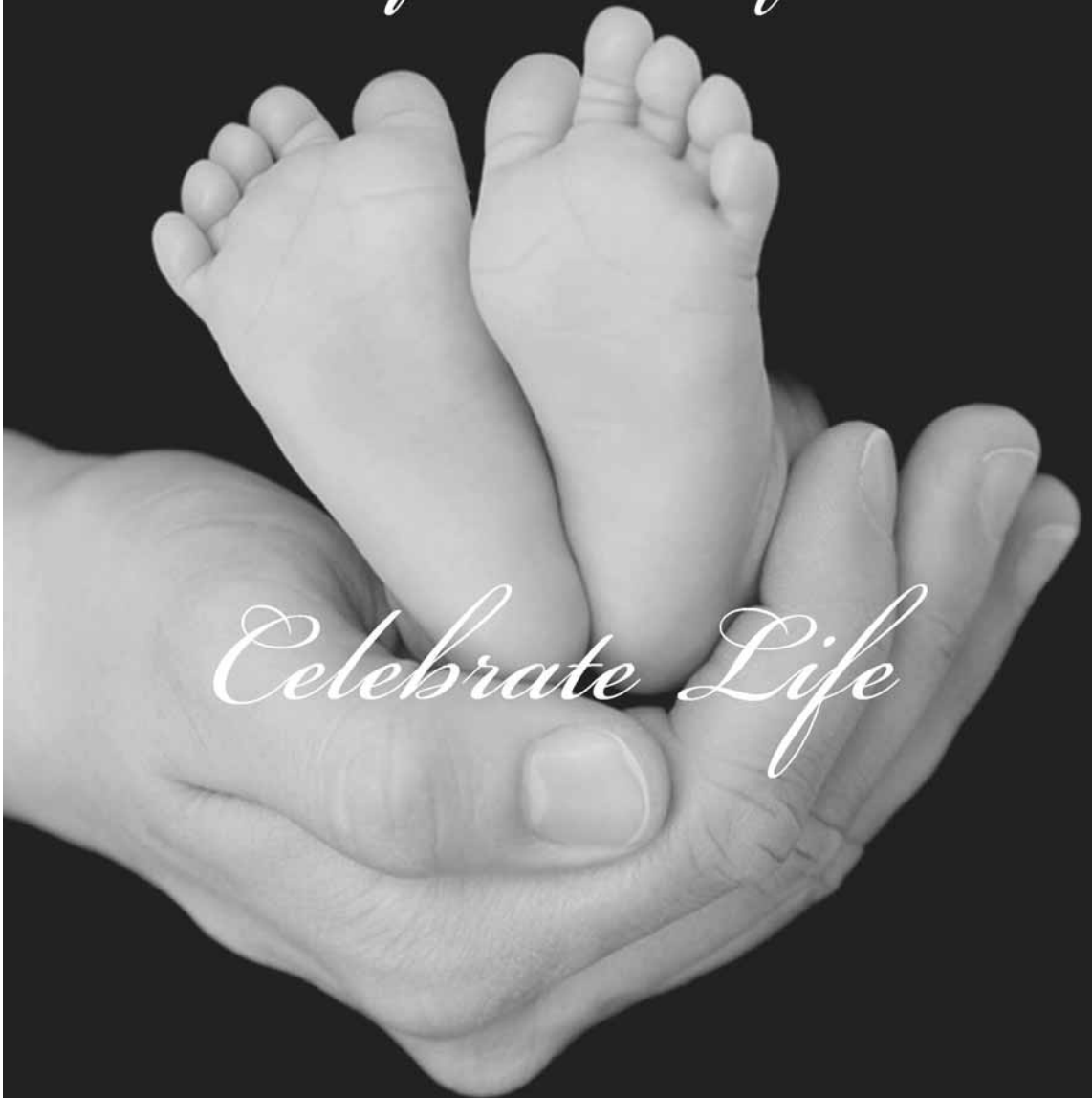


Respect Life



Celebrate Life

*Join us in the atrium after all the Masses for balloons, information, and treats.
Donations to the crib and to the basket are greatly appreciated.*

St. John ^{the} Baptist

Catholic Church

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. If you are over the age of 21 we ask you to register. 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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Rosary

Monday - Saturday: 7:25 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, October 12, 7 - 8:30 pm

Marriage

Contact a priest or a 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 call Jack at 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

Bulletin Deadline

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

◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



I've been looking back and thinking about the last couple of weeks at St. John's. Among the events of recent weeks includes hosting the Grace and Gifted Women's Retreat with Kimberly Hahn. On a Saturday morning nearly 300 women gathered from more than 40 parishes, some traveling as far away as Iowa to spend a day here in prayer and reflection. The day before the retreat and early the morning of the retreat the atrium and other places were filled with activity as people prepared, in a spirit of Christian hospitality, for our guests. As I interacted with different people the comments I heard were overwhelmingly positive about the speaker, program and our facility, even to the extent that I'm told that two visitors were so impressed that they have now joined our parish.

