

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

MARCH 19, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME!

CONTACT US

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MASS TIMES

Tues, Weds, 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

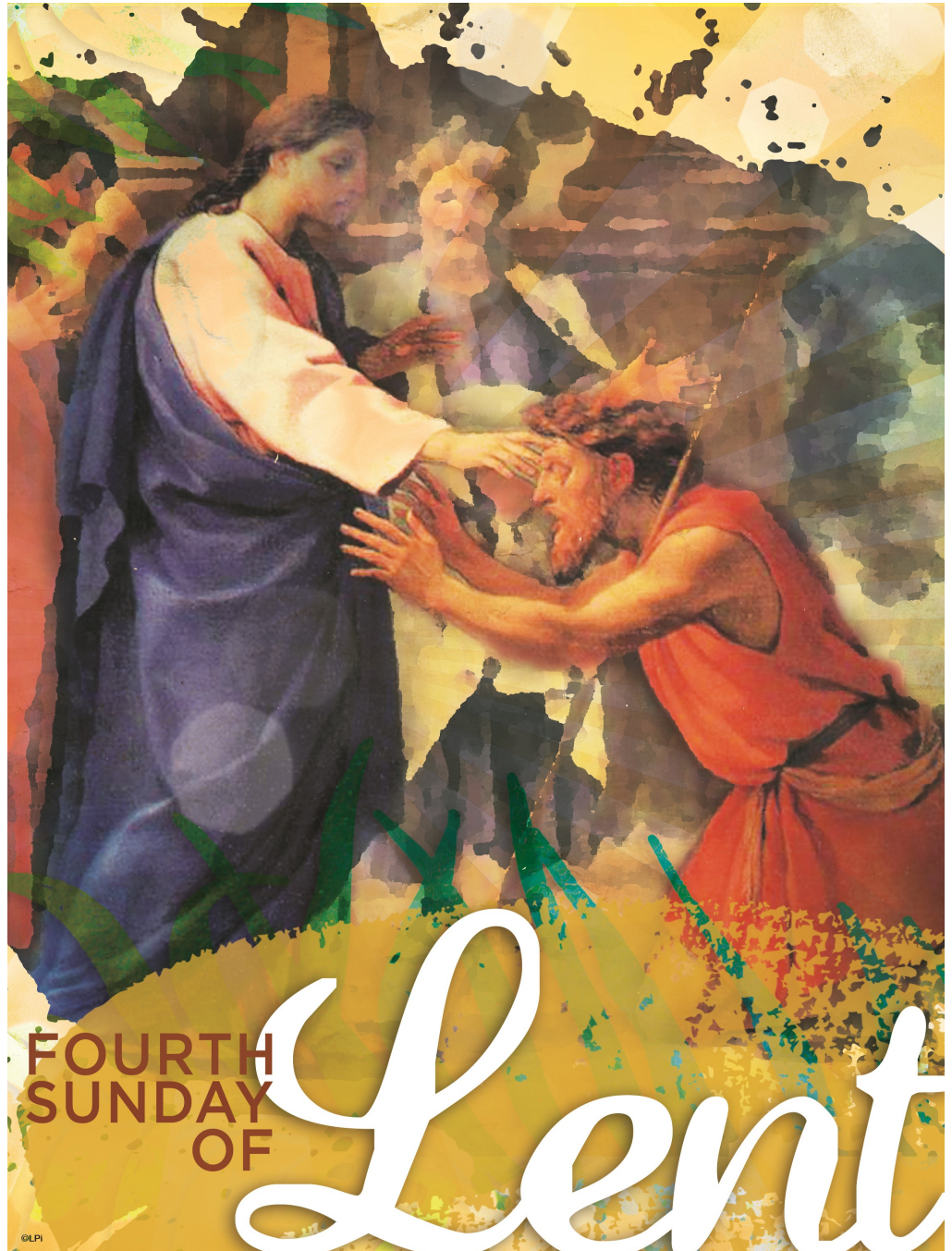
Saturdays 4:30 pm

or by appointment

ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

LIKE US ON
FACEBOOK!



FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF

Lent

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.

