

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

APRIL 2, 2023 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## WELCOME!

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### MASS TIMES

Tues, Weds, Fri 8:15 am

Saturday 5:15 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

### Word & Communion Service

Mon, Thurs 8:15 am

### RECONCILIATION

Confessions will take place  
in the Reconciliation Room

### Communal Reconciliation-

Sunday, April 2 1:00 pm -St. John's

### Individual Reconciliation

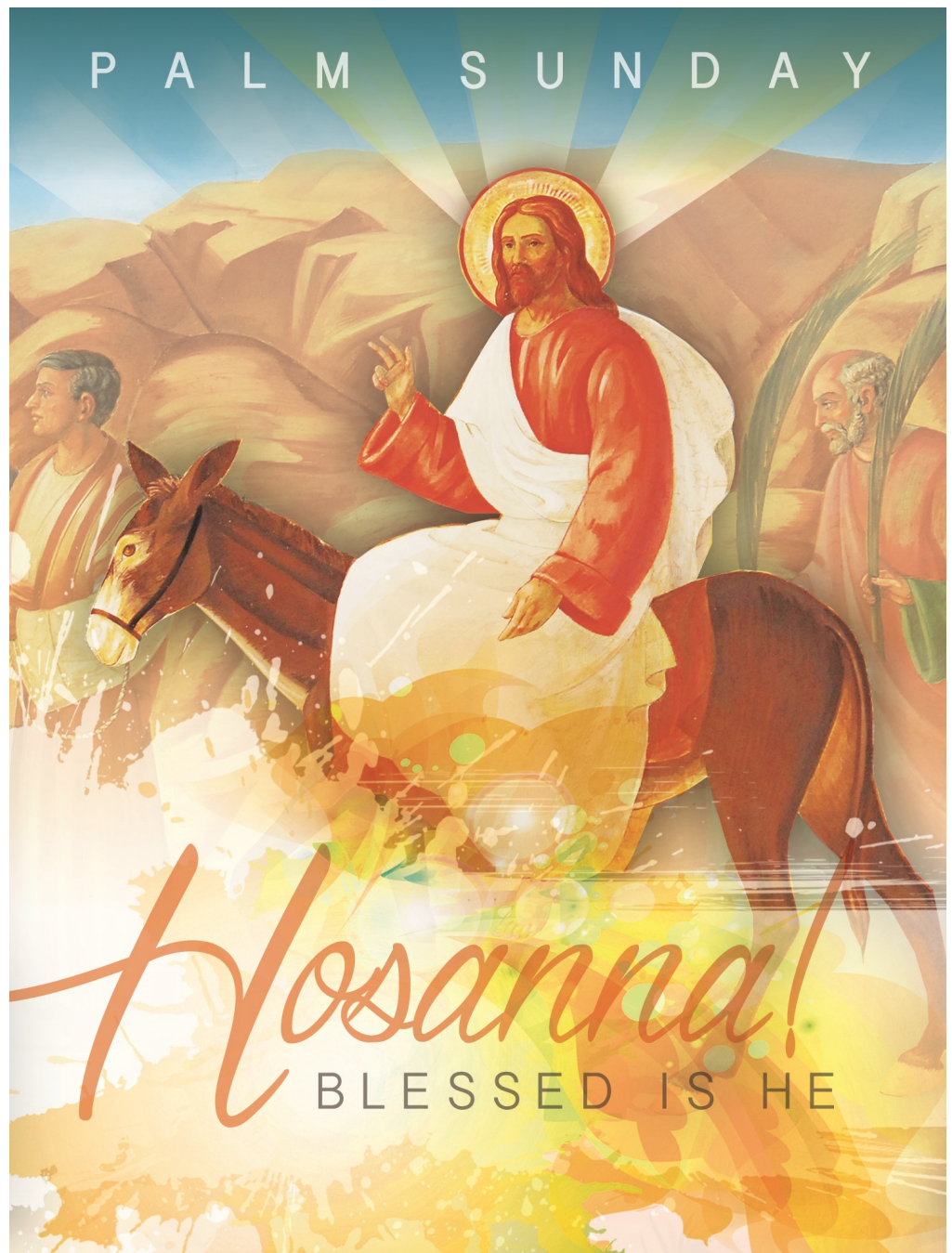
Tues, April 4 7:00 pm

Weds April 5 4:00 pm

### ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

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## MISSION STATEMENT

With the Holy Spirit pouring the love of God into our hearts,  
we invite people to Christ by living like Christ through prayer, service, and learning.

