

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

127TH

St. Patrick's Day



Ham Dinner

11:00AM TO 1:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

SERVING: BAKED HAM, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, BAKED BEANS, POTATO SALAD, RELISHES, JELLO, ROLLS,

COFFEE OR MILK,

PLUS PIE!!!

ADULTS: \$10.00

K-6TH \$3.00

PRESCHOOL: FREE

FAMILY MAX: \$30.00



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS



Friday, March 22, 2019

4:30 - 7:00 pm

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

COST

Adults: \$10.00

Under 12: \$4.00

Immediate Family Max: \$30.00

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PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH STAFF

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| Pastor | Fr. John Kunz |
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

LOYOLA AMBASSADORS ST. JOHN'S PARISH

Beth Johnson 507-388-6312

ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

Pastoral Leadership Team:

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| Dan Hansen | Jaci James |
| John Fell | Jennifer Hatkin |
| Christopher Meehan | Kelly Huber |

Finance Council:

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| Kelsie Davis | Beth Baker |
| James Loaney | Lucas Schaefer |
| Mike Burkhardt | Pat Kruger |
| Gerald Hicks | Mike Spellacy |
| Nicole Goebel | |

Faith Formation Advisory and Development Board:

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| Mick Hickok, adult rep | Dan Hansen, young family rep |
| Kelly Andresen, family rep | |
| Savanna Witte, youth rep | Jayden Hatkin, youth rep |
| Phil White | Ann Benson |

Parish Trustees:

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| Jim Swanson | Najwa Massad |
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From the Pastor's Desk

The disciples see Jesus transfigured before their eyes. It was an amazing sight. They could have assumed that Jesus was special and the only one able to have that experience. But, we along with the disciples are crying out - "Jesus, allow us to also know the glorified state of life." It is our hope and desire that life becomes an experience that lifts us up to a level that brings us great joy and the fullness of peace. May these Lenten days open our eyes to see God and ourselves closely following and receiving His glorified life.

*Peace,
Fr. John*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18 – Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

8:15 am – Communion Service

Tuesday, March 19 - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

8:15 am – Ron Herz†, Hazel Jones†

Wednesday, March 20 - Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

8:15 am – Martha & Gus VanLoy

Thursday, March 21 – Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

8:15 am – Communion Service

Friday, March 22 - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:15 am – Rosalia Maloney†, Teresa Landson†

Saturday, March 23 - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:15 pm – Gil & Jerre Berens†, John Votca†, Martha VanLoy†

Sunday, March 24 - Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

8:00 am – Floyd Roberts†, Michael McLoone†, Ann Frost Sobraske†, Tony & Alice Rotchadl†, Clair Haefner†

10:00 am – Steve Stanke†, Marion Colby†, Parishioners of St. John's, Erwin & Cecelia Otte†

St. John's Prayer Network -

To submit a prayer request, please call:

Sandy Roberts 387-1372 or

Alice DiMeglio 345-5273

Email: Pastoral Care Associate at:

mike@stjohnsmankato.net

THE WEEK AHEAD

March 18-24

Monday, March 18

Communion Service – 8:15 – Church
Spirit Singers – 5:00 PM - St Elizabeth room

Tuesday, March 19

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
Daily Mass – 8:15 AM – Church
Staff Meeting – 9:15 AM – Marian room
St. John's KC meeting - 4:00 PM - Matthew's Hall
(receive the fish - need help unloading)

Soup Suppers – 6:00 PM – Matthews Hall

Hope-Grief Ministry – 5:15 PM - John Paul II room
Finance Meeting – 6:00 PM – Marian room
Stations of the Cross – 6:45 PM - Church

Wednesday, March 20

Daily Mass – 8:15 AM – Church
Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room
Choir for Christ (C4C) – 5:15 PM - Church
Roots & Edge - 6:30 PM – PLC Cafeteria, Matthews Hall
Life Teen – 7:30 PM – PLC gym

Thursday March 21

Communion Service – 8:15 AM – Church
Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Laurels Peak Mass – 3:00 PM – Laurels Peak
Fish fry prep – 5:00 PM – Matthews Hall kitchen
Evening Prayer – 5:15 PM - Church
Conversion Study – Joann Jaqua – 6:30 PM - JP II room

Friday, March 22

Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library
Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Daily Mass – 8:15 AM – Church
Fish Fry – 12:00 PM – Matthews Hall

Saturday, March 23

1st Communion Faith Sharing Centers – 10:00 AM –
Matthews Hall
Mass – 5:15 PM - Church

Sunday, March 24

Mass - 8:00 AM – Church
Mass - 10:00 AM – Church
France Trip Meeting – 2:00 PM - Matthews Hall

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

ST. JOHN'S NEWS



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

TUESDAY AT 6:00PM

Matthews Hall

followed by the

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(TRADITIONAL)

in the Church at 6:45 PM



Wine & Wisdom

Saturday, March 30th

@ 6:30pm

Fr. John's House-321 E. Liberty St.

