

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## 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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**What the King Asks of Us**

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Jesus' description of the judgment of the nations, which is found only in the Gospel of Matthew, is a powerful reminder of our duty as Christians. It is not a parable, but a prophetic discourse, and it is a message of love and mercy. Jesus is telling us that all the rituals and structures of our Church, however meaningful and beautiful they might be, are meaningless if we don't take care of the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the destitute, the sick, and the prisoner. What strikes me most about this discourse is Jesus' description of the reaction of the righteous, those who will be saved. They are completely surprised that they did anything special! They weren't seeking reward; they were living as Christ taught them. Caring for others in need was part of their nature, it required no extra thought or effort. As we enter into the season of Advent, a good question to meditate on is: "Are mercy and charity part of my nature; am I imitating Christ in my life?"

In the peace of Christ the King,  
Deacon Chris

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27** DN 1:1-6; DN 3:52-56; LK 21:1-4

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28** DN 2:31-45; DN 3:57-61; LK 21:5-11

8:15 am MASS Jack Koch †

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29** DN 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;  
DN 3:62-67; LK 21:12-19

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong †

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30** ROM 10:9-18; MT 4:18-22

Word & Communion Service

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1** DN 7:2-14; DN 3:75-81; LK 21:29-33

8:15 am Mass Jerry Atkinson †, Margaret and Jerry Grimley †

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2** DN 7:15-27; DN 3:82-87; LK 21:34-36

5:15 pm Mass Gretchen Adams †, Clark Adams †,  
Thomas Andresen †

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3** IS 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 COR 1:3-9;  
MK 13:33-37

8:00 am Mass Patricia Norris †

10:00 am Mass Dorothy Stark †, Delores Reuter †, Trung Ho †



*Flowers for Mary*  
Linda and Louise Hill  
*In Memory of*  
Luciana Hill



*Welcome to our family*  
 Harlow Kate Grissman  
 Parents: Jon and Katy Grissman  
 Baptized on November 18, 2023



*Welcome to our family*  
 Landry Jae Avery  
 Parents: Douglas and Cahli Avery  
 Baptized on November 19, 2023

### Simon Ministry Christmas Party

As a centrally located downtown church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church established the Simon Ministry program as a parish-supported ministry to the poor, unemployed and those in need. Holy Rosary and St. Joseph the Worker parishes also support Simon Ministry. On December 14, 2023, Simon Ministry will be offering their visitors a Christmas Party gathering. We would like to offer our visitors a lunch and a chance to Christmas shop for themselves or someone in their family.

We are asking for donations of new, unwrapped gifts for men and women. Suggested items are warm gloves, heavy sock, long and short-sleeved T-shirts, flannel lounge pants, PJs, sweatshirts and men's boxer shorts. For men the sizes should be large, x-large, xx-large or xxx-large. Women's sizes should be small, medium, large, x-large or xx-large. Other items to consider are, blankets, bath towels, and heavy-duty backpacks.

Please bring donations to St. Johns by December 10<sup>th</sup> and drop in the collection box located at the Door 4 entrance.

Thank you for your continued generosity to Simon Ministry. If you have any questions, please call Mike at St. John's parish office.

*The Lord sits as King for ever.  
 The Lord will bless his  
 people with peace.*  
 Psalm 29 (28):10-11

### St. John's Book Club

This month the book club will be reading, *The Five Years*, by Rebecca Serle. The meeting will be on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Contact, Anita Maki at 507-386-1395.

### Tutors Needed

The Good Counsel Learning Center is seeking motivated tutors for students K-12. Tutoring or teaching experience is desirable. For further information, call Sister Dorothy at 507-387-4229.



### Fellowship and Treats

Please join us for coffee and treats after 8:15 Mass on Friday's beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 29<sup>th</sup>. Tables will be setup in the Narthex. This is an opportunity for you to relax and enjoy some fellowship.

### Flowers for Mary

At this time all remaining dates for 2023 are filled. Thank you to all who donated. 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.

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.



**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

November 26, 2023

**First Reading:**

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

**Psalm:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

**Second Reading:**

When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be Subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

**Gospel:**

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." (Mt 25:31-32)

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Are you looking for a change for your child? Loyola provides a safe and welcoming environment with faculty and staff who are caring and dedicated. We offer an education that integrates Catholic faith into the daily curriculum. We prepare students to be productive citizens who value providing service to others. To learn more about Loyola, contact Ashley Braulick, Admissions Coordinator, at admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org or call 507-386-5399.

Giving Tuesday is a global initiative that encourages people to donate their time and money to charitable causes on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It is a day that inspires millions of people to pause in their holiday shopping and generously support organizations that give so much to the community. If you are interested in supporting Catholic education in the Mankato area, please prayerfully consider a gift to Loyola Catholic School and join the millions of people worldwide during this movement of generosity. Gifts are accepted online at <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/loyola> or by calling the advancement office 507-386-5392.

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!

**Sunday, December 10**

6-8 grade band & choir concert, 5pm, Loyola gym

9-12 grade band & choir concert, 7pm, Loyola chapel

**Tuesday, December 19**

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

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

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

**Save the date!**

Loyola Catholic School is planning for a new event, Clash of the Keys, on February 2, 2024. Join us at the Kato Ballroom for a dueling pianos event featuring the always-popular Deuces Wild. Tickets will be available soon. Watch for more information!

**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



## 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 understanding.



### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023

Our Goal:  
\$70,885.00

As of September 29, 2023  
\$39,885.14

Need \$31,00.00  
to reach our goal.

Thank you to all who have  
contributed.

