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WEEKLY BULLETIN

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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St. John's Robotics Team



Spelling Bee Winners

Tuesday, January 31st was the school spelling bee. We had nine contestants, three each from grades 4–6. All the contestants did an amazing job. Third place winner was Nathan Anderson, grade 5, 2nd place was Samantha Van Ert, grade 5, and our first place winner was Becca Osanna, grade 4. Congratulations.



Pancake Breakfast: Thanks to Mary Rivers and her crew of volunteers for a job well done at the Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, January 29.



St. John

SUN 10:30 a.m.
Spanish 3:00 p.m.
WED 9:30 a.m.
FRI & SAT 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

SAT 8:30–9:30 a.m.
SUN Spanish 2:30–2:55 p.m.

St. Joseph

SAT 4:30 p.m.
SUN 8:30 a.m.

TUES & THURS

7:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

SAT 3:30 p.m.

MASS & RECONCILIATION

MISSION STATEMENT

To make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that Christ has commanded us.

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BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the Month

Contact the office 2 months prior to Baptism to schedule the required preparation conference.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor 1 year prior to the wedding.

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Tuesday—4:00 p.m.

(week of the bulletin publication.)

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- St. John's is currently registering students for the 2012-2013 school year. Take advantage of an early bird registration discount before March 30th.

Please inquire in school office if financial assistance is needed.

- Service is part of the National theme for Catholic Schools Week: Faith, Academics, Service. On Monday, the students had a "shoot hoops for Sam exhibition" and raised \$350. The teachers and students used part of the proceeds to purchase ingredients for class meal projects for Sam and his family. Following is the evening meal schedule that was done for Sam and his family: Monday—preschool and grade 6; Tuesday—K and grade 5; Wednesday—grade 4; Thursday—grade 3; and Friday—grades 1 and 2. The rest of the money will be used to purchase Scrip gift cards for Sam's family.
- Our Robotics team did not place at the state tournament last Saturday but did have fun and treasured the experience. Robotic team members thoughts of their experience:

Christian "St. John's is a Catholic School and teaches teamwork and we scored very high on that component of the competition."

Spencer "I liked the head to head championship."

Megan "I loved being a part of robotics this past Saturday and the whole year."

John "It was a lot of fun and I really learned a lot."

Henry "It was a really fun day with disappointment but lots of fun too."

Leif "The best thing is I had a team that stood by me."

Nick "I thought that State was awesome because it showed us how we can do better with teamwork."

Sophie "Robotics was a great experience and I plan on doing it again."

- St. John's School thanks the following individuals for stuffing BB envelopes: Phyllis Deinema, Jean Kindoo, Betty Kuenzli, Maryanne Remington, Mary Dvorak, Susan K. Keane, Janet Beeson, Theresa Huberty, Clarice Forrette, Clarice Eaton, Kathy Huch, James Hessian, Marion Roster, and Madonna Leonard.

Announcing! Saint John's School Presents**"Guys and Dolls, Jr.!"**

Performance dates are Saturday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale at the Hopkins Center for the Arts! 952-979-1111

Costume Sewing Day

Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria

Every year we have Costume Sewing Day where we create costumes, hats, and accessories needed for our huge student cast. If you would like to join the fun, whether you sew or not, mark your calendar. For more information, call the "costume queen," Carolyn Herrmann, or the school office, 952-935-7787. Thanks for your support!

Thank You

Thank you "now" students for remembering all the "then" people who have been a part of St. John's at the student Mass on Wednesday, February 1.

From the Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

As you no doubt know, a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November asks Minnesota voters: “Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?” The answer should be “yes.”

We will be hearing a lot about this in the upcoming months, and for good reason: this is a crucial issue in the life of our state. During this time, there will be many opportunities to learn and discuss why this is important and why we believe what we do. In this article, I want to talk about why it is appropriate for us to be discussing a political issue in church.

Contrary to what many in the secular world seem to think, the Church does not need to flee wherever the State decides to go, maintaining a separation between the two. Whether it’s upholding the sanctity of life from the moment of conception or weighing in on where a Vikings stadium should be built, the Church has the right and the duty to speak on matters that affect the good of society. This is about a broader cultural issue. It is not only about passing the amendment; it is about renewing the understanding of and respect for marriage as a permanent, fruitful, monogamous union within our American culture.

