

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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January 29, 2012
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS
JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 5, 2012.

This year's theme is: Catholic Schools: Academics, Faith, Service. The entire school is coming together to help our brothers and sisters in the Greater Mankato community who are experiencing poverty or are in danger of experiencing poverty by donating items to the South Central MN Project Community Connect. This event will take place on March 20, 2012 at the Verizon Wireless Center. The items (clothing and personal items) we donate will be offered to the 250-500 visitors of this event.

All School Mass For Catholic Schools Week - An All School Mass celebrating National Catholic Schools Week is planned for Wed., Feb. 1, at 11:00am at SSPP Church. Plan on joining us for this beautiful celebration of Loyola Catholic School and Catholic Schools across the nation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

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From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend marks a significant moment in the history of St. John the Baptist. Every Sunday for just over 50 years, the Eucharist has been celebrated in this liturgical space. Next Sunday the Eucharist celebration will move to Matthews Hall. In a sense our Lent begins early. There will be some excitement of life in a new space. There will be some losses for our liturgical experience. But just like the season of Lent, we prepare to receive new life by a time of denial.

So I ask your patience in these coming months. It will bring us to a new awareness of the gift of our church building. Most of all I ask you to stay together as a parish. We will live in a little mess and things will be different, but I believe the newly remodeled Matthews Hall will serve us well.

St. John the Baptist pray for us,
Fr. John

THANK YOU

Since the beginning of 2012 we have had two large funerals that have required help from many of our parishioners and community. We would like to thank all of you for your dedication to St. John's parish family. Your commitment is an example of the living history of the parish of St. John's. St. John's has always had a legacy of support for those in need and helped build the parish community that we are today.

We are especially grateful to those who helped set up, bake, serve and cleaned up. Mankato Mortuary for their patience during our time of renovation. To Culvers for arranging the coffee pots through G & K rental who donated the use of the coffee pots; to Hy-Vee for the use of their coffee storage pots; to Smiley Cup for donating coffee; St. John's Knights of Columbus; the Mankato Police Department for helping with set up at the Parish Life Center; to Robert W. Carlstrom Co. Inc. for remaining silent during these important events. St. John's is truly a blessed parish.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for something to do on a Wednesday night? How about volunteering as a nursery attendant for our sacramental preparation sessions?

The sessions are every other Wednesday starting January 18, 2012. 5:45 – 7:30 pm. For further information contact Kevin Kroeber at 387-6928

CALLED TO BE CATHOLIC

Come hear Raymond de Souza on "Why We Need to Re-Evangelize the Baptized," on Sunday, Feb. 12, 3:00 pm, at St. Joseph's Parish (Owatonna). An internationally known speaker and EWTN-TV personality, Mr. de Souza was recently appointed the Director of Evangelization and Apologetics for the Winona diocese. This talk is part of "The Call To Be Catholic" speakers series. No charge; a free-will offering is suggested.

AROUND THE PARISH

THE WEEK AHEAD . . .

Monday, January 30

WOW ZONE - 11am, Grades 9-12

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

Tuesday, January 31

Sunrise AA meeting - 6:30 am, Parish Library

Spirit Singers - 5:30pm, Matthews Hall

Wednesday, February 1

Legion of Mary - 9 am, Marian Room

Quick Journey Bible Study - 1:00pm, John Paul II room

GOF Catechetical Meeting - 5:00pm Marian Room

Choir for Christ - 5:15pm, Matthews Hall

1st Eucharistic Prep - 6:00pm, Parish Life Center

Six7D8 - 6:00pm, Youth Office

CONNECT - 7:00pm, Youth Office

Thursday, February 2

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

Laurels Peak Mass - 3:00pm

Journey to Justice - 5:30pm, Marian Room

Pre-Jordan - 6:00pm, Parish Library

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

Marian Prayer Group - 7pm, Matthews Hall

Friday, February 3

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 4

Sunday, February 5

Children's Liturgy of the Word - 10:00am Mass, St. Elizabeth Nursery during the 10:00am Mass, Parish Library (Next to St. Elizabeth Room)

LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS

The traditional Latin Tridentine Mass is celebrated at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on the first Saturday of each month, the next Mass is scheduled for February 4. A question and answer period with coffee & rolls will follow on the 4th floor.



Those who have entered eternal life...

Troy Mueller, passed away January 16.

Our deepest sympathy to his family.

