

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Catholic Church*

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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  
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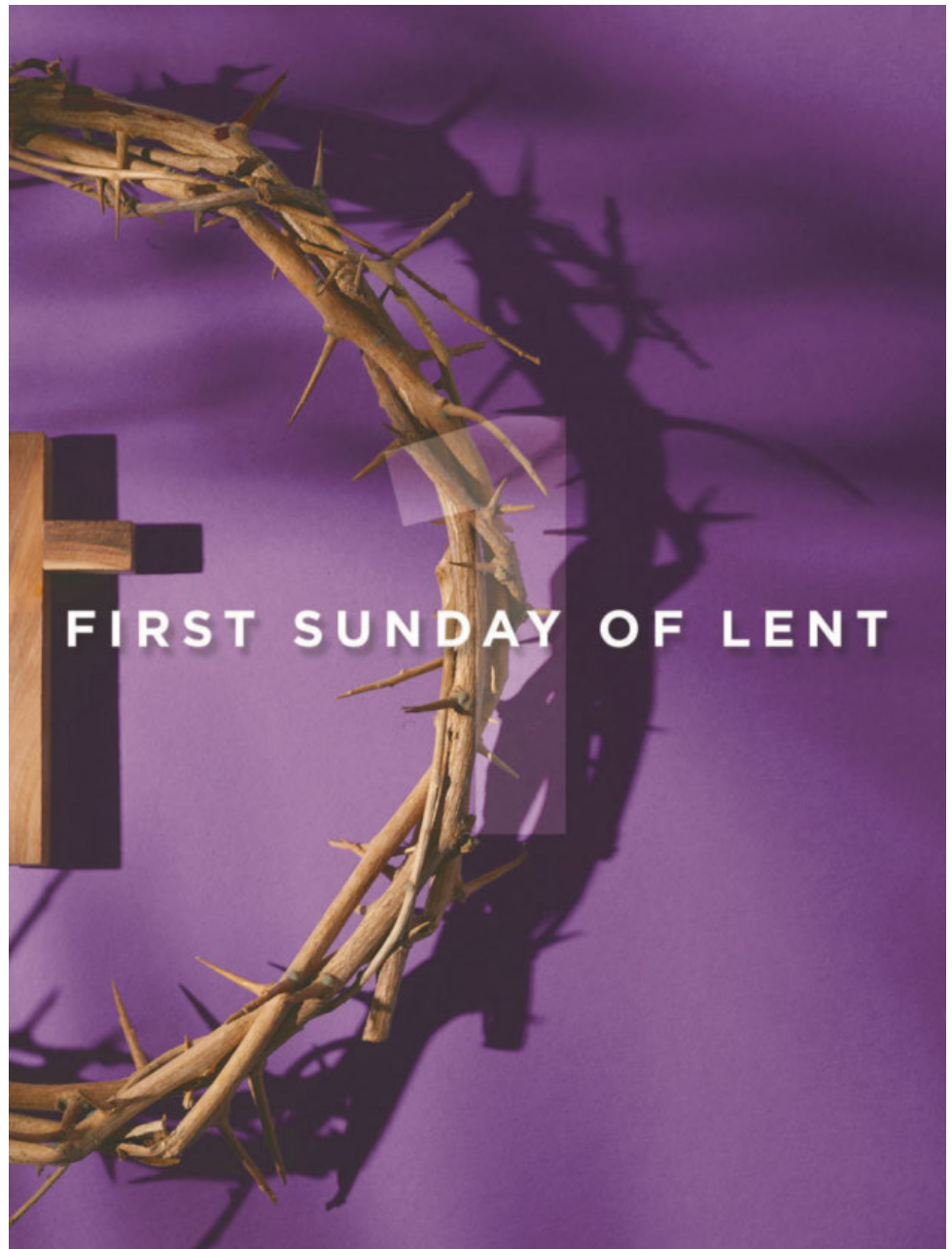
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With the Holy Spirit pouring the love of God into our hearts,  
we invite people to Christ by living like Christ through prayer, service, and learning.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

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**Website:** loyolacatholicsschool.org

**LOYOLA AMBASSADORS**

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Natalie Wiebold | 608-772-7994

### CALVARY CEMETERY

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Jesus is tempted in the desert. What becomes clear with that encounter is his unshakable acceptance of his connection to the Father. As a human, Jesus certainly would not be protected from the reality of temptations. We are not Jesus, so our experience of temptations may result in sin. However, Lent is a great time to return to our undeniable connection to God. God is the power over sin and temptation. God keeps inviting us to surrender and believe in that power.