Two weeks ago in the Savage Pacer there were three different articles that had some connection to our parish. It was a collective statement that would make any pastor proud. The lead story of the paper was about our anniversary weekend, with emphasis given to our school's 50th anniversary. The article showed how things have changed over the years with a picture of a religious sister at a chalkboard from years past contrasted with students using the new technology of our Smart Boards.

Also in the paper was a story about Joey Schwartz. Many will remember from this past summer when I shared the story of Joey's recurrence of cancer. Joey was first diagnosed with cancer when he attended seventh grade at St. John's. Now after a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Father Xavier Seelos in New Orleans, Joey's scans from July which showed at least 12 cancerous spots in his lungs, now shows the cancer to be gone, and the question of a real life miracle having taken place. Go to www.savagepacer.com and the *Catholic Spirit* to see an amazing story of both healing and hope.

Lastly on the front page of the Savage Pacer told the story of a Savage family who lost their home from an explosion and fire. This family has children enrolled in our Steppingstones Preschool. In the article it spoke about how Steppingstones Preschool, St. John's School and the parish are taking donations of money to purchase Target and Cub gift certificates for the family to help them rebuild their lives.

Each of these individual stories together presents a clear message of what we are about as church. As we were reminded in the readings of last weekend as we celebrated our three anniversaries:

- ✦ 20th anniversary of Steppingstones Preschool
- ✦ 25th anniversary of the completion and dedication of our church
- ✦ 50th anniversary of St. John the Baptist Catholic School

our foundation is in Jesus Christ. From the altar of the church and the Eucharist that nourishes us, our mission is carried forth in education and outreach to touch people's lives with the love of God. Many good things are happening here. May we continue to work together as one family of faith, making a positive difference in the lives of those around us!

Father Mike Tix

◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

DAVANNI'S NIGHT

St. John's School Fundraiser at Davanni's Restaurant will be on Monday, Oct. 12, from 4-8pm, at the intersection of County Road 42 and Highway 13 in Savage. Pick up a red voucher after Mass to turn in with your dine-in or take-out orders. 20% of the evening ticketed sales go to St. John's School.

FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mark your calendar for our second annual St. John's Hayride and Bonfire on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 6:30pm, at the Minnesota Harvest Orchard located at 8251 Old Highway 169 Blvd. in Jordan. Cost is \$8 per family or \$3 per person. Children two and under are free. You can sign up for this event next weekend after all Masses in the atrium. For more information contact Lori Taormina at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.

◆ ◆ ◆ SAVE THE DATE ◆ ◆ ◆

SECOND ANNUAL TASTE OF NATIONS

Come and enjoy the different food from the many cultures that are part of our St. John's community on Sunday, Oct. 25, after the 9 and 11am Masses.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CRAFT SALE

will be on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9am to 4pm, in the school gym. Many local crafters and vendors will be there with many items for your holiday shopping. Questions? ☎ Wendy Turner at 612.803.4355.

CHILDREN'S SHOPPING SPREE

will be on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 8am-12:30pm, in the parish center. Adult volunteers with VIRTUS training are also needed. Questions? E-mail Lori Kapusinski at kapusins@integraonline.com or call 952.226.5372.

◆ ◆ ◆ STEWARDSHIP ◆ ◆ ◆

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is Kent Anderson, who has given many years of service to St. John's as a Sunday School teacher, Confirmation teacher, Scout leader and lector. Kent is always ready to offer a helping hand. We thank you Kent for your example of living your faith and sharing it with all of us.



