

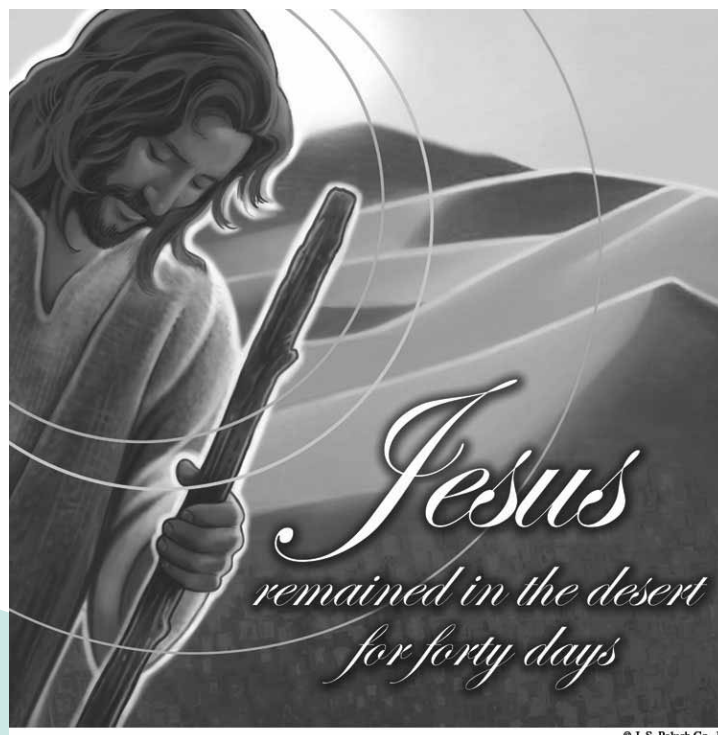
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



February 18, 2018 - First Sunday of Lent - Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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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 went to the desert for 40 days and he was tempted. We now have begun our 40 days of Lenten desert. It means that we agree to this journey. It means that we agree to let the desert come to us. Hopefully we have found that desert place in each of us. We know what will help us be open to God. The practice of living in the desert is probably unique for each of us.

So we receive the Lenten practice as a way to be open to God's presence. God is not trying to test us - to see if we can be faithful. Rather, by receiving our desert, we learn to depend on God. It's not easy being in the desert so we fall back on the faithful and loving care of God. It's the only way that will bring us out of the desert.

Blessings on your Lent,
 Father John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19 - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 8:15 am – No Communion Service

Tuesday, February 20 - Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 8:15 am – Reparation for our sins!

Wednesday, February 21 - Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 8:15 am – Delores Reuter†

Thursday, February 22 - 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
 8:15 am – Communion Service

Friday, February 23 - Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 8:15 am – Dolores Wingert†

Saturday, February 24 - Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 5:15 pm – Jeanne Ross†, Phyllis Goettl†, Tom Frassel†,
 Allen & Jane Ross†, Ann Frost Sobraske†,
 Teresa Brielmaier†

Sunday, February 25 - Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
 Mk 9:2-10

8:00 am – Patricia & Jim Simonett†, Rita Kiffe†,
 Charles Buley

10:00 am – Joseph & Martha Phillips, Vernon & Joe Winter†, Trung Ho†, 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: Monica Priebe, Pastoral Care Associate at:
 monicap@stjohnsmankato.net

THE WEEK AHEAD

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Monday, February 19

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Spirit Singers – 5:30 PM – St Elizabeth Room

Tuesday, February 13

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall

Hope-Grief Ministry – 5:15 PM – John Paul II Room

Finance Meeting – 6:00 PM – Marian Room

Lenten Soup Supper – 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM – Matthews Hall

Stations of the Cross – 6:45 PM - Church

Wednesday, February 14

Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian Room

Journey thru Grief – 9:30 AM – John Paul II Room

Book Club – 1:30 PM – Parish Library

Choir for Christ – 5:15 PM – Church

Roots, Edge – 6:30 PM – Matthews Hall

Speaker - Deb McManimon – 6:30 PM –

Parish Life Center Gym

Life Teen – 8:00 PM – Parish Life Center Gym

Thursday, February 15

Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM – Matthews Hall

Laurels Peak Mass – 3:00 PM – Laurels Peak

Adult Bible Study - Follow Me – 6:30 PM – John Paul II

Friday, February 16

Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library

Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Saturday, February 17

Sunday, February 18

Faith Formation Grades 1 to 4 – 9:00 AM – Parish Life Center

Children's Liturgy – During 10 AM Mass – Matthews Hall

Alpha Spring 2018 – 5:00 PM – Matthews Hall



Knights of Columbus
**FISH FRY
DINNER**
Friday, March 2, 2018
4:30 - 7:00 pm

MENU: Deep Fried or Baked Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Beverage, Dinner Rolls and Dessert! COST Adults: \$10.00, Under 12: \$4.00, Immediate Family Max: \$30.00

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT - LENTEN SEASON

Lenten Soup Supper Come join your parish community at our Lenten Soup Suppers. These wonderful soups will be homemade from scratch, with much love and care! So put aside each Tuesday night in Lent to join fellow parishioners at the table – you might even meet someone new! The Soup Suppers will be offered each Tuesday during Lent with serving starting at 6:00 PM followed by the Stations of the Cross starting at 6:45 PM in the church.

