

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

OCTOBER 15, 2023 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME!

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MASS TIMES

Tues, Weds, 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

LIKE US ON



FEAST



“Come to the feast.”

MATTHEW 22:4 BC

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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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FROM THE PASTOR



"Come to the feast"

Continually our gathering for Eucharist each week is the greatest blessing in my life. Your presence reminds me of the bond of faith which sustains us.

However now I will be leaving for a month. I know it is important for me to be away for a bit and be renewed. This time away will be a unique experience. I will be in Rome at the North American College Seminary. It sits just a few blocks from the Vatican. The Synod will wrap up while I am there, so there will be much happening. I am joining a group of 25 priests gathered for some renewal in the eternal city and then head off to Egypt to follow the foot steps of the Holy Family who travelled there to escape the wrath of Herod. I suspect the sites and experiences will be beyond what I can imagine. Please keep me in prayer and I will do the same. I will return home in time for Thanksgiving.

Peace,
Father John

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 ROM 1:1-7; LK 11:29-32

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 ROM 1:16-25; LK 11:37-41

8:15 am Mass Marilyn Berg† Ken Berg† Katherine Thro Frost †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 2 TM 4:10-17b; LK 10:1-9

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong †, Jeremy Wyrowski†, Ronald Herz†
Corissa Jones† Hazel Jones†

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 ROM 3:21-30; LK 11:47-54

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 ROM 4:1-8; LK 12:1-7

8:15 am Mass Jason Murphy †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 ROM 4:13, 16-18; LK 12:8-12

5:15 pm Mass Edward Sweere †, Ken Jenson †, Jim Anton †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 IS 45:1, 4-6; 1 THES 1:1-5b; MT 22:15-21

8:00 am Mass Patricia Norris †, Jeremy Wyrowski †

10:00 am Mass Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



Flowers for Mary
Brigette Carey
In Memory of
Jim Carey

Baby Bottle Campaign Supports Alternative to Abortion

October 15, 2023

Financial concerns are cited as one of the common reasons why women have abortions. This makes our financial support for pregnant women vital for encouraging the choice for life. The 17th annual Baby Bottle Campaign is underway in churches and schools across the Diocese where you can take home a baby bottle and fill it with spare change throughout October. It may seem that one bottle of change won't make an impact, but putting these bottles together will help many women choose adoption or parenting rather than abortion for their unborn child and give babies the best start possible.



Welcome to our family
Gracelyn Claire George

Parents: Christopher and Krista George
Baptized on October 8, 2023

St. John's Book Club

Informational Meeting
October 18th at 1:30pm
St John's Library.
Contact Anita Maki
with questions,
507/519-0108

Rake the Town Vine Faith in Action November 4-12

If you are in need of assistance with raking your lawn call Adam at (507) 386-5574. If you would like to volunteer, register at <https://vinevolunteers.org/rake-the-town/>

Pancake Breakfast

North Mankato Knights of Columbus
Holy Rosary Lower Dining Hall
Sunday, October 29, 2023
8:30 - noon
Serving pancakes, sausage,
scrambled eggs and beverages.
Free will offering.

World Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 22, 2023



Tens of thousands of missionary women and men, priests, religious and laity, rely on our prayers every day, not only on Mission Sunday. These missionaries are building churches, educating children and healing the wounds caused by war, cruelty, oppression, terror and despair. With our daily prayer and generous donation on World Mission Sunday, we all bear witness to the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, making Him present in every continent, country, city, family and heart.

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? 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.

Salvation Army Day Shelter

The Salvation Army Day Shelter will open for the winter on November 1, 2023.

To help fulfill the meal requirements of providing a noon meal each Saturday and Sunday, the shelter is in need of 30 ready-to-eat meals each day. Please consider helping with this mission.

For more information please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BACAB2FA2FECF8-44604193-weekend#/>

Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service

Stay Connected!

