



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

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, January 28, 2018

From 8:45am—11:30am in Matthews Hall
(Lower Level of St. John's Church)

Come Join us for...

**Delicious Pancakes (plain and blueberry), Eggs,
Meat, Apple Sauce, Coffee, Milk and Orange Juice**

Suggested Donation: Adults \$5
\$20.00 Max for family

January 28, 2018 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 29 - *2Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20*
8:15 am – Communion Service

Tuesday, January 30 - *2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43*
8:15 am – Communion Service

Wednesday, January 31 - *2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6*
8:15 am – Communion Service

Thursday, February 1 - *1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13*
8:15 am – Communion Service

Friday, February 2 *Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40*
8:15 am – Communion Service

Saturday, February 3 - *1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34*
5:15 pm – Charles Regenscheid†, Thomas Schoen†

Sunday, February 4 - *Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39*

8:00 am – James Hanneman†, Ken & Marilyn Berg†,
Dolores Wingert†

10:00 am – Mary Goettl†, Delores Reuter†, John Schuh†,
August Flintrop†

THE WEEK AHEAD

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Monday, January 29

Spirit Singers – 5:30 PM – St Elizabeth room

Tuesday, January 30

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall

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

Wednesday, January 31

Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room

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

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

Thursday, February 1

Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM – Matthews Hall

Laurels Peak – 3:00 PM – Laurels Peak

Bible Study, Follow Me – 6:30 PM – John Paul II rm

Friday, February 2

Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library

Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Saturday, February 3

Sunday, February 4

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

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



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for
Consecrated Life will
be celebrated in the

Church on Thursday, February 2, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

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LET US PRAY ...

For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person that they may experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness. We pray to the Lord...

We pray for those who are consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. May they always reveal the love of Christ to those they encounter and continue to enrich our world by their dedicated lives of prayer. Lord hear us...

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

Spirit Singers

Participants must be committed to practicing with the group on a regular basis. Spirit Singers consist of men and women, age 16 or older, who sing unison to 4-part choral/hymn song with instrumentation as available. They lead music at masses and special liturgies from September through May, rotating at each mass time. Complete schedule available.

Voices in Praise (VIP)

The assembly truly responds to small groups of music leaders. VIP is an ad hoc group of musicians who gather to rehearse at least one hour before mass or special liturgies. Some additional instrumentation or part reading may be involved. Anyone age 12 or older is welcome to participate. This group leads at all mass times. Complete schedule available.

LIT Band

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in LIT Band as singers or instrumentalists. Youth gather to share Christ through the prayer of music and camaraderie. Please come and grow in faith with us!

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

LOYOLA NEWS

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

K-12 has current openings; PS/PK 2018-2019 enrollment is coming 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

January 26: MSU Honor Band Concert, featuring high school musicians from 35 schools including six musicians from Loyola, 4:30, MSU CSU ballroom

January 30: Catholic Schools Week Mass with Bishop Quinn, 10:30, St. Joseph the Worker parish. All are welcome!

Our promise of prayer and sympathy to the family of **Dave Ruby**, father of Loyola events coordinator Ginger Leiferman.

On Monday, Loyola will welcome **seven students from Buenos Aires, Argentina** for a five-week stay. The students' schedule includes classes, tours, co-curricular activities, service opportunities and fun! **If your place of business would welcome these students for a visit or tour** please contact Angela Casteel at 507.388.0615 or email acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org

We are planning activities and outreach to celebrate **National Catholic Schools Week** later this month. We especially want to celebrate the **local and global imprint** Loyola students make through their service and generosity.

Did you know? Loyola has enrolled nine new students in preschool, elementary, junior high and/or high school, since the beginning of the school year. 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.*

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 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.

YOUTH

YOUTH CALENDAR FUNDRAISER/COUPON BOOK SALES

January 27th/28th after all Masses

The high school youth will be doing their calendar fundraiser again this year. You put your name on a date and that is what you pay (i.e. write your name on the 20th, pay \$20)!

They will also be selling Hy-Vee coupon books 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!

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John



Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks

of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ, St. John's will begin *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* **January 25, 2018 at 6:30pm in the JP II room. For more information or to register, contact Joann Jaqua (joann.jaqua@gmail.com) or the parish office.**

You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

Follow Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. You will learn what it takes to follow him. You will experience the joy of divine friendship, and you will see how God—and only God—can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

Participants of Follow Me will receive a workbook for \$25.00 and will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Dr. Edward Sri, will guide you through the Gospel of John. Dr. Sri will explain how Christ's encounters with others in the Gospel are examples of how he lovingly and persistently calls each of us to a more intimate and life-changing relationship with him.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Saint John Bosco Mission to Love

Meet St. John Bosco, Patron Saint of Young People

Discover the inspiring story of St. John Bosco, a brave priest whose ministry to homeless, outcast boys of Turin, Italy inspired the formation of the Salesians. See the incredible joy, trials, and profound charity that allowed John Bosco to win young souls for Christ.



