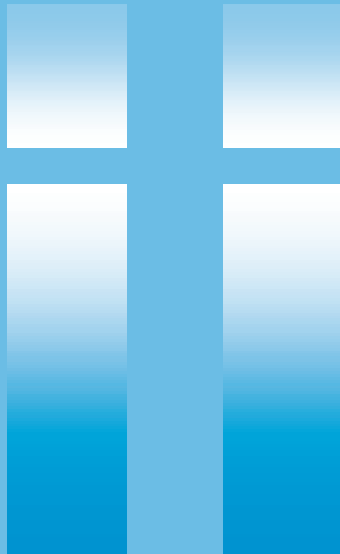


THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



February 26, 2006
Eighth 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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ALL ARE WELCOME

I remember not looking forward to Lent, with all its discipline and rules. As I "mature," Lent is a season I look forward to with some eagerness. Do you?

The **EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVE** groups with discussion on Scripture and how to live the Word of God is one of the main attractions. We (about 180 parishioners and the parish staff) were enlivened in faith last Lent in the first season of EI. If you were not in a group last year, try it this year. If you were in a group last year, you are most likely eager to re-up this season. Another reason I cherish the Lenten season is the unique ways we celebrate this holy time: accepting the sign of the cross with **ASHES** on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday; the discipline of **ABSTAINING FROM MEAT** on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent—a small expectation of the Church that puts a little discipline in our faith life; the Lenten Friday **SOUP SUPPERS** that bring us as a community of faith together to share a simple meal and fellowship; the **HOLY HOUR** with Stations and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that will follow the suppers—a time of prayer, adoration, instruction and quiet. The time we give to God and to growing in God's life will come to a good end: the **TRIDUUM** and **EASTER**.

—Father Ralph

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; M 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intentions

Sat.	Feb. 25	5:00 pm	†Alfred Nordaune
Sun.	Feb. 26	10:00 am	†Mary Hoffman
	Hispanic	2:30 pm	People of the Community
		6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Tues.	Feb. 28	5:30 pm	†Arlene Campion
ASH WEDNESDAY			
Wed.	Mar. 1	11:30 am	†Bernice Bergeron
		7:00 pm	†Agnes Smith
Thurs.	Mar. 2	5:30 pm	†Clarence McDonald
Fri.	Mar. 3	8:00 am	End to Abortion
Sat.	Mar. 4	8:00 am	†Rev. Alphonse M. Kubat
		5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	Mar. 5	10:00 am	†Barb Sullivan
	Hispanic	2:30 pm	People of the Community
		6:00 pm	†Child Victims of Tsunami



Old Palms, Rice Bowls & Lenten Books

Last year's palms may be put in the basket by the table in the foyer. Rice bowls and our black Lenten books (while supply lasts) will be available on the foyer table and the table at the southeast corner of the church.

St. John's School Play—Aladdin

Order your tickets for ALADDIN!! Call the Hopkins Center for the Arts at 952-979-1111.

Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at 7 pm
Sunday Matinee at 2 pm

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, Donna Johanns, Dorene Johnson, Gloria Lindquist, Renee Lubbers, Joseph Mannelly, Margaret Schmit, Bob and Barb Velner, and Jim Walker.

Please pray for the family and community of Sister Mary Mathilda, C.D.P. as they mourn her death.

St. Clare Guild Meeting

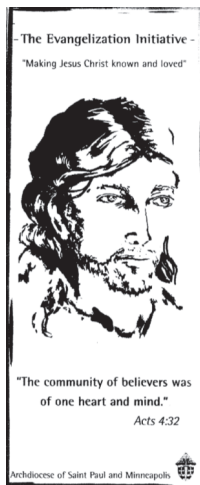
Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm

We will meet at the home of Barb Groetsch, 50 Van Buren Ave. South, Hopkins. We sew baptismal gowns for the parish. New members are always welcome!

St. Francis Door Entrance Closed

Due to thawing, freezing, thawing, freezing, sidewalks have become uneven. Please use the other church entrances and wear winter shoes when walking outside.

Never underestimate the power of prayer! Mark Clifford is making good progress and the prayers of St. John's faithful helped bring him back on the road to health. The "Family of St. John's" is a treasure to enfold. Thanks from the Clifford Family.



EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVE: TRANSFORMATION STAGE

The 2nd phase of the Evangelization Initiative will begin soon! Please join us during Lent for this 5-week, small group study encouraging us to draw closer to Jesus Christ personally. Those who didn't participate last year are welcome to join us in this "Transformation" stage. Sign up after Masses this weekend, February 25–26.

Some of you might feel hesitant about participating because the word "evangelization" sounds "scary." Here are some definitions of evangelization that last year's participants came up with after going through the "Awakening" phase.

"It is not so much ringing doorbells as living out my faith." "I thought it was persuading others to believe. Now I know it is just sharing my joy and belief." "That I can be a constant reminder or 'beacon' to others through my example." "Would others know I am Catholic by my words and deeds?" "I understand evangelization as allowing people to be changed through seeing Jesus' influence in my life."

New parishioners will find this a great way to join the community and get to know other parishioners. Long time members will find this a great chance to get to know casual acquaintances on a deeper level.

About 20,000 people in 180 parishes in the Archdiocese and about 80 people from St. John's experienced the "Awakening" phase last year during Lent. Here are a few comments from last year's participants in our parish.

- "I've learned to slow down a bit and take the time to actually THINK about my faith."
- "I've learned how to verbalize my faith, how to discuss Jesus." I have grown in that I have seen different perspectives and taken all points of view into consideration, especially those that were contrary to my own."
- "Instead of taking my faith for granted—a gift from my excellent parents, I've begun to realize that with this gift come responsibilities."