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FROM THE PASTOR



The ability "to see" is one of the greatest gifts we have. To live with blindness is certainly a struggle, even though blind persons find a way to live pretty normal lives. "To see" into our hearts is also a gift. This means that we find that quiet place within us where we are open to the presence of God. During these Lenten days we seek to open ourselves (our hearts, minds spirits) at a deeper level. When we do that, what we see around us with our physical eyes will also reveal God's ways.

Peace,

Father John

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." — Jn 9:13-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 20

2 SM 7:4-5A,12-14A,16; ROM 4:13,16-18,22;
MT 1:16, 18-21,24A

8:15 am Word Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

EZ 47:1-9, 12; JN 5:1-16

8:15 am Terry Alfson (special intention)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

IS 49:8-15; JN 5:17-30

8:15 am Carol Armstrong †, Marian Vosburgh †

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

EX 32:7-14; JN 5:31-47

8:15 am Word Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

WIS 2:1A,12-22, JN 7:1-2,10,25-30

8:15 am Ken Jenson †, Michael McLoone †

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

IS 7:10-14; 8:10; HEB 10:4-10; LK 1:26-38

5:15 pm Gretchen Adams †, Godelyn Troumbly †, Marion Colby †

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

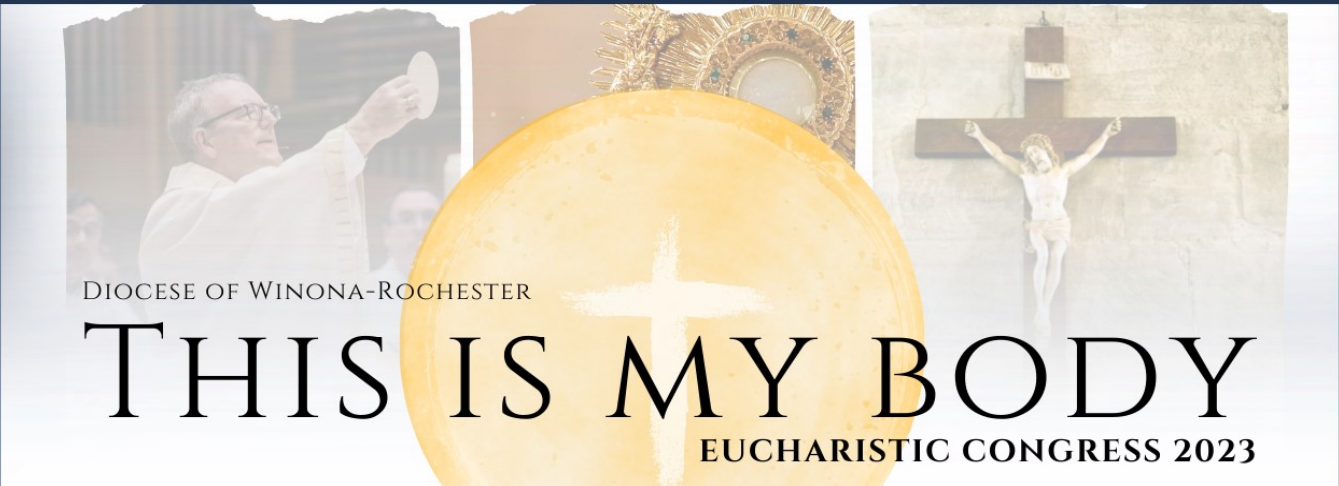
EZ 37:12-14; ROM 8:8-11; JN 11:1-45

8:00 am Mary Woodruff †, Patricia Norris †, Joe & Rose Weinandt †,
Tom & Mary Zimmerman †

10:00 am Parishioners of St. John's

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

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THIS IS MY BODY

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2023

SAVE THE DATE


JUNE 10, 2023 | MANKATO CIVIC CENTER

**COME AND JOIN THOUSANDS OF CATHOLICS AS WE
REJOICE IN THE LORD THROUGH THE EUCHARIST!**

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION, MASS, SPEAKERS, MUSIC

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR
PARISHES IN MID-JANUARY

WWW.DOWR.ORG




Mindfulness Meditation Experience

An Adult Formation offering. Sessions will allow time for group meditation, and short Mindfulness reflections, with optional sharing.

