

APRIL 7, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME!

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MASS TIMES Tues, Wed, Fri 8:15 am Saturday 5:15 pm Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am Word & Communion Service Mon, Thurs. 8:15 am

RECONCILIATION Confessions will take place in the Reconciliation Room Saturdays 4:30 pm or by appointment

ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel



You are the Light of the World St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Father John Kunz



Saturday, April 6th Emerson Klancher Odessa Luttmann Carter Penkert Elise Smith Hailee Steffensmeier Eleanor Westman Kaylie Wolfe

Sunday, April 7th

Andrew Baker Garrison Bauer Grace Boyd Graham Carlson Vincenzo Cucurullo Colton Davis Easton Dills James Fallenstein Eden Haefner Cam Ho Atticus Jackson Maryanne Langston Brooklyn Lieske Teagan Little Christopher Malvin Remy Mekeel Dashel Meehan Kane Noland Sam Nguyen John Rahme Juliana Ring Adelyn Schimek Henry Schimek Kinsley Selland Brycen Stevermer Kinsley Thaemlitz Paisley Vande Hoef Louis Willette

May you always keep the joy of Jesus in your heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

With the Holy Spirit pouring the love of God into our hearts, we invite people to Christ by living like Christ through prayer, service, and learning.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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"The community of believers was one heart and mind." Acts 4



Today's reading Acts 4 calls us to a "oneness" which seems far beyond what would be possible. Yet today as we celebrate First Communion, we see an example of oneness. The children look ready and open to receiving Jesus to find a connection to God. As they stand together in front of the whole community, we witness the bond of

faith being passed on to all of us. Families often come together around one of their members. Let us rejoice and be "one" for a while.

May the wonderful faces of our children, open us to the people that are around us. May we not focus on what divides us, but find a oneness with Christ.

> *Peace*, Father John

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	, APRIL	8	IS 7:10-14; 8:10; LK 1:26-38
8:15 am	Word	and C	ommunion Service
TUESDAY	Y, APRIL	9	ACTS 4:32-37; JN 3:7B-15
8:15 am	Word a	and Co	ommunion Service
WEDNES	SDAY Ap	oril 10	ACTS 5:17-26; JN 3:16-21
8:15 am	Mass		ol Armstrong †, Edwin Mielke† oline Mielke† Charlie Frost†
THURSD	AY, April	11	ACTS 5:27-33; JN 3:31-36
8:15 am	Word a	nd Co	ommunion
FRIDAY,	APRIL 12		ACTS 5:34-42; JN 6:1-15
8:15 am	Word a	nd Co	ommunion Service
SATURD	AY, APRI	L 13	ACTS 6:1-7; JN 6:16-21
5:15 Mass		Barb	es Anton †, Tom Andresen†, ara Brielmaier†, Teresa Brielmaier† ard Makela†, Audrey Wielbold†
SUNDAY	, APRIL	14	ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19; JN 2:1-5A; LK 24:35-48
8:00 am	Mass		es Brozik†, Patricia Norris† ny Sullivan†, Chris Goebel †
10:00 am	Mass		Doering † , Thomas Clements † , eh Phillips†, Cheryl Regan†

ST. JOHN'S NEWS



Noman Carlson Who passed away March 22, 2024 Our deepest sympathy to his family





Thomas Clements Who passed away March 16, 2024 Our deepest sympathy to his family



Easter Flower Donations

Given by John Norris Nancy Strate David/Nancy Hiniker Judy/Delbert Dunlap Patricia Stierlen Josie Simonette In Memory of Patricia Norris Charles Strate; Alphonse & Barbara Mages Deceased Family Members Bill & Vi Otto; Jim & Estelle Dunlap Stierlen & Gosch Famlies

Connection Shelter St. John's Volunteers are scheduled to provide meals and Evening Hospitality for the Connections Shelter for the week of April 15 - 21. If you are interested in volunteering you can sign-up by going to <u>https://www.connectionsshelter.org</u> and click on the Volunteer tab on the Menu Bar. Thank you in advance!

HyVee Receipts Did you know a portion of your HyVee grocery receipts can help our local Catholic School! A portion of the grocery receipts are reimbursed to Loyola Catholic School for use in purchasing school supplies for children and educators. Receipts will be collected throughout the school year. There is a designated box in the Office Lobby for you to put your receipts in. Thank you for your support!

Saturday Night Fellowship We will be meeting the second and fourth Saturdays following 5:15 Mass. April 13th will be at the Eagles on Front Street and on April 27th we will meet at Bakers Square. If you have any questions please call Mary at 507-327-3259.

