

## Our Mission

*St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Community,  
inspired by  
the Spirit of Christ,  
reaches out, educates,  
helps and nurtures all  
people, as we worship  
and serve  
Our Heavenly Father.*

## All are Welcome Parishioners, New Members, Visitors and Guests:

Thank you for joining  
our worshipping com-  
munity. Please stop by  
our parish office to reg-  
ister and let us know if  
we can be of  
assistance.

### **Sunday Mass**

English:

7:30am, 10:00am,

6:30pm

Spanish: 12:00 noon

### **Saturday Vigil Mass**

5:30pm

### **Daily Mass**

Mon., Tues., Wed, Fri,

7:00am Mass

Thursday & Saturday

8:30am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:00-5:00 Sat. or by  
appointment

### **Adoration Chapel**

Open 24 hours for  
prayer. Call the office  
for the code.

### **Parish Office**

Tues.- Friday

9am - 5pm

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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March 6, 2011

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Our Faith is our Foundation

Dear brothers and sisters,  
Greetings!

It feels like the New Year 2011 just started and we are past sixty days but the weather does not seem to give us any break so far from the cold, soggy weather.

Today is the 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time and this coming Wednesday we will enter the Season of Lent with the imposition of ashes, fast and abstinence. The theme for this Season of Lent is "HOPE IN CHRIST". My prayer for each one of us is that we use this time in Lent to reflect, reconcile and renew our lives through humility and patience and by our Hope In Christ.

The Liturgical readings for this Sunday give us a right direction as we enter the time of personal reflection on God's love for us and our response in faith. Moses addresses the chosen people who are about to enter the promised land under the leadership of Joshua. Moses urges them to be faithful to the covenant, commandments and statutes of God who brought them out of slavery. "Take these words of mine into your heart and soul."

St. Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, has witnessed God's grace poured out on outsiders - the non-Jews - and people who were never part of God's covenant. And so he explains: "There is no distinction; all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God. They are justified freely by the grace of God through the redemption in Jesus Christ."

The Gospel is the end part of the Sermon on the Mount and a perfect reading as we enter a time of penance: Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving. Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to me. "Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." This Lenten time let us make time to work hard on our spiritual growth and depth so we can have Jesus Christ as our solid foundation.

Secondly, I, along with the staff and the Search Committee, am truly excited to announce that Michele Freeman is our new Music Coordinator. Michele brings in special gifts to the music ministry, especially her touch on the piano and her wonderful voice. She is not new to our parish community as she has been our cantor and pianist at different liturgical services in the past. As we greet Michele with a warm welcome, let us also support her and the whole music ministry with our prayers. Michele will be gone for two weeks in March to attend a previous engagement. I want to offer special thanks to Linda Lippi for all the support she offered us in directing the choir especially during the busy season of Advent and Christmas 2010. My thanks goes also to all the volunteer musicians and singers, and to all the cantors and other musicians who were very supportive during this time of transition. My gratitude goes also to each one of you who kept our search for the new music coordinator in your prayers.

Many Blessings,

Rev. Maxy D'Costa  
Pastor

## TOPICS OF INTEREST

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**Calendar for This Week**

**Monday, March 7**

Mass	7:00am	Church
Beginners	6:45pm	Parish Center
Spanish Prayer Grp	7:00pm	Church
AlaTeen/AA/Alanon	7:30pm	Parish Center

**Tuesday, March 8**

Mass	7:00am	Church
Good Grief Group	10:00am	Saalfeld
School Activity	11:25am	Jordan
Grief Group	1:30pm	Saalfeld
After School Care	3:15pm	Daycare Rm
YLI	6:30pm	Jordan
RCIA	7:00pm	Saalfeld/Cafe
St. Vincent de Paul	7:00pm	Church

**Ash Wednesday, March 9**

Masses: 8:30am & Bilingual Mass at 7:00pm		
Pinochle	1-4pm	Saalfeld
After School Care	2:15-6pm	Daycare Rm
Religious Education	5:30pm	Parish Campus
Legion of Mary	7:00pm	Jordan

**Thursday, March 10**

Mass	8:30am	Church
After School Care	3:15pm	Daycare Rm
Knights of Columbus	6:30pm	Jordan
Spanish Bible Study	7:00pm	Saalfeld
EM Training & Reflection	7:00pm	Church
Parent/Faculty Assoc.	7:00pm	Cafeteria