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WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Love one another as I have loved you." - John 13:34 - Experience the love of your spouse in a deeper, more meaningful way on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next available Weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 in Hermantown, MN and Feb 9-11, 2018 in Buffalo, 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	January 21, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 14,458.25	\$16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 548.00	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 22.00	

Money Counters: Jan 29 Team 2; Feb 5 Team 3; Feb 12 Team 4

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

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 \$62.89
(Talents from Children's Envelopes)
 I watched the baby
 I helped mummy
 I played with sister

* 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.

SUPER BREAKFAST FOR SUPER CAUSE

Start your Super Bowl Sunday with a Super Breakfast for a Super Cause! North Mankato Knights of Columbus Annual Pro Life Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast. Super Bowl Sunday February 4. Serving times 8:30-12:00 at Holy Rosary Church Lower Social Hall, 525 Grant Avenue North Mankato.

Serving Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and assorted beverages. Cost will be free will offering.

Proceeds to support Pro Life Causes in our community.

ST. MARY'S BINGO BLITZ

St. Mary's School Hall, Madelia

**Sunday, January 28, 2018 - 12:30 Early Bird, 1:30 Bingo
\$2,000 PAY OUT**

Tickets available at 507-642-3324. Lunch and snacks start at 11:30am. All proceeds go to St. Mary's School for a Religious Education.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

AUTHORITY ALSO REQUIRES SUBMISSION

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark, it is reported that Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach, but His teaching was somewhat different from that normally heard there "for he taught with authority and not as the scribes." Often those who taught in Jesus' time (the scribes) simply quoted others, a variety of Rabbis.

However, Jesus taught with authority because He had authority. Jesus' divine message was not quoting other humans, but quoting God. Jesus was One with God so He knew what He was talking about. Jesus taught with authority because He believed what He was teaching. He was familiar with the information which allowed Him to teach boldly. People listening could perceive that this was someone Who knew.

Up until this time we have seen the Lord as the Son of Man Who submitted to His Father. He submitted to God in His Baptism, and to the Holy Spirit in the wilderness. To have authority also requires submission. We, too, are called to submit to God, but for us that is sometimes challenging because it requires humility, something that is not easy for many of us.

Later in the Gospel of John there is another account of the Lord teaching at the Temple. He is challenged, and His response is quite simply, "My teaching is not from myself; it comes from the one who sent me." We are not divine, but we, too, are sent.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 3/4

Musicians

5:15 pm – Jaci James, Alia & Lydia Meehling

8:00 am – Tom & Lisa Bierer

10:00 am – Spirit Singers

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Lisa Adams, John Bulcock, Jane Kohler, Glenda Landsteiner, Phyllis Maloney, Kelly Meehling, Monica Orth, Kathy Wortel

8:00 am – Brian & Jan Hughes, Dan Kapsner, Patty Marzinske, Patty Mejias, Ron & Terri Prange, Bill Simonett

10:00 am – Joann Jaqua, Blake Johnson, Dawn Matz, Sarah Nelson, Sharon Patterson, Jennifer Potocnik, Mike Ulman, Lisa Vasquez

Lector

5:15 pm – Sheila Skilling, Kathy Wortel

8:00 am – Bill Simonett, Pat Sullivan

10:00 am – JoAnn Alfson, Susan Baker

Sacristan

5:15 pm – Monica Orth

8:00 am – Pat Sullivan

10:00 am – Joann Jaqua

Server

5:15 pm – Sam Orcutt, Matthew & Thomas Soupir

8:00 am – Nicolas Goebel, Ethan Kapaun

10:00 am – Ava & Lizzy Boerboom, Taylor Reuter

Ministers of Hospitality

5:15 pm – Team 4

8:00 am – Team 8

10:00 am - Team 12

Weekly EM (January 29 - February 2)

Norma Goodrich

Laurel's Peak - (February 1)

Terri Prange, Jeanne Morgan, Fred Jensen

AREA NEWS

OPTIONS FOR WOMEN OPEN HOUSE

Our pregnancy resource center, Options For Women|Mankato has moved. Come to an Open House, **Sunday, January 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** 11 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 011. There is free parking in the 2nd St. and Cherry St. ramps. Enter under the black awing and take the elevator to floor D. Bring along a friend.

WIDOWED, DIVORCED OR PERMANENTLY SEPARATED

Do you know someone who is suffering from the loss of a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation? Someone who seems “stuck” in the cycle of grief? Beginning Experience of Rochester is an International Ministry offering a program called “Coping with Life Alone” to help participants move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with hope renewed. These weekly classes are presented by those who have suffered life changing losses themselves and are willing to share their experience.

“Coping with Life Alone” is a ten session class meets weekly beginning on Monday, January 29, 2018 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904. The sessions focus on such topics as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with life as a single person.

Contact Beginning Experience Rochester by calling 507-261-8248 or emailing beminnesota@gmail.com or visit www.beminnesota.org to start an amazing healing process for yourself or to encourage someone you love to step beyond grief and pain.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

“It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.” -

St. Theresa of Calcutta

Please join Bishop John M. Quinn at the Annual Prayer Service for Life on **Sunday, January 28, at 3:00 pm** at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Blue Earth (214 Holland St). Prayers of reparation and healing will be offered as we mourn the loss of millions of lives because of forty-five years of legalized abortion in America.



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