



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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May 6, 2018 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Gospel: John 15:9-17

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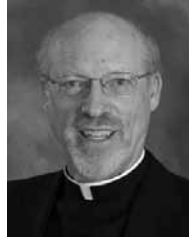
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From the Pastor's Desk

As a diocese we try to foster the growth of the faith across southern Minnesota. Faith is God's gift to us. However, our lives give witness to this reality and thus we are a very important part of the transmission of the message of Jesus.

The 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal is a big part of this happening in our diocese. The ministry of the Bishop and many offices of ministry are funded by this Appeal. As a parish we have pledged \$32,000 of our \$71,000 goal and the amount left to pay is \$39,000. So let's each make an effort to help the diocese and St. John's.

Blessings,

Father John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 7 - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

8:15 am – Communion Service

Tuesday, May 8 - Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

8:15 am – Richard & Eileen Goebel, Margaret Snaza†

Wednesday, May 9 - Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

8:15 am – Hazel Jones†

Thursday, May 10 - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

8:15 am – Communion Service

Friday, May 11 - Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

8:15 am – Julian Goettl†

Saturday, May 12 - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

5:15 pm – Mark Snaza†, Ray & Jean Ryan†, Anna Flintrop†,
Phyllis Goettl†, Iona Fell†, Tony & Alice Rotchadl†,
Clair Haefner†

Sunday, May 13 - Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b

8:00 am – Mick & Lorraine McGuire†, Rita Kiffe†,
Eileen Hibma†, Mary Weckman†

10:00 am – Delores Reuter†, Joseph & Martha Phillips,
Anna Flintrop†, Floyd Roberts Jr†

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, May 7

Spirit Singers- 5:00 PM – St Elizabeth room

Tuesday, May 8

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall

Journey to Justice & Service Meeting - 4:45 PM –
Marian room

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

Perfectly Yourself Book Study – 6:30 PM –

John Paul II room

Wednesday, May 9

Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room

Sunday Experience Team Meeting – 5:15 PM –
John Paul II room

6K Planning Meeting - 6:00 PM - Marian room

Thursday, May 10

Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM – Matthews Hall

Laurels Peak – 3:00 PM – Laurels Peak

SJ Men's Club – 7:00 PM - Library

Friday, May 11

Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library

Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall

Saturday, May 12

Perfectly Yourself – 4:00 PM – John Paul II room

Sunday, May 13

THEMES FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic Social Teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities to one another, to our families and to the larger society.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

PROJECT EMBRACE

Project Embrace supports families who lose or have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death.

All of us with Project Embrace encourage you to pause for a few moments throughout the week to say a prayer for the families who have experienced these losses. We encourage you to light a candle, reach out to friends or family who have experienced loss, or share your own story of loss.

There is a statue of a mother embracing a child in our Remembrance Garden by Father's house where you can go to pray and reflect. We also have a Book of Remembrance in the Adoration Chapel where you can enter a name you have chosen for your child.

If you have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death, and have not yet received a cross, we invite you to stop by our table on Mother's Day weekend. This small remembrance item from Project Embrace and your church community is a symbol that we recognize your loss and are here for you.

For many years families who suffered pregnancy loss went through these experiences alone in their journeys. Project Embrace aims to change that through prayer, education, support and services. If you would like to support Project Embrace, please consider joining our ministry or making a donation so that we can continue to provide these crosses and materials to families who lose children during pregnancy.

CHAY SIMONSON BENEFIT

Chay is a 4 year old boy diagnosed with Leukemia and is the youngest son of Chis & Jackie Simonson, members of our parish. Benefit is May 6th at the Purple Goose in Janesville, MN from 11:00am -1:00 pm. Burger Bar - \$7.00. Bake Sale and Raffle, Live Auction at 1:00 pm. Cash donations can be sent to or dropped off at: Janesville State Bank, PO Box 369, Janesville, MN 56048. Checks must be made out to: "Chay Simonson Benefit". All proceeds will go to Chay's medical bills.