◆ ◆ ◆ PARISHIONER IN THE NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Former St. John's student and parishioner, Alyssa Boutelle, a senior at Prior Lake High School, has been named a semifinalist in the 55th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program among 16,000 nationwide. More than 1.5 million juniors entered the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents fewer than 1% of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. **Congratulations Alyssa!**

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

- Fr. Michael Tix, Pastor
- Fr. Terry Weber, Weekend Presider
- Rev. Mr. Jerry Little, Deacon
- Rev. Mr. Bob Durham, Deacon
- Christine Kelly, Accounting
- Laurie Dietz, Administrative Assistant
- Joyce Irlbeck, Administrative Assistant
- Fred Fox, Business Administrator
- Carol Radosevich, Communications
- Ron Nord, Facilities Manager
- Tracy Tredinnick, IT Coordinator
- Tim Malone, Music & Liturgy
- Jean Thompson, Music & Liturgy
- Jim Rylander, Pastoral Minister

Faith Formation
952.890.9434

- Andi Little, Director
- Brenda Schroll, Adult Faith Formation
- Jan Jirik, Junior High - Grades 7-9
- Joan Walerius, Sunday School
- Lori Taormina, Youth Minister

St. John the Baptist Catholic School
952.890.6604

- Beth Behnke, Principal
- Mike Smalley, Assistant Principal

Steppingstones Preschool
952.846.4663

Dora May, Director

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian community through the holy water of baptism:

*Boaz Kennard Williams
Keziah Joelle Williams
Priscilla Trudell Williams
Tabitha Lois Williams
Nehemiah Murry Williams*

MARRIAGE BANNS

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

*Sandy Mason & Michael Stone
Lindsay Ruter & Darren Hudak*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- † *Arlene Rauenhorst*, sister of Karen Lewellen
- † *John Turner*, our parishioner
- † *Isidore "Bud" Baumann*, father of Maxine Menze
- † *Dorothy Jones*, mother of Bob Jones

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

*Irene Hinke
Jake & Sheena Buchholtz ~
Raelynn*

IN REMEMBRANCE

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to St. John's Church in memory of *Rodney Morrisette*. Let us remember *Rodney* and all the faithful departed in our prayers.

READINGS

For the Week of October 11

- Sun: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
- Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
- Tue: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
- Wed: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
- Thu: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
- Fri: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
- Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
- Sun: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

◆ ◆ ◆ OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION ◆ ◆ ◆

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND

Dear Jesus,

You told your followers to make disciples of all nations; to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked and visit the imprisoned, and to do all these things most especially for those the world considers to be the least.

We pray for those called to work in your world missions, and we pray that you give them strength in their trials. For the willingness to help others, regardless of cost, for the courage to speak the Gospel's truth, even in the midst of danger, we pray to you, Lord. Most of all, when difficult decisions must be made, we pray that missionaries will always trust in you and the Church you have left on earth to guide us. Amen.

Your World Mission Sunday envelope was included in your regular envelope packet which was mailed to your home. Thank you for your generosity.

◆ ◆ ◆ PASTORAL CARE ◆ ◆ ◆

CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Only the small group will meet on Monday, Oct. 12, at St. Thomas Beckett Church, 4455 South Robert Trail in Eagan. Registration is at 6:45pm, speaker at 7pm. Donation per session is \$2. Call Jim Rylander for more information at 952.890.9465, ext. 114.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 19, at 6:30pm, in the atrium (use door #7) for those who are making prayer shawls or those who would like to learn. We will pray, knit or crochet and enjoy music and fellowship. RSVP to Ann Hagen at 952.440.5463. Donations of new yarn to support this ministry are always welcome.

◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

LITE stands for Leaders In Training for Eternity. In LITE we learn skills that help us to work with people and to lead groups. We look at our attitudes and examine our beliefs about ourselves, others, God and the world around us through the lens of scripture and our Christian tradition. We do this all in a comfortable and relaxed environment. LITE is made up of young adults in grades 9-12. We meet on Sundays in the Youth Room from 6-8:30pm. Catch the Flame of Jesus. LITE is about leadership, service, and faith. It's about challenge, creativity, reaching out to others and making a difference. For more information contact Lori Taormina at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434, ext. 232.



FOR THE FOOD SHELVES

Families and teens are invited to rustle up their spirit and help fill the CAP Agency Food Shelves on Friday, Oct. 30, during St. John's Annual **Trick or Treat for the Food Shelves**. Groups will gather at 6:30pm in the atrium to form carpools and travel to neighborhoods to collect non-perishable food, personal hygiene items and small household goods. Costumes are optional.