ADOPTION IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO BUILD A FAMILY

If you are interested in learning more about adoption call Catholic Charities at 1-800-222-5859. As one adoptive parent said, "Adoption has been a blessed event in our lives. We can't imagine loving anyone as much as our child. He has been the joy of our lives and has allowed us the opportunity of having a family. We are extremely grateful to his birth mother for bringing him into our world." If you are interested in adoption Call Catholic Charities at 1-800-222-5859 or Mankato office at 387-5586.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank You Good and Faithful Stewards

Adult Env.	\$ 7,808.01
Offertory	\$ 613.33
Electronic Giving	\$ 3,859.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 34.00

St. John's Young Stewards of Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$ 41.80

(Talent comments taken from Children's Envelopes)

I helped mom baby sit our friend's kids.

I helped baby sit.

I shared Legos with little brother.

I shoveled driveway.

I helped mom cook.



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

Mason Ulrick Johnson, Son of

Mathew and Maria (Caven) Johnson.

Jaylenn Rosemarie Roiger-Joel, Daughter of Jayme and Pam (Roiger) Roiger-Joel

WEEKEND MASS IN MATTHEWS HALL STARTING FEBRUARY 4 & 5!

January 29 will be the last day we have Mass in the church due to the renovation. Starting with daily Mass on Monday, January 30, Mass will be in Matthews Hall until the reconstruction is finished in April.

If you are interested in helping to set up chairs in Matthews Hall, please call the parish office at 625-3131.

AD ALTARE DEI AWARD FOR BOY SCOUTS

Catholic Boy Scouts interested in earning the Catholic Award in the Boy Scout program are invited to attend a 30 minute information and registration meeting at the Scout Room on third floor of Xavier Hall, 105 North 5th Street, Mankato, on Wed., Feb. 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Open to registered Boy Scouts age 13 & up who have completed the 6th grade and have been with a scout troop for at least 6 months. Ad Altare Dei Counselors, Father Ted Hottinger 317-8194, Jim Pfau 340-1696, Julie Friedley 345-5922, and Michele Adams 625-8316. Call if you have any questions.

WHO ARE THOSE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

We are an organization dedicated to upholding the teachings of the Catholic Church, helping people in need and fostering a bond between members worldwide that has endured for over 119 years. We are more than you'd expect! For more information contact Dave Sullivan, 345-3662.

JOIN US FOR MARDI GRAS!

Saturday, February 18th starting at 6:00 p.m. Great food, entertainment, and company. Tickets must be purchased in advance: \$30 individual, \$240 table of 8. Call the parish office at 388-3766. St. Joseph the Worker Auditorium, Mankato.

St. John the Baptist *Generations of Faith*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: FEBRUARY 8 *Encountering Jesus in the Sacrament of Marriage*

A Good Marriage is accomplished with both hard work and God's Grace.

4pm OR 6:15 pm - Meal for all from 5:45-6:15

ENJOY: All ages demonstration and explanation of the marriage ritual.

****New this session:**

**Elementary Parents are invited to attend the adult sessions, while trained catechists guide children through activities on the qualities needed for a good marriage. (commitment, patience, friendship & forgiveness)

Age Group sessions for

- Children in grades 1-5: PLC Gym
- Youth in grades 6-10: Matthews Hall

Adults:

- What is Catholic Marriage? Speaker Peter Martin from the Diocesan office of Family Life: JPII Room
- Why Marriage Matters: Speaker from Marriage Minnesota: Marian Room
- Get Your Questions about Marriage, Divorce and Annulment Answered: with Father John in the Bride's Room off Matthews Hall

Many of us are called to the vocation of Marriage, and all of us are connected to married couples in one way or another. Come and learn more about how Christ and his Church help us to be His followers in our marriages family life, and community.

JOURNEY TO CHRISTIAN INITIATION Sacramental Formation & Celebration

First Eucharist

"We Pray in Thanksgiving"

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for their first Eucharist will learn the order of the Mass by witnessing a "SLOW MOTION MASS" The first communicants will experience a Sunday Mass in a step by step demonstration. As a parish we witness the Mass as sort of "out of habit." The next time you go to mass, slow it down in your mind and watch each step paying attention to the events, symbols, readings, prayers, everything that happens. Everything that happens during the mass is intentional; preparing us to receive Christ in the Eucharist. What have you been missing?

Questions? Call Kevin at 387-6928

ST. JOHN'S ABBEY LENTEN RETREAT

Abbey Guesthouse in Colledgeville, 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 or call the Abbey Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next weekend is: Feb. 10-12, 2012 at Christ the King Retreat House in Buffalo, MN. For more information call 763-420-9125 or check our website at www.wwme.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Encounter on February 11-12 or 25-26 at the Mt Olivet Conference Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of retreats or call 651.454.3238.

