

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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February 4, 2018 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

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Amy Kloss, family rep	Kelly Meehling, family rep
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Parish Trustees:

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WHAT IS ALPHA?

It is an opportunity to explore life and faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. All are welcome to join in food, fellowship and faith sharing: **Alpha**

- Meal provided each week
- Free to participate
- Childcare provided

Sessions will be held every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. for 12 weeks beginning on February 18.

If interested in participating, contact Kelly Huber at the Parish Office at: khuber@stjohnsmankato.net

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 5 - *1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56*
 8:15 am – Communion Service

Tuesday, February 6 - *1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13*
 8:15 am – Betty Simpson

Wednesday, February 7 - *1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23*
 8:15 am – Julian Goettl†, Dolores Wingert†

Thursday, February 8 - *1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30*
 8:15 am – Communion Service

Friday, February 9 - *1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37*
 8:15 am – Hazel Jones†

Saturday, February 10 - *1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10*
 5:15 pm – Mark Snaza†, Phyllis Goettl†, Ray & Jean Ryan†, John Flintrop†, Tom & Dan Wieskus†, David Graham†

Sunday, February 11 - *Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45*

8:00 am – Paul Brockhaus†, Dolores Wingert†

10:00 am – Joseph and Martha Phillips, Troy Mueller†, Duane Javens†, Trung Ho†



**Ash
 Wednesday**

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 14, 2018

8:15am - Mass
 12:10pm - ashes only, no Mass
 7:00pm - Youth Mass

THE WEEK AHEAD

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Monday, February 5

Spirit Singers – 5:30 PM – St Elizabeth room

Tuesday, February 6

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall

Piecemakers – 9:00 AM – Matthews Hall

Journey to Justice – 3:30 PM – Matthews Hall

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

Pastoral Leadership Team – 6:00 PM – Marian Room

Wednesday, February 7

Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room

Journey thru Grief – 9:30 AM – Marian room

Choir for Christ – 5:15 PM - Church

Roots, Edge – 6:30 PM – PLC Cafeteria, Matthews Hall

Life Teen – 8:00 PM – PLC Gym

Thursday, February 8

Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM – Matthews Hall

Laurels Peak – 3:00 PM – Laurels Peak

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

Friday, February 9

Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library

Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Saturday, February 10

Sunday, February 11

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

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

NO MEN'S CLUB MEETING
The Men's Club will not meet this Thursday, February 8, 2018.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT - LENTEN SEASON

Lenten Soup Supper Come join your parish community at our Lenten Soup Suppers. These wonderful soups will be homemade, for 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.

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](mailto:monicap@stjohnsmankato.net)**



We Welcome Newcomers to Our Parish Family...

*Megan & Samuel Brockshus
Sarah Deslauriers
Charles & Holly Schoettler
Robert & Brenda Stevermer*

CELEBRATING WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On this *World Day for Consecrated Life*, consider ways that you can meet or get to know someone who has embraced the consecrated life. Ask them why they have chosen this lifestyle and hear their story - how they have met Christ along the way and how they have been Christ to others...perhaps you may want to join them on their journey.



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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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Lenten Soup Suppers

During the Lenten season Lenten Soup Suppers will be offered each Tuesday night, followed by the Stations of the Cross. Help is needed preparing the soup and dining area for this meal. Meal is served from 6:00 – 6:45 pm.

Lead Stations of the Cross in Lent

Lead the assembly through the Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm during Lent. Booklets and minimal training provided.

For more information, contact Jaci in the parish office 625-3131 or email: jaci@stjohnsmankato.net

LISTENING FOR THE STILL, SMALL VOICE OF GOD

In 1Kings 19:11-12, Elijah hears God's voice not in the strong wind, but rather in a quiet whisper. In the midst of our busy lives and the many voices around us clamoring to be heard, it can be difficult to hear God's still, small voice within us. Join with women 18-45 yrs. seeking to listen to how God is calling them in their lives at this time. Learn ways to recognize God's voice and God's leading in your daily life and as you face various decisions. The group will meet Feb. 5, March 12, April 9, and May 14, 7:00-8:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Church in Mankato. If interested or if you have more questions please contact Sr. Stephanie at sspandl@ssnd.org or 651-278-4498.

