

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

APRIL 30, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

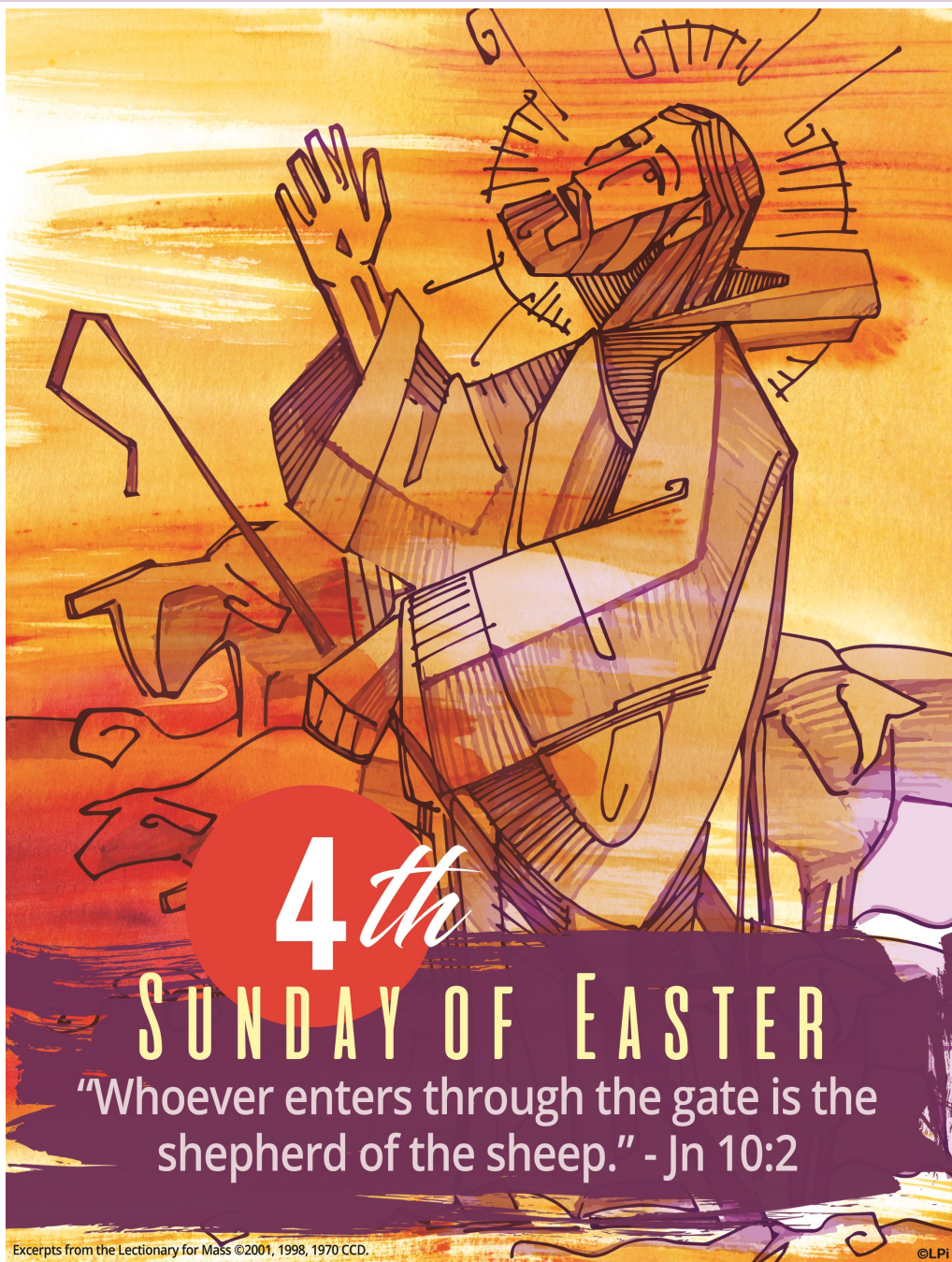
Saturdays 4:30 pm

or by appointment

ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

LIKE US ON



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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ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

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FROM THE PASTOR



The Good Shepherd stands by our side, showing us the way. Jesus walked through the human journey, with dignity and compassion. Yet at times we wonder if God knows us or cares for us. We may even feel alone and abandoned. The step of faith brings us again and again to our willingness. Are we willing to trust in God's strength, healing and mercy? These are the gifts offered to us when we are willing to trust.