Protecting the institution of marriage is most certainly a matter of justice—especially to children and society. Marriage unites a man and a woman with each other and with any children born from their union. It protects the common interest of children in being connected to their parents.

Therefore, when a man and woman form a union and take on all of the responsibilities that it entails, society gives them certain rights and benefits to help them. Society privileges this union above other loving, committed relationships because it best promotes the well-being of children and the common good. Thus, natural marriage and same-sex unions are not the same and should not be treated as such by the law. Making a legal distinction between them and privileging natural marriage is completely justified.

To be clear, the Church teaches that no one should be denied access to basic human needs or the protection of rights that all should have, by virtue of being a person possessing inherent human dignity and worth. We love all our brothers and sisters, without condition, without exception, and we are called by our Lord to come to the defense of anyone who is oppressed or mistreated in any way, and we will be held accountable if we fail to do so. That love in no way conflicts with our duty to defend marriage.

Next weekend is World Marriage Day, and every parish in the archdiocese will begin a drive to collect signatures of those who pledge to vote “yes” on the amendment in November. I encourage you to be bold in your witness to our Catholic faith and pledge your support for this amendment.

Fr. Liekhuis



Next weekend BeFriender Ministers will be available at the main entrance to answer questions that you may have about BeFriender Ministry.

The Path to BeFriender Ministry

Information Night—Come to learn more
Thurs., Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room

Reference Checks

Parish volunteers in high risk Ministries need to provide references when beginning a new area of volunteerism.

Interviews

Visiting time with coordinators.

Training Sessions (Including Background Checks)

A time of learning and discernment

Internship

Experiencing what you’ve learned

Training Sessions

Putting it all together

Commitment

Making a final decision

Commissioning

You are a BeFriender

Task Force News

Please join me in thanking Richard Antonowicz, Cathy Carlson, Deacon Juan Duran, Shaun Jamison, John Jelinek, Gary Kanowitz, Margaret LeSage, Paul O’Gorman, Brook Sullivan, Myra Underdahl, and Joan Vesovich for agreeing to be on the task force. Again, our task will be to put together a rough draft of a report to the archbishop, and then present that rough draft to both parishes for feedback and revision.

Please keep the group in your prayers, and be ready to offer feedback once we reach that stage.

—Fr. Liekhuis

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6****8:00 a.m.**

Morning Prayer & Rosary

7:00 p.m.

• Adult Bible Study—CONF

• Hispanic Bible Study—CR

7:30 p.m.

AA—CAFETERIA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**8:00 a.m.**

Morning Prayer & Rosary

9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study—CR

7:00 p.m.

Women's Club Board Mtg.—CR

8:30 p.m.

Men's Club Basketball—GYM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**10:00 a.m.**

Adoration—CHAPEL

10:30 a.m.

Women's Bridge—CR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**8:00 a.m.**

Morning Prayer & Rosary

6:30 p.m.

Ensemble Choir Rehearsal—CH

7:00 p.m.

• Pastoral Councils Mtg.—SMR

• Hispanic Community Meeting—CR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**3:30 p.m.**5th & 6th Girls Basketball—GYM**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11****9:00 a.m.**

Costume Sewing Day—CAFETERIA

4:00 p.m.

Hispanic Baptism Class—CONF

5:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Vocations

Lasagna Dinner—ST. JOSEPH'S

7:00 p.m.

Hispanic Community Prayer Grp.—CR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**8:30 a.m.**

Preschool Faith Formation—ST. JOE'S

10:30 a.m.

Preschool Faith Formation—

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

12:00 p.m.

Hispanic Faith Formation—CR/

SCHOOL

6:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes—ST. JOE'S

Haiti Trip Update

We will be postponing the Haiti trip that was scheduled for June 2012. Watch the bulletin for upcoming information

**Pledged**

\$1,321,335

Collected

\$1,023,880

Day of Renewal for Caregivers

Saturday February 18 from 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

at Church of the Annunciation, Minneapolis

Presentation: "Refresh Our Hearts" by Rev. Jim Livingston

This is special event for caregivers including the celebration of Mass followed by healing prayers, adoration, conferences, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A caregiver is anyone who lives, works, or regularly visits persons with serious illnesses or disabilities.

