

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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!

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BE MADE CLEAN.

MARK 1:41



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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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Jesus touched the leper and healed him. It was probably the first time the leper had been touched after getting this disease. We often separate from the human community until we are better. It's like we are untouchable.

This sense of distance is what opens us to Jesus. This presence is a constant - in times of sickness, sinfulness, and desolation. When we are most alone, Jesus enters our being and gives us strength and healing.

May the touch of Jesus be a gift to us this week.

*Peace,
Father John*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 JAS 1:1-11; MK 8:11-13

8:15 am Word and Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 JAS 1:12-18; MK 8:14-21

8:15 am Word and Communion Service

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14 JL 2:12-18/2; MT 6:1-6, 16-18

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 DT 30:15-20; LK 9:22-25

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 IS 58:1-9A; MT 9:14-15

8:15 am Mass Helen Dehen †, Leonette Durenberger †,
Carol Armstrong †, Jim Wandersee †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 IS 58:9B-14; LK 5:27-32

5:15 pm Mass Rose Elbert †, Mathias Krenik Jr †,
James Hanneman †, Audrey Wiebold †,
Katherine Thro Frost †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 GN 9:8-15; MK 1:12-15

8:00 am Mass Chris Goebel †, Marlyn Miller †, James Brozik †

10:00 am Mass Bernie † and Mark Snaza †,
KimMarie Winans †, James Anton †,
Mildred † and David Jewison †



*Flowers for Mary
Mike Blaine
In honor of Julianne Blaine
In memory of Rose Wenner*

ST. JOHN'S NEWS & EVENTS



Marlyn Miller
Who passed away on
January 19, 2024
Our deepest sympathy to her family.



James Brozik
Who passed away on
February 5, 2024
Our deepest sympathy to his family

Welcome
New members of our parish community
Maddie Jensen and Dustyn Schmidt
Please feel our warm welcome!



Welcome to our family
Theodore Elwood Wright
Parents: Dylan and Sarah Wright
Baptized on February 4, 2024

2024 Annual Pro Life Pancake Breakfast

Super Bowl Sunday , February 11
Holy Rosary Catholic
School Cafeteria

Pancakes, Sausage Eggs, Fruit,
Coffee, Milk, Juice and Water

Serving Times 8:30-Noon
Free Will Donation

Start your Super Day with a
Super Breakfast for a Super Cause
before The Big Game



February 2024

St. Joseph the Worker Men's Club

Fish Bake Fundraiser

Friday, February 16th

5:00PM - 7:00PM

SJW Auditorium

\$15.00 per person \$45.00 family max

Dine in or carry-out

St. John the Baptist Knight of Columbus

Fish Bake Fundraiser

Friday, February 23rd

4:30PM - 7:00PM

St. Matthews Hall

\$15.00 per person \$50.00(immediate) family max

Dine in or carry-out

St. John's Book Club

The next meeting will be February
21st at 1:30 PM. The book to be dis-
cussed is; *The Catcher in the Rye* by
J.D. Salinger.

Contact Anita Maki, 507/386-1395
with and questions.

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 vol-
unteers 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 at 387-5406 for
more information, or to purchase tickets.
Drawing will be held March 28, 2024. Thank
you for your support!

LOYOLA NEWS

Service is one of the fundamental pillars at Loyola,
and our students are actively showcasing it
through various initiatives. Throughout the school
year, they have engaged in activities such as as-
sembling Christmas gift baskets for refugee fami-
lies, providing essential baby items to mothers in
need, amassing over 500 pounds of food pantry
items for Echo Food Shelf, and supporting Project
Community Connect by contributing boxes of
cleaning and personal care items.

Enrollment for the academic year 2024-2025 is
now open for all grades at Loyola. For further
information, visit our website or contact Ashley
Braulick, our Marketing, Admissions, and Enroll-
ment Coordinator, at 507-386-5399.

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

6TH Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2024

First Reading:

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."
(LV 13:8)

Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
(PS 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 COR 10:31)

Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (MK 1:41-42)

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Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

Minnesota's bishops are urging every Catholic across Minnesota, and particularly in key legislative districts, to speak out against the so-called "Equal Rights Amendment." If our state legislature passes this ballot measure, the amendment would likely erode religious freedom and the rights that uphold the dignity of girls and women in our state. Contact your State Representative by email, phone call, or video by going to MNCatholic.org and clicking the "take action" button.

Bill Status and the Constitutional Amendment Process Status:

- S.F. 37/HF. 173 was introduced and heard during the 2023 session in both the House and the Senate.
- S.F. 37 passed the Senate during the final week of the 2023 legislative session
- H.F. 173 has not yet passed the House, which means there is still time to stop it, This is where YOU come in!
- If we stop this legislation in the House in 2024, it will not be placed on the ballot, Instead, it would have to be re-introduced and pass both bodies again in 2025 if proponents still want to pass it.

How would it get it into the Constitution?

The legislature introduces an act proposing a change in the Constitution.

- The act must be approved by a majority vote of both the Senate and the House.
- Once the proposed amendment is passed, it is placed on a general election ballot.
- It does not require the governor's signature or veto like a normal bill.
- Amendments are ratified if approved by a majority of those who vote in the election.

In the case of the ERA, since it only needs to pass the House, the legislators could take it up for a vote any day after the legislative session begins on February 12. It does not need to go through any more committees, so a simple majority vote could pass it and send it to our ballots.

Church Teaching:

"The right to the exercise of freedom, especially in moral and religious matters, is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person. This right must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and public order. (CCC 1738)"

Catholic social teaching tells us to uphold the inherent dignity of every human person, recognizing that individuals have the right to seek and embrace religious truth according to their conscience. This includes the freedom to practice, profess, and share one's religious beliefs.

