

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

DECEMBER 31, 2023 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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

LIKE US ON
FACEBOOK!



Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon
you and remain with you
throughout the year.

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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.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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The Feast of the Holy Family has new significance for me. In November I joined a group of 20 priests as we followed the journey of Jesus, Mary and Joseph through Egypt. I had no knowledge that there was evidence of where they went and what they did. It made the childhood of Jesus - the first 5 years—suddenly come alive. I will share more about my trip on January 11 at 6:00 pm in Matthews Hall. May the Holy Family's Pilgrimage continue to bless us.

*Peace,
Father John*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 NM 6:22-27; LK 2:16-21

9:00am Mass Jean-Guy Lemyre †
Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 1 JN 2:22-28; JN 1:19-28

8:15 am Mass St. John Parishioners
Office opens at Noon

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 1 JN 2:29-3:6; JN 1:29-34

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong †, Robert Konrad †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 1 JN 3:7-10; JN 1:35-42

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 1 JN 3:11-21; JN 1:43-51

8:15 am Mass Bernie † and Mark Snaza †
Mavrik Schwartz & for his doctors and family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 1 JN 5:5-13; LK 3:23-38

5:15 pm Mass Bernice Rezac †, Tom Andresen †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 IS 60:1-6; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

800 am Mass Tim Brown †, Scott and Mary Baynes †,
Patricia Norris †, Chris Goebel †

10:00 am Mass Jeremy Wyrowski †, James Anton †

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Luke 2:40

ST. JOHN'S NEWS & EVENTS



Christmas Flower Donations

(not included in previous bulletin)



Names

Bonnie Sellner
Marlene Donahue
David & Pattie Cornelius
Nancy McLoone
Linda Thomason
Mary Ommen
Phyllis Umhoefer
Tim & Joan Back

In Memory

Gene Sellner
Michael Donahue
Tom Frassel; Gene Frassel
Mike McLoone
L.J. Martz; J.D. Martz
Thomas Ommen; Marian Vosburgh
Wayne Umhoefer
Fred & Dorothy Back, Darryl & Eulalia Koll

Donation: Mary Olson

Parish Office is closed January 1, 2024



New Parishioners

We are happy to welcome the following people to our parish community here at St. John's.

Nick and Jean Jackson and their children, Atticus, Oscar, Cora and Charlette

Please feel our warm welcome.

Father John's Egypt Journey

Father John will be presenting a program in Matthews Hall on January 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Save the date - more information to follow.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. John the Baptist Church
Matthews Hall

Friday, January 19, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org
Enter SJTBCKKATO to schedule an appointment.

Espresso Mass

Please join us for coffee and treats on January 5, 2024. This will be the last one until further notice.

St. John's Book Club

The next read is, *Girl in Translation*, by Jean Kwok. The January meeting will be on January 17th at 1:30. Please contact Anita Maki at 507/386-1395 with any questions.

Donating to a Charity

All donations for 2023 tax purposes need to be in the parish office on December 31, 2023. If mailing us the donation, it will need to be postmarked, December 31, 2023. If submitting through online giving or text giving the donation needs to be dated **by midnight** on December 31, 2023. This also includes donation to our Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Remember you can donate by check, cash, online via website, text and stock or securities, and grain commodities.

Thank you for all of your support this past year, prayerfully as well as financially.

SACRAMENTS

LOYOLA NEWS



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.

The 2024-2025 enrollment season is upon us! Enrollment for all grades is open to the public in January. Visit Loyola's website and Facebook page for more information. If you have questions, please contact Ashley Braulick, Marketing, Admissions, and Enrollment Coordinator at 507 386-5399.

The start of the new year is a time of renewal, growth, and exciting possibilities. As we dive into 2024 refreshed and ready to learn, we also invite you to support Loyola's commitment to excellence by contributing to our Annual Fund. Your generous donations enable us to enhance educational programs, provide resources for extracurricular activities, and invest in the continuous improvement of our school facilities. If you would like to make a donation to the Annual Fund or learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Samantha Smith at 507-386-5392.

Get ready for an unforgettable musical showdown at *Clash of the Keys*, featuring popular Twin Cities group *Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos*. Grab your friends and family and join us for a night of music, passion, and pure talent. Individual tickets are \$40 in advance. Seats are first come, first serve, or skip the hassle and reserve a table of 8 for \$500. You can purchase your tickets or tables online now by scanning the QR code or at Loyola's main office to pay with cash or check. Hurry, before they're gone!