"How do we live in a world that's scientific
& still have faith?"

Presented by Fr. John Kunz

RSVP Requested: khuber01@stjohnsmankato.net



ENCOUNTER ANNET

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

Safe Environment Re-Certification Training: In February and March, the diocesan Safe Environment Office will launch Keeping Our Promise Alive 3.0, a VIRTUS® online re-certification training for anyone who completed the "VIRTUS live training" in 2014 or earlier. Employees and volunteers of DOW-R parishes or schools that are due for re-certification will receive an email from VIRTUS Online with credentials to login and complete the training, which takes 30-40 minutes and can be done at any time of the day.



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 Instagram Youth Page!

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.

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|  <p>Remember in Prayer</p> | <p>Those who have entered eternal life... Joan Ziegler who passed away March 7, 2019 Our deepest sympathy to her family.</p> |
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"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. 26-28, 2019 in HUTCHINSON, MN and Nov. 15-17, 2019 in OWATONNA, 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.

IMMIGRATION: THE HEART OF THE MATTER!

Join us in praying with our 1st north American martyr (from Oklahoma doing mission in Guatemala) Stanley Rother; read about his life here: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/people/fr-stanley-rother-beatified-oklahoma-city> AND join us to hear from the Sisters of Notre Dame who worked in Guatemala during his time there; we will also be hearing powerful and poignant personal stories from the Sisters who've visited the US-Mexico border recently; additionally, we will view an excerpt from a very informative film: **HARVEST OF EMPIRE** (2" TRAILER here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TZea91MrcY>) which examines the reasons for immigration having to do with USA foreign policy over the past decades; finally, we will take action in the form of URGENT advocacy. Tuesday, **March 19th** 7pm SSNDs on THE HILL Good Counsel in Mankato. For more information and to **RSVP**, contact **Richard DeBona** of Catholic Charities, Mankato at rdebona@ccsommn.org

LOYOLA NEWS

New at Loyola: **Summer Childcare for students entering K-5 grades in 2019-2020**, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm - Enrollment is open for non Loyola families. Please watch our website.

Preschool registration is now open. PreK (waiting list), PS 5 day AM, PS 3 day AM (waiting list), PS 2 day AM and afternoon care is available. Limited availability, contact us TODAY! 507.388.0615 or see our website.

Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12). Visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org. Contact Angela Casteel at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507.388.0615 to schedule family tours. Accepting financial aid applications now.

Please prayerfully consider a planned gift to Loyola Catholic School when choosing your **legacy**.

Save the Date!

Tuesday, March 19: Kindergarten Round up, 6pm

Monday, April 1: Kindergarten Round up, 6pm
High School Information Night, 7:30pm, geared toward current 7th and 8th graders and their parents, but open to anyone interested in high school at Loyola.

Monday, May 13: Crusader Golf Classic - Mankato Golf Club

Saturday, July 20: Rockin' on the Hill Summer Music Fest - Good Counsel Hill

Want to **volunteer** at school? Call us! 388.0600

THANK YOU to all who send us **Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts, and Milk Moola labels**. Please note- the Milk Moola program will be **discontinued on March 31**.

Your parish support makes all we do, learn, and celebrate at Loyola possible.

Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.

EXPEDIENCY IS NO JUSTIFICATION

No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency.
—Theodore Roosevelt

PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future.
—Anonymous

ILL HABITS

Ill habits gather by unseen degrees—
As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.
—Ovid

FAITH FORMATION



Many people think going to confession is hard. What is harder is living without the Lord's grace and mercy. You don't know what peace

you're missing until you know it through the sacrament of reconciliation. This Lent, we dare you to try it and we dare you to share the good news that God is merciful and creating a path of return for you. Learn more about the peace and healing the sacrament brings at www.TheLightIsOnSouthernMN.org. And #DaretoShare!

YAC Mankato

Young Adult Catholics

A ministry for young adults (20s/30s, married/single, kids/no kids) in the Mankato area!

Men's Study: Monday evenings 6pm, contact Dustin Shank @ 507-327-2365 or check Facebook for more information.

Women's Study: Monday evenings 6pm, contact Cristina Roche @ 612-805-3705 or check

Facebook for more information.

Sr. Thea Bowman

The U.S. bishops endorsed the sainthood cause of Sister Thea Bowman on Nov. 14, 2018. The granddaughter of slaves, she was the only African-American member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. After 16 years of teaching, at the elementary, secondary and university level, the bishop of Jackson, Mississippi, invited her to become the "Consultant for Intercultural Awareness." Her programs were directed to break down racial and cultural barriers. She encouraged people to communicate with one another so that they could understand other cultures and races. She leaves a lasting mark on U.S. Catholic life. May our lives do so as well. As she said when folks spoke about her saintly qualities, "I know people are looking for sources of hope and courage and strength. I know it's important to have special people to look up to. But, see, I think all of us in the church are supposed to be that kind of person to each other."