God's Peace,

Fr. John

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." — Jn 10:2-4

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 1

ACTS 11:1-18; JN 10:11-18

8:15 am Word Service

TUESDAY, MAY 2

ACTS 11:19-26; JN 10:22-30

8:15 am Tim Brown †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

1 COR 15:1-8; JN 14:6-14

8:15 am Carol Armstrong †, Terry Alfson (spec. intention)

THURSDAY, MAY 4

ACTS 13:13-25; JN 13:16-20

8:15 am Word Service

FRIDAY, MAY 5

ACTS 13:26-33; JN 14:1-6

8:15 am Donovan Robb †

SATURDAY MAY 6

ACTS 13:44-52; JN 14:7-14

5:15 pm Edward Sweere †, Mary Jo Robert †, Elva Schemmel †,
Charles & Frances Dauw †

SUNDAY, MAY 7

ACTS 6:1-7; 1 PT 2:4-9; JN 14:1-12

8:00 am Patricia Norris †

10:00 am Robert Pierret †



BAPTIZED ON APRIL 29/30, 2023

CALVIN JAMES BLUTH
PARENTS: ANTHONY & KARI BLUTH

BRIDGER BRIAN BALLARD
PARENTS: BRYCE & ASHLEY BALLARD

ADELINE FAITH PAUL
PARENTS: DENNIS & ALLISON PAUL

Traveling Eucharistic Miracles Display

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Mankato will be hosting the Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles from May 6 - May 11. We invite you to stop by the exhibit and witness how Jesus has miraculously manifested himself throughout the centuries containing over 100 historically documented Eucharistic Miracles. The times the exhibit will be open are:

Saturday, May 6 – 3:00 to 7:00 pm
 Sunday, May 7 – 11:00a to 2:00 pm
 Monday, May 8 – 8:45 to 10:00 am

Tuesday, May 9 – 8:45 to 10:00 am
 Wednesday, May 10 – 8:45 to 10:00 am
 Thursday, May 11 – 8:45 to 10:00 am

There is no cost to attend. All faith backgrounds and ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This exhibit was initially created by Bl. Carlo Acutis, patron of the National Eucharistic Revival. For more information, please contact Jill Cusick at jcusick@stjohnsmankato.net.

May Crowning Procession

On Sunday, May 7, we will hold our traditional May Crowning Procession at the beginning of the 10:00a Mass. As in the past, all children in attendance (who are able to process on their own) will be invited to be a part of the procession by bringing a flower (provided) forward and placing it at the feet of our Mary statue.

One First Communicant's name will be drawn to carry and place a Crown of Blossoms on Mary's statue. ALL First Communicants are invited to lead this procession wearing their beautiful clothing as they did the day they received the sacrament.

A Statement from Bishop Barron

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as perhaps you know, April has been designated in our country as child abuse awareness month. The sexual and physical abuse of children is a problem that runs through the whole of our society, but as we all know, it has been a particular curse within our own Catholic community. The scandals associated with clerical sexual misconduct constitute the worst crisis in the history of the church in America. I have referred to the sex abuse of young people by priests and bishops as "the devil's masterpiece," for it has shattered so many lives and has so negatively impacted the evangelical mission of the Church.

I want all of you to know, as your bishop, that I am completely committed to the eradication of sexual abuse within the church and the protection of our children and vulnerable adults. Bishop Quinn was firm in his determination to implement in our diocese the strictest protocols in regard to the screening and monitoring of seminarians, priests, and anyone who works in and for the Church. I pledge to walk that same path.

