

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

632 South Broad Street, Mankato, MN

**Pastor: Fr. John Kunz**

## **Mass Schedule**

Daily Mass: 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am

## **Reconciliation**

Saturday: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

## **Parish Office**

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Check out St. Johns on Facebook!

## **Sacraments of the Church**

**Baptism** - Expectant parents who wish to present their child for Baptism must participate in Pre-Jordan class. Contact St. John's Family Ministry Director at 387-6928.

**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 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.

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

To submit a prayer request, please call:

**Mary Jo Roberts 388-8844 Or**

**Sandy Roberts 387-1372**



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**February 19, 2012**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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**Gospel Reading: Mark 2:1-12**

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*Knights of Columbus*  
**FISH FRY  
DINNER**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Menu:** Deep fried, pan fried or baked pollock, baked potato, corn, cole slaw, dessert, beverage and Backeri's great bread.

March 2012						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



**Friday, March 9  
4:30-7:00pm**

St. John the Baptist Church and Ss. Peter and Paul's Church Knights of Columbus - held at Jesuit Hall (Ss. Peter and Paul's Church basement)

**Adults: \$8.00, Under 12: \$4.00**

**Family max: \$20.00**

Please plan to attend for the Knights!

**YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO ST. JOHNS**

Please let us know if you are in the hospital, assisted living facility or nursing home, or recovering at home from any of these places. There are many people trained and able to bring communion and/or a friendly visit to you, to keep you connected to St. John's no matter where you are. Call Mary Beth at 387-6928 if you would like to have someone stop by, or if you have other needs that the parish can help with.

**UNDERSTANDING GRIEF**

*Mark Your Calendars*

An 8 Week Grief Support Session will be offered here at St. John's beginning Monday March 5, 2012.

PLAN to come to the one at St. John's 10:00am-12noon  
Watch the Bulletin and Website for other sites and times for Grief Support.

## AROUND THE PARISH

THE WEEK AHEAD . . .

### **Monday, February 20**

Parish Office Closed

Youth Trip: Mary Jo Copeland

Exodus Bible Study - 6:30pm, John Paul II room

Natural Family Planning 6:30pm, St. Elizabeth Room

### **Tuesday, February 21**

Sunrise AA meeting - 6:30 am, Parish Library

Knights of Columbus-6:15pm, Officers, Parish Life Ctr.

Knights of Columbus-7:00pm, General, Parish Life Ctr.

### **Wednesday, February 22**

Ash Wednesday- 8:15am, 12:10pm, 7:00pm

Legion of Mary - 9am, Marian Room

Choir for Christ - 5:15pm, John Paul II room

CONNECT - 7:00pm, Youth Office

### **Thursday, February 23**

Simon Ministry 10:30am-12:00pm, Door 7

Laurels Peak Mass - 3:00pm

Acts Bible Study - 6:30pm, John Paul II room

Marian Prayer Group - 7pm, Matthews Hall

### **Friday, February 24**

Early Risers AA - 6:30 am, St. Elizabeth room

Al-Anon - 6:30 am, Parish Library

Friday Fellowship - 8:45am, St. Elizabeth room

### **Saturday, February 25**

### **Sunday, February 26**

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO NURSERY

## T-SHIRT DRIVE FOR SOLDIERS

Care Packages for Soldiers is sending care packages to soldiers overseas and would like to get the community involved by having a T-shirt drive. Soldiers wear military clothing all day while they are deployed and on their leisure time it is nice for them to wear clothes that make them feel like they are home. I am having a T-shirt drive to help supply enough T-shirts for the number of care packages being sent out. The T-shirts must be new and in sizes of Medium, Large or Extra Large. Please deliver to St. John The Baptist Catholic Church by September 1, 2012. Thank you for your support. LoriAnne Marquardt 507-766-6233

## CARE PACKAGES FOR SOLDIERS

Care Packages for Soldiers is having a fund raiser to send care packages to soldiers overseas and is looking for volunteers who would like to knit, sew, crochet, embroidery or any other item for the event. Items can be dropped off at St. Johns The Baptist Church no later than June 1, 2012. Any questions feel free to email or call me. Thank you for your support. LoriAnne Marquardt 507-766-6233, carepackagesforsoldiers22@gmail.com

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### **Thank You Good and Faithful Stewards**

Adult Env.	\$ 11,809.15
Offertory	\$ 310.76
Electronic Giving	\$ 3,859.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 96.00

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

Children's Envelopes	\$ 33.67
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*(Talent comments taken from Children's Envelopes)*

I held the door open for mom and grandma.

