

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

DECEMBER 24, 2023 FOURTH 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

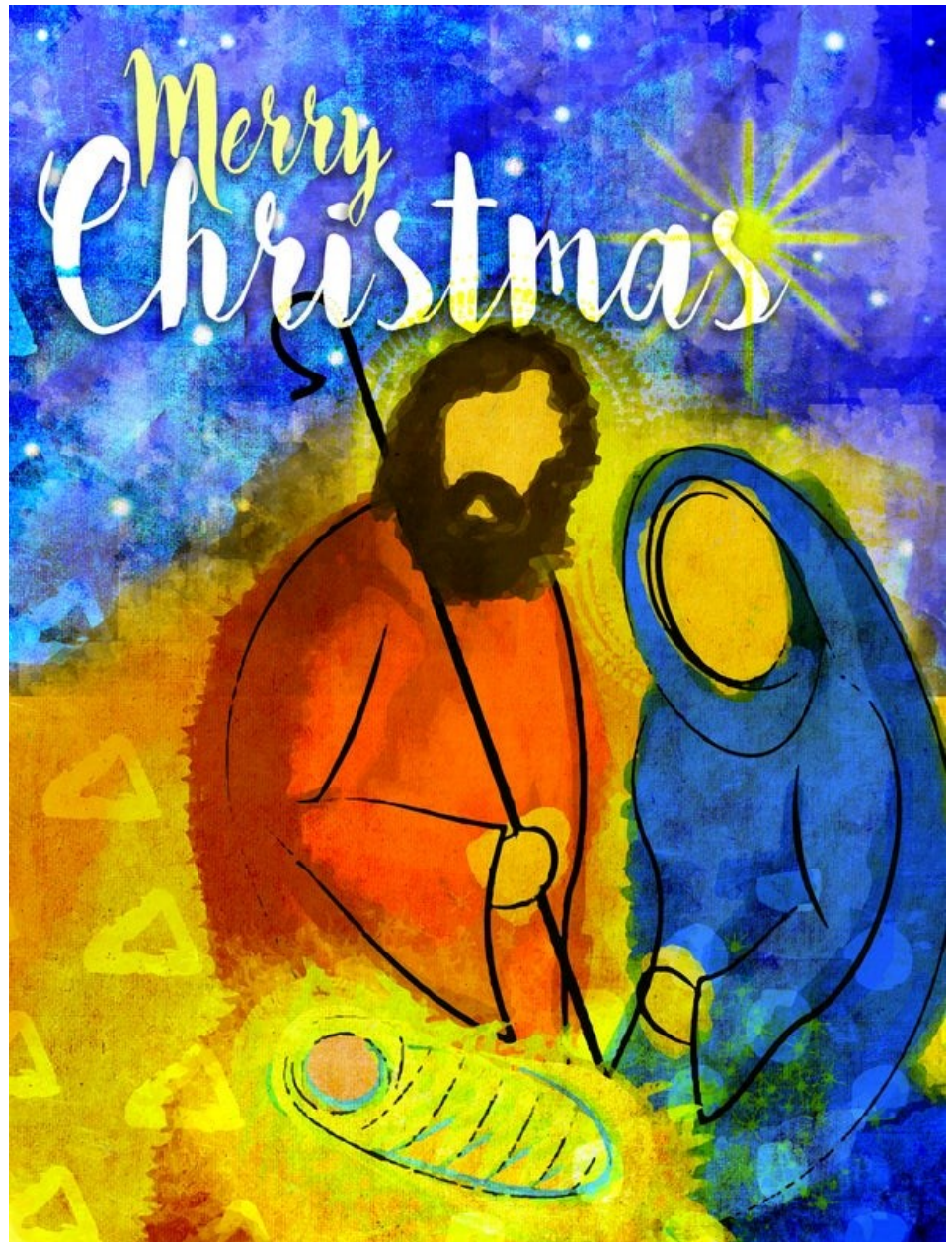
Saturdays 4:30 pm

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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ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

Pastoral Leadership Team:

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*"The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light". Isaiah 9*



The people to whom Isaiah was speaking were caught in the midst of violence, in a period of darkness brought about by unreliable political alliances. The realities of human existence seem to always have some sort of darkness. Which means that the Christmas event is always a revelation of Good News. In our celebration of the Christ event in 2023 be a word of hope and a message of light to dispel the darkness that seems so prevalent in our world.

