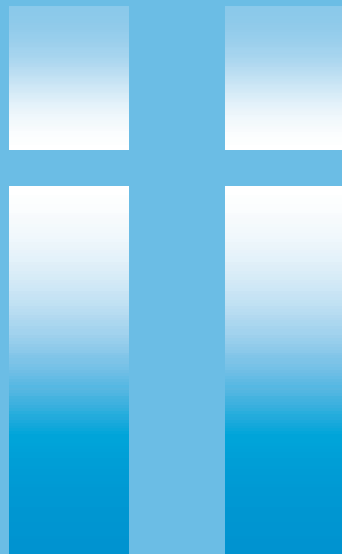


THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



February 12, 2006
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MISSION STATEMENT

The People of St. John the Evangelist Church are a Catholic parish community united in the love and grace of Jesus Christ
to celebrate the sacraments and our faith
to proclaim and teach the Gospel values
of Christ and His Church
to nurture our faith community
and to respond to the needs of those in and beyond our parish through worship and service.

SUNDAY MASSES

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST: Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. & 6 p.m., Hispanic Mass 2:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOPKINS: 952-935-0111 Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m (Sept.–May), 8 a.m (June–Aug.); Friday & Saturday 8 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturdays 8:45 a.m.

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ARRANGEMENTS

Registration Contact the Office.

Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month (Except during Lent). Contact the Office two months prior to Baptism to schedule the required preparation conference.

Marriage

Contact the Pastor 1 year prior to the wedding.

Bulletin Deadline

Fridays—4:00 p.m. (*1 week prior to the bulletin publication.*)

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GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO EVERYONE

Tempus certainly does *fugit*, doesn't it? Valentine's day is this week! What is right behind is Ash Wednesday and Lent. That holy and happy season is coming soon. Please help me and us get ready for it. That would be by personal preparation: consider how you will recommit and re-dedicate yourself, your family, your work and life in general, **to God** by prayer together and some good reading especially from the Bible; and **to God's plan** by reflecting on how you bring, or could bring, God's virtues and presence to your school, workplace, social life and neighborhood. And that help could be also by joining me and some others on Saturday, February 18, 10:00 am–noon, in the Community Room; we will review the meaning of Lent for us as a parish, and share some ideas of how we can bring that meaning into our ceremonies, scripture readings and decorations. I welcome many new ideas and therefore many new people, as well as those veterans of liturgy planning for this. The coffee, juice and rolls may be an incentive!

I join you and many, many others in thanking our parish's **COMMUNITY CARING FOR LIFE** committee for creative and collaborative work in bringing the same committees from three other area parishes together on February 2. Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, who is a very wise man of strong Catholic faith and Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center, presented an update on the very current, valuable and frequently misunderstood topic of stem cell research. So much of what we hear of this topic through the media is sensationalized, often against Catholic teaching. Father Tad clarified the truth of how stem cell research is used in wholesome and health-giving ways without requiring the killing of the unborn for their stem cells. Truth is so freeing. Thank you Kirsten Kurtz and your committee for the time and effort you gave to this event. You did excellent ministry to many.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS, plan on attending an **Ice Cream Social on Sunday, February 26th at 7:00 pm** in the Community Room, visit with a mysterious sports star and news media personality, and at the end of the evening receive your Servers award.

—Father Ralph

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

Mass Intentions

Sat.	Feb. 11	5:00 pm	†Carl & Helene Berg
Sun.	Feb. 12	10:00 am	†Harry Nelson
	Hispanic	2:30 pm	People of the Community
		6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Tues.	Feb. 14	5:30 pm	Communion Service
Wed.	Feb. 15	10:00 am	†Susan Dodd
Thurs.	Feb. 16	5:30 pm	†Clarence McDonald
Fri.	Feb. 17	8:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	Feb. 18	8:00 am	†Jerry Mulvehill
		5:00 pm	†Mack Millerbernd
Sun.	Feb. 19	10:00 am	People of the Parish
	Hispanic	2:30 pm	People of the Community
		6:00 pm	†Art and Hazelle Lindgren

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
—1 Corinthians 10:31

Prayer Corner

Please remember the sick of our parish in your prayers: Jan Blod, Tom Burwell, Elise Christianson, Mark Clifford, Jerry Davies, Jim Dawson, Robert Fink, Lorna Gossard, Debbie Griggs, Elizabeth Hanley, Rose Holland, Dorene Johnson, BJ Larson, Renee Lubbers, Joseph Mannelly, Deacon Jim Murphy, Margaret Schmit, Barb Sullivan, Bob and Barb Velner, and Jim Walker.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barb Sullivan and her family who mourns her.



