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MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY

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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

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"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our Father that is to come!
Hosanna in the highest!"

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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This Sunday is also called "Passion Sunday". We read and hear the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. What unfolds is the unfolding of Jesus complete adoption of humanity by experiencing desolation, pain, suffering and death. God allowed God's self to experience everything we do. We are invited to accept the journey

in our time on earth. Just like Jesus we are unable to climb, achieve, perform and prove ourselves. Even so we often spend much of our time and energy on doing all of that. So the challenge is to accept the journey into the very depths of human existence. We learn to let go and be totally free so that God can do God's part - lifting us up. We anticipate the annual feast in a week.

Peace,
Father John

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 25 IS 42:1-7; JN 12:1-11

8:15 am Word and Communion

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 IS 49:1-6; JN 13:21-33, 36-38

8:15 am Mass Jack Koch†, Audrey Deckert†,

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27 IS 50:4-9a; MT 26:14-25

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong †, Genevieve Martinson †

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 EX 12:1-8, 11-14; JN 13:1-15

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Jim Murray †

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 IS 52:13-53:12; JN 18:1-19:42

12:10 pm Service - No Mass

5:15 pm Service -No Mass

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30 GN 1:1-2:2; MK 16:1-7

8:00 pm Gretchen Adams†, Barbara Brielmaier †

Easter Vigil Teresa Brielmaier †

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31 ACTS 10:34A, 1 COR 5:5B-8,
JN 20:1-9

8:00 am Mass Glen and Todd Dezell†, Chris Goebel†,
Josh Gustavson†, Denny Sullivan †

10:00 am Mass James Anton †, Marlyn Miller †

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

Easter Triduum

Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 PM

livestreamed



Friday, March 29 - 12:10 and 5:15 PM

12:10 livestreamed



Saturday, March 30 - 8:00 PM

IN STILLNESS
EARTH AWAITS
THE RESURRECTION

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



Pope Francis Vatican City, March 17, 2024

Pope Francis said Sunday that God's glory, and our true happiness are not found in success, fame, or popularity but in loving and forgiving others.

In his Angelus address on March 17, the pope asked: How it is possible that God's glory is manifest in the humiliation of the cross?

"One would think it happened in the Resurrection, not on the cross, which is a defeat, a failure," he said. "Instead, today, talking about his passion, Jesus says: 'The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified' (Jn 12:23). What does he mean?"

The pope explained that "for God, glory is to love to the point of giving one's life. "Glorification, for him, means giving himself, making himself accessible, offering his love," he said. "And this reached its culmination on the cross, where Jesus outspread God's love to the maximum, fully revealing the face of mercy, giving us life and forgiving his executioners."

Pope Francis underlined that giving and forgiveness "are very different criteria to what we see around us, and also within us, when we think of glory." Yet while worldly glory fades, this Christian way of life brings lasting happiness, he explained. "And so, we can ask ourselves: What is the glory I desire for myself, for my life, that I dream of for my future?" Francis asked. "That of impressing others with my prowess, my abilities, or the things I possess? Or the path of giving and forgiveness, that of the crucified Jesus, the way of those who never tire of loving, confident that this bears witness to God in the world and makes the beauty of life shine? What glory do I want for myself?"

"Indeed, let us remember that when we give and forgive, God's glory shines in us," Pope Francis said.



