



# 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*



March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 6:27-38

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Loyola Catholic School	507-388-060
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### LOYOLA AMBASSADORS ST. JOHN'S PARISH:

Beth Johnson 388-6312

### ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

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### From the Pastor's Desk

The Lenten season begins this week. It is a season to prepare for the fuller participation in the power of Christ's resurrection. Some suggestions:

#### Attend these parish liturgies –

Ash Wednesday, Each Sunday,  
Holy Thursday and Good Friday, and  
Easter (Vigil or Sunday)

#### One weekly personal devotion –

Stations of the Cross  
An Hour of Adoration  
Spiritual reading of your choice  
Visit someone sick or elderly

#### One daily practice –

Find a 5 minute daily time of prayer  
Change of food intake in some way to  
remind you of Lent  
Make contact with a loved one by call,  
text, or email  
Make a conscious sacrifice in your life

This discipline will change you and make Easter special.

Peace,  
Fr. John

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 4** – Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

8:15 am - Communion Service

**Tuesday, March 5** - Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

8:15 am – Elaine Michels†, John & Magdalene Maloney†

**Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday** - Jl 2:12-18;

2 Cor 5:20 -6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:15 am – Gil & Jerre Berens†, Rosalia Maloney†, Martha VanLoy†

7:00 pm - Parishioner's of St. John's

**Thursday, March 7** – Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

8:15 am – Communion Service

**Friday, March 8** - Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

8:15 am – John Votca†, Mary & James Maloney†

**Saturday, March 9** - Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

5:15 pm –Earl Haase†, David Graham†, Martha VanLoy†, Lyllah Mae Norland†, Pierre Dompier†, Floyd Roberts, Jr.†

**Sunday, March 10** -Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

8:00 am – Tom Zimmerman†, Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 am – Lyllah Mae Norland†, Mason Nicholas Weis†,  
Tom Ommen†, Diane Pettipiece†

# THE WEEK AHEAD

March 4-10

## Monday, March 4

Communion Service – 8:15 - Church  
Spirit Singers – 5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth room

## Tuesday, March 5

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
Daily Mass – 8:15 AM – Church  
Piecemakers – 9:00 AM – Matthews Hall  
Hope-Grief Ministry – 5:15 PM - John Paul II room

## Wednesday, March 6

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Ash Wednesday Mass – 8:15 AM – Church**  
Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room  
Hospice Grief – 10:00 AM – John Paul II room  
NPSL Mass – 10:00 AM – New Perspective Community  
**Ash Wednesday Service w/Ashes – 12:10 PM – Church**  
**Ash Wednesday Mass – 7:00 PM - Church**  
Roots & Edge - 6:30 PM – PLC Cafeteria, Matthews Hall  
Life Teen – 7:30 PM – PLC gym

## Thursday, March 7

Communion Service – 8:15 AM – Church  
Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM – Matthews Hall  
Laurels Peak Mass – 3:00 PM – Laurels Peak  
Conversion Study – 6:30 PM – John Paul II room

## Friday, March 8

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

## Saturday, March 9

Prayer Walk – 9:00 AM – Madison East Mall  
Mass – 5:15 PM – Church

## Sunday, March 10

Mass – Rite of Sending (IM) - 8:00 AM – Church  
Mass – Rite of Sending (IM) - 10:00 AM – Church  
Faith Formation (Grades 1, 3, 4) – 9:00 AM – PLC  
CLW – 10:10 AM – Matthews Hall  
Rite of Election / Call to Continuing Conversion,  
(DOW-R RCIA) – 3:00 PM – Queen of Angels  
Church, Austin

### **St. John's Prayer Network -**

*To submit a prayer request, please call:*

**Sandy Roberts 387-1372 or  
or Alice DiMeglio 345-5273**

**Email: Pastoral Care Associate at:  
mike@stjohnsmankato.net**

# ST. JOHN'S NEWS

## **SIGN UP TO HELP WITH PASTA WITH THE PADRES!**

Sign up sheets to volunteer for the 12th Annual "Pasta with the Padres" fundraiser for ECHO Food Shelf are in the church entries and we need lots of volunteers to make it a success. This year the dinner will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Mankato on Sunday, March 10th from 4-7 p.m. Joe Kunkel and Bully Pulpit will provide entertainment and the spaghetti will be delicious. Sign up in the narthex of the church to help and then plan to attend. It's lots of fun!

## **Piecemakers**

Piecemakers will meet Tuesday, March 5th (the 1st Tuesday of each month). **You Do Not** need to be a sewer to participate. We need people to assemble tops to backing, iron, and tie quilts. It is a FUN way to make quilts for those in need and to get to know other parishioners or renew old friendships. We meet after 8:15 am Mass or Communion Service for coffee and treats, then work from 9:00 am until noon. We hope to see many new faces along with the regulars. Any questions, please call Pat at 507-345-3662.