Cost: \$15 includes lunch. Please park in the rear of the church.

Registration Deadline: February 10. To register, please contact Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at 651-291-4543. *Sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family, and Life—Outreach to Persons with Disabilities*

Serving St. John's and St. Joseph's for over 50 years

KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
MSGR. JOSEPH P. VACEK

Meeting Wednesday, February 15

at 7:00 p.m. in Leo's Den at St. John's

Meeting delayed in observance of

St. Valentine's Day.

All Knights are welcome! If you would like more information about the Knights of Columbus, please call Grand Knight Rick Cases 952-922-2905.

Loaves and Fishes on Monday, February 20

Sign up in the foyer to help prepare the meal at Holy Rosary at 3:00 p.m. or to set-up, serve or clean-up meal.

- CLEAN-UP HELP IS NEEDED FROM 5:30 TO 6:30 P.M.
- 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: 2424 18th Ave. S., Mpls, MN 55404, 612-724-8929

PRAYER CORNER

The Sick: Charles Carlson, Barb Carney, Grace Clark, Dan Cunningham, Lorraine Cunningham, John Deinema, Colleen Dickinson, Magdalene Doe, Bill Duesman, Esperanza Duran, Bob Dwyer, Lou Gragert, Bea Hill, Catherine Hunt, Dorene Johnson, Doug Keller, Jim Keller, Grace Leuck, Harry Lindberg, Deacon Jim Murphy, Carol Olson, Dee Otto, Joe Pierro, Kathleen Sawyer, Sam Seward, Bernadette and Genevieve Sheats, Trisha Street, Carole Teclaw, Laura Vonhof, Jim Walker, and Diane Wyffels.

Also, remember in your prayers those in nursing homes, the families of the sick and all who care for them.

The Military: Please pray for the following men serving in the military: Mark Hayek and Jason McLeod, both serving in the Middle East, sons-in-law of Nick and Colleen Smith; John Quaas, Jr., grandson of Maryanne Remington has been deployed to Afghanistan, his second deployment; Harry Torvik, son of Julie Holland and Peter Torvik; Peter Ninnemann, son of Mark and Kathy Ninnemann; and John Munnely, cousin of Fr. Liekhus, who is deployed to Korea.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS BY CHUCK ROMPORTL



The 2nd Year Confirmation Retreat Monday, January 16

Led by N.E.T. (National Evangelization Team) Ministries. Our 22 teens were joined by 24 teens from eight other parishes around the Archdiocese for a fun, spirit-filled retreat on the theme: YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER. (Acts 1:8)

Sunday, February 5

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool Faith Formation, St. Joseph's FF Room
- 10:30 a.m. Preschool Faith Formation, St. John's School
- 3:00 p.m. Family Orchestra Concert, St. Joseph Church
- 6:00 p.m. NO Sunday evening Faith Formation this Week, St. Joseph's School

Sunday, February 12

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool Faith Formation, St. Joseph's FF Room
- 10:30 a.m. Preschool Faith Formation, St. John's School
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Faith Formation, St. Joseph's School

Sunday Evening Faith Formation for February 5

No sessions this week due to the SuperBowl. Sessions as usual next Sunday evening, February 12 at St. Joseph's.

Faith Formation Registrations Just Keep Coming In!

We average about one new student every week. We are now up to 142 children and youth registered in all our programs, preschool through Confirmation. Want to join us? Registration forms are at the church entrances (St. Joseph's and St. John's) or on the church home web page.

2011 Parish Picture Directory Update

The directory update will be printed soon. If you are a member of the parish and not yet in the photo directory, please e-mail a photo to Fr. Liekhus or drop one off at the parish office. If you don't have a directory, let us know, and we will get you an up-to-date copy.

Considering a Vocation to be a Permanent Deacon?

"The Living Icon of Christ the Servant in the Ministry of the Word, of Sacrament, of Charity"

For single or married men between 30 and 60 years old who want to follow Christ Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.

Diaconate Inquiry Sessions

Thursday, February 16, 6:30–9:00 p.m.: Your Basic Questions Answered
 Thursdays, February 23 and March 1, 6:30–9:00 p.m.: A Closer Look
 Saturday, March 10, 8:00–11:30 a.m.: The Next Steps
 St. Paul Seminary, Brady Education Center, Room 105.
 Wives of married inquirers should attend if possible.