Some years ago, I wrote a short book on this entire sad subject called *Letter to a Suffering Church*. This text is available online, free of charge, at sufferingchurchbook.com. I would encourage everyone in our diocese to download and read it. Finally, don't hesitate to come forward if you or a loved one has been abused by a minister associated with the Church. I assure you that your concern will be taken with utter seriousness.

Please, dear friends in Christ, continue to pray for all the victim/survivors of sexual abuse throughout our society. And pray, too, for our Church.

Bishop Robert Barron
 Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester

SACRAMENTS

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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 — "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36)

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

Second Reading — For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:25)

Gospel Reading — "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (Jn 10:9)

LOYOLA NEWS

Graduation season is upon us! Loyola's Baccalaureate Mass will take place on Wednesday, May 17, at 7pm in the Loyola chapel. Graduation is on Sunday, May 21, at 6pm at Loyola.

Thank you for your help in promoting our recent shadow day. The day was a great success as we welcomed 16 students to campus by giving them a glimpse into our unique culture. 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. To register your student(s), please contact Ashley Braulick, Admissions Coordinator, at atadmissions@loyolacatholicschool.org or call 507-386-5399.



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

Loyola's Preschool classes for the 2023-2024 school year are currently full, and we are waitlisting students. To be added to the waitlist, please contact Ashley Braulick, Admissions Coordinator, at admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org or call 507-386- 5399.

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

Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life..

St. John's Book Club

The St. John's Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 31st at 1:00 pm in the parish library.

MASS TIMES AROUND THE AREA

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
WKBT Channel 8 (LaCrosse) at 7:30am



FINANCES

Previous Total \$ 841,004.67

APRIL 14-21, 2023

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| Adult Support | \$ 8,854.06 |
| Offertory | \$ 988.10 |
| Holy Day/Holiday | \$ 485.00 |
| Donations via website— 4/21/23 | \$ 1,780.63 |
| ACH | \$ 7,688.00 |
| Weekly Total | \$ 19,795.79 |

Weekly Offering goal is:
\$ 18,163.73

Year-to-date income as of
4-21-2023 \$860,800.46

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 pay our utilities, payroll and other expenses. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Money Counters

May 1: Team 3
May 8: Team 1
May 15: Team 2

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

Daily Communion Minister:
May 1-5

May 6—5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: Phyllis Maloney, Tom Rogness, Mary Walker
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan
Sacristan: John Fell
Servers: Noah Altomari, Olivia Altomari
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 3

May 7—8:00 am

Communion Ministers: Nicole Goebel, Brian Hughes, Jan Hughes
Lector: Sue Durbala
Sacristan: Sheri Fedson
Servers: Colton Fontaine, Eli Mueller
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 7

May 7—10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Miriam Braunhausen, Mike Coughlan, Jessica Keech
Lector: Mike Coughlan
Sacristan: Amy Kloss
Servers: Autumn Barta, Frances Bierer
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 11



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CATHOLIC CHURCH
MANKATO, MINN.



ST. JOHN'S TELEVISED MASS SCHEDULE ...

Don't miss
our parish
church
featured
on the
Diocesan
Televised
Mass schedule!

4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023 - Fr. Kurt Farrell
(Recorded at St. John's Church)

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023 - Fr. Kevin Stolt, IVE
(Recorded at St. John's Church)

MINNESOTA BROADCAST SCHEDULE ...

- Mankato - Channel 12 KEYC Sunday at 7:30 a.m.
- Digital Channel 12.2 or Charter Channel 19 NEYC Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- Digital Channel 7 (DirecTV) or Channel 11 (DISH) KMNK Sunday at 9 a.m.
- Minneapolis/St. Paul - Digital Channel 29 or Channel 9.2 WFTC/KMSP Sunday at 11:30 a.m.
- Rochester/Austin - Channel 3 KIMT Sunday at 7:30am + MyTV 3.2 at 9 a.m.
- Southeast MN - HBC Cable Channel 20 Sunday at 3:00pm and Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.
- Winona - Channel 25 WLAX Sunday at 7:30 a.m.

