Fed my dog