

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



**First Sunday in Lent
March 1, 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 Half hour before weekday Masses during Lent; 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

Mary Fran Karanikolas, Admin. Asst.

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Ricardo Torres, Custodian

FAITH FORMATION

Margaret Stimmler, Director

TRUSTEES

Cathy Carlson 952-938-3383

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Mary Shidla 952-935-9447

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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

PHONE: 952-935-7787

Sr. Patricia Beckman, Principal

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From the Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we are celebrating the Rite of Sending for our candidates in RCIA. With this rite, we will “send” them to the bishop at the Basilica, where they will be recognized as candidates for confirmation. We have three candidates this year who are already baptized Christians, and will be confirmed and received into the Catholic Church on the Easter Vigil. Their names are Jason Carroll, Janice McPeak, and Nicole Sanders. They have been meeting with me and their sponsors every Sunday morning since September, and with this step that they are taking this Sunday, they are entering into a more intense phase of preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which they will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater generosity. We will be celebrating various minor rites with them at the 10:00 Mass during Lent. As their brothers and sisters, I encourage you to offer your prayers for them as they begin this final phase of preparation before they become full members of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Liekhus



Old Palms & Rice Bowls

Last year's palms may be put in the basket by the table in the foyer. Rice bowls are available on the foyer table and the tables at the south entrances of the church.

Easter Memorials for Flowers & Music

Donations due Monday, March 30th

Remember your loved ones, living and deceased. Use the Easter Memorial pink envelope from your packet or the Memorial envelopes found in the back of the church.

Donations will be used for Easter flowers and music. **All names received before Monday, March 30** will be included on a printed listing distributed at Easter.

Sunday Giving

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| Expected YTD | \$351,166 |
| Receipts YTD | \$343,677 |
| Parish Totals 2/22/09 | \$7,434 |
| Children's 2/22/09 | \$38.30 |

Mass Intentions

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| Sat. | Feb. 28 | 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 Pohlad |
| Tues. | Mar. 3 | 5:30 pm | †Alfred Hesse |
| Wed. | Mar. 4 | 9:30 am | †Rita Snell |
| Thurs. | Mar. 5 | 5:30 pm | †Donald Beeson |
| Fri. | Mar. 6 | 8:00 am | †Souls in Purgatory |
| Sat. | Mar. 7 | 8:00 am | |
| | | 5:00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sun. | Mar. 8 | 10:00 am | †Carl Pohlad |
| Hispanic | | 3:00 pm | |
| | | 6:00 pm | †Elizabeth Hanley |

Catholic Services Appeal

Through the generosity of parishioners, we have reached 18 % of our parish financial goal for the Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for sharing God's gifts in helping serve others in our community. The total number of parishioners contributing currently equals 59 households. Those who continue to prayerfully consider their gift, we remind you that no gift is too small to support one another in faith and to help those in need. “We are “one body, one body in Christ.”

Tuesday Bible Study Group

Tuesdays during Lent, March 3 through April 7
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.**

Do You Know?

...why we pray the Stations of the Cross? Since the early days of the Church, Christians have made a devotion of making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and tracing our Lord's footsteps on the way to the Cross. They would stop along the way and meditate on the events surrounding our Lord's suffering. Since it was not always possible to make this pilgrimage, the practice arose of walking the Stations of the Cross by using images of these events in the local church, which continues today. So when we pray the Stations of the Cross, we are invited to place ourselves in the footsteps of our Lord and walk with him as he freely accepted this suffering and death for our sake.



St. John Families Support Bridging

St. John's held a collection this past week for Bridging. Bridging is a non-profit organization that believes in the simple concept

that community resources should be shared with those in need. We would like to thank everyone for donating to this worthy cause.

Students to Visit Feed My Starving Children

Students in grades 3-6 will be visiting the Chanhassen location of Feed My Starving Children this upcoming week. Students will be packing food items for other children in the poverty areas of our world. We would like to thank Mr. Sweeney for allowing us to take part in this wonderful ministry.

St. John's Presents Beauty and 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!



A Bench for Caroline

We recently learned that our school's playground equipment was purchased with money provided by a generous donation in honor of Caroline Carisch. Caroline passed away in 2001 after suffering with a brain tumor for more than 3 years. She was 5 years old.

During the time of Caroline's funeral, our school was in transition—not knowing whether it would be consolidated or closed all together. Because of this distraction, no thank you or proper recognition was ever extended for this gift.

As Caroline's 13th birthday approaches, The Home and School Association will honor her memory with a bench and commemorative plaque.

If you are interested in helping us honor Caroline's memory, we are accepting donations in the School Office. We plan a small ceremony on Caroline's birthday— April 17, 2009 to dedicate this memorial.

Thank You to "Behind the Scenes" Volunteers!

Thank you to "Behind the Scenes" volunteers! For example the one(s) (**retired now**) who did a yearly cleaning, organizing and inventory of the kitchen and back hall closet. Could you help do this? Call the office, 952-935-5536, to volunteer.

Family Event

for the ICA Lenten Food Drive

April 6 at 3:00pm in Church Parking Lot

Mark your calendars on Monday, April 6th. We will bring St. John's food to the food shelf. We will need cars and parishioners of all ages able to drive, lift, sort and weigh the food we bring. A sign up sheet is in the foyer. This is a wonderful opportunity for all to be disciples.

