

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

OCTOBER 8, 2023 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME!

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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

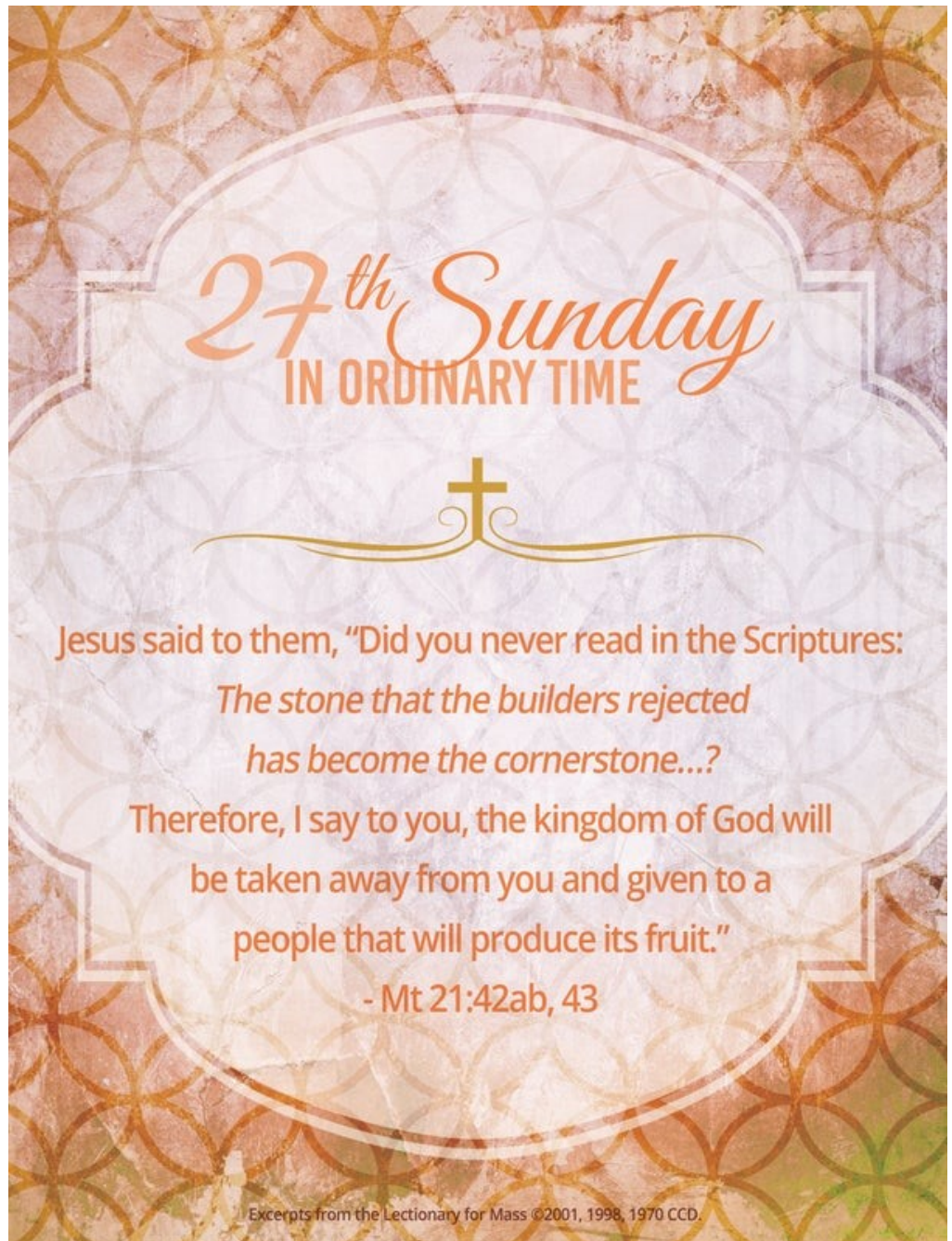
Confessions will take place
in the Reconciliation Room

Saturdays 4:30 pm
or by appointment

ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

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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 Synod began in Rome this week. You may recall that we were invited to participate about two years ago. We held several sessions at St. John's where each of us could share about where we see the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the church. They were lively discussions and we forwarded our responses to the diocese. All of this was collated and sent to

The Vatican. It took months of time to pull together all this material on a world-wide level.

So now Pope Francis has called 450 clerics, religious and laity to come to Rome to continue listening to the Holy Spirit as they discuss the many topics and issues. We are privileged to have Bishop Barron chosen as one of those 450 delegates. Let's keep the Synod in prayer that God's Spirit helps us to better proclaim and live the Gospel values in our world.