### Money Counters

November 27 - Team 2  
December 4 - Team 3  
December 11 - Team 1

### 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!

### ***December 2 5:15 pm***

***Communion Ministers:*** Carrie Altomari, Kelly Andresen, Lynn Beadell, Maggie Bennett, John Bulcock, Rita Dauw, David Emanuel

***Lector:*** Monica Orth

***Sacristan:*** John Fell

***Servers:*** Brian Baumgard

***Ushers/Hospitality:*** Team 1

### ***December 3 - 8:00 am***

***Communion Ministers:*** Terri Prange, Ron Prange, Pat Sullivan, Mark Traxler, Mike Ulman, Mary Westby, Betty Widmer-Blace

***Lector:*** Mary Homan

***Sacristan:*** Mike Denn

***Servers:*** Luke Blace, Colton Fontaine

***Ushers/Hospitality:*** Team 5

### ***December 3 - 10:00 am***

***Communion Ministers:*** Pam Bibbs, Dan Fogal, Sandi Fogal, Jessica Keech, Derek Luttmann, Sharon Patterson, Jen Pfeffer

***Lector:*** Mike Coughlin

***Sacristan:*** Terry Alfson

***Servers:*** Francis Bierer, Nolan Updike

***Ushers/Hospitality:*** Team 9

### Hope Women's Grief Support Group

A non-denominational grief support group for women who have experienced the death of a spouse or significant other. You are not alone. This grief support group is led by widows who understand what you are going through. This group offers an opportunity to learn about grief, share experiences and find healing and hope from your loss. No registration is necessary. We meet Tuesdays 5:15 - 6:15 pm in Matthews Hall (lower level). For information, please call Maria Berrones at 507-779-5458 or email: [onlylmariab@yahoo.com](mailto:onlylmariab@yahoo.com).

### PEACE THROUGH PLANNING

Death comes to each of us. Often we have very little forewarning or control over the circumstances of our dying. Planning for these end times is a gentle way of being supportive of our loved ones who, while grieving our dying, must also try to make a peaceful, orderly, and spiritual transition to living without us. If you or a loved one are facing final illness, death, and funeral planning, or you just want to prepare for that un-known day when you will be called home, ease the burden by picking up a "P" booklet. This guide is available at any time in the parish office and is designed to make the planning for end times a logical step in the life of a responsible and caring adult.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

**Word & Communion Service**

8:15 AM - Church

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

**Sunrise AA Meeting**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

**Mass**

8:15 AM - Church

**Grief Group**

5:00 PM - Matthews Hall

**Knights of Columbus**

6:30 PM - Matthews Hall

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

**Mass**

8:15 AM - Church

**Spirit Singers**

5:00 PM - St. Elizabeth Room

**Choir for Christ**

5:50 PM - Church

**Small Groups**

7:00 PM - Classrooms

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**Mass**

8:15 AM - Church

**Simon Ministry**

10:30 - Matthews Hall

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**Al-Anon - ZOOM**

**Early Risers AA**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

**Mass**

8:15 AM - Church

**Fellowship Gathering**

After mass - Narthex

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

4:30 PM - Confession Room

**Mass**

5:15 PM - Church

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**Mass**

8:00 AM - Church

**FF Grades 1-5**

**Mass**

10:00 AM - Church

**CLW - Shine Bright**

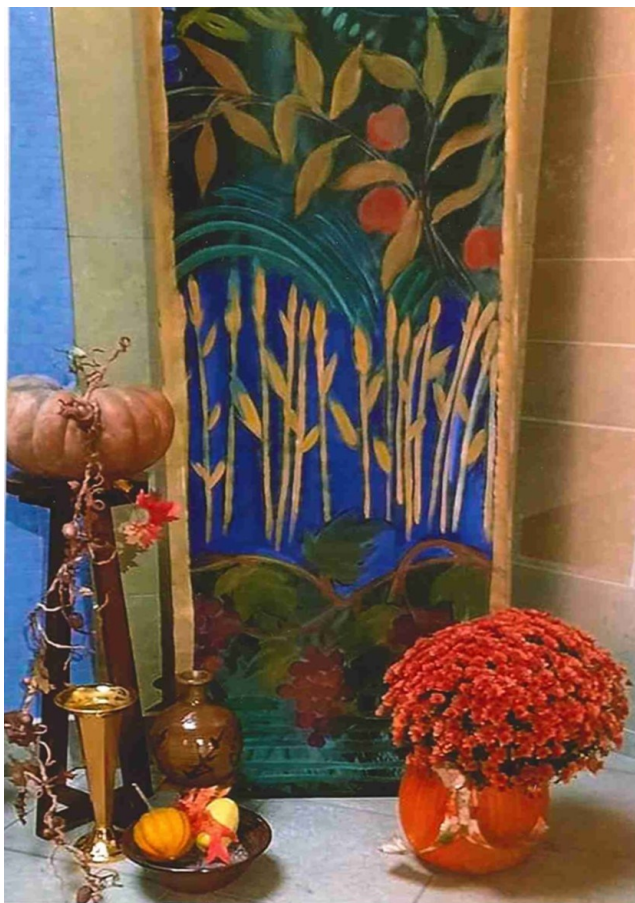
10:10 AM - Matthews Hall

**MSU Choir Concert**

3:00 PM - Church

**OA**

3:00 PM - JP II Room



### World Peace Prayer

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle, the strength to be forgiving, the patience to be understanding, and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right.

May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence.

Help us to devote our whole life, thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we were created.

Pope Saint John Paul II (1978-2005)



Faith  
FORMATION<sup>©LPi</sup>



No new Faith Formation News to report this week.  
Classes will resume on November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have questions about or would like to get involved with our Faith Formation Program, please contact:  
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