The ICA (*Intercongregational Communities Association*) collection during Lent begins this week. Our goal is 2000 pounds, the average amount of food given out every day at ICA.

COLLECTION CONTAINERS AT EVERY CHURCH DOOR

CURRENT NEEDS

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Canned Fruit | Hamburger Helper |
| Canned Kidney Beans | Dry Soup Mixes |
| Dry Beans | Condensed Soups |
| Rice | (except Chicken Noodle) |
| Misc. Canned Beans | Ready to Eat Soup] |
| Canned Broth | Peanut Butter |
| Rice Sides | Jelly |

Operation Rice Bowl

Catholic Relief Services invites you to make this journey in solidarity with your global family. It is a journey of prayer, fasting, learning and giving, with an international flavor. To be Catholic means to be linked not just to our local communities, but also to our global community. Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl during this Lenten season will induce tremendous change: "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."

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For Generations to Come

A Campaign for the Church of St. John the Evangelist

\$1,296,509

55.9%

Not much to report on the capital campaign as we enjoy our new school boiler and prepare to start repairs on the brickwork. I will mention that someone asked me after Mass if there was a special envelope to use for the capital campaign donations, and the answer is "yes!" These are located in the foyer and on the brick ledge in the church. This person had been writing checks and putting them in the basket without marking on the check that it was for the capital campaign. Any contribution like that is considered regular Sunday giving, so please be sure to use the envelopes provided so that there is no confusion about where the money should go.

Father 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.*



our ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

—Psalm 25:4

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, March 2

7:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study—CR

7:30 PM AA—School Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 AM Anderson Bible Group—CL

7:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting—CL

Wednesday, March 4

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

6:30 PM FF Classes—CR, School

Thursday, March 5

6:30 PM Ensemble Choir—CH

7:00 PM Hispanic Community Meeting—CH

Friday, March 6

5:15 PM Stations of the Cross—CH

Saturday, March 7

10:30 AM Hispanic Youth Group—LD

7:00 PM Hispanic Stations of the Cross—CR

Sunday, March 8

8:30 AM RCIA—CL

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

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

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



Faith Formation

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

FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 1

Family Lenten Gathering at 8:30 in School Cafeteria

No Sunday School

Liturgy of the Word (LOW)

Nursery

Grade 9 Confirmation: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. – Church Library

Grade 10 Confirmation with Sponsor: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. –
Community Room

Wednesday, March 4

Faith Formation Classes – Grades 1, 3, and 4

First Eucharist Class – Grade 2

Faith Formation Youth Group – Grades 5-8

Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 8

Sunday School

Liturgy of the Word (LOW)

Nursery

Grade 9 Confirmation: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. – Church Library

Grade 10 Confirmation with Sponsor: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. –
Community Room

Santa Misa, domingos 3:00pm

Pastor: Rev. Padre James Liekhus

Diacono: Rev. Mr. Juan R. Duran

1o. de marzo del 2009

I DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



PERSONAS DE LA ALIANZA

La palabra que sobresale en las lecturas de hoy es la palabra "alianza". La fidelidad y la bondad de Dios nos sirven como ejemplo de cómo debemos vivir. En Génesis aparece el relato de Noé y de la alianza de Dios no sólo con las personas sino con la naturaleza. Las aguas purificadoras del diluvio nunca más descargarán su poder destructivo en toda la tierra otra vez. La señal, el recordatorio para Dios y la naturaleza, es el arco iris en el cielo.

El salmo nos recuerda esta compasión de Dios y le implora a Dios que se acuerde de nosotros, no por nuestra bondad, sino por la bondad de Dios y su fidelidad a la promesa. Dios nos muestra cómo ser buenos, no por decreto, sino dándonos el ejemplo.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Según un dicho árabe, si quieres conocer bien a una persona, debes convivir durante cuarenta días con ella. Cuarenta no puede tomarse al pie de la letra, ya que en las culturas semitas de siglos pasados cuarenta significaba "un largo periodo de tiempo". Los judíos, cristianos y musulmanes provenimos de esas culturas antiguas y es por eso que para nosotros el número cuarenta es muy importante. Algunos ejemplos bíblicos: El diluvio duró cuarenta días. Moisés habló con Dios durante cuarenta días en el Sinaí. El pueblo de Israel pasó cuarenta años en el desierto purificándose de sus pecados. Jesús ayunó cuarenta días en el desierto antes de iniciar su ministerio público. El profeta Mahoma tenía cuarenta años cuando Dios lo llamó; asimismo, según el Islam, Dios creó a Adán en cuarenta días, y la persona que desea sabiduría necesita ayunar cuarenta días.

AVISO

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Bautismo

NO TENEMOS BAUTISMOS DURANTE LA CUARESMA



ESTACIONES DEL VÍA CRUCIS

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

Recuerda el grupo de Oración es todos los sábados a las 7:00pm.

Y el 1er. Sábado del mes

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Sal 25).

Segunda lectura — Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

Evangelio — Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Martes: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Lc 11:29-32

Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Domingo: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Sal 116 (115); Rom 8:31b-34; Mc 9:2-10

