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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

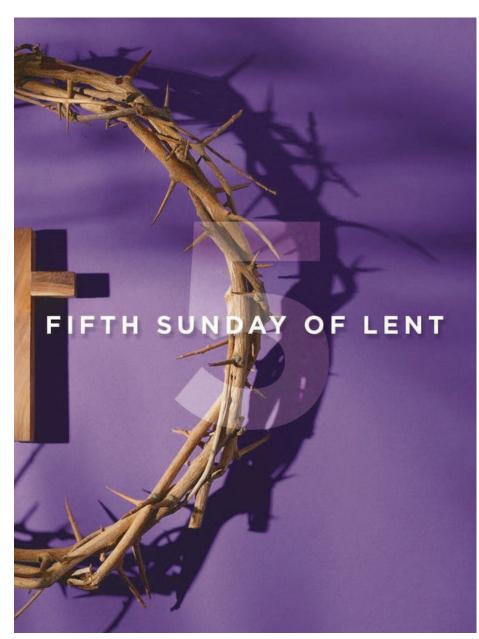
RECONCILIATION

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

ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel





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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"Unless the grain of wheat dies..." Today's Gospel. We die to our small selves during this Lenten season. We have our own agendas and this is influenced by our personal preferences, the habits we have formed and certain activities that we are attracted to. Often, these

movements in us keep our lives somewhat the same - predictable. As we began Lent, many of us wrote down a few things that would help us move beyond our ego selves to be more aware of the God Spirit moving in us. The bowl in the sanctuary contains those goals for Lent. On this 5th Sunday of Lent, let us check our progress. None of us has perfectly followed our resolve. But we stop for a moment to begin anew for the final two weeks of Lent.

> Peace. Father John

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 18 DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; JN 8:1-11

8:15 am Word and Communion

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; LK 2:41-51A

8:15 am Mass Lionel Sorgatz†, Charles Strate †,

Genelle Lenort †

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20 DN 3:14-20, 91-92,95; JN 8:31-42

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong †, Jeremy Wyrowski †,

Mary Jo Robert †

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 GN 17:3-9; JN 8:51-59

8:15 am Word and Communion

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 JER 20:10-13; JN 10:31-42

8:15 am Mass Barbara and Terri Brielmaier †,

Elva Schemmel †, Michael McLoone †

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 EZ 37:21-28; JN 11:45-56

Brian Smishekt, Barbara Brielmaiert,

Don and Maxine Wilde and Family † 5:15 pm Mass

Michael Burkhart †

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 MK 11:1-10; PHIL 2:6-11; MK 14:1-15:47

Tim Brownt, Michael McLoonet, 8:00 am Mass Joe and Rose Weinandt+

Ann Frost Sobraske †, Marion Colby †,

Joseph Phillips †, James Anton †, 10:00 am Mass

Richard Makela †

ST. JOHN'S NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome to our family
Grace Ardell Armstrong
Parents:
Nathan and Christine Armstrong

Baptized on March 5, 2024

Welcome
New members of our parish community.

Paige Vancura and Jake Plaetz

Please feel our warm welcome!



We will be installing an Assistive Listening System in our Church space.

Assistive Listening System in our Church space. This will provide for a crystal clear listening experience that is easy to use for those who are hearing challenged. More information/instructions to use will be provided once it is installed.

Please call the parish office if you would like to make a donation toward this unbudgeted expense. Thank you!



If you no longer need your used glasses or sunglasses, please consider donating them to the Lions. Minnesota Lions can accept prescription eyeglasses (frames with lenses intact), non-prescription sunglasses, and reading glasses. (No lenses without frames or frames without lenses, please.) The Mankato Lions Sunrise Club has a donation box in the entry way by the office.

Loyola News...Loyola Catholic School is on the lookout for dedicated substitute teachers to uphold our high standards of education when regular teachers are unavailable. Interested? Check out our website at https://www.loyolacatholicschool.org/about/employment.cfm to apply. Applicants must hold an associates or bachelor's degree or have equivalent qualifications such as five years of relevant work experience, or a professional certification in Career and Technical Education (CTE). Join us in shaping bright futures—we can't wait to have you on our team!

Would you like to host a foreign exchange student? Thien, a 15-year-old from Vietnam, will be studying at Loyola for the 2024-25 school year, and we're searching for a host family. Families will receive a stipend for his accommodation. If interested, please get in touch with Loyola.

This year's Pasta with the Padres at St. Joseph the Worker was another enormous success and we cannot thank you enough for the wonderful support given by our Catholic parishes. We had over 90 volunteers, served nearly 600 people, heard fabulous music by Bully Pulpit and Cowboy Crommert and, when all is counted, will bring in over \$13,500 in much needed funds for ECHO Food Shelf. This amount will be proportionately matched by Minnesota Foodshare. Pasta with the Padres is a lot of fun and is a major fundraiser for ECHO. We are forever grateful for your help.



May you have a world of wishes at your command.