Read about her story and canonization process here: <https://www.fspa.org/content/about/sister-thea-bowman>
And read this article reflecting on her life: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2014/06/24/witness-sister-thea-bowman>

FREE Classes for People New to Medicare FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mankato, MN, March 5, 2019 – There are important decisions that need to be made when you become eligible for Medicare. Making the wrong decision can lead to not having any or enough health care coverage and financial penalties. The Senior LinkAge Line® through the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging® (MNRAAA) is sponsoring two classes for people who will soon be eligible for Medicare. Participants will learn the basics of Medicare and their coverage options in Minnesota during the first class. They will also learn how to research these options using non-biased tools, such as the Medicare website and the Medicare Plan Finder Tool during the second class.

The classes will be held in Blue Earth at the Blue Earth Senior Center from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Class size is limited, so call the Senior LinkAge Line® at 1-800-333-2433 to register.

The Senior LinkAge Line® is a free statewide service of the Minnesota Board on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging. The Senior LinkAge Line® is the federally-designated State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for Minnesota and is the place to call for Medicare and health insurance issues. Call 1-800-333-2433 for assistance or go to www.MinnesotaHelp.info® to chat live with a Senior LinkAge Line® specialist.

WHO: Senior LinkAge Line® and Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging (MNRAAA)

WHAT: Free Classes for People New to Medicare

WHEN: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

WHERE: Blue Earth Senior Center, 118 West 7th Street, Blue Earth, MN

Visit our website at: www.mnraaa.org

HOLY LAND MINISTRY:

Shining a light on the plight of Palestinians

Sat., March 23rd 9:30am – 12noon Sacred Heart parish @ 111 4th St., NW in Waseca, MN. We will view excerpts from the following films: Christians of Palestine, Sacred Space Denied: Bethlehem and The Wall, and Imprisoning a Generation. And we will hear from the daughter and granddaughter of Holocaust survivors and victims, who is married to a Palestinian refugee from Jaffa - forcibly expelled from his home in 1948, in what the Israelis call the War of Independence and what the Palestinians call the Nakba, or Catastrophe. We will also advocate as faithful citizens for a fuller understanding of the situation – including the hopes of the "BDS" movement! – "Boycott! Divestment! Sanctions!" **RSVP** greatly appreciated (for light breakfast set-up and materials)! For more information, **contact Richard DeBona** of Catholic Charities, Mankato rdebona@ccsommn.org.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 10, 2019

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| Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving | \$ 10,366.00 |
| Offertory | \$ 341.00 |
| \$1 Youth Envelopes | \$ 15.00 |

Money Counters: March 18-Team 2; March 25-Team 3;
April 1-Team 4

BUDGET STATUS: MARCH 11, 2019

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| Current Year-to-Date Adult Giving | \$614,398.00 |
| Current Year-to-Date Adult Budget | \$644,170.00 |

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL-2019**

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| | Year-to-Date | 2019 |
| 2019 Balance | Collections | Contributions needed |
| \$ 73,680 | \$ 15,980 | \$ 57,700 |

BUILDING TUCK POINTING PROJECT

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| | <u>Building</u> | <u>Contributions</u> |
| Cost/Goal | & Savings Funds | needed |
| \$260,000.00 | \$225,527 | \$ 34,473 |

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG STEWARDS TIME & TREASURE

Children's Envelopes \$39.00

(Talents from Children's Envelopes)

Time: I built a snowman for my mom.

Talent: Singing and Art

** Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019 Parish obligation is paid to the Catholic Foundation of Southern MN which is a separate entity from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

LENTEN CORNER

Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, April 14th at 1:00pm at
St. Joseph the Worker Church

Individual Confessions

Friday, April 12th at 8:45 am
Tuesday, April 16th at 4:00pm
Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00pm
Every Saturday at 4:30 pm

KC's ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FEED FRIDAY

March 22 – St. John the Baptist
Serving from 4:30-7:00PM

March 29 – Newman Center, MSU
Serving from 4:00-7:00PM

April 5 – SS Peter & Paul (Fish)
Serving from 4:30-7:00PM

April 12 – Holy Rosary
Serving from 4:30-7:00PM



ARE YOU CHARITABLY INCLINED?