To register for February 16, contact Patty McQuillan at patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu or 651-962-6891

Questions? Contact Deacon Joseph Michalak, jtmichalak@stthomas.edu

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 10:30 a.m. †Larry Baltes
- 3:00 p.m. People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:30 a.m. †Bob Baltes

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 8:00 a.m. †Sue Hemp

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 8:00a.m. †Dale Lindquist

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 10:30 a.m. †Sally Thell
- 3:00 p.m. People of the Parish

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:30 AM MASS	
ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS
Jack B.	S. Goergen
John K.	C. Nett
Jannis B.	
EM HOST	EM CUPS
R. Fox	D. Branch
J. Keller	B. McBride
J. Greene	A. Pravinata
T. Greene	K. Kurtz
S. Behnken	K. Cambre
	M. Goergen

Ireland:

The Other Holy Land

Come along this fall with Father Dennis Dempsey on a visit to Ireland that's been specially-designed for Catholics to savor the spiritual life of the Emerald Isle as well as enjoying the beauty of the scenery, the rich history, the culture, the fun and of course the lovely people of Ireland. The 12-day, Catholic Spirit-sponsored trip departs Minneapolis Sept. 21 and returns Oct. 2. Dublin, Galway, Knick, Limerick, Killarney—they're all on the itinerary.

For a brochure with details, contact Martie McMahon at 651-291-4441 or mcmahonm@archspm.org.

The Precinct Caucuses

Tues., Feb. 7, check-in at 6:30 p.m.

Begin at 7:00 p.m.

Check the newspaper, City Hall or Secretary of State for locations.

SUNDAY GIVING

Ytd expected	\$328,700
Ytd actual	\$336,776
1.29	\$6,100
Jan EFT's	\$8,821

ST JOSEPH

1 3 1 0 M A I N S T R E E T
H O P K I N S , M I N N E S O T A

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves.”
(Matthew 11: 28-29)

Is Jesus Inviting You to Spend Time with Him in Adoration?

The Church of St. Joseph is planning a second weekday of adoration on Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We are inviting all St. Joseph’s and St. John’s parishioners to sign up for a time slot during Tuesday (also 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) or Thursday weekly adoration.

If you spend just one hour with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find more rest and peace in your life. We need a minimum of four people to commit for each hour, and at least 25 substitutes who are willing to come less frequently. To sign up or for more information, please contact Barb Aamot at 952-933-8423 or barb_aamot@live.com.

St. Joseph’s (CCW) Council of Catholic Women Invitation Tuesday, February 14, in the St. Joseph Social Hall at 7:00 p.m

All St John’s women are invited to join the St. Joseph’s (CCW) Council of Catholic Women on Tuesday, February 14, in the Social Hall at 7:00 p.m. for a Valentine meet-and-greet party and meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13 in the social hall at 7:00 p.m. with Brook Sullivan, our business administrator, as guest speaker. Hope to see you at either or both meetings.

Seminarists Vocations Fundraiser Lasagna Dinner

Saturday, February 11, 2012 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church

Hosted by the Msgr. Joseph P. Vacek Knights of Columbus Council #2232

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.–6:45 p.m. Dinner Served: 6:45 p.m.

Suggested Donation

Adults	\$15
Family price	\$40
Table of 8 adults	\$100
Children 8–12	\$6
Children 1–7	Free

St. Joseph’s Book Club

Our Book Club selection for February 20 is SOULS IN FULL SAIL: A CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR THE LATER YEARS, by Emilie Griffin. In the later years “we set out on this new and uncharted mission, recognizing that old age has arrived. We may deny it or try to fight it, but ultimately we will need to surrender to it if we want to be enriched.” To order a book, contact Jeanne at 952-938-5240.

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Eucharistic Adoration



Tuesdays

7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Benediction, 5:30 p.m.

To learn about the Eucharist as Presence and Sacrament go to <http://www.therealpresence.org/>

www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/pea/a2.html

St. Joseph’s Prayer Ministry

You are invited to make a prayer request through our parish website. Just click on the “PRAY” button and fill in the form. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Hirl at 952-935-0716.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barb Mackintosh, Jean Feltl, Jeanette Blake, John Malecha, Carole Teclaw, Rose Cardinal, Marie Edquist, Al Vierling, Mary Lou Cronin, Annabelle Specken, Bernie Reid, Dolores Beaudoin, and Alice Paulsrud.

