

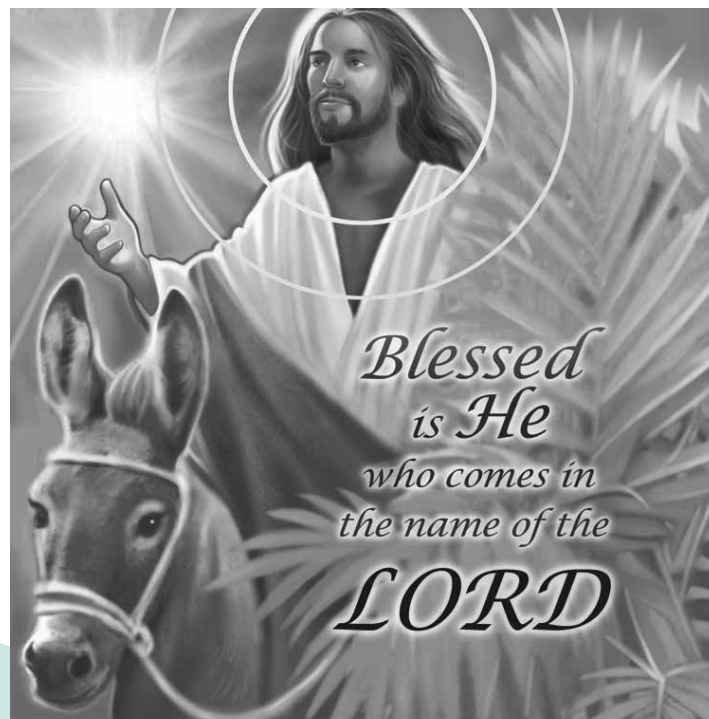
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

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Beth Johnson 388-6312

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From the Pastor's Desk



We have finally arrived at the most Holy Week. We have been preparing during the season of Lent to more fully release the power of the Risen Christ in our day to day lives. Some of our Lenten practices are visible - fasting and abstaining. Other realities are hidden within our interior life. They both have significance, however the conversion of our soul probably encompasses all that we do and say.

So, no matter how much visible penance we have done, we move to the deeper level during the next days. Avail yourself of the sacrament of Reconciliation if possible and try hard to celebrate the Sacred Liturgies of Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Jesus wants to bring us new life.

Blessings,
 Father John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 26 - *Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11*

8:15 am – Communion Service

Tuesday, March 27 - *Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*

8:15 am – Julian Goettl†

Wednesday, March 28 - *Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25*

8:15 am – Joe Trio†

Holy Thursday, March 29 - Lord's Supper: *Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;*

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

7:00 pm – Diane Pettipiece†, Tony & Alice Rotchadl†, Clair Haefner†

Good Friday, March 30 - *Is 52:13 — 53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;*

Jn 18:1 — 19:42

12:10 pm – Good Friday Service

5:15 pm – Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, March 31 - a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 b) Gn 22:1-18;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mk 16:1-7

8:00 pm Vigil Mass – Tony & Alice Rotchadl†, Clair Haefner†, Valeria Frederick†, Phyllis Goettl†, Ken & Marilyn Berg†, Dave Sullivan†

Easter Sunday, April 1 - Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Mk 16:1-7

8:00 am – Julian Goettl†, Paul Brockhaus†,

Mick & Lorraine McGuire†, Glenn & Todd Dezell

10:00 am – Joseph & Martha Phillips, Vernon & Joe Winter†,

Tony & Alice Rotchadl†, Clair Haefner†

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 PM, Parish Life Center

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 26

Catholic Social Teaching Session – 12:00 PM – John Paul II rm
Spirit Singers – 5:00 PM – St Elizabeth Room

Tuesday, March 27

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Hope-Grief Ministry – 5:15 PM – John Paul II room
Journey to Justice - 5:15pm - Marian room
Knights of Columbus – 6:30 PM – PLC
Individual Reconciliation – 7:00 PM – Reconciliation Room

Wednesday, March 28

Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room
Individual Reconciliation – 4:00 PM – Reconciliation Room
Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:30 PM – PLC Cafeteria

Thursday, March 29 - Holy Thursday

Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Laurels Peak – 3:00 PM – Laurels Peak
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM - Church

Friday, March 30 - Good Friday

Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library
Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – 12:00 PM
Good Friday Service – 12:10 PM – Church
Good Friday Service – 5:15 PM - Church

Saturday, March 31 - Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 PM - Church

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Mass - 8:00 AM - church
Easter Sunday Mass - 10:00 AM - church



We Welcome Newcomers to Our Parish Family...