DIOCESAN PENTECOST VIGIL MASS

You are invited to join Bishop John Quinn as we Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people and ministries of our diocese. A special invitation is extended to those involved in the various lay movements and apostolates, retreat ministries, charismatic prayer groups, etc. present in the diocese. This Mass will also celebrate the work of the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Pax Christi Church, Rochester



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 Christians into the family of God and St. John's parish.

Lincoln Robert Brockshus, son of Samuel and Megan (Maloney) Brockshus

Blake Anthony Stevermer, son of Samuel and Kimberly (Staloch) Stevermer.



Mini Story

Joe Bakken
Campus Ministry Director

St. Thomas More
Newman Center, Mankato

RENEW
faith
EXTEND
mercy
INSPIRE
hope

Thanks to the funds provided by the Catholic Ministries Appeal, the **Newman Center** has been able to bring Christ to the students of Minnesota State University in a more radical way. Students are experiencing the love of Christ, coming to know the Eucharist, encountering lifelong friendships, participating in the sacraments, getting involved in Bible studies and becoming missionaries on fire to share their faith. Without financial support, we would not be able to do the things we do at the same level or in the same capacity.

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

LOYOLA NEWS



Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12) Visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org

Enroll TODAY! Schedule **Family tours** and **shadow days** at your convenience. Contact **Angela Casteel** at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org 507.388.0615.

Fun enrollment fact: during the 2017-2018 school year 75 new-to-Loyola students enrolled; to date, 35 new-to-Loyola students are enrolled for 2018-19.

LUCKY 20 RAFFLE, raising funds to support Loyola students. Visit www.Loyolacatholicschool.org 20 Chances to Win! Grand Prize of \$10,000; one \$5,000 winner; two \$1,000 winners; two \$500 winners, and fifteen \$200 winners! Drawing at the Crusader Golf Classic.

Save the Date...ALL ARE WELCOME

•**Loyola Crusader Golf Classic, Monday, May 14.** Register online! www.loyolacatholicschool.org

•**ROCKIN' on the HILL - Summer Music Fest, Saturday, July 21, gates open at 5pm**

Live music, food trucks, spirits, pull tabs, traveling boutiques and more! This year's bands include Neon-LIVE and PopROCKS.

Loyola Summer Activity Camps...check the "In the News" section at www.loyolacatholicschool.org for information.

Congratulations to students inducted into the National Honor Society on Wednesday evening: Ben Cahalan, Cahlin Clow, Athena Daufenbach, Grace Dehen, Sara Gartner, Molly Hodapp, Landon Javens, Brayton Matuska, Luke Montgomery, Matthew Murray, Claire Orcutt, John Torgerson, and Anne Wood.

Join us!

Grades 9-12 Pops Concert, May 9 at 7pm

Grades 5-8 Pops Concert, May 11 at 7pm

All school **Mass**, May 9 at 9:50, with **May Crowning** led by 8th graders

On Thursday, **Kindergarteners** presented their **spring program**; and 7th and 8th graders attended the **Festival of Nations**.

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.*



Those who have entered eternal life...

Mary Weckman,
passed away April 28, 2018.
Our deepest sympathy to her family.

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

2018 VIRTUS TRAINING

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children awareness program is a 2-hour session for all adults who volunteer or are with the youth of our church in any capacity. "Protecting God's Children" Program helps our Churches/Schools provide a child-safe environment and empowering caring adults to protect children by recognizing the warning signs of sexual abuse and to respond appropriately.

If you plan on volunteering or being a part of your child's faith formation in any capacity at St. John the Baptist, VIRTUS training is required. Please plan on attending the following "Virtus" session on:

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at St. John's in Matthews Hall from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

To register for a session go to: www.virtusonline.org click on "First Time Registrant" and remember the organization you are registering in is the Diocese of Winona or go to St. John's website and find the information under the "Ministries" menu – "Volunteers/Safe Environment". If you need assistance registering or have questions, contact Dan or Susan at the church office at 507-625-3131.