*Come Lord Jesus.
Father John*

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am Mass Patricia Norris †, Phyllis Goettl †,
Jason Murphy †, Matt Michaletz †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; LK 1:5-25

No Mass or Word and Communion

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 IS 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong †, Tim Brown †, Jack Koch †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 SG 2:8-14; LK 1:39-45

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 1 SM 1:24-28; LK 1:46-56

8:15 am Word and Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 MAL 3:1-4, 23-24; LK 1:57-66

5:15 pm Mass Francis Fell †, Bridget Kirby †, Margo Kirby †,
Thomas Dougherty †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16;
ROM 16:25-27; LK 1:26-38

800 am Mass Tom and Mary Zimmerman †, Denny Sullivan †,
Diane Petticpiece †

10:00 am Mass Delores Reuter †, LaDonna Alfson †,
James Anton † KimMarie Winans †,
Andy Rausch †



*For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.*

They name him

*Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:5

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 the Anointing of the Sick.



Welcome to our family

Banks Lawrence Vanselow
Parents Kyle and Gina Vanselow
Baptized on December 16, 2023

Welcome to our family

Rhylee Raske
Parents Jordan and Hayley Raske
Baptized on December 17, 2023

Parish Office Hours December 25 - January 1

December 25 - Closed
December 26 - Open at noon
January 1, 2024 - Closed



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

TODAY'S READINGS



4th Sunday of Advent / Dec. 24, 2023

First Reading:

"Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." (2 Sm 28:16)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

Gospel:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)

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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.

Money Counters

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

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.

Friday, December 29, 2023 is the last day of the year that the office will be open with office hours that day being 8:30-4:00.

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.



Christmas Flower Donation 2023

Name(s)	In Memory of:
Ann & Gordon Westermann	Robert, Florence, and Richard Ginn; Kay Tacheny
Candy Jenson	Ken Jenson
Jean Bauer	George Bauer and Mike Bauer
Jane & James Jans	Ed & Hildie Callahan; Vern, Jean, and Bea Jans
Rita & Michael Dauw	Perry & Mary Diehl; Charles & Frances Dauw Raymond Jewison; Mildred Jewison; David Jewison; Lawrence Walters;
Colleen & Gary Walters	Norma Walters
Sharon Pykles	Janice Pykles
Barbara Vogelsang	Louis & Marian Bless; Robert Bless; Stephen Bless
Paul & Kristin Stoffel	Stoffel/Schmitt/ Sheehy Families
Jeannette Pierret Russell & Madeline Veroeven	Robert Pierret Francis & Katnleen Hunt; Don & Mady Verdeven; Patrick Hunt
Donald & Virginia Fettes	Fettes Family; Stepanke Family
Margaret Bless Daniel Pfeiffer & Shelly Schulz	Louis & Marian Bless; Robert Bless; Stephen Bless Ken & MaryAnn Pfeiffer
Gordon & Bonnie Braun	Pete & Elnora Rathai; Rita Braun Wenzel & Irene Burtzel; John & Mary Malecek; Bernard Malecek; Tony Burtzel
Janice Malecek	
Tom Smith	Margaret Smith; Leo Smith Mick & Lorraine McGuire; Lee & Lorraine Terrell; Larry Terrell; Dan Terrell; Deb McGuire
Jerry & Janice Terrell	
Judy & Delbert Dunlap	Jim & Estelle Dunlap; Bill & Vi Otto
Patricia Brown	Tim Brown
Paul & Karen Harguth Patrick & Kathleen McCabe	Josh Gustavson Joe McCabe Josh Gustavson; Marvin Homan; Deb Homan; Harguth Family; Homan Family
Douglas & Mary Homan	
Michael & Debra Barten	Ambrose & Rita Barten; Sharon Barten
Gerald & Judy Reich	Frank & Ella Lang; Clarence & Ellen Reich
Ron & Terri Prange	Milton & Arlene Prange
Julian & Miriam Braunhausen	Leo & Edith Braunhausen; Warren & Alice Willson
Helene Hurrle	Rick Hurrle
Robert & Marsha Murphy	Jason Murphy; Bonnie Murphy; Donna & Bob Murphy; Cliff Piper
Mary Ommen	Thomas Ommen; Marian Vosburgh
Linda Thomason Glen & Peggy Land- steiner	L.J. Martz; J.D. Martz Vincent Landsteiner; Nancy Tyler
Alyssa Hall	Tim Brown
Dennis & Mary Jo Sonnek	Sonnek & Armstrong Families
John Norris	Patricia Norris
Lynn Johnson	Laura Johnson; Homer & Sylvia Orth