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: Feb 10-12, 2012 in Windom, MN and Mar 16-18, 2012 in Frontenac, MN. For information /registration, contact: Jeff and Rondi Kodet at 507-644-3523 or jrek@redred.com or visit our website at www.wwmeSection8.org.

PATHWAYS TEC RETREAT

February 18-20, 2012

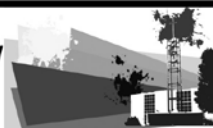
Teens (age 16 and up) and adults are invited to attend Pathways Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend to be held at St. Leo's Church in Pipestone. Sponsored by the Diocese of Winona and affiliated with National TEC, Pathways TEC is a dynamic, life-giving experience centered in the Paschal Mystery filled with music, inspiring talks, praise and worship. TEC provides an opportunity for ongoing growth in faith and prayer and promotes involvement in the life and mission of the Church.

Applications are available on the TEC website www.pathwaystec.org. Call TEC Coordinator Mary White at 507-280-0917 for more information.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FORUM

A monthly Mass and forum for Catholic men of the Dioceses of New Ulm and Winona on First Tuesdays Oct - May. Food, Beer, Wine and Pop will be served. Free will offering. Join your Catholic brothers for monthly worship, fellowship, and learning.

February 7, 2012 - Ignatian Prayer: First Principles and Foundations, Frank Cesario. Mass: 6:30pm, Forum 7:10-8:45pm at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 105 N. 5th St. Mankato in the Upper Room (4th Floor). Chaplain: Fr. Joseph Lojacono, josephlojacono@ive.org



Calendar of Events

JANUARY

30—CONNECT @ the WOW ZONE 11a
ANYONE Grades 9-12

FEBRUARY

1—Steve Angrisano Concert & Pizza 6p

STEVE ANGRISANO CONCERT

FREE!! FEB 1st, @ MSU Ballroom
\$7 for pizza at Jake's Stadium Pizza before the concert!
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Do you like to sing?
Do you play an instrument?
Use your gifts and passions to help St. John's worship!

Join LIT Band
St. John's NEW

Youth Choir/Music Group
for Junior & Senior High youth
(gr 7-12)

For more info, contact Peter Bierer at
387-6928 or
youthmin@hickorytech.net



THE TEEN TIMELINE

New Bible Study for Teens in
Grades 7-12

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

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

Led by Amy Kloss. Sign up today!

LAST WEEK IN YOUTH MINISTRY

CONNECT: Self Image/Image of God
We used clay to portray our image of God and self based on the Genesis creation story and the phrase, "Made in the image and likeness of God."

Peter's Peace

I was in fifth grade, it was the middle of winter and we were on the playground for recess after lunch. Marty, the tallest, best looking, and meanest sixth grader at Northern Hills Elementary School, was viciously chasing another kid from my class, Joel. Joel was different. He had greasy hair, goofy clothes, he was scrawny, and had a learning disability. He was a prime candidate for getting picked on and beat up, which happened regularly on the playground. Marty was not only chasing Joel, but every time he got close to him, he slid on the snow and tripped Joel so he would land face first on the icy ground. Joel looked terrified.

My friends and I were watching this, at first laughing at the spectacle of it all. Then after a few minutes I wasn't laughing any more. I realized that Marty was not going to stop picking on Joel until someone stopped him. The teachers on duty weren't watching, and none of the other students were doing anything about it. I felt like I had to step in. I had to say something.

Now, I wasn't a very strong or intimidating figure, especially compared to Marty, the six foot tall sixth grade star athlete. I didn't have a reputation for being authoritative, or even nice. I'm not really sure I had ever really stuck up for anyone before. But that didn't stop me. Something inside of me needed to make Marty stop what he was doing to Joel. So I yelled out, "Leave him alone!"

At first there was no response, no reaction from Marty. So I yelled out again, and louder this time so everyone on the playground could hear me, "Marty, leave Joel alone!"

That got his attention. He stopped chasing Joel, turned and looked for the poor sap who yelled at him. I could see it in his eyes, the look of rage. How dare anyone tell the 'king of the school' to stop doing anything! Somehow Marty figured out it was me who yelled at him, probably because I was the only one looking at him who was shaking in fear. He started to run at me and I was ready to take off when the playground supervisor stopped him and made Marty go inside to the principal's office. That was the last time Marty picked on Joel.