Peace,
Father John

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 JON 1:1-2:2; JONAH 2:3,4,8; LK 10:25-37

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 JON 3:1-10; LK 10:38-42

8:15 am Mass Donovan Robb † Charlie Frost †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 JON 4:1-11; LK 11:1-4

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong †, Alan Braun †, Stuart Good †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 MAL 3:13-20; LK 11:5-13

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 JL 1:13-15; LK 11:15-26

8:15 am Mass Guy Worrell †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 JL 4:12-21; LK 11:27-28

5:15 pm Mass Jim Anton †, Jeff Longnecker †, Arnold Iffert †,
Bernie Snaza † and Mark Snaza †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 IS 25:6-10a; PHIL 4:12-14; MT 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

8:00 am Mass Patricia Norris †, Chuck Strate †

10:00 am Mass Delores Reuter †, Adam Worrell †, John Schuh †



Flowers for Mary
Mary Megaw
in Memory of
Donald Megaw

Baby Bottle Campaign Offers Real Hope and Health October 8, 2023

Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings through financial assistance, free baby items, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, and adoption planning and placement. We need your help in meeting the needs of new and expectant parents in difficult situations. Every dollar donated through the Baby Bottle Campaign is used for rent or utilities for women who are pregnant or have a new baby at home. While applying for assistance, women learn about adoption and parenting support in order to feel confident carrying their baby to term. Your gifts offers a tangible gift of hope during crisis. Thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign!

Salvation Army Day Shelter

The Salvation Army Day Shelter will open for the winter on November 1, 2023. The shelter is located at the Salvation Army, 700 South Riverfront Drive, Mankato.

To help fulfill the meal requirements of providing a noon meal each Saturday and Sunday, the shelter is in need of 30 ready-to-eat meals each day. Please consider helping with this mission.

For more information or to find a weekend that needs your help, please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BACAB2FA2FECF8-44604193-weekend#/>

All are welcome - Mark your calendar!

St John's Book Club Informational Meeting
October 18th at 1:30pm
St John's Library.
Contact Anita Maki with questions,
507/519-0108



Flowers for Mary

At this time all remaining dates for 2023 are filled. Thank you to all who donated. If you would like to donate a gift of \$35 or more to our Flowers for Mary ministry to honor or in memory of a loved one in 2024, please pick up an envelope entitled Flowers for Mary from the kiosk in the narthex. Fill out the card found in the envelope, include your monetary donation, and drop in weekly collection basket or to the parish office. Dates requested will be honored as they come in.

WELCOME CONNECTIONS VOLUNTEERS

Connections Shelter is in their 7th year of serving people who are in need, with dignity and respect. Our first week to host meals and hospitality shifts is October 9-15. If you can help please sign up now at www.connectionsshelter.org, click on Volunteer tab, then scroll down to click on Meal Signup or serve as an Evening Greeter.

Let me know if you have trouble signing up.

THANK YOU to those who have signed up and those who will.

Questions? contact Mary Beth Nygaard

ECHO Food Shelf

What service can you do for your neighbor this week? More and more families are coming to the ECHO food shelf with the higher food prices. New volunteers are urgently needed. The team work and camaraderie is terrific! Please consider giving a call to **ECHO at 345-7477** and volunteer.

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Peter 4:10

Simon Ministry

Help our parish to be the salt for our community as we share your love with those caught in the struggles of life. We are always in need of basic products. If you can help us serve our visitors, some items needed are:

- Detergent (50 oz or less)
- Dish Soap
- Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, tissues)

Any help is appreciated! Items can be placed in the bins/baskets at the church entrances.

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 the Anointing of the Sick.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023

First Reading:

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel:

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"
They answered him,
"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

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Stay Connected!

Are you interested in learning about what's going on at Loyola? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram or email us at advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org to subscribe to our Advancement Bulletin monthly emails.

On October 15th, Loyola friends and families are encouraged to visit Pumpkin Junction for Loyola Day at Pumpkin Junction, 12-5pm, 18675 Old Hwy 66, Good Thunder, MN.



November 10, 2023, 6:00 PM

Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center

Loyola's Wired to the Heart annual fundraising gala is five weeks away! This year's event will benefit Loyola's Fund for Excellence, focusing on increasing teachers' salaries and expanding classroom space, and the Fund for Campus Enhancement to provide clean and safe learning spaces.

We are currently seeking donations for our silent auction. Each year we offer a variety of baskets, experiences and gift cards and more! If you would like to make a cash donation, we'd be happy to do the shopping for you! Please reach out to Carrie Kijenski at ckijenski@loyolacatholicschool.org to make a donation. You may also drop off items at the front desk, but please include your name so we know who to thank. Your consideration is much appreciated!