Name(s)	In Memory of:
Linda Hill & Louise Hill	Mack, Luciana, & Bobby Hill
Laura & Keith Furst	George M. Miks & Aaron P. Furst
Geraldine Miks	Dr. George Miks; Thenesa Ed Rasenberger; Tenesa John Miks
Veronica Winch	Living & Deceased Members of the Stenzel & Winch Families
Kenneth & Joanne Duden	Frank & Irene Scott; Claus & Gladys Duden; Geo & Irene Noesen
Eleanore Eckert	Marie Eckert Wunsch
Thomas Anton	Thomas J. Anton; Helen F. Anton; Shirley E. Benning
Kevin & Julie Homan	Kyle Homan; Tracey Stenzel Williams
Dave & Nancy Hiniker	Deceased Hiniker & Morrison Parents
Marie Snaza	Bernie & Mark Snaza

IN HONOR OF:

Janice Malecek	Janice Malecek Family
Tom Smith	Ed Smith; John Neigebauer; Ted Ward Jeremy Reich; Ross & Betsy Pettit; Bryce & Cole Pettit
Gerald & Judy Reich	Pettit
Thomas & Carol Frederick	My Family

Donations:

Marilyn Mielke	Byron Goodrich
Gary and Faith Borgmeier	John & Wendy Fell
Kurt & Barbara Woodruff	Sandra Gemlo
Colleen Van Sickle	Janet Krenik
Josie & William Simonette	
Kari Simon	
Teri Johnson	
Nathan & Mary Westby	
Troy & Paula Schrom	
Scott & Jeanne Kelly	



THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

**Solemnity of the Nativity
of the Lord Mass**

9:00AM - Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Sunrise AA Meeting

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

No Mass or Word & Communion

Office opens at noon

Grief Group

5:00 PM - Matthews Hall

Knights of Columbus

6:30 PM - Matthews Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Simon Ministry

10:30- Matthews Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Al-Anon - ZOOM

Early Risers AA

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Fellowship Gathering

After mass - Narthex

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

4:30 PM - Confession Room

Mass

5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Mass

8:00 AM - Church

10:00 AM - Church

LITURGICAL CORNER

December 30 5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: Lynn Beadell, Maggie Bennett, David Emanuel

Lector: Mary O'Sullivan

Sacristan: Don Lingen

Servers: Jonathan Bergquist, Gisele McCabe

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 1

December 31 - 8:00 am

Communion Ministers: Mary Homan, Jan Hughes, Brian Hughes

Lector: Brenda Kelly

Sacristan: Pat Sullivan

Servers: Colton Fontaine, Volunteer

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 5

December 31- 10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Laurie Barnett, Jeff Barnett, Pam Steffl

Lector: Jeanne Atkinson

Sacristan: Jeanne Atkinson

Servers: Jackson Davis, Noah Davis

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 9

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



*Father John, Deacon Chris , Mike, Sister Mary Ann
Jací, Sue, Wendy, Linda, Jon,, Jeanne, Kristy*

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