Are you interested in learning about what's going on at Loyola? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram or email us at advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org to subscribe to our Advancement Bulletin monthly emails.

On October 15th, Loyola friends and families are encouraged to visit Pumpkin Junction for Loyola Day at Pumpkin Junction, 12-5pm, 18675 Old Hwy 66, Good Thunder, MN.

Wired to the Heart

November 10, 2023, 6:00 PM

Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center

Loyola's Wired to the Heart annual fundraising gala is five weeks away! This year's event will benefit Loyola's Fund for Excellence, focusing on increasing teachers' salaries and expanding classroom space, and the Fund for Campus Enhancement to provide clean and safe learning spaces.

We are currently seeking donations for our silent auction. Each year we offer a variety of baskets, experiences and gift cards and more! If you would like to make a cash donation, we'd be happy to do the shopping for you! Please reach out to Carrie Kijenski at ckijenski@loyolacatholicschool.org to make a donation. You may also drop off items at the front desk, but please include your name so we know who to thank. Your consideration is much appreciated!

Tickets are now on sale! Invitations are in the mail. Please visit the Wired to the Heart website www.wiredtotheheart.com

St. John's Prayer Network

To submit a request call:

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

Email: Pastoral Care Associate at: mike@stjohnsmankato.net

Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dowr.org.

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

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.

ANNOUNCE THE GOOD NEWS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 2023

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

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FINANCES

SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 6, 2023	
Adult Support	\$ 12,016.79
Offertory	\$ 1,069.00
Donations via website - 09/30 –10/06	\$ 1,530.63
Holy Day	
ACH (5 th and 20 th) 09/20/2023	
Weekly Total	\$ 14,616.42
Weekly Offering goal is: \$ 18,163.73	
Year-to-date income as of 10/06/2023 \$ 255,825.89	

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.

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

October 21 - 5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: Maggie Bennett, Rita Dauw, Jane Kohler, Kristy McCabe, Ryan McCabe, Tom Rognes, Brenda TeVogt

Lector: Sheila Skilling

Sacristan: Don Lingen

Servers: Matthew Soupir, Thomas Soupir

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 3

October 22 - 8:00 am

Communion Ministers: Teresa Depuydt, Nicole Goebel, Donna Kapsner, Glen Landsteiner, Terri Prange, Ron Prange, Betty Widmer Blace

Lector: Jan Hughes

Sacristan: Mike Denn

Servers: Eli Blace, Luke Blace

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 7

October 22 - 10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Miriam Braunhausen, Mike Coughlan, Nick Meyer, Jessica Keech, Mike Ludvik, Chris Meehan, Marsha Murphy

Lector: Mike Coughlan

Sacristan: Terry Alfson

Servers: Maya Pinero, Liam Vasquez

Ushers/Hospitality: Team 11

Money Counters

October 16 - Team 3

October 23 - Team 1

October 30 - Team 2



Did you know that you can now make
donations by text?

Text to: 1-507-428-2929

to make a secure donation to
St. John's!

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.

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 More information, please call Maria Berrones at 507-779-5458 or email:
only1mariab@yahoo.com.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16**Word & Communion Service**

8:15 AM - Church

CCW Meeting

1:00 PM John Paul II

Spirit Singers

5:30 PM— St. Elizabeth Rm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17**Sunrise AA Meeting**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Piecemakers

1:00 PM—Matthews Hall

Hope Women's Grief Group

5:15 PM - Matthews Hall

Finance Meeting

6:00 PM—Marian Rm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18**Mass**

8:15 AM - Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19**Word & Communion Service**

8:15 AM - Church

Simon Ministry

10:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mindfulness

7:00 PM - Narthex

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20**Al-Anon - ZOOM****Early Risers AA**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**Confessions**

4:30 PM - Confession Room

Mass

5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, October 22**Mass**

8:00 AM - Church

Mass

10:00 AM - Church

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3:00 PM - JP II Room

*No Faith Formation Grades 6-8, MEA

* No Faith Formation Grades 1-5, MEA

*No CLW on Sunday, October 22, MEA

Thank you to all
who have returned their
Stewardship Ministry forms for 2023-2024.

