

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

126th
St. Patrick's Day
Ham Dinner

SUNDAY
March 11, 2018
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

MENU: Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baked Beans,
Potato Salad, Relishes, Jello, Rolls, Coffee or Milk, Plus Pie!

COST: Adults - \$10.00, K-6th - \$3.00, Preschool FREE,
Family Max \$30.00



March 11, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Gospel: John 3: 14-21

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Website - www.loyolacatholicschool.org	

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Beth Johnson 388-6312

ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

Pastoral Leadership Team:

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Clarissa Meissner, young family rep	

Parish Trustees:

Jim Swanson	Najwa Massad
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From the Pastor's Desk

This week brings us to invite many to our St. Patrick's Dinner. The Irish people were responsible for the beginning of St. John the Baptist Church. It helped that the Bishop's name was John Ireland, who was responsible for the settlement of Irish people in various parts of Southern Minnesota. So our diocese has a strong connection to Ireland and has had a number of Irish born priests serve our parishes over the years.

The Kunz family originated in Germany, of all things. However, my mother was part Irish. So I have always claimed some Irish connection. As we gather for Eucharist and a delicious Ham Dinner, we stand in a strong faith background, with its roots in the devout and faithful people of Ireland.

Peace,
Father John

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Sunday, March 25, 2018 at St. John's 2:00 PM

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION - ST. JOHN'S

Friday, March 23, 2018 at 8:45 AM

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 4:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 12 - Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

8:15 am – Communion Service

Tuesday, March 13 - Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

8:15 am – Hazel Jones†, Delores Reuter†

Wednesday, March 14 - Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

8:15 am – John Schuh†

Thursday, March 15 - Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

8:15 am – Communion Service

Friday, March 16 - Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:15 am – Vic Chalhoub†

Saturday, March 17 - Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

5:15 pm – Debby McGuire†, Phyllis Goettl†,

Charles Buley†, Katherine Thro Frost†,

Tom & Dan Wieskus†

Sunday, March 18 - Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

8:00 am – Pat Kuck, Dave Sullivan†

10:00 am – Paul Hanly†, Delores Reuter†, Vernon & Joe Winter†

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, March 12

Catholic Social Teaching – 12:00 PM – Matthews Hall
CCW meeting – 3:30 PM – John Paul II room
Spirit Singers – 5:00 PM – St Elizabeth room

Tuesday, March 13

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
Stations of the Cross – 6:45 PM - Church

Wednesday, March 14

Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room
Sunday Experience Team meet – 5:15 PM – John Paul II rm
Roots, Edge – 6:30 PM – PLC Cafeteria/Matthews Hall
Life Teen – 8:00 PM – Parish Life Center Gym

Thursday, March 15

Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Simon Ministry Monthly meet – 12:00 PM – Matthews Hall
Laurels Peak Mass – 3:00 PM – Laurels Peak
Choir for Christ – 5:15 PM - Church
Adult Bible Study, Follow Me – 6:30 PM – John Paul II rm

Friday, March 16

Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library
Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Saturday, March 17

Couples Study – 6:30 PM – PLC Middle Classroom

Sunday, March 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

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.

March 13th - Cervantes: *All sorrows are less with bread*
Menu: Chicken Enchilada soup - (both a broth and cheese based option) - Homemade Cornbread- Fresh Fruit- Dessert.

Please note that each week there is a gluten and dairy free option for those with food sensitivities.

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.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

LIVING THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY *within our parish & our surrounding community*

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teaching of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat others, as if they were Christ in disguise. In living the mission of Catholic Charities, we are called to provide help and create hope by responding to the basic needs of humanity. Join us on our journey to live the Corporal Works of Mercy by caring for those living on the margins.

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY:

- Encourage your children to donate their summer “lemonade stand” dollars to Catholic Charities in order to purchase milk for a child in need.
- People are “thirsty” for knowledge—join a program or group to learn more about your faith or those living in your neighborhood.
- Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the water faucet when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help.
- Use reusable water containers.
- Bring Communion to the homebound



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***



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

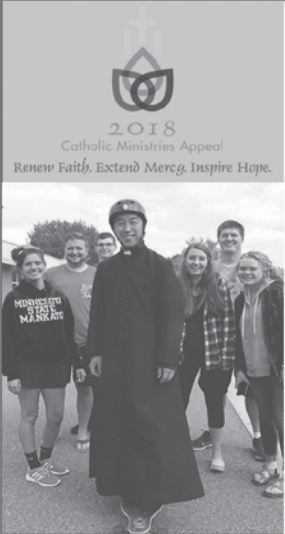
Baptism - To prepare your child for Baptism, it is essential that parents participate in Pre-Jordan preparation.

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.

