

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

JANUARY 21, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## WELCOME!

### CONTACT US

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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



## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”  
- Mk 1:17

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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

## A Message from Sister Mary Ann

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**Website:** loyolacatholicsschool.org

**LOYOLA AMBASSADORS**

St. John's Parish

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### ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

**Pastoral Leadership Team:**

Dan Hansen | Jaci James | John Fell |

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**Parish Trustees:**

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Jesus announces to his disciples and to us that God's reign is near, in our very midst! The reign of God describes relationships that continually grow, drawing more and more people into unity with God, neighbor and all of creation. The call of Martin Luther King Jr. which we celebrated this past week continues to call us to build bridges between peoples, to work for justice wherever there are wrongs, and to be peacemakers wherever we are. The week of January 18-25 we traditionally join with all Christians world-wide praying for Christian Unity. Like Jesus, we are sent to make one with all peoples and with our fragmented world. We are invited to deepen relationships with all, to preach the Gospel message by our lives, keeping it both faithful and relevant. God is near... God is with us all. May our minds and hearts take on the mind and heart of Christ as we proclaim, "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand." Let us help bring about the presence of God, here and now!

Sister Mary Ann

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 2 SM 5:1-7, 10; MK 3:22-30

8:15 am Word and Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 2 SM 6:12B-15, 17-19; MK 3:31-35

8:15 am Word and Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 2 SM 7:4-17; MK 4:1-20

8:15 am Word and Communion Service

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 Acts 22:3-16; MK 16:15-18

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 2 TM 1:1-8; MK 4:26-34

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17; MK 4:35-41

5:15 pm Mass Gretchen Adams†, Bill Maher †, Ethel Frost †,  
Jack Nawrocki †, Blanche Hrisko †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 DT 18:15-20; 1 COR 7:32-35; MK 1:21-28

800 am Mass Jeremy Wyrowski †, Helen Dehen †,  
Denny Sullivan †

10:00 am Mass Aljean Ackerman †, Troy Mueller†, Trung Ho †,  
James Anton †, KimMarie Winans †



*Flowers for Mary*  
Linda Hogan  
*In memory of*  
Charles and Dorothy Arduser



# ST. JOHN'S NEWS & EVENTS



**Thomas Frederick**

*Who passed away*

**January 12, 2024**

*Our deepest sympathy  
to his family*

**Terry Maher**

**Son of Barbara Maher**

*Who passed away*

**January 11, 2024**

*Our deepest sympathy  
to his family*

**Steven Masheck**

**Nephew of Cathy Nuehring**

*Who passed away*

**December 11, 2023**

*Our deepest sympathy  
to his family*

## **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

## **YMCA Brother/Sister Program**

Last week we received a thank you letter and a bulletin insert from the Y. Due to the mass schedule at St. John's last weekend many of our parishioners did not get a bulletin. We have once again inserted the thank you insert in this weeks bulletin. We would like to remind you the Y tree will be coming down on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please return gift cards to the parish office.

## **Smoke Alarms Save Lives**

To request a **FREE**  
smoke alarm installation  
Call 507-381-4107  
or visit

**[soundthealarm.org/mndaks](https://soundthealarm.org/mndaks)**

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have minutes to escape?



## **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](https://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.

## **Loyola News**

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all our generous donors for their help in making our end of the year appeal a true success! Your generosity has enabled us to secure essential funds that are significantly impacting the daily operations of our school. Your contributions and passion for Catholic education are transformative forces that are positively influencing the students and staff at Loyola Catholic School. Thank you!

If you're exploring new school options for your Kindergarten - 11th grade child, we extend an invitation for them to join Loyola on Monday, January 22nd for our student Shadow Day. This provides a fantastic opportunity for students to explore Loyola and immerse themselves in our nurturing, family-like community. Additionally, registration for Loyola's preschool class placement is now open. Please visit our website or reach out to Ashley Braulick, our Marketing, Admissions, and Enrollment coordinator, at [admissions@loyolacatholic.school.org](mailto:admissions@loyolacatholic.school.org) or 507-386-5399.

# SACRAMENTS

January - the month of Peace

## 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.



It isn't enough to talk about peace.  
One must believe in it.  
And it isn't enough to believe in it.  
One must work at it.

Eleanor Roosevelt

As parishioner at St. John's...  
let us add the word "pray" to this quote.

