

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN  
THE



**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 22, 2009**

**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 pm, Sunday 10 am & 6 pm, Hispanic Mass 3:00 pm  
**ST. JOSEPH'S HOPKINS:** 952-935-0111 Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**ST. JOHN'S** Tues. & Thurs. 5:30 pm; Wed. 9:30 am (Sept.–May), 8 am (June–Aug.); Fri. & Sat. 8 am  
**ST. JOSEPH'S** Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. at 7 am; Wed. at 10 am; Sat. 8 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**ST. JOHN'S** Sat. 8:30–9:30 am; Hispanic Sun. 2:30–2:55 pm  
**ST. JOSEPH'S** Sat. 3:30 pm

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

M–F 8:30 am–4 pm

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH STAFF**

Rev. James Liekhus, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Darrel Branch, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Juan Duran, Deacon

Rev. Mr. James Murphy, Deacon

Brook Sullivan, Bus. Administrator

Tony Jaroscak, Maintenance Dir.

Katie Schafer, Music Director

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Margaret Stimmler, Director

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**ARRANGEMENTS**

**REGISTRATION** Contact the Office.

**BAPTISM**

Second Sunday of the Month (Except during Lent). Contact the Office 2 months prior to Baptism to schedule the required preparation conference.

**MARRIAGE**

Contact the Pastor 1 year prior to the wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

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

**ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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## From the Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is quickly approaching, and I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on this liturgical season.

Our forty days of penance are meant to draw us closer to God. What's that? How does giving up candy draw us closer to God? I'm glad you asked. The forty days of penance are meant to remind us of the forty days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert in preparation for his mission. That mission was to free us from our sins by accepting the sacrifice on the cross. He accepted that mission because of his great love for his Father, and his great love for us. If you can keep this truth of God's love for you continually on your mind without the help of penance, then you are a truly holy person. The rest of us, however, benefit from doing these acts of penance so that this series of thoughts will be constantly going through our minds:

"I want candy. I can't have candy. Why not? Because I gave it up for Lent. Why did I do that? To remind me of Jesus' forty days of fasting. Why did he fast for forty days? To prepare himself to accept the sacrifice on the cross and save me from my sins. Why would he do such a thing? Because he loves me."

That realization should then lead us to praise him and thank him in prayer, and serve those for whom he died with works of charity. Our penance also has other benefits, like serving as an outward expression of sorrow for our sins, as well as making sure that we are not so attached to some material thing that we are unable to go without it for a period of time. For these reasons, the things from which we choose to fast should be things that are a sacrifice, things that come to mind often and remind us of Christ's sacrifice.

I also want to note that the forty days of fasting go from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, not counting the Sundays of Lent. That is because Sundays are days of rest and the bridegroom is with us in the Eucharist, so it is appropriate that we not fast or do penance. (Jesus answered, "The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." Mt 9:15)

When I tell people this, I will often times get the response, "Well that's too easy, to break the fast every Sunday." My response to that is: maybe you should choose something harder. Sunday should be a day set apart from the other days, something that we look forward to and find restful. Giving up pop for six days may not accomplish that. You may not even notice on a certain day that you didn't have pop, so that resting on Sunday wouldn't be a big deal. Giving up hot water in our morning shower for six straight days, on the other hand, would be memorable, and may help us look forward to Sunday, recognizing it as a gift from God as a day of rest from our penance.

Finally, I want to mention that our penance should have the effect of bringing us closer to God. If our penance makes us irritable, uncharitable, or threatens our health, it is the wrong penance. We should give up something that is truly a sacrifice, while not leading us to sin.

Fr. Liekhus

### Mass Intentions

|                      |         |          |   |
|----------------------|---------|----------|---|
| Sat.                 | Feb. 21 | 5:00 pm  | †Mack Millerbernd                               |
| Sun.                 | Feb. 22 | 10:00 am | Fr. Ralph Goman,<br>45th Ordination Anniversary |
| Hispanic             |         | 3:00 pm  | Special Intention                               |
|                      |         | 6:00 pm  | People of the Parish                            |
| Tues.                | Feb. 24 | 5:30 pm  | †Dick Burzinski                                 |
| <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> |         |          |   |
| Wed.                 | Feb. 25 | 6:30 am  | Homebound of Parish                             |
|                      |         | 9:30 am  | †Catherine Mayers                               |
|                      |         | 6:00 pm  | People of the Parish                            |
| Hispanic             |         | 8:00 pm  | The Unemployed                                  |
| Thurs.               | Feb. 26 | 5:30 pm  | †Clarence McDonald                              |
| Fri.                 | Feb. 27 | 8:00 am  | †Gene Clifford                                  |
| Sat.                 | Feb. 28 | 8:00 am  | Pat Killingsworth                               |
|                      |         | 5:00 pm  | †Jim Yunker                                     |
| Sun.                 | Mar. 1  | 10:00 am | People of the Parish                            |
| Hispanic             |         | 3:00 pm  | Special Intention                               |
|                      |         | 6:00 pm  | †Carl Pohlrad                                   |

### Do You Know?

...the rules of Lenten fasting and abstinence? Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics between 18 and 60 years old are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines fasting as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not add up to a full meal, with no food in between. This is the *minimum* that we should do to prepare for the celebration of Easter.