I worked hard at school.

I made Valentine cards.

I helped mom sing.

2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal

**"In Christ Alone"**

(www.dow.org)

*"We stand firm in our faith, our hope, our strength  
and Salvation"*

**Parish Goal: \$71,680**

Appeal Weekend is February 18/19th at all Masses.

Next week will be the beginning of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The ADA supplies over one-third of the funds used to operate the diocese and to provide programs and ministries. We will be receiving a packet at next week's Mass explaining the Appeal with a special message from Bishop Quinn. Please begin praying about your commitment to the Appeal. Your support is what enables us to serve thousands of our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese.

## LENTEN LITURGIES

Join us in Matthews Hall for special Lenten liturgies. Allow yourself time to reflect on the Glory of God and Jesus' life-giving love for us.

**Stations of the Cross, Tuesdays at 7pm in Matthews Hall:**

Feb 28 – Traditional

March 6 – See ourselves as we are  
truly depicted in the Passion

March 13 – Family Stations

March 20 – Reflective

March 27 – Traditional

April 3 – Traditional

**Evening Prayer:** Sundays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 at 7:00pm in Matthews Hall.

## WHO ARE THOSE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

We are a growing and vibrant service organization of Catholic men numbering over 1.6 million members worldwide. Our foundation is based on the principles of Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

We are more than you'd expect!

For more information contact Dave Sullivan, 345-3662

**JOURNEY TO CHRISTIAN INITIATION**  
**Sacramental Formation & Celebration**

**First Eucharist**  
**“What does Lent mean for us”**

As young people of the parish who are to receive Holy Communion for the first time, Lent is a time to help you prepare yourself to receive Christ in the Eucharist. As a Catholic Christian you are called, for the next six weeks, to journey with Christ in an observance of sacrifices that include prayer, alms giving and fasting.

Although you are the age of 7 or 8 year's old (Maybe even 9) and may think that lent isn't meant for you, you can, with the help of your parents, find ways to pray, give, and fast during this Lenten season.

**First Communicant families**, our next Eucharist session is March 7, 2012; 6:00-7:00pm in the PLC.

**Important dates to remember**

- Mandatory Learning Centers March 14, 2012 in the PLC 3:30-7:00

**Questions? Call Kevin at 387-6928**

**LENT:**

*Reflecting on the Paschal Mystery in Jesus' Life and in ours.*

Through prayer, reflection and sharing, the themes of Lent will be addressed. This is a day to come apart for a while to enter more fully into our Lenten Journey and to be nourished. Sponsored by Sacred Space Ministry.

March 10, 2012. 9:30-3:00pm.

Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN.

Fee: \$40 (or what you can offer), includes lunch. Register by March 6, 2012. [mjwelter@ssndmankato.org](mailto:mjwelter@ssndmankato.org) or 507-389-4266.

**A LENTEN RETREAT DAY**

*March 7 Wednesday 9:30 – 3:30 - Sister JoAnn Haney, OSF*

“There is a time for planting...a time for searching...a time for keeping silent.” The hectic lives we lead can leave little time for us to put all in perspective. The book of Ecclesiastes tells us there is time for everything under the sun, especially a time for balance in our lives. COME for a day of quiet prayer and input to help discover how to balance your life. Suggested donation: \$20 with lunch.

**ST. JOHN'S ABBEY LENTEN RETREAT**  
**Abbey Guesthouse in Collegeville, MN**  
**February 24-26, 2012**

“The Path through Holy Week: A scripture meditation on the last few days of Jesus leading up to his passion, death and resurrection.” Presented by Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, Monk of Saint John's Abbey. Starts with dinner on Friday night at 6 p.m. and ends after lunch on Sunday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$180 for a single room and \$300 for a double room (\$150 per person). To register, go to the guesthouse webpage: [www.abbeyguesthouse.org](http://www.abbeyguesthouse.org) or call the Abbey Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929.

*St. John the Baptist*  
**Generations of Faith**

**LEARNING AT HOME**

Pick up Home Materials in the Elevator Entrance, or get them online at our Website. Continue growing in your faith and understanding how we encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Marriage.

**CIRCLE OF GRACE**

*Coming to St. John's*

We all have a “Circle of Grace” within which we live and move. This program helps our children and young people understand their own dignity in mind, body and spirit. Circle of Grace educates and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. Coming Soon

**MARRIAGE MINUTE:**

**What does “the common good” mean?**

Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, the common good is “the good of ‘all of us,’” the good of every member of society. A society focused on the common good upholds the fundamental dignity of each person, and progresses “from less human conditions to those which are more human.” In short, the common good is “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.