Catholic social teaching strongly supports the protection of religious freedom as a fundamental human right essential for human dignity, the common good, and a just society. Forcing compliance with something against the teachings of our faith does not allow Catholics the right to exercise our freedoms.

Help us STOP this legislation in its tracks! Visit mncatholic.org/era for more information.

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

February 17 - 5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: Glenda Landsteiner, Phyllis Maloney, Tom Rognes
Lector: Maggie Bennett
Sacristan: Jane Jans
Servers: Matthew Soupir, Thomas Soupir
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 4

February 18 - 8:00 am

Communion Ministers: Brian Hughes, Jan Hughes, Cindy Matuska
Lector: Nicole Goebel
Sacristan: Pat Sullivan
Servers: Luke Blace, Eli Mueller
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 8

February 18 - 10:00 am


Communion Ministers: Deb Fogal, Scott Fogal, Jessica Keech
Lector: Tami Meehan
Sacristan: Jaci James
Servers: Jackson Davis, Noah Davis
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 12

JAN. 26, 2023 - FEB. 2, 2024	
Adult Support	\$ 15,976.00
Offertory	\$ 845.87
Donations via website 1/27--2/2/24	\$ 1,690.00
Holy Day	\$ 140.00
ACH (5 th and 20 th)	\$
Weekly Total	\$ 18,651.87
Weekly Offering goal is:	
\$ 18,163.73	
Year-to-date income as of 01/26/2024	\$ 661,051.11



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

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota offers respectful, compassionate and professional Mental Health Clinical Counseling services to help individuals, couples and families deal with a variety of concerns. We accept most insurances or offer a sliding fee. For more information call 507-287-2047.




**Children's
Weekly Stewardship**
 \$76.70
 January 26 - February 2

Money Counters
 February 12 -Team 1
 February 20 (Tues) -Team 2
 February 26 -Team 3

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!

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:

- Personal Care Items - shampoo, body wash, deodorant, etc.
- Detergent (50 oz or less)
- Dish Soap

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

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Word and Communion Service
 8:15 - Church
CCW Meeting
 1:00 PM - John Paul II Room
Spirit Singers
 5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Sunrise AA Meeting
 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
Word and Communion
 8:15AM - Church
Grief Group
 5:00 PM - Matthews Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Ash Wednesday
MASS
 8:15 AM - Church
Service with Ashes
 12:10 PM - Church
Service with Ashes
 6:30 PM - Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Word and Communion Service
 8:15 AM - Church
Simon Ministry
 10:30- Matthews Hall
Catholic Inquiry
 6:30 PM - Marian Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Al-Anon - ZOOM
Early Risers AA
 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
MASS
 8:15 AM - Church

SATURDAY, February 17
Confessions
 4:30 PM - Confession Room
MASS
 5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
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

Lent/Holy Week – 2024

Ash Wednesday Masses/Service

February 14th Mass at 8:15am
 12:10pm - Service with Ashes
 6:30pm - Service with Ashes

Communal Reconciliation

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

Passion (Palm Sunday) March 23/24

Saturday 5:15pm
 Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am
 Palms will be distributed at all Masses

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



Stations of the Cross

6:15PM in the church

Tuesday, February 20 and 27
 Tuesday, March 5, 12, and 19

LENTEN PRACTICES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

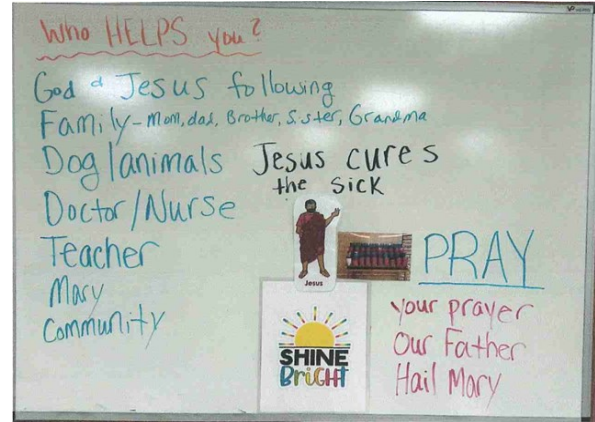
The Church teaches that Catholics in good health observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years and older should abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk product or condiments of animal fat.

Faith FORMATION

Miss Michele talked to the children about helping Jesus in taking care of sick people. We can do that by praying for those that are sick. We are one big family and we need to help each other out.



What am I and where am I located?



Church I Spy

Do you know where I am located and what I am for? Please take your child up close to see them.

Last week we saw the Children's Liturgy flag and Father's chair. Did you know that it is really called the Presider's Chair?

NEXT

EXPLORE WHAT GOD HAS NEXT FOR YOU

For Post-Confirmation High School Students



Bishop Robert Barron
Keynote Speaker

Register Today!
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What will life be like after High School?
What do I want for my life?
What is God's will for my life?

Feb. 24, 2024 from 9am - 5pm
@ St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato
Cost: \$10 per person

Featuring:

- Keynote and Mass with Bishop Barron
- College Student/Young Adult Leaders
- Food, Afternoon Activities, Music, & Prayer

LAUNCHING
2.24.24



Grades 6-12

February 14th - Ash Wednesday
6:30 PM - Service with Ashes
All students attend

February 20th
Small Groups - 7:00-8:00 PM
6th-8th grade meet in
Matthews Hall

February 27th
Small Groups - 7:00-8:00 PM
6th-8th grade meet in
Matthews Hall