Also, remember in your prayers those in nursing homes, the families of the sick and all who care for them.



SAN JUAN EVANGELISTA

Santa Misa, domingos 3:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Padre James Liekhuis (Padre Jim)

Diacono: Juan R. Duran

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V domingo ordinario "B"

05 de febrero 2012

LAS BUENAS NOTICIAS

Las lecturas de hoy comienzan con unos versos del libro de Job. En primer lugar, Job se queja de que sus noches se alargan indefinidamente. Y luego, aún peor, "Mis días corren más aprisa que una lanzadera y se consumen sin esperanza" (Job 7:6). No son precisamente alentadoras estas lamentaciones, no cuando se examinan por separado.

La mayoría de nosotros ha estado allí, sin embargo, y el antídoto es la "buena noticia" que Pablo encontró tan convincente que sentía que predicarla "era su obligación. ¡Ay de mí, si no anuncio el Evangelio!" (1 Corintios 9:16). Pablo se sentía impulsado a anunciar el Evangelio a tantos como fuera posible, "para ganarlos a todos" (9:22).

Esta buena noticia era que el misterio de la vida, muerte y Resurrección de Jesucristo, que levantó a la suegra de Simón Pedro de su lecho de enferma con un simple toque de su mano. "Todo el pueblo se apiñó junto a la puerta. Curó a muchos enfermos de diversos males y expulsó a muchos demonios" (Marcos 1:33-34). Nuestros males y demonios son tan reales como los de Job, y Jesús es nuestro salvador.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Salmo — (Salmo 147 [146]).

Segunda lectura — (1 Corintios 9:16-19, 22-23).

Evangelio — (Marcos 1:29-39).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Re 8:1-7, 9-13; Mc 6:53-56

Martes: 1 Re 8:22-23, 27-30; Mc 7:1-13

Miércoles: 1 Re 10:1-10; Mc 7:14-23

Jueves: 1 Re 11:4-13; Mc 7:24-30

Viernes: 1 Re 11:29-32; 12:19; Mc 7:31-37

Sábado: 1 Re 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mc 8:1-10

Domingo: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Sal 32 (31);

1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mc 1:40-45



Adoración Perpetua

Church of St. Joseph

1310 Mainstreet Hopkins, MN 55343
Martes y Jueves de 8:30 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.

TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS

BAUTISMOS

Clase: sábado 11 de febrero/12 4:00 p.m.

Bautismo: sábado 18 de feb./12 12:00 p.m.



ROSARIO GUADALUPANO

Visitamos los hogares los miércoles, llevando el Santo Rosario, conviviendo y compartiendo el Evangelio, si quieres compartir en tu hogar, pregunta a los servidores por fechas disponibles.

CLASES DE BIBLIA

Lunes 7:00 p.m.

GRUPO DE ORACION

Sábados 7:00 p.m. Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento primer sábado del mes.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 11 de febrero, 1858 la Virgen María se apareció a tres niños franceses del pueblito de Lourdes. Allí brotaron aguas milagrosas con el poder de sanar enfermos. Eventualmente se construyó en Lourdes un santuario en honor de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes y millones de enfermos han recurrido a las aguas curativas. Muchos de los que visitan el santuario son latinos, porque a los latinos nos encantan los milagros y lo milagroso.

Pero **¿cuál es el afán de ver milagros? ¿Es que no podemos creer sin ellos? ¿Es que necesitamos demostraciones del poder divino antes de entregarnos a Dios?** La Iglesia siempre ha canonizado santos y santas por cuya intercesión se han manifestado milagros, y ha buscado su poder de intercesión. Sin embargo, también ha insistido que es más importante una vida ejemplar, una vida dedicada al bien del prójimo que una vida prodigiosa. Hay que tener mucho cuidado, porque frecuentemente en nuestro afán por ver milagros estrepitosos en lugares lejanos, cerramos los ojos a ver los milagros de las personas que nos rodean, y que silenciosamente ayudan al necesitado.

Colecta \$812