(USCCB.org, Marriage: Unique for a Reason)

**MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!**

A Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: March 16-18, 2012 in Frontenac, MN and July 13-15, 2012 in Hutchinson, MN. For information /registration, contact: Jeff and Rondi Kodet at 507-644-3523 or [jrek@redred.com](mailto:jrek@redred.com) or visit our website at [www.wwmeSection8.org](http://www.wwmeSection8.org).

**TRAVEL THE ROAD TO EMMAUS - RETREAT**

If you would like a chance to recognize the times your heart has been burning, the times when Christ has been present to you on your path, we invite women ages 20 to 90+ to take part in the Emmaus Retreat - 6:30pm Feb. 24th to 3pm Feb. 26th at SSND facilities. Cost of \$95 includes 2 nights stay and meals. Contact Beth Shank at 388-2995, ext. 109 or Julia Schwamberger in the evening at 345-7496.

**LOYOLA NEWS**

“Congratulations to Ms. Linda Ruehle, 5th Grade teacher at Loyola Catholic School, on being selected to receive this year's Air Force Association 2012 Educator Grant. This grant was established to assist educators in bringing knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) into our nations classrooms. Thank you for all your hard work!”

## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

22—T3 Bible Study 6pm

24—SERVICE HOURS: Parents Night Out

29—T3 Bible Study 6pm



the teen timeline

New Bible Study for Teens in  
Grades 7-12

Beginning on Ash Wednesday,  
Feb. 22 @ 6pm, 8 sessions

**Discover your faith in a new and  
exciting way This Lent!**

Led by Amy Kloss. Sign up today!

## Service Hour Opportunity Parent's Night Out

Babysitters needed to help watch children at the Lincoln Community Center on Friday, February 24th at 6-9pm.

Proceeds will go to help MSU Students travel to Colorado to work with Habitat for Humanity and build a home for a family in need.

For more information contact Molly at:  
Molly.wandersee@mnsu.edu

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I HEAR THAT JESUS CAN HEAL THE LAME,  
WHICH IS PRECISELY THE CONDITION THAT  
I'M TOLD PREVENTS ME FROM CHARMING  
WOMEN

**Peter's Peace** We live in an incredible time. There is always something new happening, being created, discovered, and uncovered. Just think of the world of technology. It seems like every other day Apple comes out with a new device or program that changes the world. Google is always coming up with new ways of getting information out to people. Think of your life in the past six months to a year. What kinds of new things have you learned at school or on your own? How many new things have you purchased? How many new experiences have you had? Newness is common place for us, we are used to new.

Now think about your faith. Have there been any new developments in your relationship with God, with the Church, or with the way you express your faith? Sometimes religion can seem *run of the mill* kind of thing. It's just the same thing over and over again. Our relationship with God can get stale and old compared to the constant newness of the rest of our life. But that's not the way it's supposed to be. In this week's first reading from Isaiah, God tells his people, "See, I am doing something new!" What does this mean? What is new?

In the Gospel from Mark, we hear the familiar story of the healing of the paralyzed man. Jesus is in a home that is so crowded, no one can get in. Some guys who brought their friend to see Jesus get the idea to break into the house through the roof! I imagine it was hard work hoisting a paralyzed man up to the roof. And I'm sure people started figuring out something extreme was going on when the men began to tear the roof apart. I love the image of the man being lowered into the crowded room where Jesus was preaching.

Jesus was obviously impressed with their work because the Gospel says, "Jesus saw their faith." What happens next is important. Jesus looks at the paralyzed man and says, "Child, your sins are forgiven." This caused a stir in the room, for two reasons. 1) The paralyzed man and his friends were hoping for a miracle, 2) the scribes (religious leaders) thought that Jesus was being blasphemous because only God could forgive sins – not even a holy man was allowed to make such a claim. However, this is our sign that Jesus is up to something new.

Jesus said that to simply heal the man of his physical injury was too easy, but to forgive someone of their sins, that was the real miracle. This story is in second chapter of Mark's Gospel. Up until now all of Jesus' healings had been straight forward: someone is sick or possessed, Jesus heals them. This is the first time Jesus mentions forgiveness of sins. This is an indication that Jesus is not just some miracle worker, he is much more.