**THURSDAYS
IN MARCH!**

9:00 a.m. + 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday

Location: Bride's Room

**(In the lower level
of the church.)**

JOIN US TO...

- Meditate
- Experience Mindfulness
- Focus on Being Present
- Learn Varied Techniques
- Uncover New Skills



For questions, contact Barb Traxler at
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St. John's Church - 632 S. Broad St., Mankato



#STJOHNSFAITH

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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading — “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” (Eph 5:14)

Gospel Reading — He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent — So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

LOYOLA NEWS

Thank you to those that bought or sold Lucky 20 tickets this year! The drawing took place on Friday, March 17. The winners can be found on the Loyola website: www.loyolacatholicschool.org

The video of the drawing can be found here: <https://www.loyolacatholicschool.org/lucky20.cfm>

Thank you so much for your support of Loyola Catholic School!

Loyola's student shadow day is scheduled for Friday, April 21. Guest students will be partnered with a Loyola student in their grade and will experience the Loyola school culture through tours, classroom sit-ins, and activities. To register your student(s), please contact Ashley Braulick, Admissions Coordinator, at admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org or call 507-386-5399.

Loyola is flexible and open to tours and shadow days that fit your family's schedule at any time during the year. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Looking for a way to get involved at Loyola? We are always in need of classroom substitutes. For information, contact employment@loyolacatholicschool.org

Be sure to keep up with Loyola's happenings on social media! Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in Mankato!



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.

St. John's Book Club

The St. John's Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the parish Library. Watch for more information.

Catholic Charities Diaper Drive

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota is hosting a diaper drive during the month of March for families in need across Southern Minnesota. We are collecting diapers (size 1-6), and baby wipes. Diapers in sizes 4-6 are requested the most often! Donations can be dropped off or delivered to Catholic Charities local offices and various community locations. To make a donation or to request assistance call 507-287-2047 or learn more at www.ccsomn.org.

MASS TIMES AROUND THE AREA

DIOCESE WEEKLY TELEVISED MASS SCHEDULE:

KTWW 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
WKBT Channel 8 (LaCrosse) at 7:30am



FINANCES

Previous Total \$ 715,992.83

MARCH 3-10, 2023

Adult Support \$ 25,202.50

Offertory \$ 620.35

ACH \$ 8,644.00

Donations via website—3/10/23 \$ 2,051.00

Weekly Total \$ 36,517.85

Weekly Offering goal is:
\$ 18,163.73

Year-to-date income as of
3-10-2023 \$ 752,510.68

THANK YOU

To everyone who has been dropping off or mailing your weekly donations. We are grateful for whatever contributions you are able to make, as we continue to pay our utilities, payroll and other expenses. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Money Counters

March 20: Team 3

March 27: Team 1

April 3: Team 2

Did you know that you can now
make donations by text?
Text to: 1-507-428-2929

Daily Communion Minister:
March 20-24

March 25— 5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: John Fell, Paul Gaspar, Lynn Klingsporn

Lector: John Bulcock

Sacristan: John Fell

Servers: Jonathan Bergquist, Gisele McCabe

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 1

March 26—8:00 am

Communion Ministers: Janet Denn, Mike Denn, Mary Westby

Lector: Betty Widmer Blace

Sacristan: Randy Meyer

Servers: Jan Hughes

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 5

March 26—10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Nick Meyer, Marsha Murphy, Sarah Nelson

Lector: Lisa Vasquez

Sacristan: Jaci James

Servers: Brock MeKeel, Maya Pinero

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 9

Annual Benefit for Birthright Raffle

Once again it is time for the annual benefit for Birthright ticket raffle! All proceeds stay in our community. The money raised goes a long way to support the many services which include pregnancy testing, counseling, moral support and referrals. Birthright is a non-profit group completely dependent on volunteers for their confidential help.

Tickets are \$5 each, with a chance to win up to \$250.

Please contact the parish office at 625-3131 or David Mutch for more information, or to purchase tickets.. Thank you for your support!

