

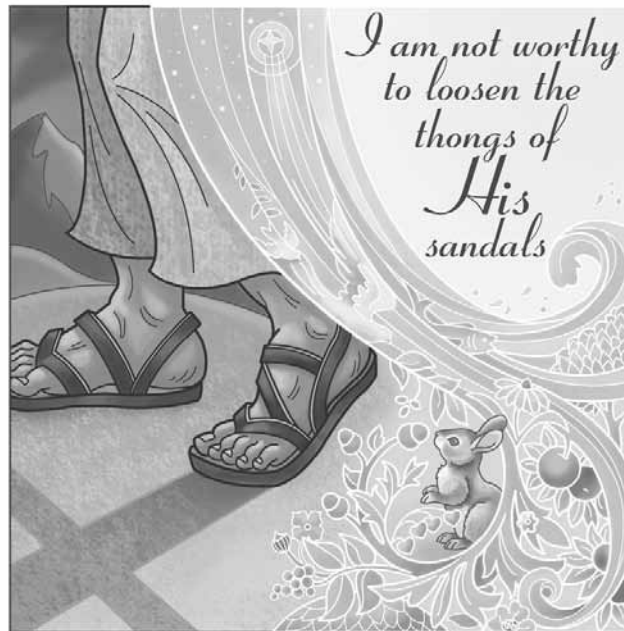
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor - Fr. John Kunz

Mass Schedule - Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm • Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Reconciliation - Saturday: 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm



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December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent - Luke 3:10-18

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ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

Pastoral Leadership Team:

Dan Hansen	Jaci James
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From the Pastor's Desk

People come to Jesus asking, "What are we to do?" Each answer is different because he addresses the circumstances of their lives. And so it is for us. There is no blanket answer to cover each person's reality. The challenge we live with is to face the dilemma of each day. The constant we carry within is our faith connection to God. We pray and ask God's help - then, we encounter something that throws us into confusion. However, our strength is in God, so we are able to move forward with renewed vigor. We may fail or struggle but we will not be over taken. In God, we prevail.

Peace,
Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 17 - Gn 49:2, 8-10; 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
8:15 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, December 18 - Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
8:15 am - Kathryn Thro Frost†, Tom Frassel†

Wednesday, December 19 - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
8:15 am - Reparation for our sins!, Ron Herz†, Hazel Jones†

Thursday, December 20 - Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
8:15 am - Communion Service

Friday, December 21 - Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
8:15 am - Allie Bisch†, Joan Kellen†

Saturday, December 22 - 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
5:15 pm - Diane Pettipiece†, David Graham†,
Boettcher & Maki families, Phyllis Goettl†, Pat Hanson

Sunday, December 23 - Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
8:00 am - Charles Buley†, Thomas Schoen†,
Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 am - Don Colby†, Jerry & Margaret Grimley†,
Delores Reuter†, Tony & Alice Rotchadl†, Clair Haefner†

St. John's Prayer Network -

To submit a prayer request, please call:

Sandy Roberts 387-1372 or Alice DiMeglio 345-5273
or email: **Pastoral Care Associate at:**
mike@stjohnsmankato.net

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 17

Communion Service – 8:15 AM – Church
Spirit Singers – 5:00 PM – St. Elizabeth room

Tuesday, December 18

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Daily Mass – 8:15 AM – Church
Individual Reconciliation – 4:00 PM - Church
Hope-Grief Ministry – 5:15 PM – John Paul II room
Finance Meeting – 6:00 PM – Marian room

Wednesday, December 19

Daily Mass – 8:15 AM - Church
Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room
Fall Journey through Grief – 9:30 AM – John Paul II room
Choir for Christ (C4C) – 5:30 PM – St. Elizabeth room
Roots & Edge – 6:30 PM – PLC Cafeteria, Matthews Hall
Pageant Rehearsal – 6:30 PM - Church
Life Teen – 7:30 PM – PLC gym