I'm not trying to puff myself up, or make myself look good to you who are reading this. In fact, I didn't receive any reward from Joel, the school, and certainly not from my friends. Sticking up for Joel was like sticking up for a sack of potatoes. Most people thought it was pointless. He was so strange that nobody valued him or gave him any kind of recognition. He was worthless in the eyes of our student community.

Have you ever had to stick up for someone on the fringes? Have you ever had to champion an unpopular cause? This is the work of a prophet. A prophet is one who speaks on behalf of God, usually to call society back into the way of God. Today's readings remind us that there are times in our lives when we are both called to be the prophet and heed the prophetic voice. This is not an easy role, and prophets are hardly every popular because the prophetic message is usually a corrective instruction. However, prophets also speak words of hope, healing and promise, especially to the poor and the oppressed.

What does it take to be a prophetic voice in your world? What is the cost? What sense is there in putting yourself in harm's way just to help others get back on the path to holiness? The prophet trusts in God for the right words to say and protection against any backlash that might occur. Jesus was the ultimate example of what it means to be a prophet. He spoke with authority, yet he also spoke with compassion. This week, let us ask God for the courage to be the prophet in our own worlds and to heed the prophetic voice when it is directed toward us. **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 work finishes up and within the next week it will be completely enclosed and ready for inside work on the Gathering Space. The electrical, flooring and ceiling work is finishing up on Matthews Hall in preparation for the move downstairs for Mass on the first weekend of February. 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.**

LOYOLA COOK'S TOUR OF KITCHENS

The Loyola High School Music Dept. invites you to the Kitchen Parade of Homes. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 and include tours of four beautiful new kitchens on Trail Drive in Mankato. Each home features an area designer and builder. Come to the kitchens to see what surprises await you! Sunday, Feb. 12 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Please help the LHS Band & Choir raise funds for their service trip to New York City. For information, call 388-2997, or: loyolacatholicschool.org, or email Bridget Hermer, LHS Music Director, at bhermer@loyolacatholicschool.org.

LOYOLA VOLUNTEER ACCOMPANIST

The 7 and 8th grade choirs at the Fitzgerald Campus of Loyola Catholic School are in need of a volunteer accompanist that would be willing to play during rehearsals once or twice a week. We rehearse Monday - Thursday from 1:30 - 2:50. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bridget Hermer at 388-2997.

STRENGTHS FINDER TIP FOR THE WEEK

Let Christ Live Through You

"Some people need to unlearn some things before they can start learning what God wants for them. For example, some people try to manipulate others with their self-pity or anger. They believe these emotional tools will get them what they want from others. Some people who have been hurt or abused feel that they have to take care of themselves because nobody else will. Both attitudes display the common fear, 'What about me?' But Paul offers us a life-changing principle to follow: 'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.' When Christ lives through you, you will enjoy every day of your life."

~ Joyce Meyer, Starting Your Day Right

LITURGICAL CORNER

STATUES - Paul Turner



Whether their eyes peer down at worshipers, look up toward the heavens or simply close in quiet prayer, the faces of statues draw Catholics into the spiritual world. Frequently, Catholic churches stand apart from others not just by what we believe or how we pray but by the presence of statuary in our houses of worship. Because of their prominence, an outsider might think statues play a central role in our service. However, their function is entirely secondary, intended to embolden believers with the memory of our ancestors in the faith.

A typical gathering of Catholics for worship never involves a statue of a saint. The Mass does not call for such images. A cross, however, that bears a statue of Jesus may lead processions into church. Many parishes retain the popular custom of crowning an image of Mary once a year with a liturgical rite.

It disconcerts us that some people misinterpret what Catholics do with statues. Admittedly, believers who pray before statues look for all the world like they are worshiping idols, a practice the Scriptures detest. However, our faithful do not worship the statue; they honor the saint it represents.

The rubrics for Mass ask us to limit the number of statues and to situate them in such a way that they do not distract the people's attention from the celebration. There is to be only one image of any one saint. This instruction recognizes that an abundance of statues, which foster the private prayer of worshipers, may diminish the full assembly's capacity for communal worship. While useful for private prayer, statues can distract us from the word of God and the Eucharist.

Consequently, many churches choose to arrange statues outside the main worship space in a smaller chapel where they can best serve their mission: to inspire devotion in the individual believer. Such an arrangement gives precedence to the Eucharist while honoring individual piety. The saints themselves would have us direct our gaze toward Christ.

