

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

DECEMBER 17, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

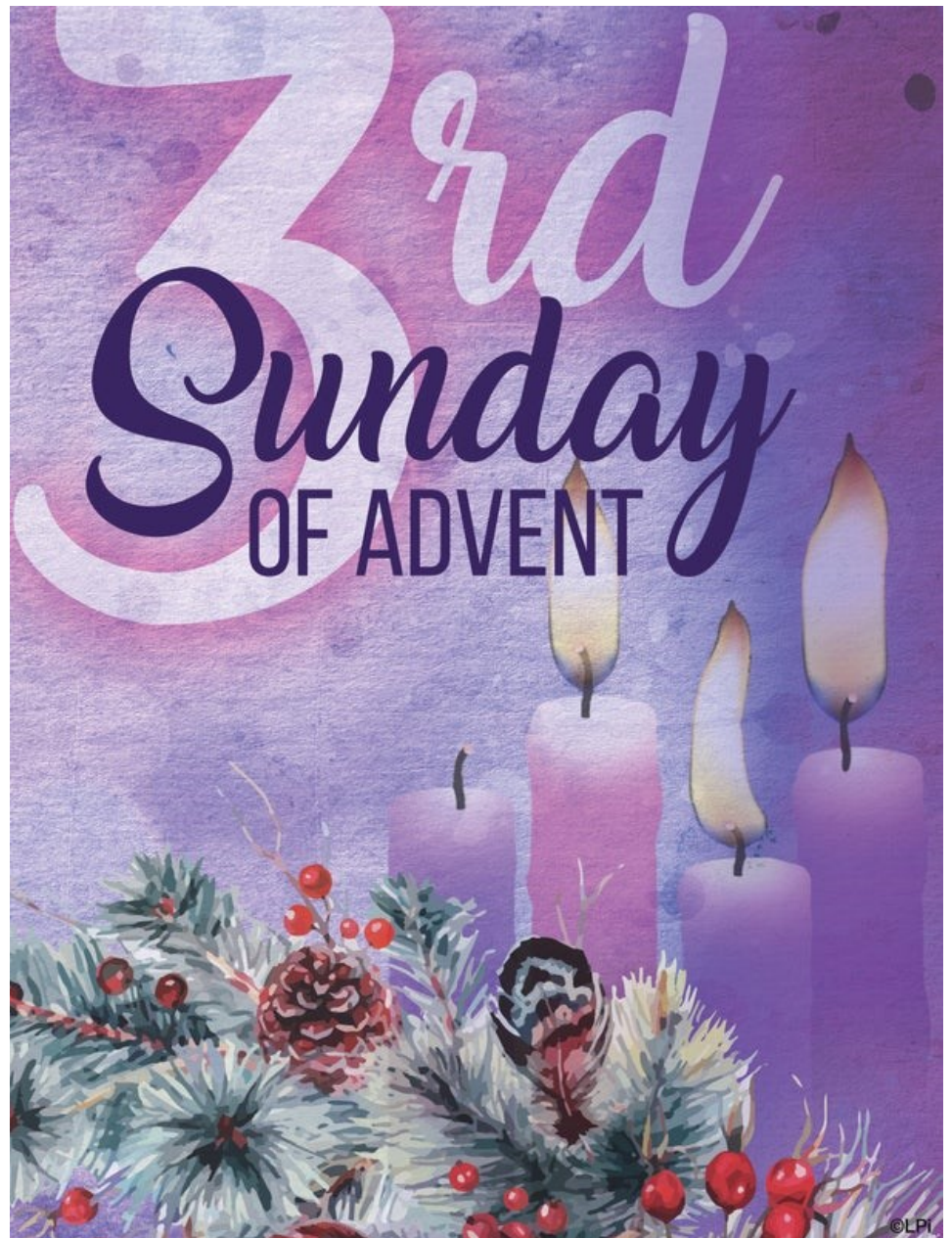
Saturdays 4:30 pm

or by appointment

ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

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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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This week before Christmas draws us to another level of spiritual growth and awareness. The busyness of these days may draw us to be centered in our own needs and schedules. However, it is also a time to carve out time with God. The message is simple—"Jesus is LORD".

"Jesus has entered the world as a human person". "We recognize that this great revelation changes how we see ourselves".

"Jesus lives in us and now is visible in how we live our lives".

Come Lord Jesus.

*Peace,
Father John*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 JER 23:5-8; MT 1:18-25

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; LK 1:5-25

8:15 am Mass Tim Brown † Jeremy Wyrowski †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 IS 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong † Thomas Stark †
Mavrik Schwartz and his doctors and family.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 1 SM 1:24-28; LK 1:46-56

8:15 am Mass Diane Pettipiece †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 MAL 3:1-4, 23-24; LK 1:57-66

5:15 pm Mass Don Colby † Ken Jenson † Glenn Dezell †
Todd Dezell †SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16;
ROM 16:25-27; LK 1:26-389:00 am Mass Tom & Mary Zimmerman † James Anton †
Ann Frost Sobraske † Josh Gustavson †

4:00 pm Mass Frank Pribyl †

8:00 pm Mass Ray & Jean Ryan † Joe McCabe †



Christopher Goebel
Who passed away
December 5, 2023

Our deepest sympathy
to his family

Julie Schoen
Who passed away on
December 8, 2023

Our deepest sympathy
to her family

Patricia Flanagan
Who passed away on
December 9, 2023

Our deepest sympathy
to her family

*The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon, and his name
will be called Emmanuel, Because he will be God-with-us.*
Isaiah 7:14;8:10

St. John's 2023 Christmas Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday...5:15 PM and Sunday...9:00 AM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday December 24th

Christmas Eve...3:30 PM Children's Pageant

4:00, 8:00 PM Masses

Sunday December 25th

Christmas Day...9:00 AM

December 30th and 31st Masses

Regular weekend schedule



St. John's 2023 RECONCILIATION

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Sunday, December 17th...1:00 PM

At John the Baptist Catholic Church
with St. Joseph the Worker Parish

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, December 19th...7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20th...4:00 PM

Saturday's...4:30 PM



Mankato YMCA Big Brother/Sister Program

Building unique friendships between terrific kids
and adult volunteers."