*Let us not grow tired of
doing good,
for in due time we shall
reap our harvest,
if we do not give up.
So then, while we have the
opportunity, let us do good to all,
but especially to those who belong
to the family of faith.*

Galatians 6:9-10





Faith FORMATION

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Last week we were in the Marion Room. It is located on the second floor. When you get to the top of the stairs you turn left and left again. It is right above Father John's office.

Did you have that room correct?

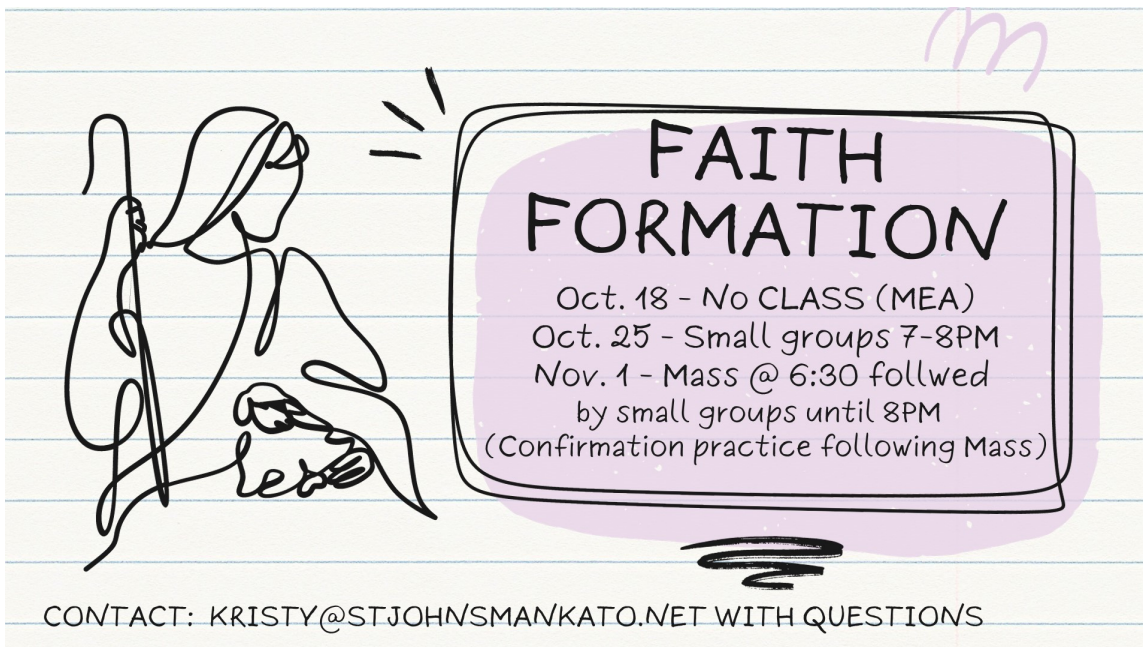
Here is this week's room.

I hope you know where it is and what it is called.

Reminder

No Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-5 on October 22

No Children's Liturgy of the Word on October 22



**FAITH
FORMATION**

Oct. 18 - No CLASS (MEA)
 Oct. 25 - Small groups 7-8PM
 Nov. 1 - Mass @ 6:30 followed
 by small groups until 8PM
 (Confirmation practice following Mass)

CONTACT: KRISTY@STJOHNSMANKATO.NET WITH QUESTIONS

If you have questions about or would like to get involved with our Faith Formation Program, please contact:
 GRADES 1-5: Jeanne Fitterer jeannef@stjohnsmankato.net
 GRADES 6-12: Kristy McCabe kristy@stjohnsmankato.net