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## FROM THE PASTOR



The journey of Jesus' time on earth is brought to our consciousness once again in Holy Week. We move from the joyous procession of Palm Sunday; through the terrible reality of crucifixion; and finally to the glorious Resurrection of Easter Sunday. What a whirlwind of activity and emotional swing this week will bring. The walk with Jesus is never boring. However, our faith brings knowledge and the experience of God's faithfulness through it all.

Whatever state we are in, God gives us strength to receive whatever is happening. I pray blessings for us all in this most Holy Week.

Peace,

Father John

**"H**osanna to the Son of David;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;

hosanna in the highest."

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked,

"Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet,

from Nazareth in Galilee." — Mt 21:9-11

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, APRIL 3**

IS 42:1-7; JN 12:1-11

8:15 am Word Service

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4**

IS 49:1-6; JN 13:21-33, 36-38

8:15 am John Busch †, Peggy Sheehan †

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**

IS 50:4-9A; MT 26:14-25

8:15 am Terry Alfson (special intention), Ken Doering †

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

IS 61:1-3A,6A,8B-9; RV 1:5-8; LK 4:16-21

7:00 pm Thomas & Bernadette Stark †

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

S 52:13,53:12; HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9; JN 18:1-19:42

12:10 pm Good Friday Services at 12:10 and 5:15 pm

5:15 pm

**EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 8**

GN 1:1-2:2; GN 22:1-18; 15-18; EX 14:15-15:1;

EX 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1B); IS 54:5-14;

IS 55:1-11; IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3);

BAR 3:9-15,32-4:4; EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28;

ROM 6:3-11; MT 28:1-10

8:00 pm Gretchen Adams †, St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox in Bucha

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

ACTS 10:34A,37-43; COL 3:1-4; JN 20:1-9

8:00 am Patricia Norris †, The Gausam Family, Glenn & Todd Dezell †, Phyllis Goetl †

10:00 am Mary Jane Tice †, Bernard Bastien †, Doris Ramy †

*Hosanna!*



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DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER

# THIS IS MY BODY

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2023

**JUNE 10, 2023 | MANKATO CIVIC CENTER**

COME AND JOIN THOUSANDS OF CATHOLICS AS WE REJOICE IN THE LORD THROUGH THE EUCHARIST!  
EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION, MASS, SPEAKERS, MUSIC

**DIOCESAN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

REGISTRATION FOR THOSE OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER BEGINS ON APRIL 1

## Eucharistic Congress Activities for Children & Youth

- \* Non-separating children's activities (children must be accompanied by a parent): a nursery and nursing moms space, age 0-3; outdoor games (like cornhole, parachute play, hackysack), all ages; outdoor picnic concert with Armstrong Brass Quintet, all ages; service projects (Kids Against Hunger food pack, emergency kits for the homeless, cards to the homebound), age 8+. And children are welcome with their families all over the Congress, at talks, music sets, confession, adoration, Mass, procession, and the exhibitor/vendor area.
- \* Separating children's activities (children—age "potty trained" to 12--can be dropped off by a parent): a morning session and afternoon session run by the Servidora sisters. Each session will include an age appropriate talk on the Eucharist and activities and/or discussion (kids will be placed into rooms by age group). Parents are welcome to attend with a child but it is not necessary that parents attend. There will be a limit on how many children can attend, but we are talking in the 300 range for each session.
- \* NET Ministries is coming! Teens will be able to enjoy spending time in a lounge area with coffee and drinks served by St. James Coffee (located in a Rochester). They'll also find adults there who are ready to talk about the faith, engage in discussions about what they are hearing from the keynote speakers, and explore how they can live their faith in everyday life at home, in school, with friends, and in their extra-curricular activities. We also plan to have live music eat times throughout the day. Of course teens can take part in the service projects and in the lawn games as well.