Prayer prompts can be found in the Pillars and in the Chapel

## ANNOUNCE THE GOOD NEWS

### TODAY'S READINGS

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 21, 2024

#### First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

#### Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

#### Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

#### Gospel:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

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### Flowers for Mary

If you would like to donate a gift of \$35 or more to our Flowers for Mary ministry to honor or in memory of a loved one in 2024, please pick up an envelope entitled Flowers for Mary from the kiosk in the narthex. Fill out the card found in the envelope, include your monetary donation, and drop in weekly collection basket or to the parish office. Dates requested will be honored as they come in.

Current open dates before Lent are, January 27/28 and February 10/11.

### St. John's Prayer Network

To submit a request call:

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

### 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

## January 27 - 5:15 pm

**Communion Ministers:** Kelly Andresen, John Bulcock, Rita Dauw

**Lector:** Monica Orth

**Sacristan:** Don Lingen

**Servers:** Jonathan Bergquist, Gisele McCabe

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 1

## January 28 - 8:00 am

**Communion Ministers:** Massaad Chahine, Jan Denn, Mike Denn

**Lector:** Sue Durbala

**Sacristan:** Doug Homan

**Servers:** Colton Fontaine, Jan Hughes

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 5

## January 28 - 10:00 am

**Communion Ministers:** Becki Stranik, Gary Stranik, Helen Ward

**Lector:** Mike Coughlan

**Sacristan:** Terry Alfson

**Servers:** Paxton Meehan, Nolan Updike

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 9



## DEC 29-, 2023 - JAN. 5 2024

Adult Support	\$ 23,000.50
Offertory	\$ 791.00
Donations via website 11/6--1/12	\$ 1,905.00
Holy Day	\$ 320.00
ACH (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> ) 01/05/2024	\$ N/A
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,016.50</b>

Weekly Offering goal is:  
\$ 18,163.73

Year-to-date income as  
of 01/12/2024 \$ **603,861.60**

### Money Counters

January 22 -Team 3

January 29 -Team 1

February 5 -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!

### 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, JANUARY 22

**Word and Communion Service**

8:15 - Church

**Spirit Singers**

5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

**Sunrise AA Meeting**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

**Word and Communion**

8:15AM - Church

**Grief Group**

5:00 PM - Matthews Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

**Word and Communion**

8:15 AM - Church

**Choir for Christ**

5:50 - Church

**Small Groups**

7:00 PM - Classrooms

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

**Word and Communion Service**

8:15 AM - Church

**Simon Ministry**

10:30- Matthews Hall

**Catholic Inquiry**

6:30 PM - Marian Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

**Al-Anon - ZOOM**

**Early Risers AA**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

**Word and Communion**

8:15 AM - Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

**Confessions**

4:30 PM - Confession Room

**MASS**

5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

**MASS**

8:00 AM - Church

**FF Grades 1-5**

9:00 AM—Classroom/Mt Rm

**MASS**

10:00 AM - Church

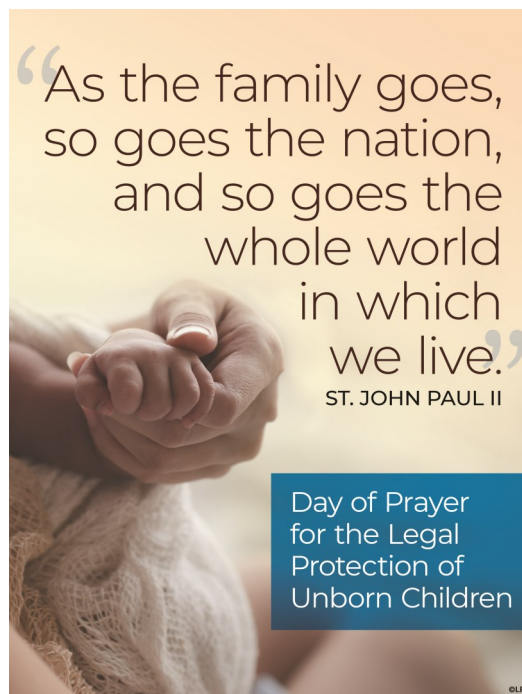
**CLW—Shine Bright**

10:10AM—Matthews Hall

**OA**

3:00 PM—JP II Room

*January 22, 2024  
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children*







# Faith FORMATION

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### Weather related news....

We are sorry we had to cancel last weeks classes and Children's Liturgy of the Word, but the safety of our children always comes first. Classes will resume this weekend. When weather is questionable, please be sure to check your email, St. John's website, and KEYC TV for updates.



Snowflakes are beautiful  
pure and white,  
and like God's children  
no two are alike.



# 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](http://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**



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