Stations of the Cross will be offered on Tuesday's during Lent starting at 6:45 PM. Stations will be led by Fr John, families and class groups. Remember, soup suppers will be served before Stations starting at 6:00 PM.

Rice Bowl Our parish will be participating in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls are available in the narthex of the church. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl, and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor around the world.

Lenten Booklets for everyone in the parish. This splendid assortment of booklets include daily reflections/meditations; practices/activities; and prayers. Stop by the display in the narthex of the church to make your selection.

Simon Ministry is the name given to our parish vision of Ministry to the Poor and Unemployed. The name was based on the idea of walking with those who are poor and in need as Simon carried the cross for Jesus. We believe caring for the poor in our midst are part of what we are called to do as followers of Jesus. Each Thursday morning, the people that live among us are welcome to Matthews Hall for a simple breakfast, personal care items, cleaning products and every other month a \$10.00 HyVee gift card. Each week during Lent, your family could bring in an item to help restock our shelves. Items of great need are body lotion, Kleenex and bus tokens. Baskets of giving are located in the narthex.

Those who have entered eternal life...



Remember
in
Prayer

Thomas Zimmerman,
husband of Mary Zimmerman
passed away February 11, 2018.
Our deepest sympathy to their family.



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 Twitter! SJB Catholic Church@SJBCCMN

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.



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

Aidan Ryker Huynh, son of Cuong Huynh and Debra Bobendrier.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Knights of Columbus

This is a Catholic family, service organization dedicated to serving the church, the communities in which members live. The Knights stand steadfast in support of the needs of others by supporting and fostering many programs in defense of all life. They assist persons with physical and mental challenges; morally and financially support seminarians and postulants & promote Christian family life.

For more information, contact the parish office 625-3131

DIOCESAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

RETREAT DAY

Saturday, March 10

A retreat on Immigration and refugees will be held on Saturday, March 10 starting at 10 A.M. This event will be held at St. Theodore in Albert Lea, 315 E Clark St. and is sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota.

This retreat is an opportunity to consider the issues of immigration, solidarity and our Christian responsibility. The day will include information, reflection, and shared stories, as well as time for prayer. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Deadline for sign-up is March 1.

To register you may contact Tom Parlin at tparlin@ccsomn.org or 507-454-2270 ext 246

LOYOLA NEWS



Learn about Loyola Catholic School...visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org

K-12 has current openings. Schedule family tours and shadow days at your convenience. Contact Angela Casteel at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org 507.388.0615.

Save the Date...ALL ARE WELCOME

Enrollment Night for 2018-2019, PS-grade 12, February 22, 6pm, for current and prospective families. This is an opportunity for you and your child to come and meet administration, tour, and see all that Loyola offers.

Blood Drive, Feb 27, 8:30-1:30, gym. Walk in or schedule a time at redcrossblood.org

Kindergarten Round Up, March 19, 6pm. We welcome you and your Kindergarten-eligible child to join us to meet teachers and administration, tour classrooms and learn about Kindergarten at Loyola! Childcare for siblings is available. Can't make it on March 19? Come for a family tour on a day that works for you. Call 507-388-0615 to schedule.

Lent At Loyola: We are joining St. Joseph the Worker parish in their effort to build a school for their sister parish in Haiti. During Lent we will learn about Haiti, pray the Stations of the Cross, do Prayer Partner activities, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and spend age-appropriate times in Adoration.

Loyola Kindergarteners enjoyed Dr. Seuss Day at MSU on Friday.

Duram Kelly will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee next week.

Don't miss the City Wide Choral Concert at SSPP, February 25 at 7pm.

Javen Tasler and Landon Javens placed first in their Speech categories at the meet last weekend. Twelve other Loyolans placed 2nd through 6th. Loyola's team placed third.

Did you know? We continue to welcome families who are new to the area or are seeking a change. Come and discover Loyola's unique school culture and academic and co-curricular offerings.

Your parish support makes all we do, learn, and celebrate at Loyola possible, as we *guide students to their full potential, walk with them in faith, and equip them to lead and serve.*

YOUTH

HY-VEE COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE

Hy-Vee coupon books are available in the parish office for \$5 a book. The money raised will go towards this summer's Steubenville Youth Conference and the Leech Lake Mission Trip. Thank you for supporting our youth!