TODAY'S READINGS

Feast of the Holy Family/ Dec. 31, 2023

First Reading:

"Your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading:

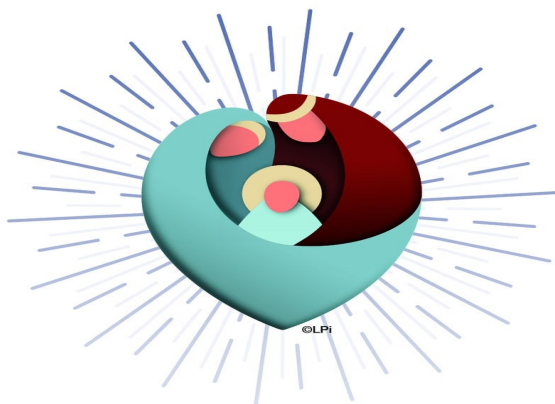
By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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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



LITURGICAL CORNER

DEC 8-- DEC. 15, 2023

Adult Support	\$ 14,470.00
Offertory	\$ 777.61
Donations via website - 12/9 -12/15	\$ 2,570.63
Holy Day	\$ 1,433.00
ACH (5 th and 20 th)	\$.
Weekly Total	\$ 19,251.24
Weekly Offering goal is:	\$ 18,163.73
Year-to-date income as of 11/24/2023	\$ 458,339.29

January 6 -5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: John Bulcock, Glenda Landsteiner, Lisa Soupir
Lector: Kathy Wortel
Sacristan: John Fell
Servers: Noah Altomari, Olivia Altomari
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 2

January 7- 8:00 am

Communion Ministers: Dan Kapsner, Donna Kapsner, Najwa Massad
Lector: Michelle Fischer
Sacristan: Sam Blace
Servers: Quinn Kelly, Soren Kelly
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 6

January 7 10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Mike Coughlan, Chris Meehan, Marsha Murphy
Lector: Christopher Vasquez
Sacristan: Terry Alfson
Servers: Francis Bierer, Liam Vasquez
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 10

Money Counters

January 2- Team 3
 January 8 - Team 1
 January 15 -Team 2

FINANCES

Information needed for this week's financial report was not available at the time of print. Next week's bulletin will have the updated information. Thank you for your understanding.

St. John's Prayer Network

To submit a request call:
 Mickey Bicek 507-388-5906 or Lynn Beadell 507-351-3742

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!

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS

9:00AM - Church
Office closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 Sunrise AA Meeting

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
MASS

8:15AM—Church

Grief Group

5:00 PM - Matthews Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 MASS

8:15 AM - Church

Choir for Christ

5:50—Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 Word and Communion Service

8:15 AM - Church

Simon Ministry

10:30- Matthews Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Al-Anon - ZOOM

Early Risers AA

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

MASS

8:15 AM - Church

Fellowship Gathering

After mass - Narthex

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

4:30 PM - Confession Room

Mass

5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

MASS

8:00 AM - Church

FF Grades 1-5

9:00 AM—Classroom/Mt Rm

MASS

10:00 AM - Church

CLW—Shine Bright

10:10AM—Matthews Hall

OA

3:00 PM—JP II Room

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman



The words of Howard Thurman are meant to be lived year-round. Think of all the ways you are doing the much-needed work needed in our families, parish, community and for neighbors near and far. In a special way we thank our more than twelve parish visitors who pray with, support and care for the women and men of our parish who are sick in the hospital or live in healthcare centers and homes. They bring Christ and the support of our faith community to them. We are so grateful to and for them. We are also eager to welcome some new visitors as we move into the new year. If by any chance there are still others who would like to visit some of our parishioners please let me know. I will be glad to assist you in whatever way I can.

Together let's do the work of Christmas!

Sr. Mary Ann

St. John's Spirit of Giving and Stewardship



Simon Ministry Christmas Party

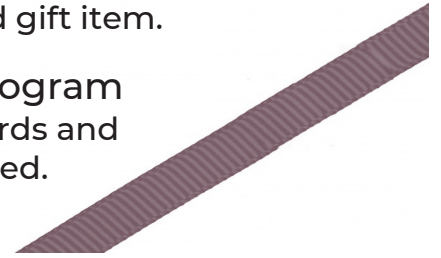
Served 96 guests with a lunch of Lasagna and Salad
Each guest received two gifts, socks, a cap and mittens.
Thank you to all who donated.

Laurels Peak Christmas

48 residents were gifted with their requested gift item.

Mankato YMCA Big Brother/Sister Program

To date, approximately \$1,000.00 in gift cards and
monetary donations have been received.



Stewardship

As 2023 draws to an end, we would like to extend a thank you to
those who have volunteered their time and resources to

St. John's Stewardship Ministry **PRAYER SERVICE AND LEARNING**



Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; If one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes to generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness

Romans 12:8