**St. John's**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
HOPKINS



**St. John's Presents  
Beauty & the Beast Jr.**

Reserve your tickets today! The St. John's students are gearing up for the performances of Beauty and the Beast, Jr. There will be two performances on Saturday,

March 28, at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm and one performance on Sunday, March 29, at 2:00 pm. Call (952) 979-1111 to reserve your tickets today!

**Pray for Those in Need**



The fourth graders at St. John's have been actively participating in our Prayer Pal Ministry again this year. One of our prayer pals is John Quaas, the grandson of parishioner, Maryanne Remington. John is currently in Iraq serving our country. We were fortunate enough to be able to have Maryanne visit our classroom. She brought a photo book that was filled with many interesting and neat pictures of John while in Iraq. We really appreciated Maryanne taking the time to spend with us. God bless John, and we ask God to grant him a safe return home!

**Service Opportunity**

**Saturday, February 28th from 10:15–11:30 am**

Looking for a great way to give back to the community? Come join St. John's parishioners as we visit and play games with residents at Chapel View Care Center in Hopkins. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by February 24th. Children are welcome.

**Thank You to "Behind the Scenes" Volunteers!**

Thank you to "**Behind the Scenes**" volunteers! For example the one(s) who each spring plan, plant, weed and water our parish gardens. Perhaps someone or a family would like to "adopt a garden." Could you help do this? Call the office, 952-935-5536, to volunteer.



**Faith Formation**

MARGARET STIMMLER, Director; 952-935-5536 ext. 410 or mstimmler@stjohnhopkins.org

**FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 22**

Sunday School  
Liturgy of the Word (LOW)  
Nursery

**Wednesday, February 25**

Ash Wednesday  
Mass at 6:00 p.m. – Faith Formation students will attend Mass with their families.  
No Faith Formation Classes

**Sunday, March 1**

Family Lenten Gathering at 8:30 in School Cafeteria (See flyer in 2/22/09 bulletin.)  
No Sunday School  
Liturgy of the Word (LOW)  
Nursery  
Grade 9 Confirmation Class: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Meet in the Community Room  
Grade 10 Confirmation Class with Sponsors: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Meet in the Community Room

We are still collecting empty *ink cartridges*, empty *laser cartridges* (not toner boxes for copy machines), and used *cell phones* to raise money to offset youth group costs for participants. These *items are recycled* for us by the Funding Factory.

*Sunday Giving*

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Expected YTD</b>          | \$336,783  |
| <b>Receipts YTD</b>          | \$330,396  |
| <b>Parish Totals 2/15/09</b> | \$5,460.40 |
| <b>Children's 2/15/09</b>    | \$35.30    |

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## For Generations to Come

A Campaign for the Church of St. John the Evangelist

\$1,296,509

56.3%

The boiler is in! No more space heaters in the office or long sleeves in the gym, because the boiler is in. There are still a few things here and there that need to be finished before we experience the joy of a perfectly heated building, but hopefully by the time you read this, those things will have been done and our students will be complaining that they're too hot. On to the bricks!

Fr. Liekhus

*Lord God, we give you thanks  
for blessing our efforts to reach our goal  
during this capital campaign.*

*May your generosity to us move us to share  
with others the gifts you have shared with us.*

*We make this prayer in Jesus' name.  
Amen.*



### St. Clare Guild Meeting

Wednesday, February 25th, at 12:30 pm

St. Clare Guild sews baptismal gowns. New members are always welcome. A light Lenten lunch will be served. Please call Pat at 952-935-2832 for more information.

## PRAYER CORNER

**The Sick:** Elise Chinavare, Josephine Doyle, Wayne Hawkins, Deacon Jim Murphy, Becca Platt, Ray Restivo, Gladys Rottach, and Jim Walker.

**The Military:** Please pray for the following men serving in Iraq: Daniel Arnold, grandson of Al and Pat Kempf; John Kurtz, the son of Ham and Kirsten Kurtz; and John Quaas, Jr., the grandson of Maryanne Remington.

**To add a name to the prayer list, please notify the parish office. Also, please note for reference the start date of prayer request.** Prayers will be offered for a month. Should you wish this extended please notify the office.

