

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 FIFTH 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

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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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For This Purpose Have I Come

In these dreary gray days of a mild winter, it is easy to empathize with Job; "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" The excitement of Christmas is behind us, and spring seems far away. We trudge along from one day to the next without even any snow in which to play. The feeling of emptiness we fall into at this time of year can easily lead to despair. Today's readings help us to guard against despair and give meaning to our lives by reminding us that we share a purpose with our savior, Jesus Christ. We are evangelists who, by living our lives in joy, bring others to God. St. Paul writes, "I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible," and Jesus, although exhausted by his labors, rises before dawn to pray and preach stating, "For this purpose have I come." We don't need to preach, but we do need to pray. Through prayer, our lives can become a shining example to others of the love of Christ. When we live our lives for each other, we will be able to say with St. Paul: "All this I do for the sake of the gospel so that I too may have a share in it."

In the peace of Christ,
Deacon Chris

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13; MK 6:53-56

8:15 am Word and Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30; MK 7:1-13

8:15 am MASS Robert Konrad †, Genelle Lenort †, Gale Kreykes

WEDNESDAY, February 7 1 KGS 10:1-10; MK 7:14-23

8:15 am MASS Jan Stoffel †, Jeremy Wyrowski †,
Carol Armstrong †, Gale Kreykes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 1 KGS 11:4-13; MK 7:24-30

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19; MK 7:31-37

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34; MK 8:1-10

5:15 pm Mass Don and Maxine Wilde & family †,
Tom Andresen †, Jack Koch †,
Charlie Frost †, Edward Sweere †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 LV 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 COR 10:31-11:1;
MK 1:40-45

8:00 am Mass Chris Goebel †, Denny Sullivan †
Leonard and Helen Benson †, Gale Kreykes

10:00 am Mass Jeremy Wyrowski †, Troy Mueller †,
Aljean Ackerman †, James Anton †

ST. JOHN'S NEWS & EVENTS



Welcome to our family
Lettie JerRay Langford
Parents: Isaac and Katie Langford
Baptized on January 27, 2024

Welcome - Laura Frederick, a new member of our parish community.
Please feel our warm welcome!



Flowers for Mary
Skip and Laurie Wilhelm
In honor of
Daxton Wilhelm

St. John's Book Club

The next meeting will be February 21st at 1:30 PM. The book to be discussed is; *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. Contact Anita Maki, 507/386-1935 with and questions.

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.



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 volunteers 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!

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

Celebrate Mardi Gras Fun and Help Advance Literacy in Our Community

Join the Good Counsel Learning Center to celebrate an evening of Mardi Gras merriment at **Shrimpin' - Mardi Gras Style** on Friday, February 9 at the Kato Ballroom. The doors open at 5:30 pm with a Cajun shrimp boiled dinner served at 6:00 pm (chicken also available). Enjoy casino games, cake walks, a silent auction, and live jazz music with Sarah and the Houligans. For tickets & event details go to gclearningcenter.org/shrimpin or call 507-389-4229. The **Shrimpin'** fundraiser for Good Counsel Learning Center helps to make it possible to provide one-on-one tutoring for students struggling to keep up with math or reading and students learning English as a second language.

SACRAMENTS



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

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.

Admissions for the academic year 2024-2025 are officially open across all grades. Explore details on Loyola's website or by reaching out to Ashley Braulick, Marketing, Admissions, and Enrollment Coordinator, at 507 386-5399. The path to success begins at Loyola!

Clash of the Keys, showcasing the talents of Deuces Wild Dueling Piano, took place this past Friday, February 2, 2024. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who joined us for the evening. It was an enjoyable night that resonated with all in attendance! We eagerly anticipate your presence at one of our upcoming events.

Loyola Alumni, if you're considering organizing a class reunion and would like to include a group tour of the building, we're here to help! Reach out to us and let's work together to make the reunion a memorable experience for all! For more information, please email advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org or call 507-386-5392 for more information.



TODAY'S READINGS

4TH Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted. (Ps 147)

Second Reading:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

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A big shout-out to Gisele McCabe and Sawyer Ettesvold for sharing their Loyola experiences during the masses this past weekend.

*An intelligent mind acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.*

Proverb 18:15

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

JAN. 19, 2023 - JAN. 26, 2024

Adult Support	\$ 14,444.00
Offertory	\$ 725.66
Donations via website 1/20--1/26/24	\$ 3,320.25
Holy Day	\$ 20.00
ACH (5 th and 20 th) 01/22/2024	\$ 7,378.00
Weekly Total	\$ 25,887.91
Weekly Offering goal is:	\$ 18,163.73
Year-to-date income as of 01/26/2024	\$ 642,399.24

Money Counters

February 5 -Team 3
February 12 -Team 1
February 20 (Tues) -Team 2



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!

February 10 - 5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: John Fell, Lynn Klingsporn, Jane Kohler
Lector: John Bulcock
Sacristan: John Fell
Servers: Noah Altomari, Olivia Altomari
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 3

February 11 - 8:00 am

Communion Ministers: Teresa Depuydt, Glen Landsteiner, Mary Westby
Lector: Mary Westby
Sacristan: Sheri Fedson
Servers: Quinn Kelly, Soren Kelly
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 7

February 11 - 10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Pam Bibbs, Jen Pfeffer, Lisa Vasquez
Lector: Marsha Murphy
Sacristan: Sarah Nelson
Servers: Autumn Barta, Liam Vasquez
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 11



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

What service can you do for your neighbor this week? A few blocks from this church is a great need for community service. More and more families are coming to the ECHO food shelf with the higher food prices. New volunteers are urgently needed. The team work and camaraderie is terrific! Please consider giving a call to **ECHO at 345-7477** and volunteer.

