

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## WELCOME!

### CONTACT US

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### MASS TIMES

**No weekday masses until  
Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Saturday** 5:15 pm

**Sunday** 8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Word & Communion Service**

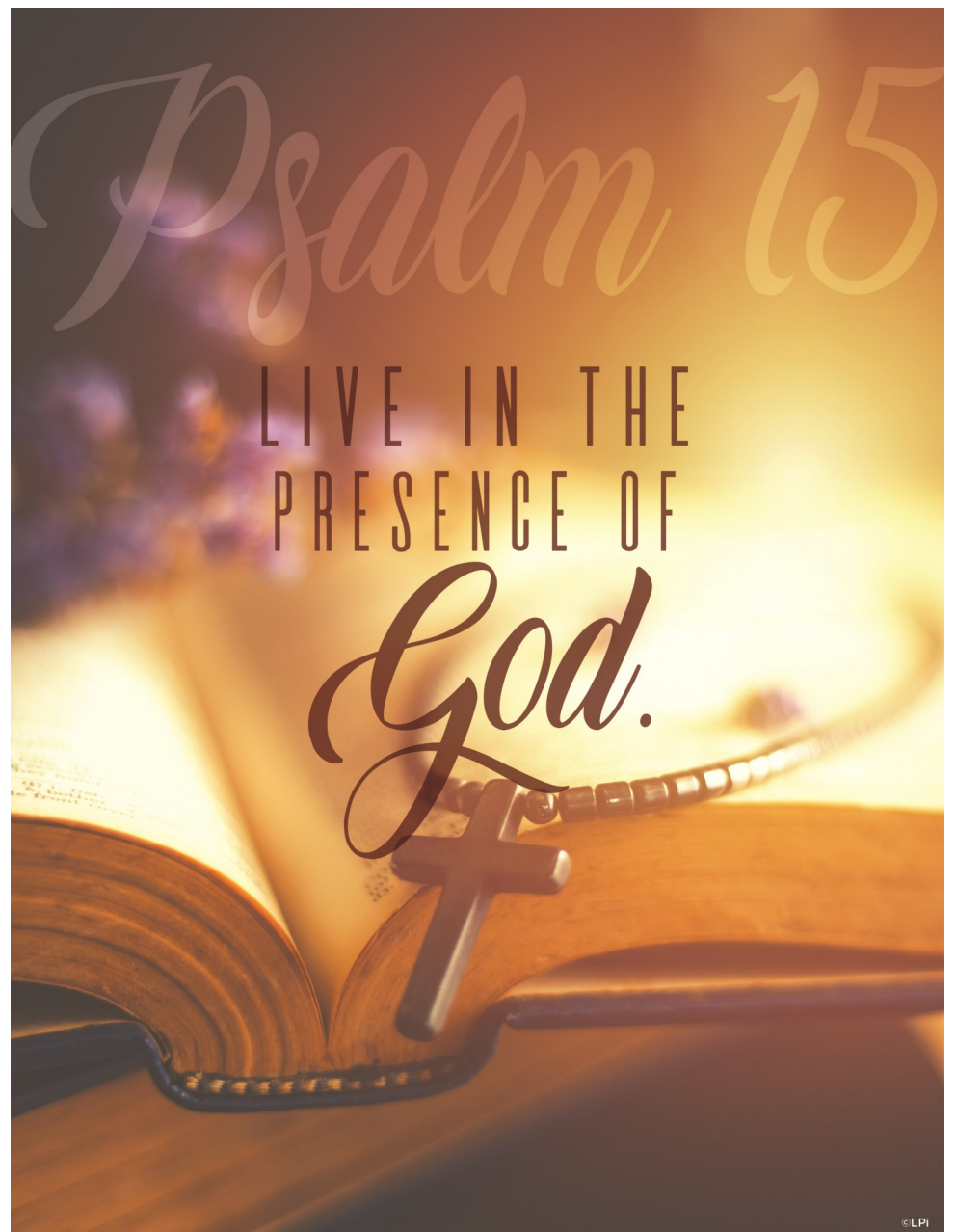
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. 8:15  
am

### RECONCILIATION

Confessions will take place  
in the Reconciliation Room

**Saturdays** 4:30 pm  
or by appointment

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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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### Loyola Catholic School

**Phone:** 507-388-0600

**Website:** loyolacatholicschool.org

## LOYOLA AMBASSADORS

St. John's Parish  
Natalie Wiebold | 608-772-7994

## CALVARY CEMETERY

### Terry Miller

Office 507-387-5784 | P 507-995-1010

## ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

### Pastoral Leadership Team:

Dan Hansen | Jaci James | John Fell |  
Mike Logeais | Lisa Soupir  
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### Finance Council:

## Be the Light of Christ

The parable that Jesus tells in the Gospel this Sunday seems a little cruel at first. Why won't the wise virgins share their oil with the foolish? Wouldn't that be the Christian thing to do? Well, yes it would be if this were a literal matter of sharing a material good, but it is not. Scholars tell us that the "oil" in question is charitable works. These can neither be shared nor stored up on behalf of another. We are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ. This means seeking to serve others every chance we get over the course of a lifetime, to make a habit of doing good. You don't need to be a hero, you simply need to be aware of the needs of others in our ordinary, everyday lives. A kind word, a little courtesy, a sympathetic ear are as important as a big project. Being present to others as the eyes, ears and hands of Christ will fill your jug with "oil" and keep the lamp of your soul burning bright.

Deacon Chris

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

WIS 1:1-7; LK 17:1-6

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

WIS 2:23-3:9 LK 17:7-10

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

WIS 6:1-11; LK 17:11-19

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

WIS 7:22b-8:1; LK 17:20-25

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

WIS 13:1-9; LK 17:26-37

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

WIS 18:14-16; 19:6-9; LK 18:1-8

5:15 pm Mass Edward Sweere †, Ken Jenson †, Phyllis Goettl †,  
Katherine Thro Frost †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 THES 5:1-6;  
MT 25:14-30

8:00 am Mass Patricia Norris†, James Willette †, Dean Steinborn †  
Mary Doyle †

10:00 am Mass LaDonna Alfson †, Chuck Strate †, Bridget Kirby †,  
Jeremy Wyrowski †, Jim Anton †



*Flowers for Mary  
Peggy Landsteiner  
In Honor of  
Glen Landsteiner*

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God*



**Richard Hurrel**

*Who passed away on  
November 1, 2023*

Our deepest sympathy to his family.



**Mary Doyle**

*Who passed away on  
November 5, 2023*

Our deepest sympathy to her family.

**Tutors Needed**

The Good Counsel Learning Center is seeking motivated tutors for students K-12. Tutoring or teaching experience is desirable. For further information, call Sister Dorothy at 507-387-4229.

*"Education is one of the most effective ways of making our world and history more human. Education is above all a matter of love and responsibility handed down from one generation to another."*

Pope Francis @ Pontifex  
September 8, 2021 for World Literacy Day.

**Christmas Wreaths**

Calvary Cemetery is taking orders for Christmas Wreaths for gravesites of loved ones within Calvary Cemetery. If you wish to purchase a Christmas Wreath for \$35.00, please send a check to:

Calvary Cemetery  
PO Box 4143  
Mankato, MN 56002

Include the name of the grave the wreath will be placed on. You can also call Terry at 507-995-1010 to place an order. Wreaths will be placed on graves the last week of November.

**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.

**ECHO Food Shelf  
Thanksgiving Baskets**

To volunteer to distribute baskets, Please call Diane at 507/317-1800. Distribution is November 6-17.

New volunteers are urgently needed throughout the year. Please consider giving a call to ECHO at 345-7477 to volunteer.

**Missing Your Kitchen Items?**

There is a table by the Main Level Elevator Lobby with pans, serving dishes and misc. kitchen utensils that were left from funeral and reception dinners. Please pick up any items that belong to you. Thank You!

**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](mailto:only1mariab@yahoo.com).



*There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
only this do I seek: to live in the house of  
the Lord all the days of my life*

*Psalm 27 (26):4*

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.



32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 12, 2023

First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

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**Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service**

Your child deserves a Catholic School education. Catholic faith and value-centered environment with a track record of academic excellence. Loyola is still accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Contact Ashley Braulick, Admissions Coordinator at [admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org) or call 507-386-5399 for more information.

With the help of our generous community of benefactors, Loyola has awarded around \$230,000 in scholarships to families in need this school year. If you are interested in providing a Catholic education to a child, please contact Samantha Smith, Development Officer, at [advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org) or call 507-386-5392 to learn about ways to give. Thank you for your consideration!

Thank you to everyone who attended Wired to the Heart on Friday. We had a great time gathering together to support Loyola Catholic School. Your donations and continued support are greatly appreciated! Please join us next year in November for

Daxton Wilhelm

The following is an update from Daxton's CaringBridge site.