**Friday, March 11**

Mass	7:00am	Church
After School Care	3:15pm	Daycare Rm
Soup Supper	6:00pm	Cafeteria
Stations of Cross	7:00pm	Church

**Saturday, March 12**

Men's Group	7:00am	Jordan
Red Cross Blood Dr.	8:00-2:00	Parish Center
Memorial Mass for Martha Mascaro & Frank Aneciras		
	2:00pm	Church
Reception to follow in parish center		
Confessions	4-5pm	Church
Vigil Mass	5:30pm	Church

**Sunday, March 13**

Masses: 7:30am, 10:00am, 6:30pm		
Spanish Mass	12:00 noon	
Liturgy of Word	10:00am	Jordan
Spanish Band/Choir	10:45am	Jordan
Sacramental Prep	11:00am	Saalfeld
Youth Band	11:15am	RE Office
Spanish Lit of Word	12:00noon	Cafeteria
Confirmation	1:15pm	Teen Room
YLI Bunco Party	2:00pm	Saalfeld
Boy Scouts	4:00pm	Cafeteria
Fatima Prayer Group	7:00pm	Saalfeld
YLI to host coffee & donuts		

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**Fr. Robert Van Sickler** died on February 18th in Salem of complications associated with a stroke. You might remember that he helped here at St. John's quite a bit. Donations in memory of Fr. Robert may be made to Priests for Life, PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314 or online at [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org).

Please remember him in your Masses and prayers.

**Our Fatima Prayer Group**...hosts the Archdiocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima at 7:00pm in the Saalfeld Room for a rosary and short video on the First Saturday Devotion for world peace. Now more than ever, we need prayer for peace. All are welcome!



**Advertiser of the Week**

**Bob Stone - Farmers Insurance**  
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**Adoration Chapel**



Have you made your Lenten plans? Why not schedule a weekly holy hour in our Adoration Chapel. We have many open hours. Call John White 503-513-6809 or Jean Hill Rutter 503-654-6634.

**YLI Bunco Party**

Catholic women are invited to a Bunco Party, Sunday, March 13th at St. John the Baptist Parish Center from 2:00-5:00pm Sponsored by Young Ladies Institute. Members will take questions and outline YLI activities and interests. For more information call Christine at 503-654-3908.

**Reflection & Training**

**E.M.'s and Lectors**

St. John's liturgies are in need of people of offer their time and talent to the ministries of Lector and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, especially at our two evening Masses and our 7:30am Mass. Please call Fr. Maxy if you think you are being called to one of these ministries. Training dates are as follows:

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Fr. Maxy will lead your day of reflection on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm or Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm



**Lectors**

Fr. Maxy will lead your day of reflection on Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm or Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.



*You only need to attend one of the presentations. Father is just offering two choices.*

**Baptism**



NO Baptism's will be held in April or May. the next celebration of the sacrament will be June 5th

following the 10am Mass. Are you expecting or do you have a baby who you would like to baptize? St. John's offers baptism once a month on the first Sunday of the month. First the parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact Pat at 503-654-5449 or email at [pat.raschio@gmail.com](mailto:pat.raschio@gmail.com).

**Dedication of play ground cover** will be this Sunday, March 6 at 2:00pm over in the school yard. All are invited to join us for this.

Collection	This week	BUDGET (Average/week)	
02/27/2011	\$ 7,987	\$14,135	
Week 35 of 52	2010/2011	2010/2011	Over (Short) Year to Date:
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$474,194	\$494,725	(\$20,531)
Prior year to Date (2010):	\$466,826		
<b>Building Maintenance Fund this week: \$94</b>			

## Living Your Strengths

### **Living Your Strengths and Growing Spiritually**

Do you know what specific gifts you have been given by God? Discover your God-given gifts (also known as *signature themes*) in the book, **Living Your Strengths**, available at no cost through the parish office. In the first letter of Peter, Chapter 4, he says:

“Each of you has been blessed with one of God’s many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. If you have the gift of speaking, preach God’s message. If you have the gift of helping others, do it with the strength that God supplies. Everything should be done in a way that will bring honor to God because of Jesus Christ, who is glorious and powerful forever.”

This week we look at the gift that makes you ask “Wouldn’t it be great if...?” You see the future as invigorating, an opportunity to create a better program, a better life, or a better world. As LYS says, “You are a dreamer who sees visions of what could be and who cherishes those visions.” Your vision of the future can energize others and bring them hope in better times.