Afterwards, we'll celebrate our "saintly" good deeds with a bit of Halloween fun. Cost is \$5 per person to cover costs. Anything over our costs will be donated to the Food Shelf. Registration materials are available in the Education Office and on-line at the parish website www.stjohns-savage.org. Deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 21, to make sure we have enough drivers.

◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

ELEMENTARY YOUTH MINISTRY (EYM) KICK-OFF



Children in grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to kick-off this year of EYM on Thursday, Oct. 22, at Grand Slam in Burnsville. We will gather at 4:30pm in the atrium to board the buses where all the excitement and fun of Grand Slam are open to us until 7:30pm. Cost is \$10 per child which includes: bus transportation, laser tag, bumper cars, batting cages, basketball and mini-golf.

Each child also will receive four game tokens, a hot dog and beverage. Adult chaperones are needed and are required to have completed a background check and VIRTUS awareness training in accordance with Archdiocesan risk management policies. For more information, to register or to volunteer, visit our website at www.stjohns-savage.org or contact Andi at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

WEE FAITH BEGINS OCTOBER 24

WEE Faith is a parent-child program modeled after the Archdiocese's Early Childhood Family program, for children ages five and younger. All family members are encouraged to participate. Each of the two-hour sessions includes: a parent-child interaction component, parent discussion time and children's time. The fall WEE Faith program is scheduled on these four Saturday's: Oct. 24 and 31, and Nov. 14 and 21, from 9-11am. Cost for the four weeks is \$15 per family. Financial assistance is available. Sessions meet at St. John's using classrooms in the school. Pre-registration is required. Deadline is Friday, Oct. 16. This is an exciting and fun opportunity for Catholic parents to learn more about passing their Catholic faith on to their children. For more information contact Joan Walerius, Early Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator, at jwalerius@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

Volunteer leaders also are needed to help facilitate parent discussion and children's groups. This also is a perfect service opportunity for teens who need service hours or who are Confirmation candidates. Training is provided. To volunteer contact Joan at jwalerius@stjohns-savage.org or call 952.890.9434.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

SAVE THE DATE

St. John's School will hold an Open House for families and prospective preschoolers through eighth grade on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 6-7pm, in the Fr. Wittman Auditorium (use door #1). Guests may tour the school, enjoy hands-on activities, talk with faculty, parents and students, see the curriculum and learn about extra-curricular opportunities. For more information contact the school office at 952.890.6604.

THOUGHTS ON THE 7TH GRADE RETREAT

On Thursday, Oct. 1, our St. John's 7th graders met after the school Mass for their retreat. Charlie Nicklay and Mikayla Smalley shared their thoughts and experiences. It was based on courage and made you feel like you were great just the way that God made you. They really enjoyed being able to share their thoughts in a respectable manner. "I felt like everyone truly came together as a family during the service. Friendship is not based on popularity, but you need to be able to trust your friends," Charlie and Mikayla explained. They would definitely go again and they think that St. John's should keep giving 7th graders the gift of having this life changing experience.



MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, October 12
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
- Tuesday, October 13
8:00 am † Loretta Rasmussen
10:30 am Rev. Edward Grzeskowiak (Ridges Nursing Home)
- Wednesday, October 14
8:00 am † Thomas Vanderhyde
- Thursday, October 15
8:00 am †† Rest in Peace for the Departed Souls
- Friday, October 16
8:00 am † Wayne Halling
- Saturday, October 17
8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service
5:00 pm † Ed Giles
- Sunday, October 18
7:30 am † Mary Lou Tvedt
9:00 am † Gary Harm
11:00 am For the Parish

LECTORS

- October 17/18
5:00 pm Rich Myers
Cynthia Hagens
- 7:30 am Bill Pfeiffer
Donna Pfeiffer
- 9:00 am Jeanne Nardi
Ann Rogers
- 11:00 am Luke Bearth
Kent Anderson

MASS SERVERS

- Weekdays 8:00 am
Oct. 13/14 Charles Haug
Jenna Kacheroski
Nate Becker
- Oct. 15/16 Brianna Fesenmaier
Taylor Sernett
Will Diedrick
- Saturday, October 17
5:00 pm Jacob Heim
Jake Feilen
Joshua Miller
- Sunday, October 18
7:30 am Heather Smith
Jacob Smith
- 9:00 am Bailey Sernett
Brianna Fesenmaier
Taylor Sernett
- 11:00 am Jenna Kacheroski
Laura Wee
Tommy Adam

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(*SEE ARTICLE)

Monday, October 12

7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class*

Tuesday, October 13

6:30 pm Stewardship Mtg.