Need Three More Drivers for Dinner at Your Door

If you can spend 1 1/2 hours once a month on either the third Thursday/Friday of the month delivering noon time meals to the housebound, call Archie Black at 952-938-6441.



New Prayer Shawl Ministry

**First Meeting, Wed., February 15
at 7 pm in Church Library**

The prayer shawl ministry group needs knitters to pray and knit shawls for people in need of love and encouragement.

Details and sign up sheets are in the foyer. The first meeting is in the church library. Direct questions to Sue Petrosky, 952-925-5324 or susan_p@ix.netcom.com



Religious Education

Lola Higgins, Director

All Faith Formation Classes will be held as scheduled this week.

Next Confirmation Class is Sunday, Feb. 26th at 7 pm.

Eucharist class # 3 will meet on Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm in the school.

Did you know? That all volunteers that work with children of the parish whether at school or for the Religious Education Program need to attend a "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" session. More information will be coming about available sessions.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN—If you are a parent of children birth to 18 years and have not received a packet from us with the information from the Archdiocese on "Teaching Safe Touching," they are in the Church foyer with your name on it. If there is not an envelope there for you, please call Lola Higgins 952-935-5536. Most packets have been handed out through the school or Religious Ed programs. Families with small children or families who do not have children involved in either program may pick them up in the church foyer.

Annual Catholic Appeal Weekend

Thank you to those who returned pledge slips for the Annual Catholic Appeal today. If you were unable to return yours, please take the time to prayerfully respond and bring your pledge slip to Mass next weekend. Your response is needed and greatly appreciated!

Support Our Bulletin Advertisers

Please note our newest advertisers—**TWIN CITIES DENTAL CENTER & RESTWELL MATTRESS FACTORY.** Show your gratitude to our patrons by supporting their businesses. Look for savings with coupons.

No Show Fundraiser Event...

Is off to a great start! After last Sunday's deposit of your generous gifts, we have reached 42% of the \$19,845 projected goal to help St. John's meet its operating expenses. Thank you to all who have participated already. We look forward to seeing more special gifts from other parishioners.

—Father Goman



Hopkins Catholic Youth Ministry

Robyn Magalska, Director

On **Sunday, February 12th** there will be a **planning meeting** for Sr. High students participating in the **2006 Mission Trip to North Carolina from 7:15–8:30 pm in Leo's Den.** Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend the meeting, but they are not obligated to do so. If students currently in grades 9–12 are interested in participating in our annual mission trip, there is still space available. Join us at the meeting to learn more or contact the youth office to obtain more information.

Due to the holiday weekend, there will be no Sunday Gathering on February 19th.

Join us on **Saturday, February 25th** for our annual **Ski and Snowboard Trip** to Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls. The cost of the event is \$25 for a lift ticket and transportation. For those who need rentals, a ski rental package is \$14 while a snowboard package is \$24. To register, turn in your permission slip with your payment. Checks (*including amount of rentals*) can be made to St. John's. Friends and family members are welcome. **We will be meeting at St. Joe's at 8:15 am and returning there at 6:45 pm.** Food is not included in the cost. Lessons are also available for an additional cost.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

Sunday, February 26th—Mardi Gras party for 7–12 graders – 7:15–8:30 pm in Leo's Den.