FAITH FORMATION

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Join the Mankato Catholic Community in consecrating ourselves to Divine Mercy. This is a "do it yourself" retreat with optional DVDs that will be shown at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. Pick up the book, 33 Days to Merciful Love in the Parish Office or SSPP Bookstore for \$10.00. Readings begin March 5th and end with the consecration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th. Please contact Linda Zumwalde with questions: lmzumwalde@gmail.com or 720-0467.

10 GREAT WAYS TO SHARE YOUR FAITH



The New Evangelization, Missionary Disciples, The Great Commission... We hear these words talked about, but what do they practically mean? This means being able to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Church with those in our lives and in our communities. Come and learn about ways you can learn to do this.

Pope Francis tells us "We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities when so many people are waiting for the Gospel! ...It's not enough simply to open the door in welcome, but we must go out through that door to seek and meet the people."

You have been put here in this time for a special reason and part of that reason is to share the gift of faith with others. Come and learn 10 practical ways that you can begin to live out your part of God's amazing plan for your life and His people. The workshop is sponsored by St. John's and led by St. Paul Street Evangelization, a grassroots, non-profit Catholic evangelization organization that has showed thousands of ordinary Catholics how to share their faith. Any questions, contact Kelly Huber: khuber@stjohnsmankato.net

Wednesday • February 21st • 6:30pm & 8:00pm • Parish Life Center-Gym

BEST LENT EVER

Did you know you don't have to give something up for lent?! Most Catholics grew up being taught they have to give something up for lent: like chocolate, candy, pop, etc. But what if this lent, instead of giving something up, you developed your character and bettered yourself? Do something life-changing this lent. Sign up for FREE: BestLentEver.com

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Love - Sacrifice - Trust

By Fr. Mike Schmitz

Christ Showed Us the Way

With clarity and profound hope, Fr. Mike Schmitz shows how God's rescue mission for us includes the need for each person to embrace his own cross, and understand that true love requires sacrifice.

Listen on formed.org



"I was struck by the depth of this message for me personally, and how it deepened my relationship with God."

—Martha from Aiken, SC



FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

To Access FORMED.org - Use Parish Code: WHF3J9

Please help us help you!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:

REFRESHER and NEW

Cross Bearer training –

- 1) for servers who have already been serving as Candle Bearer for at least one year
- 2) for servers who have been serving as Cross Bearer but could use a refresher

3) 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 3rd in the church

Candle Bearer training –

- 1) for children 4th grade or older who would like to become a new server
- 2) for servers who have been serving as Candle Bearer but could use a refresher

3) 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 3rd in the church

Contact Jaci in the Parish Office with questions.



New Liturgical Art in the Sanctuary

As you reflect on our beautiful new Lenten liturgical banners in the sanctuary, perhaps you can allow this scripture to come into your heart:

Ezekiel 36:26 "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	February 11, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 12,669.50	\$16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 560.75	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 54.00	

Budget Status: November 2017

	Current Fiscal YTD	Prior Fiscal YTD
Income	\$397,577.21	\$420,546.10
Expenses	(\$402,565.01)	(\$408,272.43)
Operating Net Profit	(\$4,987.80)	\$ 12,273.67

Money Counters: Tue Feb 20 Team 1; Feb 26 Team 2; March 5 Team 3

Thank you for your continued financial support!!

ST. JOHN'S PARISH DEBT

	Balance July 1, 2017	Balance to Date
Catholic Ministries Appeal-2017*	(\$ 30,925)	(\$ 18,516)
Catholic Ministries Appeal-2018*	\$ 0	(\$ 71,730)
Total	(\$30,925)	(\$ 90,246)

St. John's Young Stewards Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$88.00
(Talents from Children's Envelopes)
I watched my puppy

* Catholic Ministries Appeal shortfall from the 2017 Parish obligation paid to the Catholic Foundation of Southern MN which is a separate entity from the Diocese of Winona.

CHAMBER CHOIR OF ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE OF ST. BENEDICT

*In concert Saturday, March 3- 8:00 p.m. at:
SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 105 N, 5th Street*

Traditionally the program features a wide variety of sacred and secular music from around the world, ranging from polyphony of the Renaissance to masterworks of the 21st century.

Admission: The concert is free, but free will donations are welcome to help defray travel costs.