06 THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, MAY 1

Word Service

8:15 AM - Church

Spirit Singers

5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Room

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Sunrise AA Meeting

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Daily Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Piece Makers

1:00 PM - Matthews Hall

Staff Meeting

2:00 PM - JP II

Hope Women's Grief Group

5:15 PM - Matthews Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Daily Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Choir for Christ

5:15 PM - Church

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Word Service

8:15 AM - Church

Simon Ministry

10:30 AM - Matthews Hall

RCIA

6:30 PM - Marian Room

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Al-Anon - ZOOM

Early Risers AA

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Daily Mass

8:15 AM - Church

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Confessions

4:30 PM - Reconciliation Room

Mass

5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Mass 8:00 AM - Church

Faith Formation Gr. 1-5

9:00 AM—MH, JP II & Marian Room

May Crowning/FF Closing Mass

10:00 AM - Church

Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Display

11:00 AM-2:00 PM - Matthews Hall



Flowers for Mary

For April 29/30

Given by: Mike & Sheila Skilling

*In memory of
deceased Family Members*

Adeline Selid

Who passed away April 23, 2023

Our deepest sympathy to her family

Faith Formation Grades 6-12:

May 3: Students will meet in their regular small groups for the last time this year!

May 7th: Closing Mass at 10am

St. John's Graduation Mass!
May 28, 2023

<https://forms.gle/yIMiDjGGyvpigTAC6>

Please RSVP to our Graduation Mass!

Do you have a senior graduating this year?

Please RSVP by May 19th to be included
in our Graduation Mass



honoring the CLASS OF 2023!

Fill out the form to register for this event!

<https://forms.gle/yIMiDjGGyvpigTAC6>

St. John's Prayer Network

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

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

Faith FORMATION

Using a cell phone camera, hover over the QR code image and click on the link that pops up

2023 FAITH FORMATION CLOSING MASS + MAY CROWNING:

ALL Faith Formation Youth / Teens GR. 1-12 + Teachers, Mentors, & Helpers are to attend!

*First Holy Communion friends; please wear your special outfits for the May Crowning Processional.

ALL ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE
THIS SPECIAL YEAR-END MASS

St. John's FAITH FORMATION
2022 - 2023 CLOSING MASS



TIME
10:00 A.M.

DATE
MAY • 07 • 23

ALL YOUTH
GR. 1 - 12

Youth (Grade 5 & up), Teens and Adults will be needed to volunteer as Crew Captains, Co-Captains, Rotation Leaders, Helpers, & more!

Totally Catholic

STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Vacation Bible School

St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary Catholic Churches | Mankato

June 12-16, 6-8:15 p.m.

St. John's & Holy Rosary Parishes invite all Kindergarten thru Grade 4 parish youth to join us for a "STELLAR" experience this Summer!

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER TODAY!

Contact jcusick@stjohnsmankato.net

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY SCHOOL | GRADES 1-5:

May 7 - Last Day of Sunday School for Grades 1-5 @ 9 a.m. Gather for FUN with friends!
Please complete any outstanding lessons Online via the eLearning platform prior to May 7.

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

Please note there is no CLW hosted this weekend on Sun Apr 30.
May 7 - During the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Leader: Michele R. Helpers: Pinero Fam.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL * STELLAR * JUNE 12th - 16th, 6-8:15 PM | K - 4:

Come Shine Jesus' Light with us at VBS 2023! Co-hosted with Holy Rosary.

Link to Register: <https://form.jotform.com/rlehn/HR-STJB-VBS-2023>

EVERYONE IS INVITED & ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Interested in becoming Catholic? Want to join our parish? Have faith questions?
Jesus has led you to the right place! We encourage you to connect with us.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH STAFF | FAITH FORMATION:

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