

*Go, therefore,
and make disciples
of all nations,
baptizing them
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to
observe all that I have
commanded you.
And behold,
I am with you always,
until the end of the age."*

MATTHEW 28:19-20

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, May 12, 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

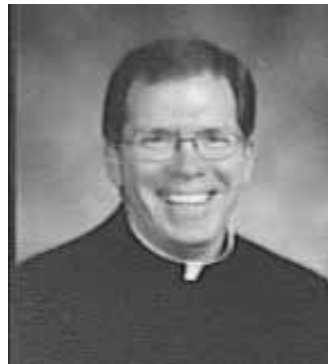
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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 ◆ ◆ ◆



Last year for the first time I participated in the Susan G. Komen *Race for the Cure* at the Mall of America to benefit breast cancer research. It was an amazing experience and I will again be participating this year. The date of the *Race for the Cure* is Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11. The goal of the organizers of the event is to have 60,000 people registered for either the race or the walk. One reason for my participating in this annual event stems from my sister-in-law who was diagnosed with breast cancer better than a year ago. I am happy to say that Amy's cancer is in remission and that her chemotherapy treatment has ended. She is able to return to the life of a normal young mother and wife. Another reason is breast cancer was the cause of my Mom's death now better than 20 years ago.

In simple casual conversation with people, I have heard that a good number of people from both the parish and area itself participate in the *Race for the Cure*. On Saturday, May 10, at the 5pm Mass, besides our usual Mother's Day blessing, I also want to take the opportunity to recognize and bless those who will be participating in the *Race for the Cure* whether as a breast cancer survivor or people who choose to walk or run in memory of a loved one. If you are participating, I invite and encourage you to come to the Mass and for the blessing. I also hope that you will feel free to invite others to join us on the eve of the race as we come together to pray in the spirit of Easter hope for a cure to a disease that continues to affect many. For more information about the *Race for the Cure* go to www.racecure.org.

- Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

All boys and girls of our parish currently in grades 5, 6 or 7 who are interested in becoming an altar server are invited to attend a server training session on Wednesday, May 7, from 5:30-6:30pm in the church. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, e-mail Mike Kelly at mike.kelly@integraonline.com or call 952.226.2332.

ANOINTING MASS

All are invited to attend Mass on Thursday, May 15, at 11am, at which time we will have the Anointing of the Sick. Following the Mass there will be a luncheon served in the atrium at no cost to you. If you will be attending the lunch, **RSVP by Friday, May 9**, to the parish office at 952.890.9465.

◆ ◆ ◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ◆ ◆ ◆

THE 55+ GROUP

The next gathering of the 55+ Group will be on Tuesday, May 6, in the atrium following the 8am Mass. Jeanne Strandberg, of Sunshine Travel, will present a travel show about the trip to Mackinac Island and the Frankenmuth Oktoberfest on September 16-19. She will also have information about the Winnipeg trip on August 5-8. These trips are open to all parishioners and friends. Refreshments will be served.

MOTHER’S DAY ROSE SALE

The Respect Life Committee will be honoring mothers on Mother’s Day next weekend, May 10/11, after all the Masses with their annual rose sale. Roses sell for \$5 each and come in a variety of colors. Proceeds from the sale will be given to a charitable organization.

ST. JOHN’S CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY

On Saturday, May 10, from 9-11am, the Boy Scouts from St John’s will be picking up trash at the cemetery. If anyone would like to help with this clean-up, please stop by. The cemetery is located two blocks south of Williams Drive on Judicial Road in Burnsville. This will be an ideal time to get our parish cemetery ready for the Memorial Day weekend and the Mass which is celebrated at the cemetery on Monday, May 26, at 10am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GARAGE SALE

Only six weeks until we start setting up for the St. John’s Garage Sale and we need many volunteers to make it a success. This is a fun and rewarding way for the whole family to help out. Volunteers are needed to help with:

- set-up before the sale ~ June 15-18
- working the days of the sale ~ June 18-21
- clean-up ~ June 21-22

Even if you have only a few hours to give, it’s all needed. To volunteer, contact Kris Marko at 952.447.7392.

SUNSHINE TRAVEL BUS TRIP 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 trip 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.

**AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE.**

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 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:

*Grace Elizabeth Anne Berg
Garrett Wayne Larson
Natalie Rose Mahowald
Audriana Liv Sanh
Alexis Ann Torres
Claire Marie Parlin
Sawyer Thomas Pauna
Gavin James Ruprecht
Alexander Joseph Simba*

MARRIAGE BANNES

Please remember these couples in your prayers as they prepare for their marriage:

*Tina Trousil & Luke Higgins
Jinger Ward & Joe Birkholz*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Virginia Cunningham-Kilpatrick*,
mother of John Kilpatrick
- † the brother-in-law of Wendy Turner
- † the mother of Monica Dawson

THANK YOU

to all the parishioners who donated towels and blankets for the Towels from Teens program. St. Stephen's Church really appreciated the blankets, especially since they were above capacity during the many freezing nights. Bridging, Inc. also benefitted from the collection.

READINGS

For the Week of May 4

Sun: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/
Mt 28:16-20

Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tue: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Sat: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/
Jn 21:20-25

Sun: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a,
16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13/Jn 20:19-23

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

FACILITATORS NEEDED FOR SMALL GROUP SUPPORT

Separated and Divorced Catholics is a Catholic Church sponsored program that provides peer support and information in a confidential setting for adults who are dealing with broken relationships. The program runs from October through April, one evening a week (breaks for holidays). It is sponsored by a coalition of area Catholic Churches including St. John's. The typical evening gathering includes a speaker who addresses a relevant topic followed by small group discussion and support.

We are seeking individuals to serve as small group facilitators when the program begins again this fall. Facilitators provide guidance and structure to the small group setting. Training is provided.

Previous experience in helping ministry is good, but not required. Serving as a facilitator requires a commitment for the duration of the program, as well as openness to learning and working with group dynamics, active listening skills and confidentiality. For someone who has experienced separation or divorce, it is important to have come to a place of stability and health in your own journey so you can be helpful to others.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be of service to others. For more information, call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

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

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.

SJB

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

STUDENTS COMPETE AT TRACK MEET

On Friday, May 9, from 9am to 3pm, St. John's middle school students will compete against Chapel Hill Academy in a track meet at Shakopee High School. All are invited to come and cheer them on!

SPRING CONCERT ON CABLE

The April 24th Spring Concert will be running on Savage Cable Station 16 starting soon. The concert can also be seen on-line by visiting the City of Savage website: www.ci.savage.mn.us and clicking on the Savage TV Online button.

If you are interested in purchasing a DVD of the Spring Concert, please e-mail Carol Radosevich at cradosevich@stjohns-savage.org. Cost is \$5. Make check payable to *Savage Cable Station*.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

SCAVENGER HUNT FOR THE FOOD SHELVES

Youth in grades 3, 4 and 5, their families and friends are invited to join the *Scavenger Hunt for the Food Shelves* on Friday, May 9, at 6pm, in the atrium. Participants create teams led by an adult driver and chaperone, and go to neighborhoods asking for items to help fill the Scott County food shelves. Items collected are assigned points and winners are determined by the amount of points collected. After everything is tallied and prizes are awarded, everyone will go to Culver's. Cost is \$5 per person which includes an ice cream treat. **Registration deadline is Monday, May 5.**

This event cannot happen without adults who have completed a background check, VIRTUS training AND a driver's check. If you would like to drive for this event and are not sure if you have a driver's check on file, contact Tracy at 952.890.9465, ext. 118. Questions, call Andi at 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

◆ ◆ ◆ THANK YOU ◆ ◆ ◆

The family of Margaret Mueller would like to thank everyone who brought the wonderful food and gave of their time to put on the funeral luncheon. A special thank you to Fr. Tix, and Bonnie Unzen with the Pastoral Ministry who visit the shut-ins. Also, thank you to our walking angels, Cindy Busch and Sandy Swenson, and members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

◆ ◆ ◆ ARCHDIOCESEAN EVENT ◆ ◆ ◆

MAY DAY FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION ~ MAY 4

- ✦ Gather at 1:30pm at the State Capitol Approach to process to the Cathedral of Saint Paul.
- ✦ Gather at 1:30pm at Dunwoody Institute parking lot to process to the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 5

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

Tuesday, May 6

8:00 am †† Rosemary & Victor
Kehren

Wednesday, May 7

8:00 am In Thanksgiving

9:35 am † Mildred Varey
(School Mass)