Andrea Forster and family

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

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

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION - ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 4:00 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass, March 29 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Services, March 30 at 12:10 & 5:15 PM

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass, March 31 at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Masses, April 1 at 8:00 & 10:00 AM

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.

VISIT THE SICK

- Visit homebound seniors or those living in assisted living centers or nursing homes. Especially family members.
- Give blood.

VISIT THE PRISONERS

- Many are imprisoned in spirit—consider donating bus passes for the marginalized. Transportation assistance empowers those seeking employment.
- Reach out to those that are imprisoned in themselves and need a friend or someone to talk to.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

At 7pm a group of people stood outside Centenary Church in downtown Mankato seeking access to the Connections Shelter. People include a father with an infant and small child who informs them his wife is coming late ... she's working. Others include a mother with a one year old and single men and women.

Connections Shelter is a homeless shelter that rotates on a weekly basis from one church to another. Presently there are eight congregations in town that have opened their hearts to serve, making room for up to 25 to sleep in their building.

St Johns has been asked if we might help ... opportunity knocks. Although St Johns will not be a shelter site there are many ways we can contribute. A committee is forming to look how we can be a part of this important resource. The first meeting will be May 1st and we will work over the summer to be ready for fall. If you'd like to join the committee or are interested in volunteering with the shelter please call the church office 625-3131.

No Men's Club Meeting on April 12, 2018.

The next meeting will be May 10, 2018

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**



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.



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.

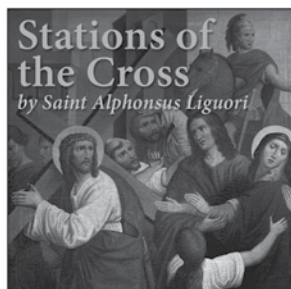
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Stations of the Cross

By Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Journey with Christ to Calvary

Personally follow Christ and His Sorrowful Mother on their journey to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross. Moving meditations by Saint Alphonsus Liguori accompanied by the beautiful Latin hymn, *Stabat Mater*, draw you into a more intimate experience of the Church's powerful Lenten prayer.



"Holding a crucifix while meditating on the Stations of the Cross... so moving. Thank you, Jesus, for the Cross."

—Marcia R, St Teresa's Church

Listen on formed.org



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LOYOLA NEWS



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.

JOB POSTING: Loyola 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 3/22/2018.

LUCKY 20 RAFFLE is back! Don't miss your chance to win!

The Lucky 20 raffle is an opportunity to join together and raise funds to help continue to provide a dynamic education for Loyola students. 20 Chances to Win! Drawing on Monday, May 14 at the Crusader Golf Classic. For information, visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org One Grand Prize of \$10,000; one \$5,000 winner; two \$1,000 winners; two \$500 winners, and fifteen \$200 winners!

Save the Date...ALL ARE WELCOME

• **Loyola Crusader Golf Classic, Monday, May 14:** Four-person scramble golf event friendly enough for the weekend golfer, challenging enough for the competitive player. Register online! www.loyolacatholicschool.org

• **ROCKIN' on the HILL - Summer Music Fest, Saturday, July 21** Featuring great live music, food trucks, spirits, pull tabs, traveling boutiques and more! This year's bands include Neon-LIVE and PopROCKS.

Congratulations to **Knowledge Bowl** team members Jerid Buhs, Roman Rozhnov, Luke Vetter, Brendan Kane, and Alex Backman who will compete at State in April.

First graders will lead The Way of the Cross (The Stations) on Thursday, March 22 at 9:30, in the school Chapel and at 10:15, in the Sisters' Chapel. All are welcome.

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

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*.

FAITH FORMATION

VBS ~ Save the Date!!

St. John's VBS is proud to announce Hero Central as the theme for this year.