Thursday, December 20

Communion Service – 8:15 AM – Church
Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Laurels Peak Mass – 3:00 PM – Laurels Peak
Wisdom-Scripture Study – 6:30 PM – John Paul II room

Friday, December 21

Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library
Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Daily Mass – 8:15 AM – Church

Saturday, December 22

Pageant Rehearsal – 10:00 AM - Church

Sunday, December 23

4th Sunday of Advent

Weekly Silent Prayer Sundays at 4:00 PM School Sisters of Notre Dame

All are welcome to weekly silent prayer to simply hold our immigrants and refugees in compassion and love, Sundays at 4 pm.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato invite anyone who wishes to come and spend quiet, reflective time with one another, extending communal energy of hospitality toward all our immigrants and refugees.

Weekly silent prayer will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

PARKING PARKING PARKING

As you all know, parking can be an issue when you come to Mass here at St. John's. We need your help to not make a bad situation become worse.

PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE TRAFFIC LANES OF ANY OF OUR PARKING LOTS.

PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK ANY CAR FROM BEING ABLE TO LEAVE.

In fairness to all, it will be necessary to tow any car that is not parked properly.

If one lot is full, please check the next one. We want to remind you that the parking lot on the back side of the Parish Life Center on the corner of Liberty and 4th street often has room for more cars.

Remember, "do unto others as you would want done unto you."

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Our partnership with St John's Episcopal Church in serving the needs of the homeless in a shelter for a week at a time is going very well. The next week that we take our turn helping begins on Monday, January 7th. If you have expressed an interest in helping with this ministry and have not been contacted yet, please be patient with us. We have had many volunteers express an interest. We ask that you contact Pat Shortall at 507-327-6907 or send emails to Pat at pshort@hickorytech.net or to Barb Radke at radke008@umn.edu to learn more or to volunteer for the next week that we serve.



LAURELS PEAK CHRISTMAS PARTY

JUST A REMINDER: CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LAURELS PEAK ARE DUE THIS WEEKEND. IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT TODAY, PLEASE TAKE IT TO LAURELS PEAK BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, NO LATER THAN 10 AM SINCE THAT IS THE TIME AND PLACE THE GIFTS WILL BE SORTED. THANK YOU!



Parish Office Hours: Weekdays 8:30 am-5:00 pm Office Phone: (507) 625-3131 Emergency (after office hours): (507) 388-7239
Web: www.stjohnscatholicchurch.com Check out St. John's on Facebook and Instagram Youth Page!

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.

**Communal Penance Service -
Sunday, December 16, 2018
at 1:00pm at St. John's**

SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC GIFT STORE

If you are looking for religious items stop in and visit Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Gift Store any day of the week during business hours Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm or before and after Masses on the weekend.

Practicing and Teaching Forgiveness Retreat

"The only way to peace is forgiveness." St. John Paul II

We all have someone in our lives we need to forgive, and knowing how to do so can be difficult. This short overnight retreat is meant to help a person learn why disciples of Christ are urged to forgive, how we prayerfully practice forgiveness with God's help, and how to share the gift of teaching others how to forgive.

Retreatants will have the opportunity to practice a private prayer exercise of forgiving another of wrongdoing.

January 25-26, 2019

Shalom Hill Farm, Windom

\$30 for retreat, \$70 for retreat with overnight stay

February 15-16, 2019

Alverna Center, Winona

\$30 for retreat, \$85 for retreat with overnight stay

To register, please visit www.dowr.org/calendar.html
Questions? Please contact Camille at cwiltrow@dowr.org

LOYOLA NEWS

Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12) Visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org

Contact Angela Casteel at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507.388.0615 to schedule family tours.

Save the Date!

Dec 19 at 1pm: Loyola "Christmas Basket Mass"

Jan 28: Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10am, Holy Rosary Parish

All Loyola students participate in weekly Advent prayer services; younger students collect baby items for **Birthright**; older students provide **Christmas Basket gifts** requested by families in our local parishes.

Grade 5-12 Band gave their Christmas concert on December 11; **Grade 5-8 Choir** gave their concert on December 12.