Tickets are now on sale! Invitations are in the mail. Please visit the Wired to the Heart website www.wiredtotheheart.com



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

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

SEPTEMBER 22- SEPTEMBER 29, 2023	
Adult Support	\$ 16,692.00
Offertory	\$ 1,149.00
Donations via website - 09/23 -09/29	\$ 1,162.45
Holy Day	15.00
ACH (5 th and 20 th) 09/20/2023	
Weekly Total	\$ 19,018.45
Weekly Offering goal is: \$ 18,163.73	
Year-to-date income as of 09/23/2023 (Beginning of a new fiscal year) \$ 241,209.47	

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023

Our Goal:
\$70,885.00

As of September 29, 2023
\$39,885.14

Need \$31,00.00
to reach our goal.

Thank you to all who have contributed.

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

LITURGICAL CORNER

October 14 - 5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: Carrie Altomari, Kelly Andresen, Lynn Beadell, John Bulcock, John Fell, Lynn Klingsporn, Glenda Landsteiner

Lector: Mary O'Sullivan

Sacristan: Glenda Landsteiner

Servers: Noah Altomari, Olivia Altomari

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 2

October 15 - 8:00 am

Communion Ministers: Cindy Matuska, Kurt Schroeder, Sarah Tetzloff, Barb Traxler, Mark Traxler, Colleen Walters, Mary Westby

Lector: Brian Hughes

Sacristan: Randy Meyer

Servers: Colton Fontaine, Jan Hughes

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 6

October 15 - 10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Laurie Barnett, Jeff Barnett, Sarah Nelson, Pam Steffl, Becki Stranik, Gary Stranik, Dianne Reuter

Lector: Monica Wagner

Sacristan: Sarah Nelson

Servers: Charlie Keech, Brock McKeel

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 10

Money Counters

October 9 - Team 2

October 16 - Team 3

October 23 - Team 1



Did you know that you can now make donations by text?

Text to: 1-507-428-2929
to make a secure donation to St. John's!

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.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**Word & Communion Service**

8:15 AM - Church

CCW Meeting

1:00 PM John Paul II

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**Sunrise AA Meeting**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Hope Women's Grief Group

5:15 PM - Matthews Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**Mass**

8:15 AM - Church

Choir for Christ

5:15 PM - Church

Confirmation Faith Sharing Centers

7:00 PM - Church

Small Group 6th-8th Grade

7:00 PM - Classrooms

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**Word & Communion Service**

8:15 AM - Church

Simon Ministry

10:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mindfulness

7:00 PM - Narthex

RCIA

6:30 PM - Marion Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**Al-Anon - ZOOM****Early Risers AA**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**Confessions**

4:30 PM - Confession Room

Mass 5:15 PM - Church**SUNDAY, October 15****Mass 8:00 AM - Church****FF Grades 1-5**

9:00 AM - Classroom/Mtg Rm

Mass 10:00 AM - Church**CLW - Shine Bright**

10:10 AM - Matthews Hall

MSU Choir Concert

3:00 PM - Church

OA

3:00 PM - JP II Room

“Prayer, for me, is simply a raising of the heart, a simple glance towards Heaven, an expression of love and gratitude in the midst of a trial, as well as in times of joy; in a word, it is something noble and supernatural expanding my soul and uniting it to God. Whenever my soul is so dry that I am incapable of a single good thought, I always say an Our Father or a Hail Mary very slowly, and these prayers alone cheer me up and nourish my soul with divine food.”

-St. Therese of Lisieux



Faith FORMATION

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The **Church Challenge** for the months of October and November are going to be **“Where am I?”** What is the name of this room and where is it?

Stay tuned...



Dear God,

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

Amen

Bria, Juliana, Vivian, Sang, Jace, Ruby, Kenzy, Jackson, Damon, Jasen, Daphne, Easton, John, Clayton, Frances, Odessa, Brooke, Aleyah

TEEN FAITH FORMATION

SCHEDULE

Oct. 11 - Small groups 7-8PM
 Oct. 18 - No CLASS (MEA)
 Oct. 25 - Small groups 7-8PM
 Nov. 1 - Mass @ 6:30 followed
 by small groups until 8PM
 (Confirmation Candidates will have
 Confirmation practice following
 Mass)

CONTACT: KRISTY@STJOHNSMANKATO.NET
 WITH QUESTIONS

If you have questions about or would like to get involved with our Faith Formation Program, please contact:
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