Hope Women's Grief Support Group

A non-denominational grief support group for women who have experienced the death of a spouse or significant other. You are not alone. This grief support group is led by widows who understand what you are going through. This group offers an opportunity to learn about grief, share experiences and find healing and hope from your loss. No registration is necessary. We meet Tuesdays 5:15 - 6:15 pm in Matthews Hall (lower level).

For More information, call Maria Berrones at 507-779-5458 or email: only1mariab@yahoo.com



06 THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, MARCH 20

Word Service

8:15 AM - Church

Spirit Singers

5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Sunrise AA Meeting

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Daily Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Piecemakers

1:00 PM - Matthews Hall

Staff Meeting

2:00 PM - JP II

Hope Women's Grief Group

5:15 PM - Matthews Hall

Finance Meeting

6:00 PM - Marian Room

Stations of the Cross

6:15 PM - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Daily Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Choir for Christ

5:15 PM - Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Word Service

8:15 AM - Church

Mindfulness Meditation Exp.

9:00 AM - Bride's Room

Simon Ministry

10:30 AM - Matthews Hall

RCIA

6:30 PM - Marian Room

Mindfulness Meditation Exp.

7:00 PM - Bride's Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Al-Anon - ZOOM

Early Risers AA

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Daily Mass

8:15 AM - Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Confession

4:30 PM - Reconciliation Room

Mass 5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Mass 8:00 AM - Church

Mass 10:00 AM - Church



PEACE THROUGH PLANNING

Death comes to each of us. Often we have very little forewarning or control over the circumstances of our dying. Planning for these end times is a gentle way of being supportive of our loved ones who, while grieving our dying, must also try to make a peaceful, orderly, and spiritual transition to living without us.

If you or a loved one are facing final illness, death, and funeral planning, or you just want to prepare for that un-known day when you will be called home, ease the burden by picking up a "P" booklet. This guide is available at any time in the parish office and is designed to make the planning for end times a logical step in the life of a responsible and caring adult.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Looking ahead: Groups will gather on March 22!

REGISTER FOR STEUBENVILLE: JULY 14 -16, 2023

Steubenville is a 3-day Retreat geared towards students going into 9-12th grades that takes place in Rochester, MN. Email Kristy with questions and how to register!

Cost of Event: (cost includes, hotel, meals at conference, t-shirt, and transportation)

\$415 Regular if registered by May 6, 2023

\$445 Late if registered after May 11, 2023

***Down Payment \$50 due March 30, **Final payment due May 11

Please make all individual payments to St. John's (include the child's name & Steubenville on the memo line)

BECOME A BENEFACTOR:

We are looking for people to sponsor our youth who will be attending Steubenville. If you would like to sponsor a student, please reach out to Kristy@stjohnsmankato.net



SACRAMENTAL PREP FAMILIES - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APRIL 2023

If you have not yet signed-up your son or daughter for their First Holy Communion Mass - date and time, please connect with Jill, ASAP! *(First Reconciliation must take place prior.)*



ST. JOHN'S FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY SCHOOL | GRADES 1-5:

Sun. Mar. 19 & 26: NO Sunday School! Enjoy "Spring Break" families!
Resuming Sun. Apr. 2 with ALL students in Matthews Hall for a Palm Sunday project.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD | PRE-K & K:

Please note NO CLW during Masses for the next 2 weeks; Sun. Mar. 19 & 26.
CLW resumes Sun. Apr. 2nd during St. John's Palm Sunday Mass!

ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL | PALM SUNDAY:

You're invited! Palm Sunday Children's Processional @ 10:00 a.m. Mass, Sun. Apr. 2.

EVERYONE IS INVITED & ALL ARE WELCOME HERE AT ST. JOHN'S | RCIA:

Interested in becoming Catholic? Want to join our parish? Have faith questions?
You've come to the right place! We encourage you to connect with us today.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH STAFF | FAITH FORMATION:

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Jill Cusick jcusick@stjohnsmankato.net | (CLW, Gr 1-5, Adults, & RCIA)

St. John's Prayer Network

To submit a request call: Mickey Bicek 388-5906 or Lynn Beadell 345-6812
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