All too often we get caught in a rut with our relationship with God. It's easy for us to just come to God when we want help, when we need to feel better, when we need someone to be there for us. However, this is a false religion. God is not distant and disengaged from our lives. God does not exist to simply answer hopeful prayers. God is not just there to make us feel better about ourselves. This kind of faith is called *Moralistic Therapeutic Deism*. It is not Christianity.

The new thing Jesus did was to break down of the barriers between Heaven and Earth so that God and human beings could live in a love relationship with one another. Through the forgiveness of our sins we are allowed into God's everlasting love. Through Jesus' example of love, we are shown how to exist with one another to bring about God's kingdom here on earth. In the Second Reading from 2 Corinthians, Paul reminds us that God has given us his Holy Spirit, and it is this Spirit that strengthens and guides us in this new way of love. As we approach the threshold of the Lenten Season, let us ask God to renew in us his saving love and to do use us to do something new. **Peace. Peter.**

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

*It's never too late to donate to the campaign!*

Every dollar helps us as we begin the construction and remodeling. Thank you to all from the parish who have generously pledged or provided a gift to the campaign. **THANK YOU!**

### RENOVATION: "BEHIND THE WALL"

"Behind the Wall" this week the roof cap is installed on the new Gathering Space and it is now weather resistant. Window framing and glass install also continues. The floor of the church is being removed in preparation of the new stone. Painting of the ceiling begins with a specialized acoustical paint. We've come to realize that it will be impossible to install a handicap ramp outside the Adoration Chapel because, in the original 1961 construction, the floor of that room and the sacristy were built up 8 inches to match the height of the sanctuary floor. Therefore, we would need to remove the entire floor at an exorbitant cost addition to the project. Our new anticipated date of finish is moved to the week of May 1st because of extra work that needed to be done in Matthews Hall. We ask God for His continued grace and blessing on our project. May He bless the contractors and laborers working on the project. **Please be considerate and leave the closest parking spots for the elderly and physically challenged and utilize the large parking lot near the rectory in the future.**

### STRENGTHS FINDER TIP FOR THE WEEK

*Approach God's Throne*

"What a great High Priest we have in Jesus. He understands our experiences, and He knows what it is like to live in a human body. He positioned Himself to go through the same kind of temptations we do, but He didn't give into them. He knows that the tempter lies in wait for us, and He knows we need His mercy and strength. We still fall short even when we have the best intentions to do good. God tells us to receive, not strive to get, but just to receive new mercy for each day."

~ Joyce Meyer, Starting Your Day Right

### NO NURSERY DURING MASS

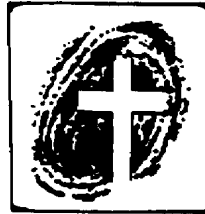
Due to construction the Nursery is temporarily closed - check bulletin for update on reopening. HOWEVER, you may use the Parish Library for a "cry room" (just down the hall from Matthews Hall next to the St. Elizabeth room).



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

**Brielle RayAnn Cornelius**, daughter of Scott and Kari (Bruns) Cornelius.

## LITURGICAL CORNER



### ASHES

Paul Turner

"You've got dirt on your forehead."

We're likely to hear those words from thoughtful friends who display their intimate concern as well as their

religious absent-mindedness when we go out in public after Mass on Ash Wednesday.

The distribution of ashes replaces the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass. Instead of merely "calling to mind our sins," we receive a very public reminder of our sinfulness.

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel," we hear. Or, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return."

But it wasn't always that way. In the early church, only public sinners wore ashes. These sinners convened regularly to prepare for their reconciliation at a parish service and they formed - well, what we now call "support groups." As penitents, they used to wear ashes on their heads or in their clothes. Symbols of human mortality, ashes represented their complete dependence on the mercy of God. In the middle ages, the support groups dwindled but sinners remained strong in numbers. So Pope Urban II ordered up the first Ash Wednesday in 1091. Ashes were for everybody, and we've been rubbing dirt on our foreheads ever since.

Dirt is something we're constantly washing off children and ourselves. Only in church do we deliberately put dirt on the most public part of our bodies, our foreheads.

Ashes are what's left in the now-cold fireplace. Ashes heat the barbecue. Ashes are all that remains of the home after the tragic fire. Ashes enrich the compost heap. Ashes of the faithful departed fill commemorative urns. Ashes represent destruction, refuse and waste, but they hint at new life.