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!

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available Weekends are Sep 14-16, 2018 in KASSON, MN and Nov 16-18, 2018 in Windom, 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.

YOUTH

ATTENTION COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES

"Where is the Party!?!?" is a common question for college freshman as they wave goodbye to their parents on the eventful, first day in their new college town. The best party just may be at the Newman Center or Catholic campus ministry. The NEWMAN CONNECTION is an Outreach Program helping college freshman stay connected with their Catholic faith, have fun, and party in a safe, holy, and inviting environment. When students are entered into the NEWMAN CONNECTION data base, their information will automatically be sent to the college Catholic campus ministry. The Campus Minister then invites them to their activities and parties. Students will get connected by contacting Jim Shaw at (507)387-1658 or e-mail: crisshaw@hickorytech.net. To find out more, go to newmanconnection.org. Newman Connection is sponsored by Serra Clubs across the United States and promoted by the Serra Club of Mankato.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

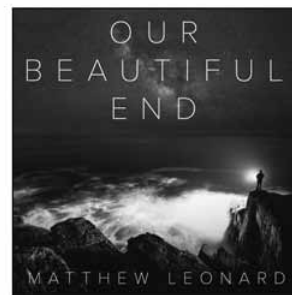
Our Beautiful End

By Matthew Leonard

We Long for the Beautiful

We grow frustrated when sunsets fade, children grow up, and special moments pass. Will beauty be forever fleeting? Internationally known Catholic speaker, Matthew Leonard, expounds upon our experience of beauty and its powerful role in drawing us closer to our Creator and glorious home in Heaven.

[Listen on formed.org](http://formed.org)



"Thank you, Matthew, for a glimpse into our final destination ... It was a wonderful talk..."

—Tara O, Tampa, Florida



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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	April 29, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 14,287.75	\$16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 704.25	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 278.00	

Money Counters: May 7 Team 4; May 14 Team 1; May 21 Team 2

Budget Status: March 2018

	Current Fiscal YTD*	Prior Fiscal YTD
Income	\$824,194.97	\$808,870.32
Expenses	(\$745,256.56)	(\$790,399.32)
Operating Net Profit	\$ 78,938.41	\$ 18,471.00

* Results reflect many 2018 full year contributions.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL-2017**

July 1, 2017	Parish Debt Balance to Date
(\$ 30,925)	(\$ 18,516)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL-2018**

Balance	2018 collections	2018 Contributions needed
January 1, 2018 (\$ 71,730)	\$ 29,213	(\$ 42,517)

St. John's Young Stewards Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$57.55

(Talents from Children's Envelopes)

Helping vacuum

I helped Mom!

** 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.

2018 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Community Events at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato, MN 56001. Contact Jo Klein at 507-327-5753 or jklein@hosannamankato.com

7:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. individual prayer

11:30 walk from Hosanna Church to Justice Center

Noon Community prayer gathering event at Justice Center

12:45 light lunch at Hosanna Lutheran Church

Bible Reading aloud throughout the day

6:00 p.m. Community Prayer Celebration

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, May 7 & 8, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Wednesday, May 9, 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 Kim Rotchadl, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 507-594-6364 or email her at Rotchadl.Kim@mayo.edu.

FREE HANDBELL ENSEMBLES CONCERT

Gustavus Handbell Ensembles in Concert: Join the three handbell choirs at Gustavus and director Dr. Chad Winterfeldt for a concert on Sunday evening, May 13, 7:30 pm in Christ Chapel on the Gustavus Adolphus College campus. This free concert features sacred music as well as popular tunes from Disney movies and arrangements with flute and percussion

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Thank you to all our devoted parishioners who knit or crochet prayer shawls and lap robes for people sick in the hospital, homebound, grieving or in a crisis situation. They are treasured and appreciated as these people wrap themselves in your prayers.

If you know of someone who would benefit from the prayers of these devoted parishioners, please stop by the parish office and pick up a shawl or lap robe.