TODAY'S READINGS

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 24, 2024**

First Reading:

I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull. (Mk 15:22)

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MASS OF CHRISM
March 25, 2024 2:00pm
Sacred Heart Church
321 9th St.
Heron Lake, MN

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

St. John's - Individual
Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 27th at 4:00pm

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

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LITURGICAL CORNER

March 30 - 5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: John Fell, Tom Rogness, Brenda TeVogt

Lector: Kathy Wortel

Sacristan: John Bulcock

Servers: Noah Altomari, Olivia Altomari

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 2

March 31 - 10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Massaad Chahine, Donna Kapsner, Najwa Massad

Lector: Mary Westby

Sacristan: Sheri Fedson

Servers: Quinn Kelly, Soren Kelly

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 6

March 31 - 10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Sharon Patterson, Dianne Reuter, Tami Reuter

Lector: Lisa Vasquez

Sacristan: Jeanne Atkinson

Servers: Bria Pinero, Maya Pinero

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 10

MARCH 8, 2023 - MARCH 15, 2024

Adult Support \$ 11,480.02

Offertory \$ 907.00

Donations via website
03/09-03/15/24 \$ 1,125.60

Holy Day \$ 60.00

ACH (5th and 20th) \$

Weekly Total \$ 13,572.62

Weekly Offering goal is:
\$ 18,163.73

Year-to-date income as
of 03/08/2024 **\$ 782,595.92**



Annual Benefit for Birthright Raffle 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 to purchase tickets. Drawing will be held March 28th. Thank you for your support!



Children's
Weekly Stewardship
\$ 111.02
March 8 - March 15

Money Counters

March 25- Team 1
April 2 -Team 2 (Tuesday)
April 8 - 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!



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

ST. JOHN'S NEWS



Bill Simonette
Who passed away
March 18, 2024

Welcome
New members of our parish community.
Anne Goedtke, Paige Vancura and Jake Plaetz
Please feel our warm welcome!



In collaboration with the Loyola High School Choir, the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University CHAMBER CHOIR will perform a concert of wonderful music, including works by Reena Esmail, W.A. Mozart, Bob Dylan, and more, on Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. at Loyola Catholic School Chapel, 145 Good Counsel Drive. No ticket required - \$10 donation requested.

Thank you! To all the volunteers who made this year's St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner a wonderful day! If you worked on the weekend, donated items or money it all contributed to the success of the day. We are also grateful for those who came and enjoyed the meal with friends and hopefully you met new ones.



*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.*



THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, MARCH 25
Word and Communion Service
8:15 AM - Church
Spirit Singers
5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Rm

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
Sunrise AA Meeting
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
Mass
8:15 AM - Church
Individual Reconciliation
4:00 - 5:00 PM - Church
Grief Group
5:00 PM - Matthews Hall
Knights of Columbus
6:30 PM - Matthews Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
Mass
8:15 AM - Church
Spirit Singers
5:50 PM - Matthews Hall
Individual Reconciliation
4:00 - 5:00 PM - Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
NO Word and Communion
Simon Ministry
10:30 AM - Matthews Hall
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 PM - Church
Adoration in church until 10 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
Al-Anon - ZOOM
Early Risers AA
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
NO Mass or Word & Communion
Office Closes at noon
Good Friday Services
12:10 PM - Church
5:15 PM - Church

SATURDAY, March 30
NO Confessions
Easter Vigil Mass
8:00 PM - Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
EASTER SUNDAY MASS
8:00 AM - Church
and
10:00 AM - Church

Office will be closed on April 1st



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION DATES

Sunday, March 31 - **NO CLASS** - Easter Sunday
Wednesday, April 3 - First Communion Practice at 5:30 (must attend)
Saturday, April 6 - 5:15 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

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



Attention golfers! As the sun shines brighter, we're gearing up for golf season. Come join us for the Crusader Golf Classic on May 13th at the Mankato Golf Club. Hurry, spots fill up fast, so register now at www.crusadergolfclassic.com.

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 and apply 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 2024-2025 school year, and we're searching for a host family. Families will receive a stipend for his accommodation. If you're interested, please get in touch with Loyola.

Just as nature comes to life during this season, our students are embarking on journeys of learning and discovery. This spring, we invite you to be a part of their journey by making a donation to support scholarships for families seeking a Catholic education. Your generosity will enable deserving students to blossom academically and spiritually, fulfilling their potential and igniting a brighter future. To learn more about supporting our families in need, please contact our advancement office.

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