## **St. John's 127th St. Patrick's Ham Dinner**

**Sunday, March 17th from 11 am to 1 pm**  
St. John's Catholic Church, Mankato, MN

Includes: Baked ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, baked beans, potato salad, Jello, and pie, coffee or milk  
Adults: \$10; K-6th \$3; Preschool FREE;  
Family Max \$30  
Sponsored by St. John's CCW

## **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

# 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.**



Zack Michael Grams  
Parents: Erik and Laura Grams  
Baptized: February 17, 2019

Neyla Jessie Buttell  
Parents: Dustin and Jessica Buttell  
Baptized: February 23, 2019

## IMMIGRATION:

### THE HEART OF THE MATTER!

Join us in praying for our First North American martyr (from Oklahoma doing mission in Guatemala) Fr. Stan Rother; in hearing personal stories from the Sisters who've visited the border and lived in Guatemala; a very informative film (excerpt from HARVEST OF EMPIRE) on reasons for immigration having to do with USA foreign policy.

**Tuesday, March 19th** 7pm SSNDs on THE HILL Good Counsel here in Mankato.

### To RSVP and for more information:

contact Richard DeBona, Catholic Charities-Mankato  
rdebona@ccsomm.org.

### FLOWERS FOR MARY DONATED FOR WEEK OF

**March 3-4**

*Donated by Doug and Susan Durbala  
In Memory of Marion Durbala*

# LOYOLA NEWS

Are you ready to come and see what Loyola is all about? Loyola is hosting **Family Tour/Shadow Day** on Friday, **March 8**. Your child can "shadow" a Loyola student for the day, for half the day or for an hour. Family tours are also available! Call us to reserve your spot: 507-388-0600.

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

**Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12).** Visit [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org). Contact Angela Casteel at [acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org) or 507.388.0615 to schedule family tours.

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

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

### Save the Date!

March 3: **Chillin for a Cure.** Visit Loyola from 11:30-2:00 for a family-friendly community event to raise awareness for rare and chronic diseases. Highlights a chili cook-off, bingo, cookie decorating, and outdoor winter fun.

March 8: **Family Tour/Shadow Day.** Come for a tour or have your child spend part or all of the day with us! 507-388-0600

March 19: **Kindergarten Round up, 6pm**

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.

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.*

**Those who have entered eternal life...**



**Robert Dale**  
who passed away February 26, 2019  
Our deepest sympathy to his family.

# FAITH FORMATION

## Safe Haven Sunday:

### Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

St. John the Baptist is setting aside this weekend, March 2-3, 2019, as Safe Haven Sunday in order to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture.

Today's awareness day is celebrated through prayer and a reflection within the context of the Mass. After Mass, each individual and family will be given Covenant Eyes' book, *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*. This book includes a unique seven-day text-to-opt-in program: The Equipped 7-Day Challenge. This Challenge provides practical tips any caring adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and our young people.

Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please contact Jaci James or visit <http://www.stjohnscatholicchurch.com/safe-haven-sunday.html>.



Has it been a long time since you have received the sacrament of reconciliation? Or do you just dread the act

of confessing? You can find hope, encouragement, and reasons why you should return to confession this Lent at [www.TheLightIsOnSouthernMN.org](http://www.TheLightIsOnSouthernMN.org). Once you're on that website, you can subscribe for twice a week inspiring emails focusing on God's grace and forgiveness throughout March. Check it out, look up when confession is available, and make a plan to confess and receive the Lord's grace and mercy this Lent.

### **PASTA WITH THE PADRES IS COMING!**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "Pasta with the Padres" fundraiser for ECHO Food Shelf, sponsored by the four Mankato area Catholic churches, will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm.

## YAC Mankato

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

**Disciples' Night:** Thursday, March 7th, Mass 5:30pm, **Dinner** 6:00pm, Talk 7:00pm

**Location:** Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

**Speaker:** John Bishop, FOCUS

**Topic:** As humans, our identity is based on the fact that we are made in the image and likeness of God. In this three part series, we will breakdown what it means to bear God's image particularly as it relates to human sexuality.

**Cost:** The cost of dinner/talk is \$10 with an RSVP, \$15 without an RSVP. If you are not eating dinner, the cost of the talk is \$5.

**RSVP** by March 3rd via Facebook or email [mankatoyac@gmail.com](mailto:mankatoyac@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/YACmankato](http://www.facebook.com/YACmankato)

## 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>

# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

## February 24, 2019

Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$	10,813.00
Offertory	\$	371.76
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$	217.00

## Budget Status: February 25, 2019

Current Year-to-Date Adult Giving	\$577,711.00
Current Year-to-Date Adult Budget	\$606,278.00

**Money Counters:** Feb. 25 Team, 3; March 4 Team 4; March 11 Team 1

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL-2019\*\*

	Year-to-Date	2019
2019 Balance	Collections	Contributions needed
\$ 73,680	\$ 5,045	\$ 68,635

### BUILDING TUCK POINTING PROJECT

Cost/Goal	Building & Savings Funds	Contributions needed
\$260,000.00	\$224,776	\$35,224

### St. John's Young Stewards Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$33.98

\*\* 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.