*Thank you for the amount of outpouring support, love and prayers we have received this far. Because of all your prayers Daxton continues to improve a little each day.*

To follow Daxton's progress, go to:

[caringbridge.org/visit/daxtonwilhelm](http://caringbridge.org/visit/daxtonwilhelm)

If you would like to send Daxton a card, his address is:

Mayo Clinic Hospital - Genrose Building  
Attn: Daxton Wilhelm RM 4-396  
1216 Second St. SW  
Rochester, MN 55905

*Amen, I say to you:*

*Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.*

**St. John's Prayer Network**

To submit a request call:

Mickey Bicek 507-388-5906 or Lynn Beadell 507-351-3742

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 29 – OCTOBER 6,  
2023

Adult Support	\$	9,876.00
Offertory	\$	834.06
Donations via website - 10/28 – 11/01	\$	820.63
Holy Day		131.00
ACH (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> ) 10/23/2023		
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,661.69</b>
Weekly Offering goal is:		\$ 18,163.73

Year-to-date income as of 10/20/2023  
**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023**  
313,405.10

**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 appreciated!

**November 18 5:15 pm**

**Communion Ministers:**

**Lector:**

**Sacristan:**

**Servers:**

**Ushers/Hospitality: Team 3**

**November 19 – 8:00 am**

**Communion Ministers:**

**Lector:**

**Sacristan:**

**Servers:**

**Ushers/Hospitality: Team 7**

**November 19 – 10:00 am**

**Communion Ministers:**

**Lector:**

**Sacristan:**

**Servers:**

**Ushers/Hospitality: Team 11**

Jaci will be  
in contact  
with Liturgical Assistants

### St John's Apparel Store

Last chance to order St John's Apparel! To place your online order, go to [www.unitedteamelite.com](http://www.unitedteamelite.com). Click on "Team Stores" and enter password

### Money Counters

November 13 - Team 1  
November 20 - Team 2  
November 27 - Team 3



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

*This is how all will know that  
you are my disciples:  
if you have love for one another,  
says the Lord*

*John 13:35*

### 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.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
**Word & Communion Service**  
 8:15 AM - Church  
**CCW Meeting**  
 1:00 PM - Matthews Hall  
**Spirit Singers**  
 5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth's Room

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
**Sunrise AA Meeting**  
 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
**Word & Communion**  
 8:15 AM - Church  
**Hope's Women's Grief Group**  
 5:15 PM - Matthews Hall

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
**Word & Communion**  
 8:15 AM - Church  
**Choir for Christ**  
 5:50 PM - Church  
**Reconciliation Centers - Gr. 2**  
 6:30 PM - Matthews Hall  
**FF - Small Groups**  
 7:00 PM - Classroom/Mtg Rooms

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
**Word & Communion Service**  
 8:15 AM - Church  
**Simon Ministry**  
 10:30 AM - Matthews Hall

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
**Al-Anon - ZOOM**  
**Early Risers AA**  
 6:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
**Word & Communion**  
 8:15 AM - Church

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
**Confessions**  
 4:30 PM - Confession Room  
**Mass**  
 5:15 PM - Church

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
**Mass**  
 8:00 AM - Church  
**FF Grades 1-5**  
 9:00 AM - Classrooms/Mtg Rooms  
**Mass**  
 10:00 AM - Church  
**CLW - Shine Bright**  
 10:10 AM - Matthews Hall  
**OA**  
 3:00 PM - JPll Room



### Parish Visits

We are making great efforts to connect with our parishioners and family members in healthcare centers and in their homes. Therefore, we would greatly appreciate your help by letting us know the names of anyone you know who is or could be visited by a parish visitor. Please fill out the following form and put it in the collection basket by December 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sister Mary Ann. Thank you!!

Person/s who could be visited: \_\_\_\_\_

Place where each person resides: \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

& phone number/s: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in visiting someone on a regular basis: \_\_\_\_\_

# Faith FORMATION<sup>©LP</sup>

Where am I this week?



Here is the clue - this space is not used by the Sunday School Group. It is on the second floor in the front of church. Last week we were in the Bride's Room. That is where the first graders meet. It is located off of Matthew's Hall. Did you get the room correct?

Shout out to Olivia!



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Olivia led us in our closing prayer on Sunday, November 5, 2023. She did a beautiful job. The fifth graders will be our prayer leaders this month.

*Peace be with you ... And with your Spirit*



**THANK YOU TO OUR MENTORS, SPONSORS AND FAMILIES FOR SUPPORTING US ON OUR JOURNEY TO CONFORMATION!**

-2023 ST. JOHN'S CONFIRMATION CLASS SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ON NOVEMBER 4, 2023

If you have questions about or would like to get involved with our Faith Formation Program, please contact: GRADES 1-5: Jeanne Fitterer [jeanef@stjohnsmankato.net](mailto:jeanef@stjohnsmankato.net) GRADES 6-12: Kristy McCabe [kristy@stjohnsmankato.net](mailto:kristy@stjohnsmankato.net)