One piece of scripture that relates to this futuristic gift comes from Proverbs 29:18 “*Without prophecy, the people become demoralized...*” and from Jeremiah 29:11 “*For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope.*”

Do you recognize yourself? One way to grow spiritually is to “offer to help those who are experiencing difficult times. You can help them see a future of possibilities instead of the overwhelming present.” Don’t get discouraged if others aren’t quick to see what you see – Your futuristic gift enables others to see beyond today and to re-energize them. Ultimately the future belongs to God, so be prepared for surprises along the way, and be open to modifying the vision.



Please contact Libbie Allen in the parish office at 503.654.5449 to get your copy of **Living Your Strengths**.

**Daily Scripture Readings**

**Monday, March 7**

Tobit 1:3-2-8; Psalm 112:1-6; Mark 12:1-12

**Tuesday, March 8**

Tobit 2:9-14; Psalm 112: 1-9; Mark 12:13-17

**Ash Wednesday, March 9**

Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-17; 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2;  
Matthew 6:1-18

**Thursday, March 10**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-6; Luke 9:22-25

**Friday, March 11**

Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 51:3-19; Matthew 9:14-15

**Saturday, March 12**

Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 86:1-6; Luke 5:27-32

**Sunday, March 13**

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-17;  
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 7**

7:00: Scott Winter (Int)...Jean Hill Rutter

**Tuesday, March 8**

7:00: Lou Gabrish (d)...Bea Gabrish Burk

**Wednesday, March 9**

8:30: Richard Bartel (d)...Friends  
7:00pm: Tony McDowell (d)...Joann Cody

**Thursday, March 10**

8:30: Allan & Betty Jones (Int)...  
Kathleen McEachern

**Friday, March 11**

7:00: Jack & Karen Cehun (Int)...Geri Foy

**Saturday, March 12**

8:30: YLI Members ... YLI Members  
5:30pm: Hal Bauer (Int)...Good Grief Group

**Sunday, March 13**

7:30am: James P. Smith...Allan & Betty Jones  
10:00am: For the People of the Parish...Pastor  
12:00pm: George Fossati (d)...Jack & Lee Bruce  
6:30pm: All Souls...Hall Family

**Altar Servers**



**Saturday, March 12**

**5:30 Mass:**

Lilly Christopher,  
Moira & Lara Eaton

**Sunday, March 13**

**7:30 Mass:** Nadine & Henry Prentice,  
Jeff Valdovinos

**10:00 Mass:** Nick Atkinson, Nicolas & Natalie  
Pernas

**12:00 Mass:** Eddie Sanchez, Izrael Chavez,  
Danna Guzman

**6:30 Mass:** Ben Snyder, Jarrett Anderson,  
Ashley Biteng



**Prayer Concerns  
for March**

Karl Anderson, Hal Bauer  
Millard Becker, Kathleen Butler  
Jeffrey Luna, Paul Newman  
Amalia Pienovi  
Maggie Schwab, Joe Shelley

**Adult Confirmation**

If you are an adult who has not received this sacrament, our Archbishop invites you to prepare for the celebration of Adult Confirmation on May 13th at the Cathedral. If you are one of the many people who decided in high school you did not have the time, or were not as faithful to the Catholic faith, but now are a practicing adult in the faith, and would like to be a fully initiated member, please call Pat. She will explain the simple process and give you more information and register you for the reception of the sacrament. Pat: 503-654-5449 or pat.raschio@gmail.com

## RCIA

RCIA celebrates the Rite of Sending today at the 10:00am Mass. Lent is the season of the RCIA. The second step of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the catechumenate, is open-ended: it can last months or years, depending on the readiness of the candidate. The third step, the period of purification and enlightenment, is specifically identified with the season of Lent. During this time, the Church prays intensely with and for the catechumens and candidates in a sequence of rites and prayers that are closely integrated into the Church's liturgy.

**The Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop:** This rite offers the parish community and the opportunity to express its approval of the catechumens and candidates. The godparents and sponsors are asked a series of questions on their readiness for the Easter sacraments. Then the catechumens sign the Book of the Elect. Next Saturday, March 12th the catechumens and candidates are presented to Bishop Steiner. The enrollment of names and the subsequent election by the bishop are the most ancient and most important parts of the rite. (from RCIA documents and the source book).