Thursday, May 8

8:00 am † Mary C. McKeen

Friday, May 9

8:00 am †† LaVerne & William Mies

Saturday, May 10

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Thomas Joyce

Sunday, May 11

7:30 am † Eugene Hennen

9:00 am For the Parish

11:00 am † Mary Machacek

LECTORS

May 10/11

5:00 pm Aileen Hill
Terry Miller

7:30 am Kris Lambrecht

Dennis Cummings

9:00 am Christine Brickweg

Bob Brickweg

11:00 am Mike Goering

Larry McCrory

MASS SERVERS

Weekdays 8:00 am

May 6-7 Jacob Heim

Charlie Nicklay

Lucy Walbruch

May 8-9

Jack Dominik

Corrigan Shea

Tony Sullivan

Saturday, May 10

5:00 pm Victoria Kusber

Daniel Motl

Tad Neeser

Sunday, May 11

7:30 am Lucy Walbruch

Brian Zetah

9:00 am Liliana Gomez

Erin Swensen

Kyle Thomas

11:00 am

Rhiannon Dominik

Greta Fisher

Sydney Notermann

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, May 5

6:30 pm Cultural Outreach Meeting

6:30 pm Troop 336

Tuesday, May 6

8:30 am 55+ Group

6:00 pm Pack 338, Den Meetings

6:30 pm Catholic Bible Study

7:00 pm Council & Commissions

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

Wednesday, May 7

5:30 pm Altar Server Training*

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, May 8

9:30 am Catholic Bible Study

7:00 pm BeFriender Meeting

7:00 pm SJB Choir

Friday, May 9

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Scavenger Hunt for Food
Shelves*

Saturday, May 10

9:00 am Cemetery Clean-up Day*

Saturday/Sunday, May 10/11

Mother's Day Rose Sale*

Sunday, May 11

8:00 am AA Meeting

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come.

Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ."

- Jn 17:1-3

CAN COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer parked in the church parking lot Saturday or Sunday, May 3/4.

The proceeds from the can collections support the Booster Club for school activities. Thank you for your support.

◆ ◆ ◆ FEAST OF THE ASCENSION ◆ ◆ ◆

Forty days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Acts of the Apostles records Jesus' Ascension into heaven. The Ascension is an important Christian feast attesting and celebrating the reality of the God-Man Jesus Christ's returning to the Father, to return again in the Second Coming of Christ. The Ascension is the final component of the *paschal mystery*, which consists also of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the Resurrection, the Ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah. The Ascension is also the event whereby humanity was taken into heaven. Finally, the Ascension was also the "final blow" so-to-speak against Satan's power, and thus the lion (Jesus) conquering the dragon (Satan) is a symbol of the Ascension. Early Christian art and iconography portrayed the Ascension frequently, showing its importance to the early Church.

The Catholic Catechism summarizes three important theological aspects (with which most Christian churches agree) of the Ascension concisely:

1. Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).
2. Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever.
3. Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit (665-667).

Traditionally celebrated on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter, for pastoral reasons, the solemnity in most dioceses in the United States is transferred to the seventh Sunday of Easter.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

MORNING BREAK BRUNCH & FASHION SHOW

Are you ever puzzled what to wear or what not to wear? You are invited to hear Julie Ames, an image consultant and personal shopper with Macy's, who will speak on Wednesday, May 7, at 9:30am, at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. Julie will be assisted by special guest Miss Minnesota, Jennifer Hudspeth. Cost: \$10. For more information or to make a reservation, call Sr. Mary Anne at 952.890.0045.

ACTING & ATHLETIC CAMPS OFFERED

During June and July, DeLaSalle High School will offer eight different summer camps in drama and/or athletics for elementary and middle school students, including those entering grade nine. For more information, a camp brochure or registration materials, call 612.676.7675.

◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

**HOLY HOUR WITH
COADJUTOR ARCHBISHOP NEINSTEDT**

All college-age men and women are invited to join Coadjutor Archbishop Neinstedt as he leads a *Lectio Divina* prayer service on Sunday, May 4, from 8-9pm. It will take place at the Florence Chapel on the St. Thomas University campus in Saint Paul (Cleveland Ave. side).

EMPLOYMENT MEETING

St. John Neumann Church will hold its next Employment Ministry meeting on Thursday, May 8, at 7:10pm, in the Adult Ed Room. Larry Goede and Joe Scott will speak on insurance coverage during job transitions. They will address such challenges as cutting costs, maintaining coverage, and possibly converting coverage or other alternatives. For more information go to their website at www.jobministry@sjn.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHRIMP & STEAK DINNER

will be on Friday, May 9, from 5-8pm, at the K. of C. Hall, 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. The cost is \$13 for both or \$10 for shrimp or steak. Children's meal is \$2.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donation	\$22,969
Simple Giving electronic donations	\$2,140
Weekly revenue budget	\$34,014
Budget year-to-date	- \$46,870

Spring

Every opening flower proclaims
the glory of God.

Every grain of wheat illustrates for us
God's providence.

Every drop of rain proclaims
God's concern for the welfare
of all people everywhere.

Every rainbow symbolizes
the promise of a better tomorrow.