


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




Knights of Columbus

FISH FRY DINNER

Friday, March 2, 2018
4:30 - 7:00 pm
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
632 South Broad Street, Mankato, MN
Held in Matthews Hall - (basement)

MENU: Deep Fried or Baked Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Beverage, Dinner Rolls and Dessert!

	COST		
Adults:	\$10.00		<i>Proceeds will support St. John's Knights of Columbus and their many activities and charitable contributions</i>
Under 12:	\$4.00		
Immediate Family Max:	\$30.00		

February 25, 2018 - Second Sunday of Lent - Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

PARISH CONTACTS

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Loyola Catholic School	507-388-0600
Website - www.loyolacatholicschool.org	

LOYOLA AMBASSADORS ST. JOHN'S PARISH:

Beth Johnson 388-6312

ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

Pastoral Leadership Team:

Monica Priebe	Jaci James
John Fell	Joan Kellen
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Finance Council:

Kelsie Davis	Beth Baker
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Faith Formation Advisory and Development Board:

Mick Hickok, adult rep	Kim Hermer, family rep
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Amy Kloss, family rep	Kelly Meehling, family rep
Clarissa Meissner, young family rep	

Parish Trustees:

Jim Swanson	Najwa Massad
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From the Pastor's Desk

It seems hard to comprehend that suffering and death will bring us to a greater life. Abraham faced the possible death of his son and he became the father of nations.

The disciples faced the eventual death of Jesus, and then discovered the fullness of resurrected life. We will face little deaths and sufferings in our lives. These things will seem major when they happen - a friend disappoints us, a sickness brings us great discomfort, a loved one dies, etc. These experiences may test our faith and lead to discouragement. But the reality of a faith-filled life will carry us into a position of new and more abundant life.

Lenten Peace,
Father John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 26 - Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
8:15 am – Communion Service

Tuesday, February 27- Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
8:15 am – Dolores Wingert†

Wednesday, February 28 - Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
8:15 am – Communion Service

Thursday, March 1 - Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
8:15 am – Communion Service

Friday, March 2 - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-46
8:15 am – Communion Service

Saturday, March 3 - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
5:15 pm – Patricia & Jim Simonett†, Dolores Wingert†,
James Esser†

Sunday, March 4 - Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
8:00 am – Julian Goettl†, Herbert Putze†, Marian Scheible†,
Thomas Zimmerman†
10:00 am – Charles Regenscheid†, 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: **Monica Priebe, Pastoral Care Associate at:**
monicap@stjohnsmankato.net

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 26

Spirit Singers – 5:30 PM – St Elizabeth room

Tuesday, February 27

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Hope-Grief Ministry – 5:15 PM – John Paul II room
Lenten Soup Supper – 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM – Matthews Hall
Knights of Columbus – 6:30 PM – Parish Life Center
Stations of the Cross – 6:45 PM - Church

Wednesday, February 28

Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room
Choir for Christ – 5:15 PM – Church
Roots, Edge – 6:30 PM – Matthews Hall
Life Teen – 8:00 PM – Parish Life Center Gym

Thursday, March 1

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 rm

Friday, March 2

Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library
Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
Knights of Columbus fish fry – 4:30 PM - Matthews Hall

Saturday, March 3

Server Refresher/Training – 10:00 AM – Church
Couples Study – 6:30 PM – PLC Middle Classroom

Sunday, March 4

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 MEET

Tuesday, February 27, 2018
6:30 pm - Parish Life Center



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

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

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.

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*



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.



2018
Catholic Ministries Appeal
Renew Faith. Extend Mercy. Inspire Hope.

Mini Story
John & Rebecca Gust
St. Augustine, Austin

RENEW
faith
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INSPIRE
hope

We are thankful for the support that the Diocese of Winona offers our marriage through opportunities like the **Couples Retreat** that we attended last fall. Between multiple jobs and multiple children, we are often tempted to neglect our marriage relationship in favor of more pressing tasks, but attending the Couples Retreat allowed us to take time to focus on the vocation that God has called us to live out daily by loving one another. In addition to growing in our relationship with God and one another through the time we spent together free of distractions, our lives were touched through the stories we heard and the people we met on the retreat, which continue to inspire us to persevere in our daily efforts to be good spouses and parents.

Please give generously to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal

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

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

• **Kindergarten Round Up, March 19**, 6pm. Bring your Kindergarten-eligible child, meet teachers and administration, tour classrooms and find out what Kindergarten at Loyola is all about! Childcare for siblings is available. Can't make it? Schedule a family tour (call 507.388.0615) on a day that works for you.

• **Monday, May 14**, Loyola Crusader Golf Classic: Four-person scramble golf event friendly enough for the weekend golfer but challenging enough for the competitive player! Registration information coming soon!

All eight of the Loyola **Regional Science Fair** participants qualified for the **State Science Fair** April 8-10. Congratulations to Emily Coudron, Luiza Flores, Duram Kelly, Mariah Kreykes, Marie Leonard, Elaine Ludvik, Cyemone Nusser, and Sarah Yenish.

Physics Classes enjoyed a morning of Curling on February 21, analyzing, observing and calculating force, momentum, velocity, and mass. Students displayed their **History Day** projects during conferences on February 22 and 23. Don't miss the **City Wide Choral Concert** at SSPP, February 25 at 7pm.

