

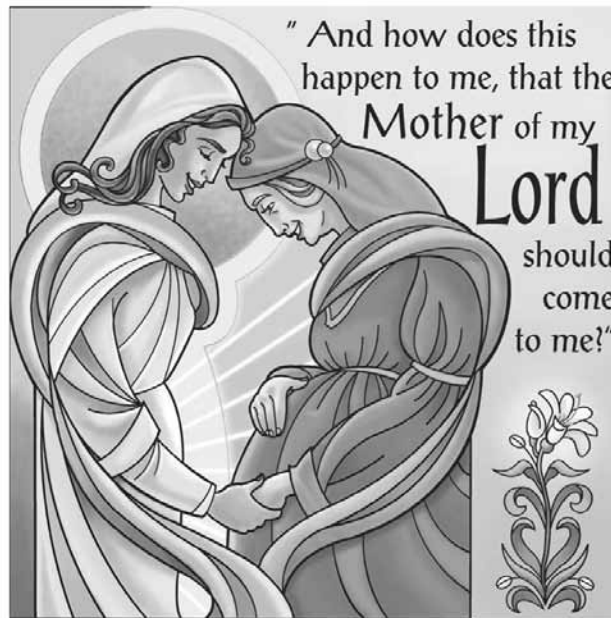
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 23, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Luke 1:39-45

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ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

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Parish Trustees:

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From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus comes to us small, as a child, in simplicity. The coming of a Savior is not with strength, power, or dominance. He comes in a way in which it is easy to love Him. A Baby has the power to move each of our hearts - no matter how hardened we are. This happens to us when we see a new born child.

My prayer for us this week is that the feast of Christmas draw us to love God more deeply. And that this love will open our hearts so that no one needs to experience that there is no room in the inn. May the Christ child keep us from any indifference to the others in our lives. Then we will become a hope-filled people.

In the Peace of Christ,
Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 24 – 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

4:00 pm – Christopher Stranik†, Tom Zimmerman†,

Tony & Alice Rotchadl†, Clair Haefner†

6:30 pm – Ann Frost Sobraske†, Mick & Lorraine McGuire†

9:00 pm - Parishioner's of St. John's

Tuesday, December 25 -

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Christmas Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

9:00 am – Catherine Lyons†, Gil Berens†

Wednesday, December 26 - Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

8:15 am – Communion Service

Thursday, December 27 – 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8:15 am – Communion Service

Friday, December 28 - 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8:15 am – Communion Service

Saturday, December 29 - 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

5:15 pm – Francis Fell†, Lyle Yokiell†, Mabel & Charles Kral†,

Dick Longenecker†

Sunday, December 30 - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;

Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;

Lk 2:41-52

8:00 am – Allie Bisch†, Ron Herz†, Hazel Jones†, Nikki Thede,

Lois Groebner†

10:00 am – Joan Kellen†, Leo Killion†, Parishioners of St. John's

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 24

Office Closes at Noon

CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Pageant – 3:30 PM – Church
Christmas Eve Mass – 4:00 PM – Church
Christmas Eve Mass – 6:30 PM – Church
Christmas Eve Mass – 9:00 PM - Church

Tuesday, December 25

Office Closed

CHRISTMAS DAY – Holy Day of Obligation

Christmas Day Mass – 9:00 AM - Church

Wednesday, December 26

Communion Service – 8:15 AM – Church
Money Counting – 8:30 AM – JPPI
Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room

Thursday, December 27

Communion Service – 8:15 AM – Church
Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Choir for Christ – 1:00 PM - Church
Laurels Peak Communion Service-3:00 PM -Laurels Peak

Friday, December 28

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

Saturday, December 29

Mass - 5:15 PM

Sunday, December 30

Mass - 8:00 AM
Mass - 10:00 AM

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@hicorytech.net or to Barb Radke at radke008@umn.edu to learn more or to volunteer for the next week that we serve.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

The St. John Book Club book will meet on Wednesday, January 16 at 1:30 pm in the St. John's library. New members are welcome. The book for this month is "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. If you have any questions please call Anita Maki at 507-386-1395.

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**



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.

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.



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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.” As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb. 8-10, 2019 in Windom, MN and Apr 26-28, 2019 in HUTCHINSON, MN. For more information, call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit them at southmnwwme.org.

LOYOLA NEWS



All of us at Loyola wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed new year. We are grateful for your faithful support.

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.

Please prayerfully consider a planned gift to Loyola Catholic School when choosing where to leaving your legacy.

Save the Date!

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

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.**

Christmas Baskets for area families and **donations for Mankato Birthright** were presented and blessed at Mass on Wednesday.

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

Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.

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

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 16, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 15,531.75	\$ 16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 856.86	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 49.00	

Money Counters: Dec. 24-Team 1; Dec. 26 Team 2; Dec. 31 Team 3;
Jan. 7 - Team 4

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	\$ 47,346
		\$ 24,384

BUILDING TUCK POINTING PROJECT

Cost/Goal	Building & Savings Funds	Contributions needed
\$260,000.00	\$218,341.00	\$41,659.00

St. John's Young Stewards Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$106.96

(Talents from Children's Envelopes)

Time: I helped out my sick mom.

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.

LITURGICAL CORNER



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**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 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.**

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 MINISTERS

DECEMBER 29/30

Musicians

5:15 pm – Michael Steimel / Mariya Bergquist
8:00 am – Jaci James / Kathy Chalhoub
10:00 am – Jeanne Makela / Kristin Bogenschutz

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Lisa Adams, Kelly Andresen, Dale Barrie,
Lynn Klingsporn, Monica Orth, Thomas Rogness,
Laura Schulte, Kathy Wortel
8:00 am – Teresa Depuydt, Brian & Jan Hughes, Candy Jensen,
Donna Kapsner, Ron & Terri Prange, Pat Sullivan
10:00 am – Christopher Meehan, Nick Meyer, Marsha Murphy,
Sarah Nelson, Sharon Patterson, Jen Pfeffer, Jennifer Potocnik,
Dianne Reuter

Lector

5:15 pm – Sheila Skilling, Craig Soupir
8:00 am – Brian & Jan Hughes
10:00 am – Jeanne Atkinson, Sue Baker

Sacristan

5:15 pm – Deb Meissner
8:00 am – Pat Sullivan
10:00 am – Sarah Nelson

Server

5:15 pm – Claire & Samuel Orcutt
8:00 am – Ethan Kapaun, Patty Mejias
10:00 am – Reed Boerboom, Jenna Haman, Olivia Sinn

Ministers of Hospitality

5:15 pm – Team 3
8:00 am – Team 7
10:00 am – Team 11

Weekly EM (December 24-28)

Mike Burkhardt

Laurel's Peak Service – (December 27)

Jean Morgan, Fred Jensen

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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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.

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/>.

Catholics at the Capitol 2019 – St. Paul, MN February 19, 2019

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>