## CALENDAR

### Monday, February 23

7:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study—CR

7:30 PM AA—School Cafeteria

### Tuesday, February 24

6:30 PM Interlachen Park Community Mtg.—CR

6:30 PM Liturgy Decorate for Church—CH

7:00 PM School Advisory Council Meeting—SMR

### Wednesday, February 25



### ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM Mass—CH

9:30 AM Mass—CH

10:15 AM Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations for one hour after 9:30 am Mass—CH

6:00 PM Mass—CH

8:00 PM Hispanic Mass—CH

### Thursday, February 26

6:30 PM Ensemble Choir—CH

7:00 PM Hispanic Community Meeting—CH

### Saturday, February 28

6:00 PM New Member Registration—Foyer

10:30 AM Hispanic Youth Group—LD

7:00 PM Hispanic Prayer Group—CR

### Sunday, March 1

8:30 AM Faith Formation Lenten Workshop—Cafeteria

8:30 AM RCIA—CL

10:00 AM Faith Formation Liturgy of the Word; Sunday School, Nursery—CR, School

11:00 AM Doughnut Sunday—CR

11:00 AM New Member Registration—Foyer

12:00 PM Hispanic Community Religious Ed—CR, School

7:00 PM New Member Registration—Foyer

7:00 PM Confirmation Class 9th & 10th Graders' Meeting—CR

### Tuesday Bible Study Group

Tuesdays during Lent, March 3 through April 7, from 9 am until 11 am

The Bible Study group will be studying the Gospel of St. Mark of the Little Rock Scripture Series. We will meet in the Conference Room next to the Parish Office at 9 am. There will be a \$10 charge for materials. Please come and join us. For information, call Pat Anderson at 952-935-2832 or Margaret Stimmler at 952-935-5536.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY MATERIAL  
IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.**

## Santa Misa, domingos 3:00pm

Pastor: Rev. Padre James Liekhus

Diacono: Rev. Mr. Juan R. Duran

22 de febrero del 2009

VII DOMINGO ORDINARIO "B"

**LEVÁNTATE,  
RECOGE TU  
CAMILLA Y  
ANDA**



### PERDONADOS

El pueblo de Israel, incluso en la época del Nuevo Testamento, pensaba en Dios de una manera muy personal, íntima y orientada a la relación. En los tiempos que corren, hemos heredado de la filosofía griega categorías sobre Dios: Dios es omnisciente, todopoderoso y omnipresente. No es que Dios no sea todas estas cosas, pero si pensamos en Dios fundamentalmente de esa manera, cuando hoy llegamos al final de la lectura de Isaías ("no he querido acordarme de tus pecados"), nos sentimos confundidos. ¿Cómo puede ser que un Dios omnisciente se olvide de algo? El público de Isaías debe haberse sentido más predispuesto a alegrarse por la maravillosa y tierna relación de Dios con ellos. Dios, quien tenía el poder de perdonar sus pecados, perdonaba los pecados y luego se olvidaba de ellos. Jesús, en el Evangelio de hoy, también está más interesado en el parálítico ya que conoce la presencia maravillosa, tierna y curadora de Dios que en satisfacer las ideas preconcebidas de los escribas sobre Dios. Cuántas veces somos nosotros mismos, no Dios, los que permanecemos paralizados por nuestros pecados del pasado, incluso cuando hemos sido perdonados por Dios y nos hemos reconciliado con los demás. Entonces, demos gloria a Dios levantándonos de nuestro pasado paralizado para seguir nuestro camino como discípulos de Jesús.



**NO TENEMOS  
BAUTISMOS  
DURANTE  
LA CUARESMA**

## AVISOS

**NO TENEMOS BAUTISMOS  
DURANTE LA CUARESMA**

Recuerda el grupo de Oración es todos los sábados a las 7:00pm. Y el 1er. Sábado del mes Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento



**La Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza  
es este próximo miércoles 25 de febrero  
a las 8:00pm**



**Tendremos el Vía Crucis los Sábados a  
las 7:00pm. A partir del sábado 28 de  
febrero en la parroquia, te esperamos.**

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**1a. lectura** — Hago algo nuevo: Borro, por amor a mí mismo, sus ofensas; sus pecados no recordaré jamás (Isaías 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25).

**Salmo** — Sáname, Señor, porque he pecado contra ti (Salmo 41 [40]).

**2a. lectura** — Dios ha puesto su sello sobre nosotros y ha enviado el Espíritu a nuestros corazones (2 Cor 1:18-22).

**Evangelio** — Jesús perdona los pecados del hombre parálítico (Marcos 2:1-12).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sir 1:1-10; Mc 9:14-29

Martes: Sir 2:1-11; Mc 9:30-37

Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51; 2 Cor 5:20 -6:2;

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Lc 9:22-25

Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Lc 5:27-32

Domingo: Gen 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24); 1 Pe 3:18-22;

Mc 1:12-15