

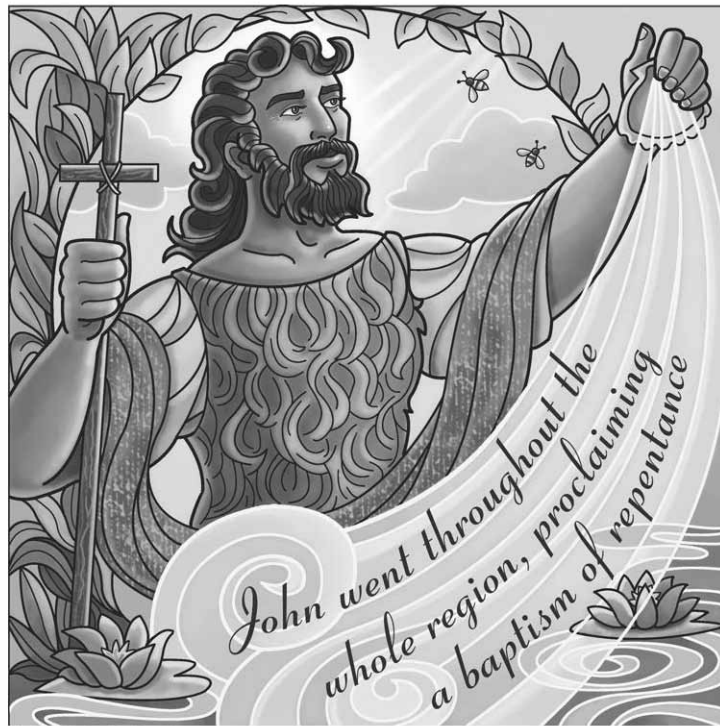
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 9, 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent - Luke 3:1-6

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ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

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From the Pastor's Desk

John the Baptist felt the calling to go out and proclaim the coming of the Savior. Then he did it. In November, the parishioners began to go out on a special journey. The abuse crisis is on our minds and in our hearts. About 50 people came to the "Listening Forums". This weekend I will share some of what was spoken. We need to continue the process. The things shared cannot die. On January 10, 2019, at 6:30 pm, we will hold "Listening Forum II". We will try to pull together the wisdom we have been given and discern where this leads us. Come if you are able.

Advent Peace,
Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 10 – Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
 8:15 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, December 11 - Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
 8:15 am – Parishioners of St. John's

Wednesday, December 12 - Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;
 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

8:15 am – Joan Kellen†, Richard Longenecker†,
 Legion of Mary-deceased and living members

Thursday, December 13 – Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
 8:15 am – Communion Service

Friday, December 14 - Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
 8:15 am – Hazel Jones†, Marlene Fredricks

Saturday, December 15 - Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 5:15 pm – Mark Snaza†, Floyd Roberts, Jr.†, Debby McGuire†,
 Parishioners of St. John's

Sunday, December 16 - Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
 Lk 3:10-18

8:00 am – Vic Chalhoub†, Allie Bisch†, Tony & Alice Rotchad†,
 Clair Haefner†

10:00 am – Jim Studer†, Frank Waldon†

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 10

Communion Service – 8:15 AM – Church
CCW meeting – 3:30 PM – John Paul II room
Spirit Singers – 5:00 PM – St. Elizabeth room

Tuesday, December 11

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Daily Mass – 8:15 AM – Church
Choir for Christ – 5:00 PM - Church
Hope-Grief Ministry – 5:15 PM – John Paul II room
Individual Reconciliation – 7:00 PM - Church

Wednesday, December 12

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
Book Club – 1:30 PM - Library
Choir for Christ (C4C) – 5:15 PM – Church
Pre-Jordan – 6:00 PM – Narthex
Roots & Edge – 6:30 PM – PLC Cafeteria
Life Teen – 7:30 PM – PLC gym

Thursday, December 13

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
PLT meeting – 6:45 PM – Marian room
SJ Men's Club – 7:00 PM - Library

Friday, December 14

Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library
Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Daily Mass – 8:15 AM – Church
Individual Reconciliation – 8:45 AM – Church
Deslauriers-Vosburg Wedding – 4:00 PM - Church

Saturday, December 15

1st Reconciliation – 9:00 AM - Church
Prayer Walk – 9:00 AM – Madison East Mall
Mass - 5:15 PM

Sunday, December 16

3rd Sunday of Advent
Mass - 8:00 AM
Faith Formation (Grades 1,3,4) – 9:00 AM – PLC
Mass - 10:00 AM
CLW – 10:10 AM – Matthews Hall
Advent Communal Reconciliation Service – 1:00 PM –
at St. John's

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

JUST A REMINDER

Please **DO NOT** park in front of St. John's maintenance garage in the alley (**by door #15**) during the winter months. Snow removal equipment needs to be taken in and out of this area. You will be towed if necessary. Thank You!!



Laurels Peak Christmas Party

Every year, for the last 45 years, St. John's Council of Catholic Women has hosted a Christmas party for the residents of Laurels Peak. The first Sunday of Advent, the CCW provides Christmas bows.

Please return the gifts to St. John's by Sunday, December 16th, or 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!



ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

The St. John Book Club book for this month is "Wisikin and Hopin" by Wally Lamb. Anita Maki has extra copies, if you'd like a copy or have questions. Discussion will be at 1:30 pm in the St. John's library on December 12th. New members are welcome. If you have any questions please call Anita Maki at 507-386-1395.