This final reflection sums up the impact the EI had on one person. "I grew up in a Catholic family. I received the four sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. I went to a Catholic school. I started the Evangelization Initiative. Now, I pray to Jesus every day, I ask him for help, I pray for my family, my co-workers, for myself. I ask Jesus to protect me from evil."

This Lent could be a life changing one for YOU! Questions? Call Karen Fish at 952-933-4701 or email at jfish77998msn.com.



Hopkins Catholic Youth Ministry

Robyn Magalska, Director

This **Sunday, February 26th** we will have a **Youth Mardi Gras Party** for **7th – 12th Graders and friends from 7:15–8:30 pm in Leo's Den**. There will be pizza, games and fun! All are welcome—bring Friends! No RSVP needed.

There is a unique opportunity for youth and parents sponsored by Partnership for Youth. Next **Saturday, March 4th** there is a **TEEN CHASTITY CONFERENCE, PURE AT HEART, from 8am–3:30 pm at Providence Academy**. There are separate breakout sessions for males and females. The cost is \$15 per person which includes breakfast, lunch and conference. This is a Catholic event geared for teens ages 13-17. If you would like more information or you would like to register, please contact the youth office.

Join other youth from our parishes and from across the Twin Cities for this month's **NET Lifeline on Saturday, March 4th**. You will have the opportunity to see a one-man drama telling the story of a martyr from the murderer's perspective. Cost is \$5 which includes the event, pizza, and transportation. We will meet at 4:30 at Leo's Den and return at 10 pm.

Next **Sunday, March 5th** we will have a follow-up meeting for those 10th–12th graders and adults who helped with the QUEST Retreat from 7:15–8:30 pm in Leo's Den.

The **Sr. High Famine is coming March 10th and 11th!** All 7th–12th Graders and adults are encouraged to help with our service project at **Feed My Starving Children from 4 pm–7 pm on March 11th**.

Information

Annual Appeal Update

Archbishop Flynn is a very good priest and bishop for us. Anyone who has met him or heard him speak, especially in a homily, knows his love of God and of people. That is the main reason he calls us to share with him the expenses of ministry to a huge number of people and causes. We do this by our prayer for those people and the archbishop himself, as well as by our financial contribution to the **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**. Please give prayerful thought and a generous financial pledge to the Appeal if you have not done so already. Through Sunday 2/19/06 **we have collected \$14,105 in pledges, which equals 33% of the parish goal of \$42,094 for 2006**. Please make these ministries continue to serve people as Jesus would.

ALMOST THERE !!

Only 14% or approximately \$3,000 more is needed to meet our NO SHOW goal of \$19,845. If you haven't made your gift yet, now is the time, February is soon to be over, along with the request for No Show gifts. Won't you please be the one to bring us to our total goal?

Outreach Opportunity: Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This month the collection will be for the support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and it will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Why take a special collection for the support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe? The collection was initiated by the American bishops in 1990 to help the Church rebuild itself after 70 years of communist suppression. In many of the countries in this part of the world God's Word hasn't been heard in over two generations. The collection helps to rectify that by funding seminaries, churches, and print-

Archdiocesan Men's Morning: The Universal Call to Holiness

Saturday March 4, 2006, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.

The Men's Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in cooperation with the Office for Family, Laity, Youth and Young Adults, is sponsoring a **Men's Morning**. The theme of the morning is "*The Universal Call to Holiness*." The event is at **St. Peter's Catholic Church**, 2590 Margaret St., North St. Paul, MN 55109. Presentations will be given by Father Bobby Pish and Dr. Robert Kennedy. The morning will conclude with Mass. Confessions will be available throughout the morning. Don't miss this great opportunity to join fellow men from the Archdiocese for a morning of fellowship and faith! To register or for more information, go to: www.archspm.org/family or call (651) 291-4488.

Information



Religious Education

Lola Higgins, Director

All Faith Formation Classes will be held as scheduled this week. Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY. All classes will attend Mass at 7 pm. Parents are invited to attend with their children.

Eucharist class #4 will meet on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 in the school.

Confirmation's next class is scheduled Sun., Feb.26th at 7 PM.

DID YOU KNOW? ASH WEDNESDAY is the first day of the 40 day observance of Lent. It takes its name from the solemn ceremony of the liturgy of the day wherein the ashes from palms are blessed and then mark on the foreheads of the faithful in the form of a cross. It was established as the first day of Lent by St. Gregory the

Calendar

Monday, February 27

- 6:30 PM Decorating Church for Lent—CH
- 7:30 PM AA—School Cafeteria

Tuesday, February 28

- 7:00 PM School Board Meeting—SMR

Wednesday, March 1

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 AM Mass—CH
- 6:30 PM Religious Ed Classes—School
- 7:00 PM Mass—CH

Thursday, March 2

- 6:30 PM Ensemble Choir—CH
- 7:00 PM Hispanic Community Meeting—CR

Friday, March 3

- 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper—CR
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Holy Hour—CH

Saturday, March 4

- 10:00 AM Early Catholic Family Life—School
- 4:30 PM Youth Net Lifeline—Away
- 5:00 PM Hispanic Baptisms—CH
- 6:00 PM New Member Registration—Church Foyer
- 7:00 PM Hispanic Stations of the Cross—CH

Sunday, March 5

- 10:00 AM Sunday School—School
- 10:00 AM Liturgy of the Word—CR
- 11:00 AM New Member Registration—Church Foyer
- 11:00 AM Hospitality—CR
- 12:00 PM Hispanic Catechesis—School
- 1:30 PM Rite of Enrollment—Basilica of St. Mary
- 3:30 PM Hispanic Youth Coffee & Donuts—LD
- 7:00 PM New Member Registration—Church Foyer
- 7:00 PM Religious Confirmation—School
- 7:15 PM Youth Mardi Gras Party Grades 7–12—LD