## LITURGY CORNER

*Ash*

*Wednesday*

**Lent Begins on Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

**8:15 am Mass**

**12:10 pm Ash Service**

**7:00 pm Mass**

### KC's ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FEED FRIDAY

**March 8** – St. Joseph the Worker  
Serving from 5:00-7:00PM

**March 15** – SS Peter & Paul (Shrimp)  
Serving from 4:30-7:00PM

**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



**PACEM IN TERRIS**  
HERMITAGE RECREAT CENTER

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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

### Church of St. Paul, Nicollet, MN Men's Breakfast and Raffle

Enjoy a Pre-St. Patrick's day Breakfast and bucket raffle on Sunday, March 10th from 9:00 to 11:30 am, served by the men of the Church of St. Paul. Menu: ham and sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes and beverage.

Tickets: Adult \$8; Children ages 6-12 years \$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.

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 9/10

## Musicians

5:15 pm – Mary Pribyl / Spirit Singers  
8:00 am – Jaci James / Voices in Praise  
10:00 am – Jeanne Makela / Kelsie Davis

## Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Lisa Adams, Kelly Andresen, Doug Blanchard,  
Michelle Goodrich, Barbara Haag, Jane Koehler,  
Glenda Landsteiner  
8:00 am – Maassad Chahine, Mike & Janet Denn, Teresa  
Depuydt, Donna Kapsner, Clarissa Meissner, Jeanne  
Morgan, Pat Sullivan  
10:00 am – Marsha Murphy, Sarah Nelson, Sharon Patterson,  
Jen Pfeffer, Jennifer Potocnik, Dianne Reuter,  
Kathy Sanger, Pamela Steffel

## Lector

5:15 pm – Paul Gaspar, Barbara Haag  
8:00 am – Chad & Savanna Witte  
10:00 am – Sue Baker, Mike Ulman

## Sacristan

5:15 pm – Jane Jans  
8:00 am – Sheri Fedson  
10:00 am – Mike Burkhardt

## Server

5:15 pm – Claire & Sam Orcutt  
8:00 am – Eli & Ella Blace  
10:00 am – Lizzy Boerboom, Josie Haman, Samantha Kann

## Ministers of Hospitality

5:15 pm – Team 1  
8:00 am – Team 5  
10:00 am – Team 9

## Weekly EM (March 11-15)

Ann Benson

## Laurel's Peak Service – (March 14)

Jane Jans, Marty Meyer-Gad

## BIRTHRIGHT RAFFLE

It is again time for the Knights of Columbus to co-sponsor its annual “Benefit for Birthright” Ticket Raffle. Tickets are available at the Holy Rosary Parish Office or by calling David Mutch at 387-5406. The cost of a book of 6 tickets is \$6.00. There are 5 prizes ranging in value from \$50.00-\$250.00.

# AREA NEWS

## Free Concert at Loyola!

The Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble, a local group of professional and amateur musicians, will offer a concert on Sunday, March 10th at 3pm in the gymnasium at Loyola High School. The concert is free and open to the public. The concert will feature works by Percy Grainger, Roger Cichy, and an arraignment of “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” by Claude T. Smith, and others. Dr., Amy Roysem-Foley, the Director of Bands at MSU—Mankato, directs the group. Come enjoy some great music performed by talented, local musicians!

## Women's Retreat

**“Help Us Grow in our Relationship with God”  
Saturday, March 16, 2019**

**9 AM – 2 PM Registration starts at 8:30 AM**

Unfortunately, Sister Therese will not be able to be our retreat facilitator due to health issues. Jackie Cesario has graciously accepted our invitation to lead our retreat. She will help us grow in our relationship with God. There will be an opportunity for discussion following each session. A \$5 donation for lunch is payable with the **RSVP** to Holy Rosary Parish Office, 525 Grant Ave, North Mankato, 387-6501 by **March 8**.

## Lenten Men's Silent Retreat

Several men in the parish have the tradition of making a silent retreat during Lent. Please join us the weekend of **March 9-10 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo**. It's a wonderful chance to reflect, renew and recharge spiritually in a peaceful, beautiful setting with a private room and delicious food. This year's theme is “Be Patient in Affliction.” Please contact Warren Djerf for more information, at (952) 929-0453 or warren@brookcomm.net.

## *Chillin' for a Cure, A Community Event!*

*Raising Awareness of Rare and  
Chronic Diseases*

### **FUN FOR FAMILIES**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

### **CHILI COOKOFF WITH CASH PRIZE**

VENDOR/BAKE SALE • BINGO •  
KIDS ACTIVITIES • OUTDOOR FUN

**Sunday, March 3 • 11-2pm**

Loyola School Campus  
145 Good Counsel Drive

Find us on Facebook or email us at

*chillinforacure@gmail.com*