FLOWERS FOR MARY

Flowers for Mary is a special way to honor Mary and loved ones living and deceased. It also provides a fresh flower arrangement on the side altar below Mary for our weekend Masses. There is a suggested gift of \$25-\$35 for an arrangement and to reserve a weekend this spring, summer, or fall. Please pick up an envelope entitled Flowers for Mary from the kiosk in the narthex or at the office. Fill out the card found in the envelope, include your monetary donation, and drop it in the weekly collection basket or at the parish office. You may request a date, but dates requested will be honored as they come in. Thank you for considering a donation!



FLOWERS FOR MARY DONATED FOR WEEK OF May 5/6

Donated by Doug and Susan Durbala
in honor of our daughters:
Danielle and Jennifer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 12/13

Musicians

5:15 pm – Mary Pribyl / Spirit Singers
8:00 am – Sr. Joyce Kolbet or Jaci James/ Voices in Praise
10:00 am – Jeanne Makela / Kristin Bogenschutz

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Barbara Haag, Lynn Klingsporn, Jane Kohler,
Glenda Landsteiner, Phyllis Maloney, Kelly Meehling,
Monica Orth, Kathy Wortel
8:00 am – Massaad Chahine, Janet & Mike Denn, Chuck Frost,
Cindy Hanson, Candy Jenson, Chad & Martha Witte
10:00 am – Julia Corbett, Mike Coughlan, Beth Denhof,
Maria Donahue, Dan & Sandi & Deb Fogal,
Ma Linda Henderson

Lector

5:15 pm – Monica Orth, Kathy Wortel
8:00 am – Pat Sullivan, Chad Witte
10:00 am – Nick Meyer, Mike Ulman

Sacristan

5:15 pm – John Bulcock
8:00 am – Mike Denn
10:00 am – Becki Stranik

Server

5:15 pm – Renee Schweim, Matthew & Thomas Soupir
8:00 am – Eli & Ella Blace
10:00 am – Ava & Lizzie & Reed Boerboom

Ministers of Hospitality

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

Weekly EM (May 7-11)

Carol Frederick

Laurel's Peak – (May 10)

3:00 pm – Jane Jans, Elaine Koch

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE!

Call now to sign-up for a FREE Living Well With Chronic Conditions Workshop, designed for adults who want to take charge of their ongoing health problems. If you live with a chronic condition such as Heart Disease, Arthritis, Depression, Anxiety, Diabetes, Fibromyalgia, Parkinsons or any other chronic condition, this class is for you! A FREE workshop sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern MN, will meet six Thursdays, from 9 - 11 a.m. starting May 17th thru June 21st, at SMILES Center For Independent Living, 709 S. Front St, Suite 7, Mankato. (Across from the Public Safety Bldg)

For more information or to register, contact Mary at Catholic Charities, 507-387-5587, ext 3 or mcassem@ccsommn.org. Class size is limited, so REGISTER by May 14th to hold your place!

AREA NEWS

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

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL 2018

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in. ~Mother Teresa
Next weekend you have the blessed opportunity to bring the compassion of Jesus to families in crisis, vulnerable adults and seniors, and children in need. Your support of Catholic Charities affirms your belief that all lives have value, especially the lives of the poor. Your generosity on all levels makes a life changing difference. God bless you for your kind consideration on behalf of those we serve.

YMCA BROTHER/SISTER PROGRAM

The Mankato Family YMCA Brother/Sister Program needs your help! We are seeking mentors, eighteen years of age and older, for local youth that could benefit from a positive role model. This is an excellent way to make a significant difference in the life of a child. Currently girls wait for about 2 months and boys can wait up to 2 years for a mentor! Contact Cheryl Hamond 507-345-9815.

SAVE THE DATE!

Polka Mass, May 19 at 5:00pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church (1900 E. 6th St., St. Charles, MN). A Brat Supper will follow the Mass along with more Polka Music!