## SACRAMENTS

### SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

**Baptism** - To prepare your child for Baptism, it is essential that parents participate in Pre-Jordan preparation.

**Marriage** - Contact the parish office 1 year in advance of wedding date. Marriage prep is required.

**Becoming Catholic** - If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or have questions about the process (Christian Initiation), please contact the parish office.

**Sacrament of the Sick - Anointing**

If you have a serious illness, are facing hospitalization and/or surgery, please contact the parish office to arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

**Psalms** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

**Second Reading** — He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

**Gospel Reading** — The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

## LOYOLA NEWS

Save the Date! The Crusader Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, May 15, at the Mankato Golf Club. This tournament typically fills quickly; register your foursome now! Register here: [www.crusadergolfclassic.com](http://www.crusadergolfclassic.com)

Loyola's student shadow day is scheduled for Friday, April 21. Guest students will be partnered with a Loyola student in their grade and will experience the Loyola school culture through tours, classroom sit-ins, and activities. To register your student(s), please contact Ashley Braulick, Admissions Coordinator, at [admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org) or call 507-386-5399.

Loyola is flexible and open to tours and shadow days that fit your family's schedule at any time during the year. Please reach out to us if you have any

questions.

Looking for a way to get involved at Loyola? We are always in need of classroom substitutes. For information, contact : [employment@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:employment@loyolacatholicschool.org)

Be sure to keep up with Loyola's happenings on social media! Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in Mankato!



LOYOLA  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

*Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.*

## PEACE THROUGH PLANNING

Death comes to each of us. Often we have very little forewarning or control over the circumstances of our dying. Planning for these end times is a gentle way of being supportive of our loved ones who, while grieving our dying, must also try to make a peaceful, orderly, and spiritual transition to living without us.

If you or a loved one are facing final illness, death, and funeral planning, or you just want to prepare for that un-known day when you will be called home, ease the burden by picking up a "P" booklet. This guide is available at any time in the parish office and is designed to make the planning for end times a logical step in the life of a responsible and caring adult.

## MASS TIMES AROUND THE AREA

### DIOCESE WEEKLY TELEVISED MASS SCHEDULE:

KTTW Channel 7 (Sioux Falls) at 7:00am  
KEYC Channel 12 (Mankato) at 7:30am  
KEYC-DT, Digital Channel 12.2 or  
Charter Channel 19 (Mankato) at 9:30am  
KAAL Channel 6 (Rochester) at 9:00am  
WKBT Channel 8 (LaCrosse) at 7:30am



## FINANCES

Previous Total \$ 764,037.31

### MARCH 17-24, 2023

Adult Support	\$ 6,850.50
Offertory	\$ 666.00
ACH	\$ 7,628.00
Donations via website—3/24/23	\$ 1,310.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,454.50</b>

Weekly Offering goal is:  
\$ 18,163.73

Year-to-date income as of  
3-24-2023 \$ 780,491.81

## THANK YOU

To everyone who has been dropping off or mailing your weekly donations. We are grateful for whatever contributions you are able to make, as we continue to pay our utilities, payroll and other expenses. Your generosity is much appreciated!

### Money Counters

April 3: Team 2  
April 11: Team 3  
April 17: Team 1

Did you know that you can now  
make donations by text?  
Text to: 1-507-428-2929

Daily Communion Minister:  
April 3-7

April 8—8:00 pm

**Communion Ministers:** Carrie Altomari, Kelly Andresen, Craig Soupir

**Lector:** Paul Gaspar

**Sacristan:** Craig Soupir

**Servers:** Noah Altomari, Olivia Altomari

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 3

April 9—8:00 am

**Communion Ministers:** Ron Prange, Terri Prange, Betty Widmer Blace

**Lector:** Brian Hughes

**Sacristan:** Sam Blace

**Servers:** Eli Blace, Sam Blace

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 7

April 9—10:00 am

**Communion Ministers:** Tami Reuter, Pamela Steffl, Lisa Vasquez

**Lector:** Jeanne Atkinson

**Sacristan:** Amy Kloss

**Servers:** Francis Bierer, Sydney Cusick

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 11

**ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A  
PLACE TO BELONG?**

**YOU *BELONG* HERE!**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | MANKATO**

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER?  
ARE YOU BAPTIZED CATHOLIC & LOOKING FOR MORE?