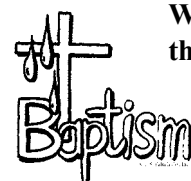


I know youth often get a bad rap when it comes to church involvement. However, as a priest who has been involved in **Youth & Young Adults** ministry for students in junior high through college, I am so excited for what our youth bring, and will bring, to their Catholic Church communities. The young people who do get it, get it. They don't want the Catholic Faith watered down. They want the Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. There were 13,000 college students at the last Seek Conference. The line for Confessions got so long that some students had to sit to avoid breaking fire code for the facility. I know that the next generation of Catholics are going to set the world on fire for Christ. It is imperative that we provide the opportunities for the youth of the Diocese of Winona to participate in this springtime of the Church.

Mini Story
Fr. Andrew Vogel
 St. Joseph, Good Thunder
 St. Matthew, Vernon Center
 St. Teresa, Mapleton
 St. Thomas More
 Newman Center, Mankato

RENEW faith
 EXTEND mercy
 INSPIRE hope

Please give generously to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.
www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal



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

Eastin Henry Stoks, son of
 Dustin and Rebecca (Krzmarzick) Stoks.

LOYOLA NEWS



Loyola's Family Tour/Shadow Day: Friday, March 16

"Crusader for a Day" is an opportunity for your child to experience a typical day at Loyola by "shadowing" a current Loyola student. Your child may stay for a portion of the day, or the entire school day. Get a sense of our school family by scheduling a family tour. To schedule your March 16 Family Tour or Shadow Day, please call 507-388-0600.

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

Schedule **family tours and shadow days** at your convenience. Contact **Angela Casteel** at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org 507.388.0615.

Loyola JOB POSTINGS:

Loyola Catholic School is looking for an EXPERIENCED Development Director. For more information <http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>

Please send your resume to: employment@loyolacatholicschool.org by March 22nd, 2018.

Save the Date...ALL ARE WELCOME

- **March 13, Choir Concert, 7pm**
- **March 15, Band Concert, 7pm**
- **Kindergarten Round Up, March 19, 6pm.** Bring your Kindergarten-eligible child, tour classrooms and learn about Kindergarten at Loyola! 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!

Our **sympathy and promise of prayer** to teacher Deb Maus whose father, Darrel Bohlke, passed away on March 1.

Did you know? Each year our high school Religion classes take turns attending Mass with the Sisters and staying for dinner with them.

THANK YOU to all who send us **Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts, and Milk Moola labels.**

Did you know? According to recent CAPE research, 95.8% of students who graduate from private schools enroll in and persist in college compared to 70.9% of students who attend public high schools.

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.

DOW PILOT BIBLE STUDY

Catholic Social Teachings

The Diocese of Winona has asked our parish to participate in a pilot program for 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 Teachings. They will guide us into reflection and action during this latter season of Lent and into the Easter Season.

7 Topics:

- 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!

Mondays beginning March 12th-April 23rd
Noon-1:30 in Matthews Hall

Free

Sr. Sylvia Borgmeier will lead this program designed by Tom Parlin, Winona Diocesan Social Justice Office. To register please call the Parish Office or contact Kelly: khuber@stjohnsmankato.net

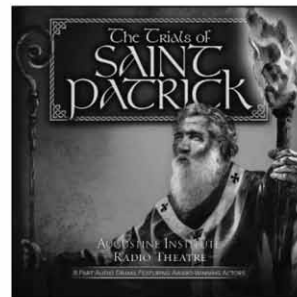
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Trials of Saint Patrick

Augustine Institute Radio Theatre

There's More to St. Patrick than Shamrocks and Snakes

Follow St. Patrick on his dramatic journey through hardship and loss to mercy and forgiveness. His story will come to life in Augustine Institute Radio Theatre's most recent audio drama.



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—Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila,
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Denver



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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

"It felt like a honeymoon... I couldn't wait to get home and see her at the end of the day." - husband who attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	March 4, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 16,800.00	\$16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 633.06	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 173.00	

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: March 12 Team 4; March 19 Team 1; March 26 Team 2

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	(\$ 62,576)
Total	(\$30,925)	(\$ 81,092)

St. John's Young Stewards Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$93.31
(Talents from Children's Envelopes)
I cleaned up my toys.
I cooked lunch.
Put clothes away
Helping mommy
Played with tiger
I went to bed at the right time
I ate a good lunch & supper at Grandma's

** 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.

MRCI VOLUNTEERS

Do you have a hobby or skill that you can share with others? MRCI WorkSource is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to share their time and talents with adults with disabilities. Whether you enjoy music, arts, wellness or any recreational activity...we'd love to have you! No special experience needed, just a skill that others might enjoy learning. If you are interested, please contact Julie Cline, MRCI Community Integration Coordinator at 507-386-5651 or at jcline@mrciworksource.org

MRCI DONATIONS

Items sold at the MRCI Thrift Shop provide not only work opportunities for our clients, but raises funds to help with MRCI programming and facilities. To donate call: 388-3867.