Still to come: Preschool Christmas program Thursday, Dec 20 at 10; K-4 Christmas program Thursday, December 20, at 1:30.

Want to **volunteer** at school? Call us! 388.0600

THANK YOU to all who send us **Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts, and Milk Moola labels.**

Your parish support makes all we do, learn, and celebrate at Loyola possible.

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

"May Jesus be the WAY you walk, the TRUTH you follow, the LIFE you lead..."

~Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger SSND

"Go forth and set the world on fire!"

~St. Ignatius of Loyola

Some road trips change the world forever.†



Take a Weekend trip that can do the same for your marriage.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Shalom Hill, Windom ~ February 8-10
Visit SouthMNWWME.org or call (507) 227-8229

FAITH FORMATION

St. John's Monthly Prayer Focus

DECEMBER

MEDITATION

PRAYER is one of the three aspects of our Parish Mission and identity
PRAYER - SERVICE - LEARNING

For our 2018-2019 Faith Formation Year, we are focusing on different methods for prayer in order to expand and deepen each our prayer experiences and encounters with Jesus.

During the month of December, we are focusing on the practice of *mediation* in prayer. Advent is a wonderful time to introduce meditation into your daily prayer time. We have provided multiple tools to meditate and reflect on the Advent scripture readings, including the thoughts and prayers of such spiritual masters as C.S. Lewis and Henri Nouwen.

Please take advantage of these **free booklets** designed not just for adults but also children and families. Pick up your **Advent meditation booklet** from the table set up in the main entrance.



'We meditate before, during and after everything we do. The prophet says: "I will pray, and then I will understand." This is the way we can easily overcome the countless difficulties we have to face day after day, which, after all, are part of our work. In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in others.'

St. Charles Borromeo

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	December 9, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 28,480.75	\$ 16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 826.00	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 148.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$ 2,276.00	

Money Counters: Dec. 17 Team 4; Dec. 26 Team 1 & 2; Dec. 31 Team 3

Budget Status: October 31, 2018

	Current Fiscal YTD*	Prior Fiscal YTD
Income	\$346,104.88	\$309,796.87
Expenses	(\$350,449.41)	(\$322,342.35)
Operating Net Profit	(\$4,344.53)	(\$12,545.48)

* Results reflect many 2018 full year contributions.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL-2018**

Balance	2018 Collections	2018 Contributions needed
January 1, 2018	\$ 71,730	\$ 47,176
		\$ 24,554

BUILDING TUCK POINTING PROJECT

Cost/Goal	Building & Savings Funds	Contributions needed
\$260,000.00	\$217,969.00	\$42,031.00

St. John's Young Stewards Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$92.33

(Talents from Children's Envelopes)

Time: I helped bring in stuff from the car.

Talent: Singing

** Catholic Ministries Appeal shortfall from the 2018 Parish obligation paid to the Catholic Foundation of Southern MN which is a separate entity from the Diocese of Winona.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE, COSTUMING & CASTING

All children, ages 3 through 6th grade, who would like to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve are encouraged to attend costuming, casting, and practice on Wednesday, December 19th, with their parents, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. We will distribute speaking parts that evening, assign costumes, and hold our first rehearsal.

The 2nd rehearsal is Saturday, December 22nd at 10:00 a.m. The pageant will be Monday, December 24th at 3:30 p.m., just before 4:00 mass.

Many parent volunteers are needed at rehearsals and day of pageant as well.