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



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



Put the Compassion of Christ back into Christmas! Need a gift idea that mails in a 6x9 envelope to family and friends—use inside cover area designated to express in writing why the recipient defines compassion to you! It is a card and a gift that will be cherished for years to come and remind both the giver and receiver to live with a spirit of compassion.

Over 75 pictures and interactive page to create and display. Need a Secret Santa gift? \$10 plus tax online—all proceeds provide help and create hope for those served by Catholic Charities! Buy online www.ccsomn.org

If you want to avoid mailing and pick books up at Rochester office location call Mary (507-281-6606).

We welcome our newest Christians into the family of God and St. John's parish.



Cooper John Parsley
Parents: Daniel and Morgan Parsley
Baptized : December 2, 2018

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!

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

We wish each of you a prayerful and joyful **season of Advent**. 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.

Grades 3-12 celebrated the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** last week. We thank Fathers Reker, Fogal, Olsem and Schneider for this opportunity.

Ninth graders made their annual **Respect Retreat**, led by Youth Frontiers, on Thursday.

Our high school **Concert Choir** presented their Advent/Christmas concert on Friday evening in the Sisters' chapel. **Check online for our other concerts.**

We continue to use **Top 20** concepts, helping all to be their best and creating a culture in which we daily acknowledge each person's dignity, worth and purpose.

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

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.

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 2, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 11,235.75	\$ 16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 336.01	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 136.00	

Money Counters: Dec. 10 Team 3; Dec. 17 Team 4; Dec. 26 Team 1 & 2

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	\$ 45,820	\$ 25,910
\$ 71,730		

BUILDING TUCK POINTING PROJECT

Cost/Goal	Building & Savings Funds	Contributions needed
\$260,000.00	\$214,091.00	\$45,909.00

St. John's Young Stewards Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$55.29

(Talents from Children's Envelopes)

Time:

Talent:

** 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

Catholics at the Capitol 2019

Are you tired of divisive angry politics? As a Minnesota Catholic you can begin to transform politics in our state. Join thousands of Catholics from across the state for a day of prayer and advocacy in St. Paul that will inspire you and teach you how to put your faith into action! On Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 we're coming together for life and dignity. Visit www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org for details and to register! Space is limited so don't delay! Transportation options are available.



Calvary Cemetery is now taking orders for Christmas Wreaths. To order, please call Terry Miller at 507-995-1010.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Prepare the way of the Lord." *Is 40:3*

Shalom Hill
Winom, MN
February 8-10

Apply/details:
SouthMNWWME.ORG
(507) 227-8229

BEST **Advent** EVER

'TIS (almost)
THE SEASON

Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with . . .

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

To sign up, visit
BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 15/16

Musicians

5:15 pm – Jaci James/ Choir for Christ
8:00 am – Mary Pribyl / Spirit Singers
10:00 am – Jeanne Makela / Mariya Bergquist

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Kelly Andresen, Dale Barrie, Doug Blanchard,
Mardell Brauer, John Bulcock, Lynn Klingsporn, Paul Stevens,
Mary Walker
8:00 am – Massaad Chahine, Jan & Mike Denn, Chuck Frost,
Clarissa Meissner, Colleen Walters, Chad & Martha Witte
10:00 am – Jeff & Laurie Barnett, Beth & Dan Denhof,
Dan, Deb, Sandi & Scott Fogal

Lector

5:15 pm – Doug Blanchard, Ken Klingsporn
8:00 am – Pat Sullivan, Savanna Witte
10:00 am – Nicole Sinn, Lisa Vasquez

Sacristan

5:15 pm – Monica Orth
8:00 am – Randy Meyer
10:00 am – Mike Burkhardt

Server

5:15 pm – Olivia Altomari, Matthew & Thomas Soupir
8:00 am – Nicolas Goebel, Jan Hughes
10:00 am – Cameron Miller, Raitz Connor, Taylor Reuter

Ministers of Hospitality

5:15 pm – Team 1
8:00 am – Team
10:00 am - Team 9

Weekly EM (December 10-14)

Jim Shaw

Laurel's Peak Service – (December 13)

Jane Jans, Elaine Koch

APRIL 29-MAY 10, 2019 - FRANCE TOUR

Travel with Father John for a 12 day France Tour from April 29 – May 10, 2019. Highlights of the tour include Paris – Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower, Sacre Couer, The Louvre – Mona Lisa Painting, Versailles, Giverney-Monet's Gardens, Rouen – Joan of Arc Church, Bayeaux, Normandy Beaches, Museum of the Battle of Normandy, Caen Peace Memorial, Mont St. Michel Abbey, Loire Valley, Chartres Cathedral known worldwide for its stained glass windows, & MORE! The cost of \$3,790.00 includes airfare from Minneapolis, airport taxes, first class hotels, 2 meals a day, and all tours, tips, transfers and guides.

Contact Mary Williams, tour coordinator, at 507-835-2429, cell – 507-461-0942 for details and registration information.

AREA NEWS

*A Christmas Concert and
Carol Sing-Along*

Where: Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
When: Friday, December 14th at 7:00pm

Featuring the combined choirs of the parish and community & the Buella Youth Orchestra, conducted by parish music director, Grace Kunkel & Orchestra program director, Isabel Carter. Accompanied by music director of St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye, Sean Connolly
This event is free and open to the public

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/>.