SACRAMENTAL RITES OF INITIATION  
FIRST EUCHARIST | CONFIRMATION

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD YOU WISH TO BAPTIZE HERE?

DO YOU DESIRE TO DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

WHERE TO BEGIN? SIMPLY ASK.

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR FAITH FAMILY!**  
EVERYONE IS INVITED + ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.

**BECOMING CATHOLIC  
BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY**

**CONNECT WITH US TODAY**

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RCIA



## 06 THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

#### Word Service

8:15 AM - Church

#### Spirit Singers

5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Room

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

#### Sunrise AA Meeting

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

#### Daily Mass

8:15 AM - Church

#### Piecemakers

1:00 PM - Matthews Hall

#### Staff Meeting

2:00 PM - JP II

#### Hope Women's Grief Group

5:15 PM - Matthews Hall

#### Individual Confessions

7-8:00 PM - Confession Room

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

#### Daily Mass

8:15 AM - Church

#### Individual Confessions

4-5:00 PM - Confession Room

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6

#### NO morning Mass or Word Service

8:15 AM - Church

#### Simon Ministry

10:30 AM - Matthews Hall

#### RCIA

6:30 PM - Marian Room

#### Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM - Church

### FRIDAY, April 7

OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON

#### Al-Anon - ZOOM

#### Early Risers AA

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

#### Good Friday Services

12:10 PM - Church

5:15 PM - Church

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8

#### Easter Vigil

8:00 PM - Church

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

#### Easter Sunday

Mass 8:00 AM - Church

Mass 10:00 AM - Church

## Holy Week – 2023

### Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, April 2nd at 1:00pm  
at St. John's

### Individual Confessions

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

### Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

### Good Friday

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:10pm & 5:15pm

### Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday

April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am & 10:00am

## Hope Women's Grief Support Group

A non-denominational grief support group for women who have experienced the death of a spouse or significant other. You are not alone. This grief support group is led by widows who understand what you are going through. This group offers an opportunity to learn about grief, share experiences and find healing and hope from your loss. No registration is necessary. We meet Tuesdays 5:15 - 6:15 pm in Matthews Hall (lower level) For More information, please call Maria Berrones at 507-779-5458 or email: [only1mariab@yahoo.com](mailto:only1mariab@yahoo.com)

## DIVORCED OR WIDOWED (within the past 3 years) SUPPORT GROUP

A Greater Mankato area Community Divorced or Widowed (within the past 3 years)  
Support Group will be starting April 13th.

The group will be facilitated by retired marriage therapist Sylvia McCarty.

The group will meet Thursday evenings from 7-9:00 pm in the parish library.

Registration is required. To register, please scan the QR code or call 507-625-3131.



## St. John's Prayer Network

To submit a request call: Mickey Bicek 388-5906 or Lynn Beadell 345-6812

Email: Pastoral Care Associate at: [mike@stjohnsmankato.net](mailto:mike@stjohnsmankato.net)



*St. John Faith Formation*

PRAYING YOU HAVE A BLESSED &

**HAPPY EASTER**



**CELEBRATE JESUS WITH US**  
**Easter Sunday Mass Times**  
**8:00 a.m. + 10:00 a.m.**



**FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY SCHOOL | GRADES 1-5:**

Sun. Apr. 9 - You're invited to please join us for Mass celebrating Easter; no 9 a.m. gathering.  
Apr. 16 - Please PRAY for our friends receiving their First Holy Communion; no 9 a.m. gathering.

**SACRAMENTAL PREP FAMILIES | GRADE 2:**

Important First Holy Communion Mass Rehearsal Wed. Apr. 12 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Church.  
Sacrament of First Holy Communion Sat. & Sun. Apr. 15 & 16 at each Mass time.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD | PRE-K & K:**

Sun. Apr. 9 - CLW will take place during our 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass!  
CLW Leader: Michele Rademaker. CLW Helpers: Julia & Claire Roering.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED & ALL ARE WELCOME HERE AT ST. JOHN'S!**

*Interested in becoming Catholic? Want to join our parish? Have faith questions?  
Want to Baptize your child? Want to attend a retreat or mission trip?  
Jesus has led you to the right place! We encourage you to connect with us.*

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