As a way for the entire parish to be involved in the RCIA, everyone is invited to pray for our catechumens and candidates. yes, everyone even your children are encouraged to take a card from the basket and keep that person in your prayers. You can associate the name you drew with the pictures on the board.



### NAME PRAYER CARDS!

Please note the basket on the table below the pictures of the catechumens and candidates. Please take a card (or more if you like) and pray for that person preparing for the Easter sacraments during Lent. You might also keep them in your prayers during the Easter season.



## Care Ministry News

We are in need of volunteers for blood pressure screening. If you are a nurse or a medical assistant and/or have had training in taking blood pressures, we could use the help.

Blood pressure screening is scheduled for the third Sunday of the month after the 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM Mass



# Lenten Schedule

## Theme: Hope in Christ

St. John's Church will be open for quiet prayer and meditation during Lent (after morning Mass until 5:00pm)



Ash Wednesday, March 9 - 8:30am & Bilingual at 7:00pm

Friday, March 11th - Soup Supper 6:00pm in Cafeteria  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in Church

Friday, March 18th - Soup Supper 6:00pm in Cafeteria  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in Church

Friday, March 25th - Soup Supper 6:00pm in Cafeteria  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in Church

Saturday, April 2nd - **Parish Reconciliation Service**  
10:00am in the Church

Friday, April 1st - Soup Supper 6:00pm in Cafeteria  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in Church

Friday, April 8th - Soup Supper 6:00pm in Cafeteria  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in Church

Friday, April 15th - Soup Supper 6:00pm in Cafeteria  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in Church

Sunday, April 17th - Palm Sunday

If you are not able to join us for our Penance Service:

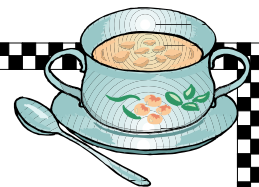
Christ the King  
Sat., April 9th at 10:00am

St. John the Apostle  
Wed., April 13th at 7:00pm

St. Philip Benizi  
Friday, April 15th at 7:00pm

Adoration Chapel will be closed during the Triduum, from Holy Thursday at 6:30pm until Easter Sunday at 2:30pm!

### Friday night Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper during Lent



Lent is upon us once again. How do you plan to make it different, holy? A simple supper of meatless soup and bread will be served in the cafeteria at 6:00pm during Lent on Fridays from Feb. 11th through April 15th.

All are welcome! Please join in this wonderful parish community activity on each of the Friday's of Lent. this is a great opportunity to get acquainted with parishioners who attend Mass at a different time than you do. Bring a friend and introduce your fellow parishioners in this very welcoming, communal activity.

**Bring your own bowl and spoon and we will fill them with something delicious!**

Stations of the Cross follow at 7:00pm in the church. Please join us as we spiritually accompany Jesus on His sorrowful journey to Calvary.

# LENT IS ALMOST UPON US!

Your Liturgy Commission is excited to announce  
2011's Lenten Theme-

## HOPE IN CHRIST

When we choose **Hope**, it becomes a dynamic action. It is a daily decision. **Hope** is an essential quality for us as individuals and to our precious Parish, St John the Baptist. The **Hope** of sharing in the glory of Christ calls us out of darkness, not alone, but as a community. We are a community of **Hope**. Faith defines us; **Hope** in Christ Sustains us.

Your Art and Environment Ministry Team has chosen a wall of thorns as a backdrop, to encourage us to be reminded of Christ's suffering for us. Within Christ's suffering there is the sureness of **Hope**. In Christ's pain lies our own redemption. As imitators of Christ, **Hope** provides consolation during our own trials and pain. When we meditate on the thorns behind the altar, hopefully we will feel the relationship between suffering and **Hope**.

Blessing Banks (looks suspiciously like food containers)

This year again, we look forward to continuing to support Fr. Maxy's Missionary Society in India. The funds we collect and send to them help fund mission schools, their evangelizing outreach missions, and support seminarians. With your help we were able to really make a difference last year, and **Hope** to be able to do the same again this year.

Later on in Lent we will introduce something new for St John's, the Liturgy commission, working with Patrick David, will offer a Labyrinth for your meditative use. We will explain what this is, where it will be and how to use it. We are quite excited about this as a pilgrimage tool. So keep watching your Lenten Bulletin notes.

Take a deep breath and join us all as we **HOPE IN CHRIST**