When: June 25-28
Time: 9:00am-11:30am
Ages: 5-11



Parent and youth volunteers are needed for the success of this great summer program. Please email Kelly if you are interested in helping in any way. khuber@stjohnsmankato.net

BOOK STUDY *PERFECTLY YOURSELF* by Matthew Kelly

Book study available soon. Please sign up to participate in the *Perfectly Yourself* book study. We have 4 available times:

- Saturdays**, beginning April 7th at 4:00pm: in the JPII room: led by Kathy Wortel
- Sundays**, beginning April 8th at 9:00am in the JPII room: led by Barb Radke
- Sundays**, beginning April 8th at 11:00am in the JPII room: led by Ann Benson
- Tuesdays**, beginning April 10th at 6:30pm in the JPII room: led by Barb Traxler

To sign-up, contact the Parish Office, sign-up in the narthex or email Kelly at: khuber@stjohnsmankato.net



CHECK OUT THE HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL CONTENT ON FORMED.ORG

March 29, Holy Thursday

Study: Lectio: Eucharist
Watch: Brother Francis: The Bread of Life (animated)
Listen: The Fourth Cup

March 30, Good Friday

Study: Symbolon Knowing the Faith: Session 6: The Paschal Mystery
Listen: Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross
Listen: Love - Sacrifice - Trust
Read: Awakening

March 31, Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

Watch: Convinced

YOUTH

WHAT'S HAPPENING -24 HOUR FAST

The high school youth will be challenging themselves to a 24-hour fast this weekend, March 24-25. They will stay at the Parish Life Center for 24 hours engaging in fellowship activities, reflections and prayer- all while fasting! Please pray for them as they embark on this journey together this Lenten season.

Painting Party!

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church
2018 Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser



Join us for a fun evening - where you will create a painting similar to this cross picture. You will choose your own colors and style!

Where: The Loose Moose Conference Center
119 Front Street, Mankato

When: Friday, May 4, 2018
Check in at 5:30pm
Painting starts at 6:30pm

Cost: \$40 (includes all materials)

All Ages and Skill Levels Encouraged to Attend!

Food and beverages can be ordered from the menu - all net profits from the evening go toward the Mission Trip.

RSVP to Johnna Harmer: jharmer@stjohnsmankato.net
or call the parish office at **507-625-3131** by April 27

Special thanks to Mike Maes, owner of The Loose Moose, for providing the conference center at a reduced rate.

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!



SPAGHETTI FEED FUNDRAISER!

The high school youth will be hosting a spaghetti feed on Saturday, April 28th following the 5:15 Mass until 7:30pm. The cost is \$8 per person or \$25 family maximum. There will not be tickets sold ahead of time for this event. The menu includes: Spaghetti (gluten-free will be available) with meat sauce, focaccia bread, salad, marinated olives, and Italian cookies. Please come and enjoy our Italian night in fellowship to support our youth's summer mission trip!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	March 18, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 15,137.00	\$16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 463.00	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 41.05	

Budget Status: February 2018

	<u>Current Fiscal YTD*</u>	<u>Prior Fiscal YTD</u>
Income	\$747,071.64	\$735,940.75
Expenses	(\$659,841.31)	(\$666,779.46)
Operating Net Profit	\$ 87,230.33	\$ 69,161.29

Money Counters: March 19 Team 1; March 26 Team 2; Tue. Apr 3 Team 3

* Results reflect many 2018 full year contributions.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH DEBT

	<u>Balance July 1, 2017</u>	<u>Balance to Date</u>
Catholic Ministries Appeal-2017**	(\$ 30,925)	(\$ 18,516)
Catholic Ministries Appeal-2018**	\$ 0	(\$ 53,795)
Total	(\$30,925)	(\$ 72,311)

St. John's Young Stewards Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$139.26
(Talents from Children's Envelopes)
I helped with groceries.
I helped paint my room.

** 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.

JOB POSTING

Pastoral Care Associate/Parish Administrator Position: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Mankato is seeking a full-time Pastoral Care Associate/Parish Administrator. The Pastoral Care Associate/Parish Administrator is a professional minister who responds to a broad range of pastoral and administrative needs relating to all aspects of parish life, directly or through collaboration with the Pastor, providing leadership and support for the administrative decisions of St. John's Parish. This position also includes designated responsibilities for Pastoral Care in collaboration with the Pastor and Spiritual Care departments in care centers and hospitals.