Annual Benefit for Birthright Raffle The winners of the 2024 Birthright Raffle are: Joe Keltgen, St Peter, John T. May, LeSueur, Julia Rohlfing, Cleveland, Fred Gengler, Lake Crystal, Tom Koch, North Mankato. Dave Mutch and committee members of the Annual Birthright Raffle would like to extend a thank you to all who supported this campaign.

Online Opportunities for Young Adult with the School Sisters of Notre Dame



Joyful & Alive Conversation How do you discover God's invitations in your life? Are you curious about religious life? Single women ages 18-45 are welcome to bring their questions to a casual, online conversation with School Sisters of Notre Dame on Saturday, April 13 at 10:30am. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at <u>ssnd.org/events/4-23-24/</u>



Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on the fourth Tuesday of every month through June 2024. The next evening prayer is April 24 at 7:00pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at <u>ssnd.org/events/4-23-24/</u>

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 Dcn. Chris Walchuk at Dcn.cwalchuk@stjohnsmankato.net 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



TODAY'S READINGS 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

First Reading:

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts 4:32)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 Jn 5:3-4)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to the, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS EASTER 2024

(below is excerpts from his message)

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Today throughout the world there resounds the message proclaimed two thousand years ago from Jerusalem: "Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has been raised!" (Mk 16:6).

The Church relives the amazement of the women who went to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. The tomb of Jesus had been sealed with a great stone. Today too, great stones, heavy stones, block the hopes of humanity: the stone of war, the stone of humanitarian crises, the stone of human rights violations, the stone of human trafficking, and other stones as well. Like the women disciples of Jesus, we ask one another: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (cf. Mk 16:3).

This is the amazing discovery of that Easter morning: the stone, the immense stone, was rolled away. The astonishment of the women is our astonishment as well: the tomb of Jesus is open and it is empty! From this, everything begins anew! A new path leads through that empty tomb: the path that none of us, but God alone, could open: the path of life in the midst of death, the path of peace in the midst of war, the path of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, the path of fraternity in the midst of hostility. Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen! He alone has the power to roll away the stones that block the path to life. He, the living One, is himself that path. He is the Way: the way that leads to life, the way of peace, reconciliation and fraternity. He opens that path, humanly impossible, because he alone takes away the sin of the world and forgives us our sins. For without God's forgiveness, that stone cannot be removed. Without the forgiveness of sins, there is no overcoming the barriers of prejudice, mutual recrimination, the presumption that we are always right and others wrong. Only the risen Christ, by granting us the forgiveness of our sins, opens the way for a renewed world.

Jesus alone opens up before us the doors of life, those doors that continually we shut with the wars spreading throughout the world. Today we want, first and foremost, to turn our eyes to the Holy City of Jerusalem, that witnessed the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, and to all the Christian communities of the Holy Land.

May the light of the resurrection illumine our minds and convert our hearts, and make us aware of the value of every human life, which must be welcomed, protected and loved.

A happy Easter to all!

To view Pope Francis' entire message go to: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/ documents/20240331-urbi-et-orbi-pasqua.html

DIOCESE WEEKLY TELEVISED MASS SCHEDULE:

KTTW Channel 7 (Sioux Falls) at 7:00am KEYC Channel 12 (Mankato) at 7:30am KEYC-DT, Digital Channel 12.2 or Charter Channel 19 (Mankato) at 9:30am KAAL Channel 6 (Rochester) at 9:00am



MARCH 15 - MARCH 22, 2024 CORRECTED TOTALS

Adult Support	\$	8,079.25				
Offertory	\$	808.00				
Donations via website 03/16-03/15/22	\$	1,958.38				
Holy Day	\$	85.00				
ACH (5 th and 20 th) 03/20/24	\$	7,378.00				
Weekly Total	\$	18,308.63				
Weekly Offering goal is: \$ 18,163.73						
Year-to-date income a of 03/22/2024		800,904.55				

Children's

Weekly Stewardship

\$106.25

contributions you are able to make, as we pay our utilities, payroll and other expenses.
Your generosity is much appreciated!
Money Counters

April 8 - Team 3 April 15 - Team 1 April 22 - Team 2

THANK YOU

To everyone who has been dropping off or mailing your weekly donations. We

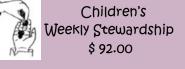
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Adult Support	\$	8,599.00
Offertory	\$	919.71
Donations via website 03/22-03/28/24	\$	1,085.00
Holy Day	\$	555.00
ACH (5 th and 20 th)	\$	
Weekly Total	\$	11,158.71
Weekly Offering goal i \$ 18,163.73	S:	
Year-to-date income a of 03/28/2024		12,063.26

MARCH 22 - MARCH 28, 2024



St. John's CMA 024 Goal...\$76,328.00 Your are the light of the world.



