

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## WELCOME!

### CONTACT US

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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



YOUR LOVE  
IS *eternal.*  
DO NOT  
FORSAKE  
THE WORK OF  
YOUR HANDS.

*Psalm 138*

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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



We remember, we identify and we proclaim others faults and sins. We love to do this because then we don't have to look at our own faults and sins. We want to look good and be winners in the race to be loved and accepted by all.

However, God knows all our foibles and also all of our faults. With God it's not a manipulation to win acceptance. So next time we catch ourselves being the watch dog for all misbehaviors, we can take a step back, realizing it's not a competition. God's love and acceptance is freely given to all no matter how many times we fail.

Thank you, dear God,  
*Father John*

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 1 TM 2:1-8; LK 7:1-10

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 1 TM 3:1-13; LK 7:11-17

8:15 am Mass Marian Hanson<sup>†</sup>, Jack Koch<sup>†</sup>

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 1 TM 3-14-16; LK 7:31-35

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong<sup>†</sup>, Jason Murphy<sup>†</sup>

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 EPH 4:1-7, 11-13; MT 9:9-13

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 1 TM 6:2c-12, 12-14; LK 8:1-3

8:15am Mass Parishoners of St. John

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 1 TM 6:13-16; LK 8:4-15

5:15 pm Mass Elva Schemmel<sup>†</sup>, Genevieve Martinson<sup>†</sup>  
Alfred Iffert<sup>†</sup>, Charles Buley<sup>†</sup> Patricia Soukup<sup>†</sup>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 IS 55:6-9:7; PHIL 1:20c-24; MT 20:1-16a

8:00 am Mass Patricia Norris<sup>†</sup>, Jeremy Wyrowksi<sup>†</sup>

10:00 am Mass Ann Frost Sobraske<sup>†</sup>, LaDonna Alfson<sup>†</sup>



*Flowers for Mary*

Sue and Doug Dubala

*In Memory of*

Mary and Harold Woodruff

# ST. JOHN'S NEWS & EVENTS



*Welcome to our family*

Lowyn Briann Bracken  
Parents: Tony and Stephanie Bracken

Baptized on September 9, 2023

*"The True Self – where you and God are one – does not choose to love as much as it is love itself already. Loving from this vast space is experienced as a river within you that flows of its own accord." ~ Richard Rohr*

**SIGN UP NOW: Mindfulness Meditation Experience** – an Adult Enrichment Opportunity. A 7-week experience starting Thursday, September 21 from 7pm- 8pm here at St. John's. Come and discover "The Gold Within" and learn about meditation and mindfulness. Contact the parish office if interested at 507-625-3131 or email [mbtrax88@gmail.com](mailto:mbtrax88@gmail.com) (Coordinator of this offering is Barb Traxler, member of St. John's Parish).



## GOOD COUNSEL LEARNING CENTER

Good Counsel Learning Center will hold an Open House at its new site, 302 Warren Street, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 to 2:00, hosted by the St. John's Episcopal Church community. Guests at the Open House will tour the new facility, learn about our tutoring services, meet our caring team, enjoy refreshments, and take home a free book for each child.

Registration for fall semester is now open on the website: [www.gclearningcenter.org](http://www.gclearningcenter.org). For more information, contact Sr. Dorothy Zeller at 507-389-4229 or [director@gclearningcenter.org](mailto:director@gclearningcenter.org).

## ATTENTION VEGETABLE GARDENERS

Here is an opportunity to share your extra veggies with our parish neighbors. On the second and fourth Thursdays, veggies are distributed at Simon Ministry gatherings which meet from 10:30 to 12:00. Guaranteed, these veggies are appreciated and used by the 60 to 70 good cooks who need to stretch their incomes as far as they can. Bring your extras to the Church office on Wednesday before 5:00 or any time before 10:30 on Thursday, Sept. 14th and/or Sept. 28th.

Questions? Call Mary Walker 507/387-5160

## ***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.

## St. John's Prayer Network

*To submit a request call:*

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

*Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service*

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](mailto:advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org) to subscribe to our Advancement Bulletin monthly emails.

A few spots in our K-12 classes remain for the 2023/24 school year. Come and experience what Loyola can offer your family. To schedule a tour or for more information, call 507-388-0600.

Wired to the Heart, Loyola Catholic School's annual fundraising gala is coming up on November 10, 2023, held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato. Please join us for this much-anticipated yearly event. 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.