Lent at Loyola: We are joining St. Joseph the Worker parish in building 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.

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.

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

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Show your spouse how much you appreciate them with some quality time together. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend makes a great gift for any special occasion. The next available Weekends are Apr 13-15, 2018 in HUTCHINSON, MN and Apr 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN. 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.



We Welcome Newcomers to Our Parish Family...

*Laura Schulte
Meghan Lyons*

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Lectio: Prayer

"God, are you there?"

How often do we feel like our prayer is a one-sided conversation? In this moving and informative presentation on the art of Lectio Divina, Dr. Tim Gray reveals how praying with Scripture can be a powerful means of entering into an authentic dialogue and intimate encounter with God.

Watch on formed.org



"Makes understanding HOW to pray much clearer... I now understand why many "prayers" have gone unanswered—I simply talked AT God instead of listening first and then responding... Great course."

—Michael A, Clarksburg, MD



FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

To Access FORMED.org - Use Parish Code: WHF3J9

DIOCESAN SOCIAL CONCERNS RETREAT

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@ccsommn.org or 507-454-2270 ext 246

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	February 18, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 14,926.50	\$16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 686.37	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 91.00	

Budget Status: January 2018

	Current Fiscal YTD*	Prior Fiscal YTD
Income	\$673,995.11	\$660,031.90
Expenses	(\$581,085.38)	(\$591,847.44)
Operating Net Profit	\$ 92,909.73	\$ 68,184.46

* Results reflect many 2018 full year contributions.

Money Counters: Feb 26 Team 2; March 5 Team 3; March 12 Team 4

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	(\$ 70,396)
Total	(\$30,925)	(\$ 88,912)

St. John's Young Stewards Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$84.14
(Talents from Children's Envelopes)
I helped bake.
I cleaned room.
I helped hold Britney.

** 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.

LITURGICAL CORNER



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.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Diocese of Winona and Catholic Charities Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Program thank everyone who participated in the 2017 Baby Bottle Campaign! With just a simple baby bottle to collect coins, we were able to raise \$50,000 for the Mother and Child Assistance Fund. This fund will assist pregnant women and women with babies throughout our entire Diocese. Thank you to all those who donated, coordinated the effort at your parish, and to all the parishes who sponsored the campaign!

“This grant will help me get back on my feet to not only get by, but to actually plan for my child so that he can have everything he is going to need when he is born”. – Sidney

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)

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The Parish Pictorial Directory has become a number one “go to” resource for many in our parish family as we strive to connect names with faces, children with families, and families with each other. We are hoping to provide an opportunity for updated directories this fall but FIRST we need a couple of KEY VOLUNTEERS to coordinate the effort. Please contact Jaci in the Parish Office (625-3131 or jaci@stjohnsmankato.net) NO LATER THAN MARCH 11 if you have questions or would be interested in leading (co-leading) this effort. Resources and training are provided, as well as, a direct contact representative.

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 is 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. Call Sr. Richarde' Marie at 507-389-4260 or visit the Refugee Outreach page on the website at www.gclearningcenter.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 3/4

Musicians

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

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Dale Barrie, John Fell, Bonnie Gilbert, Michelle Goodrich, Barbara Haag, Lynn Klingsporn, Jane Kohler, Glenda Landsteiner
8:00 am – Dan Kapsner, Clarissa Meissner, Patty Mejias, Ron & Terri Prange, Bill Simonett, Pat Sullivan, Colleen Walters
10:00 am – Dan & Deb Fogal, Sandi & Scott Fogal, Ma Linda Henderson, Blake Johnson, Jeanne Kelly, Amy Kloss

Lector

5:15 pm – Rita Oliver, Mary O'Sullivan
8:00 am – Nicole Goebel, Mark Traxler
10:00 am – Chris Meehan, Nick Meyer

Sacristan

5:15 pm – John Bulcock
8:00 am – Sarah Odegard
10:00 am – Maggie Bennett

Server

5:15 pm – Claire Orcutt, Sam Orcutt
8:00 am – Nicolas Goebel, Ethan Kapaun
10:00 am – Cameron Miller, Connor Raitz, Annabelle Sheldon

Ministers of Hospitality

5:15 pm – Team 4
8:00 am – Team 8
10:00 am – Team 12

Weekly EM (February 26-March 2)

Jim Shaw

Laurel's Peak - (March 1)

3:00 pm – Duane Wallin, Margaret Schmidt, Ronnie Leech

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

AREA NEWS

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

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

DO YOU PROVIDE CARE FOR A LOVED ONE?

Call now to sign-up for a FREE POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS workshop. Participants learn practical skills proven to reduce stress, communicate more effectively, improve self-care, make effective decisions and access community resources for caregivers. A FREE workshop sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern MN, will meet six Tuesdays, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. beginning March 13th – April 17th at Catholic Charities Mankato office located at 201 N. Broad St, Suite 100.

For more information or to register, contact Mary at Catholic Charities, 507-387-5587, ext 3 or mcassem@ccsommn.org
Class size is limited, so REGISTER BY MARCH 9th to hold your place!

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.ccsommn.org or call Catholic Charities at 507-387-5586.