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 14

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, October 15

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Jeff Cavins Bible Study

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 16

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday, October 17

8:00 am BeFriender Training

4:00 pm Saturday Singers/Seraphim

Saturday/ Sunday, Oct 17/18

Hayride Sign-Up*

Sunday, October 18

8:00 am AA Meeting

10:15 am RCIA Program

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, **“Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.”**

- Mk 10:26-27

YOU CAN PICK-UP YOUR

2009 Pictorial Directory in the parish office during the week from 8am-4:30pm. Anyone who did not have their picture taken may purchase one for \$5.

CRAFT SHOW/BAKE SALE

will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 10am-4pm, at 1760 4th Ave. E. in Shakopee. Everyone is welcome.

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

Quilt Auction is on Saturday, Oct. 24, starting at 11am, at St. Michael's School in Prior Lake. This event features a quilt review, direct sales of quilts and other related items. Lunch is available for purchase. For more information go to this website www.ssndmankato.org/quilt and to learn about the drawing for a quilt.

◆ ◆ ◆ THANK YOU ◆ ◆ ◆

OUR 20/25/50 CELEBRATION



This past weekend's *Silver & Gold Anniversary Dinner & Dance* was a great success! Because of the generous gifts of time and talent so graciously offered by our parishioners who set-up and decorated the Fr. Wittman Auditorium, prepared and served the delicious food, and who cleared and cleaned afterwards.



A special thank you also is offered to everyone who came to celebrate. The celebration would have meant nothing if you did not come and enjoy the fun and fellowship which abounded in this celebration of our parish's three anniversaries. Thank you for continuing the tradition on which our parish and its programs are founded ~ *One Faith, One Family!*

◆ ◆ ◆ BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆

LOOK WHAT'S NEW

We have the rare opportunity to offer a limited-edition of collector plates exclusively from the Bradford Exchange of the "Spiritual Leader - His Holiness John Paul II" series. Each plate is superbly crafted of fine porcelain, reproduced in vivid color and detail, with a gleaming 22K gold finished rim. Each plate is numbered with a description on the back, and comes with the original foam packaging. This artwork would make a stunning addition for your home or as an early gift purchase for holiday gift giving. This is a onetime offer to obtain such a beautiful collectible!

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

Join the 55+ Group on Wednesday, Oct. 21, as we tour Saint John's University in Collegeville. We will tour the Abbey Church in the morning and attend the noon Mass. Lunch will follow in the Dining Room. In the afternoon we will visit the famous Saint John's Bible project at the Hill Museum. We will leave the church parking lot at 8am and return by 5pm. The cost is \$39 which includes deluxe motor coach, lunch and a donation. Make your reservation by calling Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext 114, by Wednesday, Oct. 14.

55+ SPENT THE DAY IN ROCHESTER

The morning was spent touring the Sisters of Saint Francis complex and concluded with Mass and time in their delightful gift shop. After lunch we went to the Olmsted County History Center to see a video about the history of the Mayo family and clinic. Our bus then took us to Mayowood for a tour of the mansion where the family of Dr. Charles Mayo lived.



◆ ◆ ◆ STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ◆ ◆ ◆

Thank you to all those who have responded to our recent Time and Talent Survey. In the coming week ministry leaders will call new volunteers with information to begin their indicated ministry. Time and Talent Survey forms are available in the both the atrium and parish center.

Thank you to everyone who responded to Fr. Tix's appeal in a letter recently mailed to all members of the parish for increase financial support. In the letter he requested each household to consider a \$5 increase per week above their current level. Imagine the possibilities of what we can do in the name of Jesus Christ if we all shared a little more.

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent and treasure as an expression of our baptismal calling of following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus laid down his life for us, we are called to share our resources in a spirit of thanksgiving so others may live.

◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY ◆ ◆ ◆

REMINDER

according to our cemetery policy all vases should have been emptied and removed by Sept. 30. Winter wreaths may be placed after Sunday, Nov. 15. Cemetery management may remove real and artificial flowers whenever they are no longer respectful.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$10,251
Simple Giving electronic donations.....	\$25,010
Total donations	\$35,261
Weekly revenue budget	\$32,625
Over budget.....	\$2,636
Budget year-to-date	-\$49,557

HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS



have been donated in memory of

Sara Besonen Stockwell

Sharon &

Meghan Besonen