Tickets are now on sale! Please visit the Wired to the Heart website [www.wiredtotheheart.com](http://www.wiredtotheheart.com)



**TODAY'S READING**  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 17, 2023

SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS

**First Reading:**

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

**Psalm:**

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

**Second Reading:**

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:7-8)

**Gospel:**

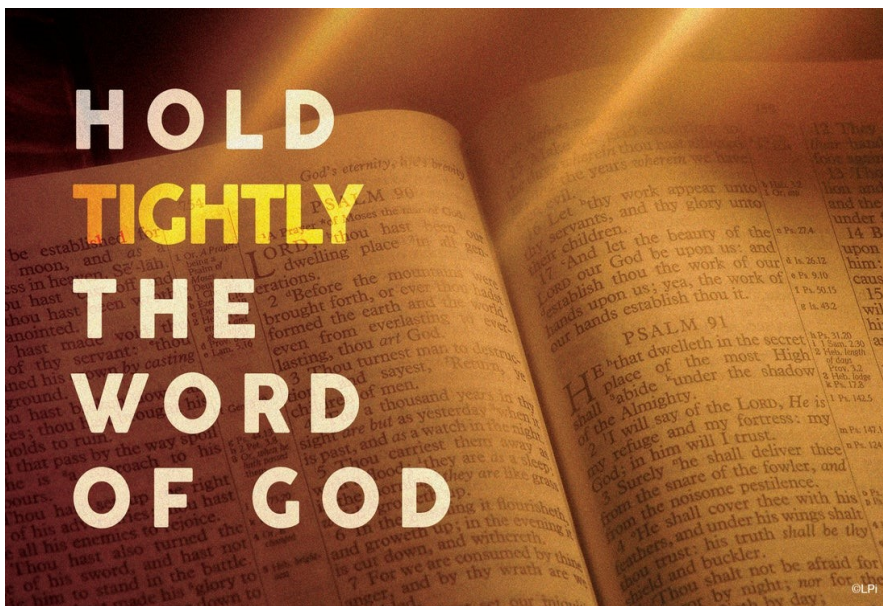
"Lord, if my brother sins against me,  
how often must I forgive?"

As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass  
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**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



## FINANCES

AUGUST 11 - AUGUST 18, 2023		
Adult Support	\$	13,422.50
Offertory	\$	729.50
Donations via website - 9/1-9/8	\$	2,665.00
Holy Day		20.00
ACH (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> ) 9/5/23		8,769.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>25,606.00</b>
Weekly Offering goal is:		
	\$	18,163.73
Year-to-date income as of 09/08/2023 (Beginning of a new fiscal year) <b>\$ 194,846.79</b>		

## 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!

### Money Counters

September 18- Team 2

September 25 - Team 3

October 2 - Team 1

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

Text to: 1-507-428-2929

to make a secure donation to

### September 23- 5:15 pm

**Communion Ministers:** Kelly Andresen, Lynn Beadell, Maggie Bennett, David Emanuel, John Fell, Brenda TeVogt, Mary Walker

**Lector:** Mary Olson

**Sacristan:** Don Lingen

**Servers:** Matthew Soupir, Thomas Soupir

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 3

### September 24 8:00 am

**Communion Ministers:** Nicole Goebel, Donna Kapsner, Ron Prange, Terri Prange, Kurt Schroeder, Colleen Walters, Betty Widmer Blace

**Lector:** Terri Prange

**Sacristan:** Sam Blace

**Servers:** Eli Blace, Luke Blace

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 7

### September 24 10:00 am

**Communion Ministers:** Julia Corbett, Mike Coughlan, Jessica Keech, Chris Meehan, Pam Steffl, Becki Stranik, Gary Stranik

**Lector:** Tammi Meehan

**Sacristan:** Terry Alfson

**Servers:** Autumn Barta, Nolan Updike

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 11

## 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 Mathews Hall (lower level).

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

## CAMP OZ

Kiwanis Camp Patterson on Lake Washington

Free Day Camp on October 7, 2023 Grades 1-12

Small-group time to share about grief and loss. Camp participants can make new friends who have also experienced loss. A family member or guardian is required to attend the closing ceremony at the end of the day

Scan code to register or visit  
[mayoclinichealthsystem](http://mayoclinichealthsystem)



# THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**Word & Communion Service**

8:15 AM - Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**Sunrise AA Meeting**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

**Daily 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 - Marion Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**Daily Mass**

8:15 AM - Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**Word & Communion Service**

8:15 AM - Church

**Simon Ministry**

10:30 AM - Matthews Hall

**Mindfulness**

7:00 PM - Narthex

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:15 AM Mass - Church

**Al-Anon - ZOOM**

**Early Risers AA**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**Confessions**

4:30 PM - Confession Room

**Mass** 5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**Mass** 8:00 AM - Church

Mass 10:00 AM - Church

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3:00 PM - JP II Room



*"Every expression of true beauty can thus be acknowledged as a path leading to an encounter with the Lord Jesus,"*

*Pope Francis*



# Faith FORMATION

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**23-24 SCHOOL YEAR**

St. John the Baptist



# WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR Teacher & Mentor VOLUNTEERS

Grade 2 - Teacher  
Grade 2 - Substitute Teacher  
Grade 4 - Teacher & Co Teacher  
Grade 5 - Substitute Teacher  
Grade 6 Boys - 2 Co- mentors  
Grade 7 Girls - 2 Co- mentors  
Grade 7 Boys - Co- mentor

**THESE CLASSES WILL BE  
CANCELLED  
IF WE DO NOT FIND  
TEACHERS AND MENTORS!**

**WE ARE  
PRAYING  
FOR YOUR  
HELP**

**SHARE YOUR  
FAITH** **MAKE A  
DIFFERNECE**

Have questions?  
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