March 10th and 11th—Sr. High Famine from Friday at 4:30 pm—Saturday at 10:30 pm.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH COLLECTION For the Seven Months Ending January 31, 2006

2006	
Budgeted Income	\$316,167
Income Received	300,007
2005	
Budgeted Income	\$316,167
Income Received	338,548

Information

What Is Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras is a pre-Lenten celebration highlighted by parades and festivities that can run from Epiphany and end on Shrove Tuesday or the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras came to New Orleans through its French heritage in 1699. Early explorers celebrated this French Holiday on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" and of course is celebrated on that day of the week. The date can fall between February 3 and March 9 depending on the Lunar calendar, used by the Catholic Church to determine the date of Easter. Mardi Gras is always 47 days before Easter Sunday.

The official colors for Mardi Gras are purple, green, and gold. These colors were chosen in 1872 by the King of Carnival, Rex to stand for the following:

- Purple represents justice
- Green stands for faith
- Gold stands for power

Theology on Tap

**6:45–to 8:45 pm at Majors Sports Bar,
8307 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington (south of I-494)
*Sponsored by southwest metro area Catholic parishes***

Theology on Tap is a speaker series that focuses on topics of faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of young adults in their 20's and 30's, single or married (must be at least 21. Bring I.D.

Feb. 13 **Faith and Work**—Dr. Deb Organ
Can I be spiritual and successful?

Feb. 20 **Mass: Is it boring for you?**—
Deacon Marty Shanahan

Twin Cities Post Abortion Healing Ministries

We are blessed in the Twin Cities with many post abortion healing ministries. You are welcome to contact them:

THE MARIAN PATH—Weekly support group.

Call 651-291-4515 or email respectlife@archspm.org.

THE MARIAN PROJECT—One-on-one support.

Call 651-291-4515 or email respectlife@archspm.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD—Weekend retreat, Call 952-882-2072 or email marpio37@family.net. Or see www.rachelsvineyard.org.

The following are not Catholic, but are good programs:

CONQUERORS—Weekly support group.

Call 612-866-7643 ext. 163.

RICH IN MERCY—Weekly support group.

Call 763-560-8383 or see

www.everlastinglightministries.org.

SPARROW MINISTRIES—Weekly support group.

Call 952-224-7300 or email westwoodsparrow@yahoo.com.

Information

Loaves and Fishes—Needs Cupcakes!

Monday, February 20

- Sign-up at the kiosk to help prepare the meal at Holy Rosary at 3 p.m. or to set-up, serve or clean-up meal.
- **CLEAN UP HELP IS NEEDED FROM 6 TO 7 PM.**
- Please bring **cupcakes** for the meal to St. John's church kitchen by **noon on Monday.**
- Monetary donations may be sent to St. John's Parish Office, attention: Loaves and Fishes. For information contact: Deacon Darrel and Chris Branch at 952-929-8695.
- Holy Rosary information: 2424 18th Ave. S., Minneapolis 55404, 612-724-8929.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting & Minutes

Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 pm in School Meeting Room

All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Pastoral Council. Copies of the minutes from the previous meeting of the Pastoral Council are available to parishioners. Pick one up at the kiosk and learn about the work and direction of the parish.

The only joy an Irishman has in times of good fortune, is that tragedy is just around the corner. —William Butler Yeats

Calendar



Monday, February 13

6:30 PM In His Time Support Group
(*Infertility*)—CL

7:30 PM AA—School Cafeteria

Tuesday, February 14

7:30 PM Stewardship Committee—CL

Wednesday, February 15

6:30 PM Religious Ed Classes—School

7:00 PM RCIA—CR

7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry—CL

Thursday, February 16

DINNER AT YOUR DOOR

6:30 PM Ensemble Choir—CH

Friday, February 17

DINNER AT YOUR DOOR

7:00 PM Couples Bridge—CR

Saturday, February 18

10:00 AM Early Catholic Family Life—School

10:00 AM Lent Liturgy Planning Meeting—CR

7:00 PM Hispanic Prayer Group—CH

Sunday, February 19

10:00 AM Sunday School—School

10:00 AM Liturgy of the Word—CR

12:00 PM Hispanic Catechesis—School

7:15 PM Sr. High Mission Planning Mtg.—LD