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 • Liturgical and Hospitality Ministers are
 • needed for the following Christmas Eve/Day
 • Masses. If you can help, please call the Parish
 • Office and talk with Jaci.
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CHRISTMAS HOLY DAY MASSES

The Nativity of our Lord

Monday, December 24 - 3:30 PM Pageant
 Monday, December 24 - 4:00 PM Mass
 Monday, December 24 - 6:30 PM Mass
 Monday, December 24 - 9:00 PM Mass
 Tuesday, December 25 - 9:00 AM Mass

Holy Day of Obligation - Holy Family

Monday, December 31, 2018 - 5:15pm - Mass
 Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - 9:00am - Mass

St. John the Baptist Church

LITURGICAL CORNER



**Please join us at
 St. John the Baptist Church, Mankato**
 As our children's

Choir for Christ
 presents

The Small One:
A Christmas Musical for Young Voices

Sunday, January 6, 2019

2:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary

Then, please stay to enjoy the

**St. John's Spirit Singers
 performance of a Christmas Cantata:**

Christmas Dreams (Part 2)

**Celebrating the Christmas Season in
 scripture and song.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 22/23

Musicians

5:15 pm – Joyce Kolbet or Jaci James/ Voices in Praise
8:00 am – Jaci James/ Kathy Chalhoub
10:00 am – Mary Pribyl / Spirit Singers

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Rita Dauw, Karen Dehn, John Fell, Paul Gaspar,
Michelle Goodrich, Barbara Haag, Jane Kohler,
Glenda Landsteiner
8:00 am – Susan Durbala, Nicole Goebel, Cindy Hanson,
Patty Marzinske, Najwa Massad, Bill Simonette, Mark Traxler,
Mary Westby
10:00 am – Mike Coughlan, Jerry & Lucy Goblirsch,
Ma Linda Henderson, Juann Jaqua, Jeanne Kelly, Amy Kloss,
Elaine Loaney

Lector

5:15 pm – Lucas Baker, Rita Oliver
8:00 am – Susan Durbala, Mark Traxler
10:00 am – JoAnn Alfson, Monica Wagner

Sacristan

5:15 pm – Jane Jans
8:00 am – Sarah Odegard
10:00 am – Teresa White

Server

5:15 pm – Bria Baumgard, Jonathan Berhquist, Renee Schweim
8:00 am – Maile Meissner, Addison & Ellen Witte
10:00 am – Autumn Barta, Sara Gartner, Julia Roering

Ministers of Hospitality

5:15 pm – Team 2
8:00 am – Team 6
10:00 am - Team 10

Weekly EM (December 17-21)

Ann Benson

Laurel's Peak Service – (December 20)

Carol Stott, Laurett Van Deusen

Catholics at the Capitol 2019 – St. Paul, MN 2.19.19

Join Bishop Quinn and 2,000+ other Catholics in St. Paul on Tuesday, February 19th to learn how you can build relationships with our newly elected officials and advocate for Catholic Social Teaching principles of Solidarity, Care for Creation, Workers' Rights, and the Dignity of all our sisters and brothers. Get your tickets, register for transportation (If we get enough folks from the Mankato Deanery, we will board a bus from Mankato to the capitol), and find more details about this inspiring day of prayer, education, and advocacy by visiting www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org. Also, check out this link for a video message from Bishop Quinn: <https://youtu.be/0ilBb0hRyT4>

AREA NEWS

Diabetes Prevention Program

If you're looking to make a healthy lifestyle change and want some assistance, VINE is offering a free program available to the public. The Diabetes Prevention Program is designed to cut your risk of type 2 diabetes in half. Class is for all with prediabetes, including those who have a mobility limitation, experience pain when moving, or use an assistive device. To learn more and see if you qualify, contact Katie before December 13 at (507) 386-5591.

The Knights of Columbus -

Christmas tree lot has opened at its new location. The lot is now located at 237 Belgrade Avenue between Arizona Olive Oil Co., 2 Pins Bakery, by Tony Friesen and Y Barbers. Throughout the holiday season, the lot will be open 4:00-8:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekends. Your support of the Knights of Columbus is greatly appreciated and helps us fund a variety of charitable efforts in your community. Thank you!

Energy Assistance Program for Income Qualified Homeowners & Renters

With heating season upon us, Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. Please contact your location EAP Service Provider to apply. For help finding your local EAP provider, call 1-800-657-3710. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2019 to be processed for benefits for the 2018-2019 program year. You can find more information on-line at the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>.