Long before recycling became popular, the church got into the act on Ash Wednesday. Ever wonder what happens to those palm branches left over from last Holy Week? They've been burned into ash, stuffed into bags and now await the chance to dirty your forehead on Ash Wednesday this year. The symbol of Christ's glory has become the symbol of our sin.

On Ash Wednesday, you're not just another dirty face. No, you've tossed yourself into the recycling bin of Lent, ready for renewal this Easter.

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## MASS INTENTIONS AND DAILY READINGS

Monday, February 20 - *Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29*

8:15 am George Wesely †

Tuesday, February 21 - *Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37*

8:15 am St. John's Parish

Wednesday, February 22 - *Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51;*

*2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

8:15 am St. John's Parish,

12:10pm Dan Wieskus †

7:00pm Clifton Fossen †

Thursday, February 23 - *Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25*

8:15 am Betty Schwamberger †

Friday, February 24 - *Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15*

8:15 am Irene Petrik / Bob Fink † / Tom Frassel † /

Robert Ginn (Blessing)

Saturday, February 25 - *Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32*

5:15 pm Patrick Killion † / Joan Christian † / Scott Pazik †

Sunday, February 26 - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am St. John's Parish

10:00 am Evelyn Kuiper †

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS for Feb. 25 & 26

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm Michelle Goodrich, Rosemary Graham, Barb Kluender,  
Jane Kohler, Joe Kunkel, Phyllis Maloney, Sarah Nelson

8:00 am Naim Rahme, Samantha Schaffer, Donna Schaffer,  
Karon Sheldon, Dave & Pat Sullivan, Chad Witte

10:00 am Susan Baker, Mark & Lynn Turbes,  
Mike & Nell Ulman, Helen Ward, Steve Ziegler

### Gift Bearer

5:15 pm Bernadette Smothers & family

8:00 am Jennifer Kluntz & family

10:00 am Jill Gartner & family

### Lector

5:15 pm Paul Gaspar & Kenneth Klingsporn

8:00 am Mary Homan & Martha Witte

10:00 am Sharon Patterson & Mark Turbes

### Sacristans

5:15 pm Thomas Rogness

8:00 am Mike Denn

10:00 am Joann Jaqua

### Mass Servers

5:15 pm Nicholas Salzle, Any Sharpless, Madeline Valentin

8:00 am Meghan Schaub NEED 2 SUBS

10:00 am Sydney Kloss, Connor Oldenburg, Lauren Stokesbury

### Ushers

5:15 pm - Team 1

8:00 am - Team 5

10:00 am - Team 9

### Weekday Eucharistic Minister (Feb. 20-24)

8:15 am Marly Miller

### Laurels Peak Mass (February 23)

Elaine Leiferman & Elaine Koch

### Traveling Trust Box February 25/26:

Priscilla Garcia

## AROUND AND ABOUT

### DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE FUND RAISER

For Theresa House and Welcome Inn. Sunday, February 19 at 8:30am-12:30pm in the basement of St. Peter and Paul's Church, 105 N. 5th St., Mankato. \$3 for age 5 & under, 6 & above are \$8.

### HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #017

Regular Meeting - February 20, 2012 at 8:00pm in DeSmet Hall - North 5th St., Mankato.

### JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is sponsoring an eight week grief group for people over 60 who have experienced the death of a loved one

Mondays, March 5 – April 23, 10 a.m. – Noon  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato

Thursdays, March 8 – May 3, 6 – 8 p.m.  
(Group does not meet April 5) Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato

There is no charge for these programs, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Hospice office at 507-385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

### BLOOD DRIVE

The Loyola Catholic School is sponsoring a blood drive on March 7 from 9:00 - 1:00 in the Loyola High School Gym. If you are interested in making an appointment contact Sue Goebel at sgoebel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507-388-2997 ext. 279. Walk ins are welcome.

### PROJECT RACHAEL

*"Rachael mourns her children; she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more..."*  
(Jeremiah 31:15)

If you or a loved one has had an abortion, you may be feeling overwhelmed and burdened. Whatever the pain, you are not alone and there is hope. PROJECT RACHAEL can help. You will be provided with sensitive, confidential counseling to share your grief and receive support and healing. Call Catholic Charities at Mankato 387-5586.

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP MEETING

#### *Praise, Worship, Teaching and Prayer*

Ecumenical in nature, every first and third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Holy Rosary School, corner of Sherman & Grant, North Mankato. Enter at West side of building. For more information call Sr. Mary Anne Schaezner 387-6501 or Darlene Schorn 345-8667.