MARYSBURG FISH FRY

Friday, March 23, 2018 at 4:30-7:00 PM



Immaculate Conception parish hall located 2.5 miles north of Madison Lake near the 4-way junction of County Roads 26,15 and 16.

Menu: Deep Fried Fish, Au gratin potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, bread, dessert, milk, coffee.

Adults: \$11.00; Children 6-12: \$5, Children 5 & under: FREE.

Stations of the Cross - 6PM in church.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Volunteers needed

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 17/18

Musicians

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

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Rita Dauw, Karen Dehn, John Fell, Paul Gaspar, Bonnie Gilbert, Michelle Goodrich, Barb Haag, Lynn Klingsporn
8:00 am – Massaad Chahine, Nicole Goebel, Cindy Hanson, Brian & Jan Hughes, Candy Jenson, Dan Kapsner, Mary Westby
10:00 am – Sarah Nelson, Sharon Patterson, Jen Pfeffer, Jennifer Potocnik, Diane Reuter, Kathy Sanger, Pam Steffl, Mike Ulman

Lector

5:15 pm – Mary O’Sullivan, Sheila Skilling
8:00 am – Pat Sullivan, Mark Traxler
10:00 am – Sharon Patterson, Leon Schaffer

Sacristan

5:15 pm – John Fell
8:00 am – Courtney Schaefer
10:00 am – Sarah Nelson

Server

5:15 pm – Matthew & Thomas Soupir
8:00 am – Collin Kirschner, Addison Witte
10:00 am – Josie Haman, Ella Potocnik, Taylor Reuter

Ministers of Hospitality

5:15 pm – Team 2
8:00 am – Team 6
10:00 am – Team 10

Weekly EM (March 12-16)

Mike Burkhardt

Laurel’s Peak - (March 15)

Jeanne Morgan, Fred Jensen

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Catholic Charities is looking for a Director of Family and Individual Counseling who will also provide direct clinical services. The Director sees that effective services are efficiently delivered in a manner consistent with Catholic Charities’ mission and values and all applicable rules, regulations, and policies. The Director supervises and directs program staff, works to enhance program revenue, monitors program finances, coordinates program marketing efforts, and strives to constantly upgrade the quality of services delivered. Applicants must have Master’s degree in Social Work, Psychology, or Marriage and Family Therapy and a minimum of four years of post-graduate clinical work or program management experience. Applicants must be licensed as an independent clinical practitioner in the State of Minnesota i.e., Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Psychologist, or Marriage and Family Therapist. Please send your resume, cover letter and three work related references to Sheila Collom by March 23 at scollom@ccsommn.org or Catholic Charities, PO Box 379, Winona MN 55987.

AREA NEWS

PRE-ST. PAT’S BREAKFAST

Church of St. Paul, Nicollet

Enjoy a pre-Saint Patrick’s Day Breakfast and bucket raffle on Sunday, March 11, 9:00 to 11:30 AM served by the men of the Church of St. Paul, Nicollet. Menu: ham and sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes and beverage.

Tickets: Adult - \$8; Children ages 6-12 - \$3; 5 and under FREE. Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM. This is a Catholic Order of Foresters Court 812 Matching Grant Fundraiser for Religious Education.

ORGAN CONCERT

Our Lady of Good Counsel – March 18

Please join us for an afternoon of inspiring music on the 1877 Johnson & Son pipe organ at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, Minnesota. 21-year-old organist Ryan Mueller will be featured in concert on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 2:00 pm. The program will include prominent composers of the 19th century including Bonnet, Oldroyd, Lemmens, Mendelssohn, Jongen and Boellmann. No tickets required; freewill donations gratefully accepted. A reception will follow the concert. Information: 507-389-4223 or imatousek@ssndcp.org

MOVING FORWARD



Hope United Grief Group Spring Retreat for Loss of Spouse/ Significant Other - April 13 to April 15, 2018 (Beginning Friday 7:00 PM through Sunday 11:00 AM)

Interdenominational Retreat - St. Teresa Campus, Winona, MN. Main Speakers with breakout sessions with facilitators that have experienced the loss of a spouse. Keynote Speaker: Corrine Kindschy, Widow and Certified Spiritual Director.

For more information contact Marlene Hunt - 507-381-1177 or email: marlenehunt53@gmail.com
Facebook Page: Hope United Grief Group

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.