LOYOLA NEWS

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

K-12 has current openings; **PS/PK 2018-2019** enrollment begins soon! Schedule family tours and shadow days at your convenience. **Call Angela Casteel at 507-388-0615 or email acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org**

Save the Date...ALL ARE WELCOME

High School Information Night, February 5, 7pm.
Enrollment Night for 2018-2019, February 22, 6pm.
Kindergarten Round Up, March 19, 6pm.

Loyola celebrated National Catholic Schools Week, January 28-February 3, with Mass, activities, and service projects. Our theme, **Draw The Circle Wide**, celebrated the welcome Loyola extends to students/families of many cultures and traditions, and the **local and global imprint** made by our students, families and staff.

Our **thanks to each of the local parishes** for their faithful support, helping to provide Catholic Education to young people in the Mankato area since 1865. We are proud to be your parish school, *"Leading through Faith, academic excellence and service."*

Congratulations to:

• **Middle School Robotics Teams 67254A, 67254C, and 67254Z** who are competing at the Minnesota VEX IQ State Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 3.

o **"A" Team:** Teigyn Moore, Joe Kollasch, Raiden Gruenzner, Mason Stoffel, Beth Ness, and Emily Coudron (This team will also be competing at the CREATE U.S. Open Robotics Tournament in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on April 2-4, along with teams from across the country - and around the world!)

o **"C" Team:** James Alto, Logan Barke, Max Bolstad, Skyler Hill-Koenen, Quinn Kelly, Brandon Nguyen, and Lex Streeter

o **"Z" Team:** Andrew Buboltz, Ethan Christoffer, John Ruach, Derek Stierlen, Christian Theuninck, Gavin Walters, and Anders Winch

• **One Act Play** cast and crew who placed second in Sub-Section competition on January 27 and are competing in Sections this weekend.

• **Loyola musicians**, Sal Aloisio, Duram Kelly and Ben Morales, selected to participate in the **South Central Band Directors Association Honor Band** on February 10.

• **School Spelling Bee** winner Duram Kelly.

• **MATHCOUNTS** participants, Alexa Bolstad, Grace Monson, Marie Leonard and Annelise Winch, selected to represent Loyola at the chapter competition at MSU-Mankato on Friday.

YOUTH

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

Child Care Provided

Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 4:00-10:00PM

Drop your kids off at the Parish Life Center Gym and go enjoy an early Valentines date. We are taking children of all ages. \$15 per child.

This is a fundraiser for youth trips and activities. To reserve child care space for your child(ren), call Clarissa Meissner at 507-317-1078 or Email: crmeissner@hotmail.com.

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

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Invitation on the Catholic Social Teachings

You are invited to deepen your faith by coming to a time of faith sharing on the 7 themes of Catholic Social teaching. They will guide us into reflection and action during this season of Lent and beyond.

Catholic Social Teaching



The 7 topics are:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community, & Participation
- Rights & Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor & Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work & the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

Join us & invite a friend!

Monday's, Noon-1:30, Matthews Hall

February 12 – March 26

Sr Sylvia Borgmeier will lead this program designed by Tom Parlin, Winona Diocesan Social Justice Office. To register email Monica (monicap@stjohnsmankato.net) or Kelly (khuber@stjohnsmankato.net) or call the parish office. No charge.

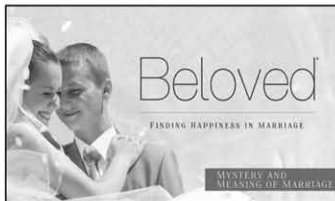
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Beloved

Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Why does the Church care so much about marriage?

Beloved, an Augustine Institute Studios original production, explores the essential realities of marriage. Through Scripture, Tradition, and Church teaching, you'll gain a deeper understanding of this Sacrament and how it connects with God's plan for humanity.



"I've been married for 12 years and I've never understood marriage in the way it's presented in Beloved. I want to share this from the rooftops!"

—Marie, Sterline Heights, MI

Watch on formed.org



Those who have entered eternal life...



Duane Javens,
passed away January 19, 2018.
Our deepest sympathy to his family.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	January 28, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 13,237.75	\$16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 494.60	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 211.00	

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: Feb 5 Team 3; Feb 12 Team 4; Tue Feb 20 Team 1

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 \$93.11

* 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

Please help us help you!