Minimum Qualifications:

BA, BS, or MA in Pastoral Studies/Theology or a related field and at least 2 years of Leadership experience. Possess planning, organizational and collaborative skills; Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to work with a variety of ages, personalities and backgrounds; Collaborative nature to work as a part of a strong leadership team; Able to speak in public and lead large group meetings; Strong written and oral communication skills; Computer literacy; A valid Minnesota driver's license and the ability to travel when necessary.

Applicant should be a practicing Catholic and possess a love for and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Benefits-eligible position; salary commensurate with experience.

To apply: Send your resume and cover letter to: Fr. John Kunz; 632 South Broad Street, Mankato, MN 56001 or Frjohn@stjohnsmankato.net

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.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps preserve the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace.
PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 30/April 1

Musicians

Friday – 12:10 pm – Jeanne Makela/Volunteers
Friday – 5:15 pm – Mary Pribyl//Spirit Singers
8:00 pm – Open invite – VIP/SS/Any Please RSVP
8:00 am – Brass Quintet
10:00 am – Mary Pribyl/Spirit Singers

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm – Dale Barrie, Lynn Beadell, Mardell Brauer, John Bulcock, Rita Dauw, John Fell, Paul Gaspar, Bonnie Gilbert
8:00 am – Nicole Goebel, Brian & Jan Hughes, Candy Jensen, Dan Kapsner, Donna Kapsner, Clarissa Meissner, Bill Simonette
10:00 am – Sue Baker, Maggie Bennett, Miriam Braunhausen, Julia Corbett, Mike Coughlan, Beth & Dan Denhof, Sarah Nelson

Lector

8:00 pm – Paul Gaspar, Rita Oliver, Barb Jackman
8:00 am – Nicole Goebel, Bill Simonette
10:00 am – JoAnn Alfson, Sue Baker

Sacristan

8:00 pm – John Bulcock
8:00 am – Clarissa Meissner
10:00 am – Sarah Nelson

Server

8:00 pm – Claire Orcutt, Samuel Orcutt
8:00 am – Ella Blace, Ellen Witte
10:00 am – Matthew & Sara Gartner, Calvin O'Connor

Ministers of Hospitality

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

Weekly EM (March 26-30)

Jim Shaw

Laurel's Peak – (March 29)

Jeanne Morgan, Fred Jensen

WOMEN CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Saturday, May 5, 9:00am-4:30pm sewing/craft retreat at St. Joseph the Worker Church. Beginner to advanced, bring your own project and/or work on material provided for quilt projects which will be donated to veterans and local charities. \$40 registration fee includes all-day sewing space, valet service 9:00-10:30am, lunch, snacks, refreshments, door prizes, quilting project demo. Profit will be going to our sister parish in Haiti towards building their school. Contact/register: St. Joseph the Worker Office 388-3766. Questions call Marilyn 388-8887. Available items: ironing boards/iron, cutting boards.

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.

AREA NEWS

MAN OF GOD

Diocese of Winona Men's Conference
Saturday, April 7, 2018 9:00am to 4:00 pm
Lourdes High School in Rochester

Men can expect dynamic talks, great food, and opportunities to participate in the Holy Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration. Keynote speaker: Jason Angelette. Registration fee \$25. Register online at www.dow.org/event-details/413. Hardcopy registration available upon request. Contact Peter Martin - pmartin@dow.org.

GOOD COUNSEL TUTORING

Does your child need a boost to be more confident in school? Sign up for one-to-one tutoring in reading and math, grades kindergarten to 10th, *June 4-22, 2018*, weekdays Monday through Friday. Register for the summer program before *May 1* by contacting Good Counsel Learning Center—School Sisters of Notre Dame, at 507-389-4229, or email lcdirector@ssndcp.org. Fifteen hours of one-to-one instruction with an experienced teacher—\$375 for three weeks and a \$10 registration fee/family. More at www.gclearningcenter.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 - 507-381-1176 or email: marlenehunt53@gmail.com Facebook Page: Hope United Grief Group

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