Learn simple ways to MAXIMIZE your charitable giving and the help it provides your Catholic community at free workshops on Thursday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. The workshops will be held at MSU Mankato Newman Center, 1502 Warren St. Our expert will tackle topics like: how the new tax laws affect your charitable giving; how to use “bunching” in your charitable strategy; how to creatively use QCDs for tax advantages, and other ways that not only benefit your parish, school, or other charity, but also benefit you. Speaker Robert Heuermann, Executive Director of the Catholic United Financial Foundation, counsels individuals, churches and organization on how to make the most of their charitable giving strategies. The Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. To RSVP call Phil or Anna at 507-387-4154, and please feel free to join MSU Mankato students for Mass after the 6:30 pm workshop.

Come to Pacem in Terris

For a transforming Lenten Retreat. Allow God's love to heal, nourish and transform your life. Find rest in body, mind and spirit in this hermitage sanctuary.

No Schedules or daily distractions. Pacem in Terris offers guests an environment of silence to pray and enter into an intimate union with God.

Open year round. Gift Certificates available.

Reservations: 763-444-6408 Pacem in Terris, Hermitage Retreat Center, 26399 Hwy. 47 Isanti, Mn.55040

Paceminterris.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 23/24

Musicians

5:15 pm – Sr. Joyce Kolbet / Voices in Praise

8:00 am – Jeanne Makela / Kathy Chalhoub

10:00 am – Mary Pribyl / Spirit Singers

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Lisa Adams, Kelly Andresen, John Fell,
Paul Gaspar, Michelle Goodrich, Barbara Haag,
Lynn Klingsporn, Phyllis Maloney

8:00 am – Cindy Hanson, Brian & Jan Hughes,
Candy Jenson, Donna Kapsner, Patty Mejias,
Patty Marzinske, Colleen Walters

10:00 am – Jeff & Laurie Barnett, Maggie Burkhardt,
Mike Coughlan, Ma Linda Henderson, Lisa Vasquez,
Helen Ward

Lector

5:15 pm – Laura Schulte, Kathy Wortel

8:00 am – Brian & Jan Hughes

10:00 am – Maggie Bennett, Mike Coughlan

Sacristan

5:15 pm – John Bulcock

8:00 am – Pat Sullivan

10:00 am – Sarah Nelson

Server

5:15 pm – Olivia Altomari, Pat Rogness

8:00 am – Patty & Robert Mejias

10:00 am – Jenna Haman, Christopher & Dylan Vasquez

Ministers of Hospitality

5:15 pm – Team 3

8:00 am – Team 7

10:00 am - Team 11

Weekly EM (March 18-22)

Jim Shaw

Laurel's Peak Service – (March 21)

Mike & Jean Burkhardt

The Annual Luck of the Irish a fundraiser for John Ireland Catholic School,

When: March 23, at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds.

What: silent and live auctions, a delicious pork dinner from 5-7 pm, Bingo and more!

If you are interested in buying a \$15 dinner ticket or a \$30 raffle ticket, call the school office 507-931-2810 or talk to any John Ireland Family. Tickets will also be available at the door. Everyone age 21 and older is welcome!

AREA NEWS

Hospice & Palliative Care Volunteer Training.

Have you ever felt called to pay it forward? Consider training as a hospice and palliative care volunteer with Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice - Mankato. Our volunteers play an integral role in caring for seriously and terminally ill patients and their families. Life's final journey is a sacred time and hospice volunteers are privileged to be part of it, through visiting, listening, playing games, doing legacy work, or just offering a supportive presence.

We are looking for men and women to volunteer in all of our service areas. **Volunteer training is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, April 8 & 9, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Wednesday, April 10, from 9 a.m. – noon.** It's recommended that trainees plan to attend all three days of training. This will be held at the MEC Meeting/Community Room, Suite 354, Madison East Center, 1400 Madison Ave., Mankato. Use the NW entrance, near Hooligan's. Please join us. It's a great way to pay it forward!

For more information or to request an application, please call **Sheila Skilling**, Hospice Administrative Assistant, at **507-594-7255** or email her at Skilling.Sheila@mayo.edu

Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser for Connections Ministry

Southern Minnesota Nurses is sponsoring a Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser on **Sunday, March 24th** at the Victory Bowl in Mankato. The Cost is \$25 per individual (4-5 individuals per team) and Includes 2 games of bowling with shoes, snacks and eligibility for door prizes. Teams of all ages including family, youth or adults are welcome.

As a member of St. Johns you can help us support this fundraiser for Connections Ministry by:

1) Putting a team together and bowling. If you have a team, you can register by filling out the registration form found on the easel in the church narthex and mailing it, as directed on the form.

2) Want to bowl and need help connecting with a team or have questions about the event? Contact Pat Shortall by email pshort@hickorytech.net or phone 507-327-6907

3) If you would like to make a separate donation for this fundraiser, checks can be made out to Connections Ministry and sent to the church office. Attention Mike Logeais.