Host families: Are you interested in housing 1 or more choir members for one night? **IF YES**, please contact: Grace Kunkel at SS Peter and Paul: 507-388-2995/102

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Have you always wanted a family? Have you been thinking about adoption but not sure where to start? Call Catholic Charities to schedule an adoption information meeting to learn about different types of adoption, the process, and how to begin. Visit us at www.ccsomn.org or call Catholic Charities at 507-387-5586.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Are you looking for an enriching experience in service to the local community? The Refugee Outreach program sponsored by the Good Counsel Learning Center is seeking volunteers, especially women, to help refugee women in their homes learn functional English. The program provides a teacher for one hour twice a week, with the schedule determined as convenient for both parties. Sr. Richarde' Marie Wolf, coordinator of the program, provides materials and training for volunteers. For further information, call Sr. Richarde' Marie at 507-389-4260 or visit the Refugee Outreach page on the website at www.gclearningcenter.org.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Want to make your Catholic voice heard at the Capitol? Register today to join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101. On February 26th, March 16th, and April 17th, Minnesota Catholics will be gathering at the State Capitol to learn about the issues impacting our faith and daily life. You'll have the chance to hear from and meet with legislators, pray with fellow Catholics, and get a window into the legislative process. These are opportunities for you to share your story and make your voice count. For more information or to register, head to www.mncatholic.org and click on the Capitol 101 banner. Pre-registration is required for this free event and space is limited. A free-will offering will be accepted.

INFORMATION CENTER: Can you help?

How do I become a member at St. John's? How do I get my children involved in Faith Formation? What do we do if we want to get our child baptized here?

These are some of the questions we hear from people before and after Mass. A great way to meet these parishioners and to help them is at weekend Masses! We are looking for up to 12 people to be available at our INFORMATION CENTER for 15 minutes before AND after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. With a good response, each person would only need to serve once every 12 weeks. It's a fun and simple way to get to know and assist parishioners. Basic training is provided! Contact Jaci at 625-3131 or jaci@stjohnsmankato.net if you'd like to learn more about it or to offer your time!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 24/25

Musicians

5:15 pm – Will be contacted
8:00 am – Will be contacted
10:00 am – Will be contacted

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Lisa Adams, Lynn Beadell, Mardell Brauer, John Bulcock, Rita Dauw, Karen Dehn, Paul Gaspar, Kathy Wortel
8:00 am – Teresa Depuydt, Nicole Goebel, Cindy Hanson, Brian & Jan Hughes, Candy Jenson, Donna Kapsner, Patty Marzinske
10:00 am – Miriam Braunhausen, Julia Corbett, Mike Coughlan, Beth & Dan Denhof, Maria Donahue, Jerry & Lucy Goblirsch

Lector

5:15 pm – John Bulcock, Paul Gaspar
8:00 am – Brian & Jan Hughes
10:00 am – Brian Jones, Jim Loaney

Sacristan

5:15 pm – John Fell
8:00 am – Randy Meyer
10:00 am – Terry Alfson

Server

5:15 pm – Monica Orth, Pat Rogness
8:00 am – Eli & Ella Blace
10:00 am – Christian & Ciara Keech, Olivia Sinn

Ministers of Hospitality

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

Weekly EM (February 19-23)

Norma Goodrich

Laurel's Peak - (February 22)

3:00 pm – Carol Stott, Laurett Van Deusen

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

LOVED THE WEDDING. INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE. LOVE, GOD

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones — where married couples can focus just on each other. The next available Weekends are Apr 13-15, 2018 in HUTCHINSON, MN and Feb 23-25, 2018 in Rapid City, SD. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

AREA NEWS

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Please join us for a Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 10, at Holy Rosary Church Basement. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM. At 9 AM, Sister Therese Even SSND will lead us in reflecting on how we can be more aware of God's love and presence in our daily lives. We will learn how the Word of God and Prayer help us to reach that goal and use steps to live life more fully. We will enjoy a light lunch and then another reflection on the importance of forgiveness and healing. We will end around 2 PM with a time for sharing how this day will help us to be ready to experience Easter joy.

We will need to have a number of those attending, so please call our parish office, 507-387-6501, by March 5 to reserve a spot. If you need transportation, please leave that message at the office too.

This is sponsored by the Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women.



PACK THE PEWS WEEKEND: March 17-18

We are joining other faith communities across Minnesota on March 17-18 to Pack the Pews. Please bring nonperishable foods to worship and consider making a monetary donation during the second collection. Food will be delivered to our local food shelf, ECHO.

Did you know hunger is still a problem in Minnesota?

- 1 in 10 Minnesota families experiences food insecurity.
- In 2016 there were over 3 million food shelf visits in Minnesota, half of which were made by children and seniors.
- Last year the March Campaign raised more than 4.7 million pounds of food and \$7.8 million for food shelves around the state.
- 100% of contributions go towards hunger relief.
- Our local food shelf can make each dollar donated stretch further through their access to low-cost products.
- Echo receives matching funds from Minnesota Food Share for all monetary and food donations during March.

"You must actively help the hungry and feed the oppressed. Then your light will dispel the darkness..." - Isaiah 58:10