Experience **"Peace through Planning"** for life's critical moments. Death comes to each of us. Often we have very little forewarning or control over the circumstances of our dying. Planning for these end times is a gentle way of being supportive of our loved ones who, while grieving our dying, must also try to make a peaceful, orderly, and spiritual transition to living without us.

If you or a loved one are facing final illness, death, and funeral planning, or you just want to prepare for that unknown day when you will be called home, ease the burden by picking up a **"Peace through Planning"** booklet. This guide is available at any time in the parish office and is designed to make the planning for end times a logical step in the life of a responsible and caring adult.

PLEASE NOTE - PICK UP/DROP OFF CORNER: Please keep the 1st parking stall right in front of the main entrance available for PICK UP/DROP OFF for major events/Masses in the church. Thank you!

DO YOU HAVE A HARD TIME HEARING THE READINGS AND HOMILIES AT MASS? Contact an **Usher** before Mass to arrange for use of one of our LISTEN sound devices that will clarify and enhance your listening experience. You can continue to wear your hearing aid with the device if you prefer. You will need to provide your name and phone number for us.

If you or someone you know has **difficulty approaching the altar to receive communion**, please notify an usher as he/she assists those in your row to the communion procession. A Minister of Holy Communion will be happy to come to you with the Eucharist.

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 10/11

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, Lynn Beadell, Mardell Brauer, Rita Dauw, Karen Dehn, John Fell, Paul Gaspar, Bonnie Gilbert
8:00 am – Donna Kapsner, Najwa Massad, Clarissa Meissner, Pat Sullivan, Barb & Mark Traxler, Colleen Walters, Mary Westby
10:00 am – Delanie Jaqua, Jen Pfeffer, Dianne Reuter, Kathy Sanger, Pamela Steffl, Becki & Gary Stranik, Helen Ward

Lector

5:15 pm – John Fell, Monica Orth
8:00 am – Mary Westby, Savanna Witte
10:00 am – Mike Coughlan, Bruno Gad

Sacristan

5:15 pm – Dale Barrie
8:00 am – Courtney Schaefer
10:00 am – Sarah Nelson

Server

5:15 pm – Tom Schoen, James Schueneman
8:00 am – Ella Blace, Patty Mejias
10:00 am – Matthew & Sara Gartner, Calvin O'Connor

Ministers of Hospitality

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

Weekly EM (February 5-9)

Ann Benson

Laurel's Peak - (February 8)

Mike Burkhardt, Theresa Evers

REFLECTING ON THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Come apart for a while; enter more fully into our Lenten Journey and be nourished for this time. Saturday, February 17, 2018, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Sacred Space Ministry at 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN. Presenters: Sisters Mary Kay Gosch and Mary Jo Welter. The day will include some input, reflection time and sharing. Fee: \$40, includes lunch. Please register by February 13, 2018. 507-389-4266 or mjwelter@ssndcp.org.



**FLOWERS FOR MARY
DONATED FOR WEEK OF
February 3/4**

*Donated by Mike & Jean Burkhardt
for Special Intentions.*

AREA NEWS

LENTEN RETREAT

Prepare your heart and mind for Lent with a 'Silent Retreat' *Pacem in Terris*, a hermitage sanctuary. This hermitage sanctuary offers the desert experience of silence and solitude in your own hermitage nestled in a 240 acre wooded area of natural beauty. Come to Pacem to heal, restore, enlighten, and energize... to enter back into the journey of life more connected and united with God than ever before.

Pacem in Terris Hermitage Retreat Center
26399 Hwy. 47 NW, Isanti, Mn 55040

Call for reservations: 763-444-6408

Gift certificates available. www.paceminterris.org

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER FISH FRY

St. Joseph the Worker Men's Club will serve its annual Fish Fry at the parish auditorium, West 7th & Hubbell, Mankato, on Friday evening, February 16, 2018, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors, \$3.00 for children 12 and under, and \$20.00 maximum for a family (parents, and children under 18).

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." - Colossians 3:12. Experience these at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available weekends are Feb 16-18, 2018 in Windom, MN and Apr 13-15, 2018 in HUTCHINSON, 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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ and spread the gospel message. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.