St. John's *Prayer Network* To submit a request call: Mickey Bicek 507-388-5906 or Lynn Beadell 507-351-3742 Email: Pastoral Care Associate at: mike@stjohnsmankato.net

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, APRIL 8 Word and Communion 8:15 AM - Church CCW Meeting 1:00 PM - Matthews Hall Spirit Singers 5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Rm

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 Sunrise AA Meeting 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall Word and Communion 8:15 AM - Church Grief Group 5:00 PM - Matthews Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 Mass

8:15 AM - Church Choir for Christ 5:50 PM - St. Elizabeth Rm Faith Formation 7:00 PM - Small Groups 7:00 PM - 6th-8th - MH

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 Word and Communion 8:15 AM - Church Simon Ministry 10:30 AM - Matthews Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 Early Risers AA 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall Word and Communion 8:15 AM - Church SATURDAY, April 13 Confessions 4:30 - 5:00 PM Church Mass 5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 MASS 8:00 AM – Church MASS 10:00 AM - Church OA Meeting 3:00 PM - JPII



Liturgical Corner

<u> April 13- 5:15 pm</u>

Communion Ministers: Carrie Altomari, Kelly Andresen, Lynn Beadell *Lector:* Mary Olson *Sacristan:* Don Lingen *Servers:* Bria Baumgard, Jonathan Bergquist *Ushers/Hospitality:* Team 4

<u> April 14 - 8:00 am</u>

Communion Ministers: Brian Hughes, Jan Hughes, Kurt Schroeder *Lector:* Susan Durbala *Sacristan:* Randy Meyer *Servers:* Luke Blace, Eli Mueller *Ushers/Hospitality:* Team 8

<u> April 14 - 10:00 am</u>

Communion Ministers: Pam Bibbs, Monica Wagner, Helen Ward Lector: Christopher Vasquez Sacristan: Jaci James Servers: Charlie Keech, Paxton Meehan Ushers/Hospitality: Team 12





Dear God,

We would like to thank you for your wonderful gifts that were given to our St. John's family in April. Please continue to bless them and keep them in your care.

Amen

Louis, Kinsley T., Shay, James, Emerson, Brody and Alexandra

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION DATES

Sunday, May 5 - May Crowning - 10:00 mass with second grade students Sunday, May 12 - Closing Mass at 10:00 - All Faith Formation Students

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD FAMILIES

April 21 and 28 - Ms. Michele said she would like to continue CLW through the month of April. She will not hold class on First Communion weekend.



DATES of Event: July 12 -14, 2024 Age grade: 9th grade (fall of 2024) - 12th grade (fall of 2024) Cost of Event: (cost includes, hotel, meals at conference, t-shirt and transportation) \$430 if registered by May 10, 2024 \$440 if registered after May 10, 2024 ***Down Payment \$50 due March 29, **Final payment due May 10 Please make all individual payments to your Parish

If you have questions about the conference or need help registering, please contact Kristy McCabe (kristy@stjohnsmankato.net)

Register here: <u>www.giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/4cd799a0-6ddd-4a6f-8feb-147bc2000a4e</u>



Join us for a day filled with golf, camaraderie, and exciting competitions at Loyola's annual Crusader Golf Classic, taking place at the Mankato Golf Club on May 13th. Loyola parents, alumni, and members of the Mankato community are warmly invited to

participate. Secure your foursome's registration now at https: www.crusadergolfclassic.com.

Loyola's Kindergarten Information Night scheduled for the evening of May 2nd.

Loyola Catholic School's annual Lucky 20 raffle is a yearly fundraiser that provides much-needed revenue to support the school. Tickets are available on our website or at Loyola's main office.

Nacel Open Door is seeking a host family for Harry from Vietnam, who will be enrolled at Loyola for the 2024-2025 academic year. Harry is 17 years old and has a passion for sports and excels in English and Math. He will arrive through the PSP Program on an F-1 Visa. Host families will receive a monthly stipend while accommodating Harry. For further details, please reach out to Julienne Antes at 507-304-2143.



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