God and his angels close at hand.

Friends and family their love impart,

and Irish Blessings in your heart.





Please join us for the 131st St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner



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

5th Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

First Reading:

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

Gospela

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

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"Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason."

MASS OF CHRISM

Invitation to the Chrism Mass March 25, 2024 at 2:00pm Sacred Heart Church 321 9th St. Heron Lake, MN

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

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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



MARCH 1, 2023 - MARCH 8, 2024

Adult Support \$ 9,329.21

Offertory \$ 1,137.33

Donations via website \$ 1,637.50

Holy Day \$

ACH (5thand 20th) \$ 8,414.00

Weekly Total \$ 20,518.04

Weekly Offering goal is: \$18,163.73

Year-to-date income as

of 03/08/2024 **\$ 769,023.30**



Children's Weekly Stewardship \$ 56.00 February 23 - March 1

Money Counters

March 18 - Team 3 March 25 - Team 1 April 2 -Team 2 (Tues)

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!

LITURGICAL CORNER

March 23 - 5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: David Emanuel, Jane Kohler, Craig Soupir

Lector: Laura Sieberg
Sacristan: John Fell
Servers: Bria Baumgard
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 1

March 24 - 8:00 am

Communion Ministers: Jan Denn, Mike Denn, Teresa Depuydt

Lector: Mike Ulman Sacristan: Mike Denn

Servers: Luke Blace, Eli Mueller Ushers/Hospitality: Team 5

March 24 - 10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Julia Corbett, Michael Ludvik, Sarah Nelson

Lector: Chris Meehan Sacristan: Terry Alfson

Servers: Francis Bierer, Logan Gonzalez

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 9





Catholic
Ministries

Appeal

Heavenly Father, may we grow closer to Christ through our support of the 2024
Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for Your many blessings You have bestowed upon us. We cherish the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each member of our universal
Church family makes to build up Christ's Church in love. We ask you,
Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts.

Amen

St. John's CMA 2024 Goal.....\$76.328.00

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, MARCH 18
Word and Communion Service
8:15 AM - Church
Spirit Singers
5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Rm

TUESDAY, MARCH 19
Sunrise AA Meeting
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
Mass
8:15 AM - Church
Piecemakers
1:00 PM - Matthews Hall
Grief Group
5:00 PM - Matthews Hall
Finance Meeting
6:00 PM - Marian Room
Stations of the Cross
6:15 PM - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
Mass
8:15 AM - Church
Choir for Christ
5:50 PM - Matthews Hall
Faith Formation
7:00 PM Small Groups
7:00 PM 6th - 8th - Matthews Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 Word and Communion Service 8:15 AM - Church Simon Ministry 10:30 - Matthews Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 22
Al-Anon - ZOOM
Early Risers AA
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
MASS
8:15 AM - Church
Individual Confessions
8:45 - 9:45 AM - Church

SATURDAY, March 23 Confessions 4:30 PM - Confession Room MASS 5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
MASS
8:00 AM - Church
MASS
10:00 AM - Church
CLW - Shine Bright - Brides Rm
10:10 AM - Fr. John - church
Communal Reconciliation
St. Joseph the Worker
1:00 - 2:30 PM
OA
3:00 PM - JPII Room



St. John's Lent/Holy Week – 2024

Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, March 24th at 1:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker

Passion (Palm Sunday) March 23/24

Individual Confessions

Friday, March 22nd at 8:45am Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm Wednesday, March 27th at 4:00pm

Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 28th at 7:00pm

Good Friday

Friday, March 29th at 12:10pm & 5:15pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30th at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday

March 31st at 8:00am & 10:00am



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION DATES

Sunday, March 17 - NO CLASS (St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner)

Sunday, March 24 - NO CLASS - Palm Sunday Procession

*if interested in joining the procession please meet in the Narthex at 9:40

Sunday, March 31 - NO CLASS - Easter Sunday

Wednesday, April 3 - First Communion Practice at 5:30 (must attend)

Saturday, April 6 - 5:30 First Communion Mass

Sunday, April 7 - 8:00 and 10:00 First Communion Mass

Sunday, April 14 - Closing Mass at 10:00

Sunday, May 5 - May Crowning at 10:00 mass with second grade students

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD FAMILIES

March 17 we will be having Children's Liturgy. We will be using the Bride's Room and not Matthew's Hall due to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

March 24 we are asking that the CLW group meet Ms. Michele in the Narthex at 9:45 to help with the procession of palms. We would encourage you to do it as a family so your child knows where you are sitting. There will be NO class that day, just the procession.

April 14, 21 and 28 - Ms. Michele said she would like to continue C:W through The month of April. She will not hold class on First Communion weekend (April 7). Thank you Ms. Michele

Register for Steubenville 2024



3 Day Teen Conference in Rochester, MN

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: www.giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/4cd799a0-6ddd-4a6f-8feb-147bc2000a4e



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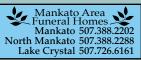


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