Piecemakers Quilting Group

From 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of most months throughout the year, Matthews Hall is full of the sounds of conversation, laughter, the hum of a sewing machine, scissors snipping yard and the rattle of pins on the quilting table. This enthusiastic group embraces quilting as a means to donate to those in need and in the past have donated quilts to Simon Ministry and Options for Women. The quilting sessions end with coffee and treats as well as stimulating conversation sharing current and past life experiences. Consider joining this group no matter what your quilting or sewing experience is. There is something to do for everyone. If you wish to donate good quality quilting fabric in at least 2 yard lengths, it will be gladly accepted. Contact Patricia Sullivan, 507-345-3662 for more information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Word and Communion Service
8:15 - Church
Spirit Singers
5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
Sunrise AA Meeting
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
MASS
8:15AM - Church
Piecemakers
1:00pm—Matthews Hall
Grief Group
5:00 PM - Matthews Hall

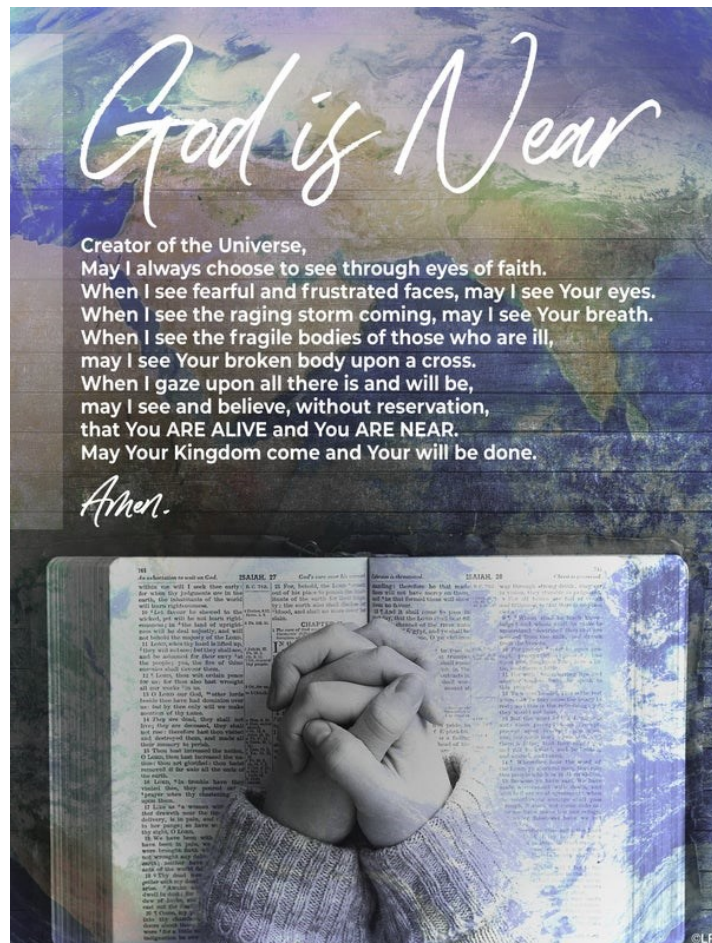
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
MASS
8:15 AM - Church
Choir for Christ
5:50 - Church
FF
7:00 PM Small Group
7:00 PM 6th- 8th-Matthews Hall

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

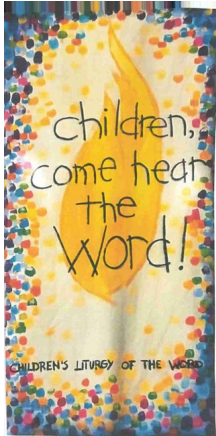
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Al-Anon - ZOOM
Early Risers AA
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall
MASS
8:15 AM - Church

SATURDAY, February 10
Confessions
4:30 PM - Confession Room
MASS
5:15 PM - Church

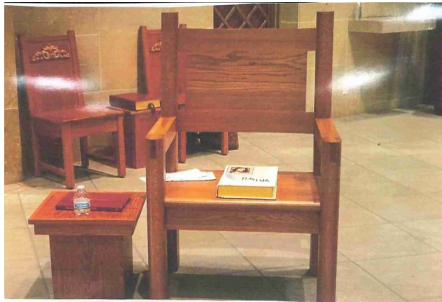
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
MASS
8:00 AM – Church
FF Grades 1-5
9:00 AM—Classroom/Mt Rm
MASS
10:00 AM - Church
CLW—Shine Bright
10:10AM—Matthews Hall
OA
3:00 PM—JP11 Room



Faith FORMATION



Last Sunday the Children's Liturgy of the Word group learned about the Old and New Testament. They discussed and made a list of things that were old and new. They also discussed that the Bible is made out of two parts, but is still one book.



Church I Spy

We are going to begin a fun project and hope that you will join us. It is called *Church I Spy*. We are showing pictures to the children and telling them what they are for and asking them to find them in the church. Our Children's Liturgy group will introduce the pictures and then we will introduce them to our Children's Faith Formation as well. Have fun and *Shine Bright!*

What am I and where am I located?

NEXT

EXPLORE WHAT GOD HAS NEXT FOR YOU

For Post-Confirmation High School Students



Bishop Robert Barron
Keynote Speaker

Register Today!
dowr.my.canva.site/next

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

February 14th - Ash Wednesday
7:00 PM - Service with Ashes
All students attend