Thank you to those who have taken ornaments and returned
their gift. St. John's will continue to receive gift cards and
monetary donations throughout December.



Espresso Mass

Please join us for coffee and
treats every Friday after 8:15 am
mass December 1st - January 5th.
Tables will be setup in the Nar-
thex. This is an opportunity for you
to relax and enjoy some fellow-

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.

**1st Sunday of Advent**

December 17, 2023

First Reading:

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Psalm:

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel:

"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn 1:23)

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Join us for Loyola's annual Christmas concerts and programs. We promise they will help prepare your hearts for Christmas and spread joy to your family this holiday season!

Tuesday, December 19

PS/PreK Christmas program, 8:30am, Loyola gym

K-2 grade Christmas program, 10am, Loyola gym

3-5 grade Christmas program, 1pm, Loyola gym

Loyola Christmas ornaments are available for purchase now through December 20th at just \$15 each! This year's design was inspired by vintage Loyola Homecoming buttons. Proceeds provide spiritual and educational enrichment opportunities to Loyola students and their families. If interested, please contact us at 507-386-5392. Ornaments will also be sold at all Loyola Christmas Concerts and Programs on December 10th and 19th!

For those who are 70½ years or older, making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to support Loyola Catholic School is a meaningful way to contribute to the advancement of learning within a faith-based community. This method not only allows you to fulfill your charitable goals while enjoying the tax benefits, but also provides valuable assistance to our school, promoting a nurturing environment that combines academic excellence with religious values. If you have questions about including Loyola in your end-of-the-year contributions, please call us at 507-386-5392.

Get ready for an unforgettable musical showdown at *Clash of the Keys*, featuring popular Twin Cities group *Deuces Wild*. 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 at [eventbrite.com/manage/events/772452053887/tickets](https://www.eventbrite.com/manage/events/772452053887/tickets) or at Loyola's main office to pay with cash or check. Hurry, before they're gone!

Loyola Catholic School is seeking qualified candidates for an Advancement Director opening. Please pass along this information if you know someone who might be interested in joining the Loyola family!

The application process and full job description can be found here:

<https://www.loyolacatholicsschool.org/about/employment.cfm>

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



December 23 5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: Laura Sieberg, Brenda TeVogt, Mary Walker

Lector: Laura Sieberg

Sacristan: Glenda Landsteiner

Servers: Gisele McCabe, Volunteer

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 4

FINANCES

DEC. 1- DEC. 8, 2023	
Adult Support	\$ 22,727.01
Offertory	\$ 754.75
Donations via website - 12/2 -12/8	\$ 1,820.00
Holy Day	\$ 539.00
ACH (5 th and 20 th) 11/20/2023	\$ 8,389.00
Weekly Total	\$ 34,229.76
Weekly Offering goal is:	\$ 18,163.73
Year-to-date income as of 11/24/2023	\$ 439,088.05



Money Counters

December 18 - Team 3
 December **27** - Team 1 & 2
 January **2** - 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!

Behold, the Lord will come descending with splendor to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Word & Communion Service

8:15 AM - Church

Spirit Singers

5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Sunrise AA Meeting

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Grief Group

5:00 PM - Matthews Hall

Spirit Singers

5:30 PM - Church

Finance Committee

6:00 PM - Marion Hall

Knights of Columbus

6:30 PM - Matthews Hall

Individual Reconciliation

7:00 - 8:00 PM - Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Individual Reconciliation

4:00 - 5:00 PM - Church

Spirit Singers

5:30 PM - Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Simon Ministry

10:30 - Matthews Hall

Children's Pageant Practice

6:00 PM - Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Al-Anon - ZOOM

Early Risers AA

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Fellowship Gathering

After mass - Narthex

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Children's Pageant Practice

10:00 AM - Church

4:30 PM - Confession Room

Mass

5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Mass - 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM - Church

Christmas Pageant

3:30 - Church

Mass - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - Church

8:00 PM - Church

Advent / Christmas in Brass

Minnesota Riverbend Brass Choir

Sunday, Nov. 26 - Loyola High School Chapel Mankato, MN 7pm

Sunday, Dec. 3 - Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Ulm MN 4pm

Sunday, Dec. 10 - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. 7pm

Sunday, Dec. 17 - St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Mankato, MN 7pm

Free Will Offering.

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Faith FORMATION^{©LPI}

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Nativity Pageant

The St. John's Nativity Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 24 at 3:30 PM. We will be doing it a little differently this year. Practice dates are Thursday, December 21st at 6:00 PM, December 23rd at 10:00 AM. You **MUST** be able to make both practices to participate. This is for any child in our parish. You do not need to be in our Sunday School Program to participate.

4 year olds-Kindergarten will be sheep

1st Grade will be angels

2nd Grade will be shepherds

3rd Grade will be talking animals and animal leaders

4th Grade will be Wise Men and King Herod

5th Grade will be Mary and Joseph, Leaders of sheep and angels, and scenery.

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December 25 and January 1

No Faith Formation or Children's Liturgy of the Word



TEEN FAITH FORMATION



Classes Meet:
Wednesdays from 7-8pm

December 13th

No Classes from December 20 -
January 10th

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 GRADES 6-12: Kristy McCabe kristy@stjohnsmankato.net