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BIBLE STUDY

You can still come to our Great Adventure Bible Study on the book of Exodus. This is a 10-week study that includes small group discussion with an informative DVD presentation. Sessions start Monday, January 30th at 6:30p in the John Paul II room and run for 10-weeks straight. It's OK to just show up!

SIMON MINISTRY

THANK YOU for your generous donations last week. SPECIAL THANKS to members of the First Communion Class who brought wonderful donations – putting their study of the Offertory at mass into action. God Bless you all for your compassion and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS AND DAILY READINGS

Monday, January 30 - 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
8:15 am Fr. Francis Kunz†

Tuesday, January 31 - 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Mk 5:21-43

8:15 am Karolyn Fitzpatrick†/ August Flintrop †/Joanne Kenney†

Wednesday, February 1 - 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

8:15 am Robert Gaffer†

Thursday, February 2 - Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

8:15 am St. John's Parish

Friday, February 3 - 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

8:15 am Patrick Killion†/ Florence McGraw†

Saturday, February 4 - 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

5:15 pm Mary Ann Baker†

Sunday, February 5 - *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am Bonnie Wirig†

10:00 am Angie Barta†/Mary Goettl†

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for Feb. 4 & 5

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm John Fell, Joe Kunkel, Phyllis Maloney, Mary Beth Nygaard, Chuck Pettipiece, Duane & Teresa Wallin

8:00 am Katelyn Denn, Mike & Janet Denn, Chuck Frost, Kathryn Homan, Mary Homan, Daniel Kapsner

10:00 am Megan Maloney, Christopher & Tami Meehan, Nick Meyer, Ann Nelson, Alexandria Oldenburg, Sharon Patterson

Gift Bearer

5:15 pm Thomas Rogness & Family

8:00 am Jim Fedson & Family

10:00 am Don Leech & Family

Lector

5:15 pm John Fell & Jay Weir

8:00 am Terri Prange & Martha Witte

10:00 am Michelle Folk & Tami Meehan

Sacristans

5:15 pm John Bulcock

8:00 am Doug Homan

10:00 am Jay Folk

Mass Servers

5:15 pm Mark Kortuem, Megan Kunz & Rachel Kuzma

8:00 am Joseph Witte, NEED 2 SUBS

10:00 am Gretchen Dhuyvetter, Celeste Eichers, Kaitlyn Frutiger

Ushers

5:15 pm - Team 2

8:00 am - Team 6

10:00 am - Team 10

St. John's Nursery (February 5)

Sandy & Kayla Gross

Weekday Eucharistic Minister (Jan. 30 - Feb. 3)

8:15 am Cheryl Klein

Laurels Peak Service (February 2)

Elaine Lieferman & Elaine Koch

Traveling Trust Box February 4/5:

Dan & Laura Dhuyvetter

AROUND AND ABOUT

CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST

Pancakes, sausages, eggs, donuts and beverages served at the Church of the Nativity - Cleveland, MN February 5, 2012 from 9:30 am - 12:30pm. Cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for K-6th grade, \$20 family Maximum. All money going to *Kids Against Hunger*.

UNDERSTANDING GRIEF

Mayo Clinic Health System sponsors: A supportive gathering for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Monday, Feb. 13, from 10am - Noon at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato. And repeated: Thursday, Feb 16, from 6 - 7:30pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato. Also offered: Tuesday, Feb 21, from 10-11:30am at St. James-Watonwan County Library, 125 5th Sreet., St. James. There is no charge for these seminars, but pre-registration is required. For information or to register, please contact Jeanne Atkinson at 385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989.

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.

MOM'S LUNCH OUT

January 31, 2012 from 12 noon to 1:30pm. Enjoy lunch prepared by someone else, brief reflection and sharing. Come alone or with a friend or two to discover how refreshing a noon break can be. Treat yourself to a brief respite from work, caring for children/grandchildren or do it "just because" you are worth it! Fee: \$20.00 or whatever you can. 170 Good Counsel Dr. Mankato. Please call by noon, January 30, mjwelter@ssndmankato.org or 507-389-4266. Presenter: S. Mary Jo Welter.

THE HEART WRITES

Scribbles, poems and other musings. February 11, 2012 - 9:30am to 3pm. Come join us for a little getaway! You won't need to text, tweet, blog or use Facebook. Listen and explore murmurings of the heart as written by the great authors, poets and *yourself*. Just bring a special notebook and a favorite pen to experience your heart flow through the written work as you participate in the day and listen through the "ear" of your heart. Fee: \$40, includes lunch. Register by Feb. 7, 2012 mjwelter@ssndmankato.org or 507-389-4266.