Blessings on your Lenten days,  
Father John

### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19** LV 19:1-2; MK 25:31-46

President's Day - No Word and Communion Office Closed

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20** IS 55:10-11; MT 6:7-15

8:15 am Mass Genelle Lenort †

**WEDNESDAY** February 21 JON 3:1-10; LK 11:29-32

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong †

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22** 1 PT 5:1-4; MT 16:13-19

8:15 am Word and Communion

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23** EZ 18:21-28; MT 5:20-26

8:15 am Mass Mary Jewison, Kevin Fowler,  
Sharon Fowler and family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24** DT 26:16-19; MT 5:43-48

5:15 pm Mass Jeremy Wyrowski †, Tom Frassel †,  
Tom Andresen †, Gretchen Adams †,  
Teresa † and Barbara Brielmaier †

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25** GN 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;  
ROM 8:31B-34; MK 5:43-48

800 am Mass Chris Goebel †, Denny Sullivan †, James Brozik †

10:00 am Mass Anne Frost Sobraske †, James Anton †,  
Thomas Frederickson †

**February 19, 2024**

Office will be closed for President's Day;  
No Word and Communion

# ST. JOHN'S NEWS & EVENTS



Welcome to our family  
Quinn Marie Goodthunder  
Parents: Jalen Goodthunder and Gemma Lang  
Baptized on February 10, 2024



**Some fish are big  
Some fish are small  
Eat at the KC's Fish Dinner  
and enjoy them all**



**See the calendar page  
for all the details!**

It's time again for **"Pasta with the Padres"** the annual spaghetti supper fundraiser for **ECHO Food Shelf**. This year's event will be on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church. Serving is from 4-7pm. There will be a great Silent Auction and terrific entertainment. Volunteers are needed to make this a huge success. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex.

**Loyola Catholic School's annual Lucky 20 raffle has officially kicked off.** This yearly fundraiser provides much needed revenue to support the school. Tickets are \$100 each. There are 20 chances to win with the grand prize being \$10,000! The raffle drawing will take place on April 19, 2024 at Loyola. Presence is not required to win, and we will contact the winners directly. Tickets can be purchased in the Loyola school office or online at [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org). Thank you for your support!

Admissions for the academic year 2024-2025 are 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!

Additionally, we ask for your support through prayer. Prayer is a powerful tool. Kindly keep our school, students, teachers, and staff in your prayers, asking for God's guidance, protection, and

## 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!



**Check out the bulletin board in the Door 4 entry.** The youth from our CLW and Faith Formation classes shared their *Lenten Sacrifices*.

## St. John's Book Club

The next meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 PM. The book to be discussed is; *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. Contact Anita Maki, 507/386-1395 with any questions.

# SACRAMENTS

## 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 Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty day, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild beasts and the angels ministered to him.*

*After John had been arrested, 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.*

*Mark 1:12-15*



## You are the Light of the World 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The annual diocesan appeal is scheduled to launch on February 24 and 25. Households should have received the mailings from the Diocese this past week.

## LENTEN PRACTICES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years and older should abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk product or condiments of animal fat.

### St. Peter and Paul's schedule change for confessions:

Monday - Friday: after the 7:00 am Daily Mass

Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday: after the 1:00 pm Spanish Mass

## 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



## TODAY'S READINGS

**6TH Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 11, 2024**

### First Reading:

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."  
(LV 13:8)

### Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.  
(PS 32)

### Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 COR 10:31)

### Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (MK 1:41-42)

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# LITURGICAL CORNER

## ***February 17 - 5:15 pm***

***Communion Ministers:*** Glenda Landsteiner, Phyllis Maloney, Tom Rognes  
***Lector:*** Maggie Bennett  
***Sacristan:*** Jane Jans  
***Servers:*** Matthew Soupir, Thomas Soupir  
***Ushers/Hospitality:*** Team 4

## ***February 18 - 8:00 am***

***Communion Ministers:*** Brian Hughes, Jan Hughes, Cindy Matuska  
***Lector:*** Nicole Goebel  
***Sacristan:*** Pat Sullivan  
***Servers:*** Luke Blace, Eli Mueller  
***Ushers/Hospitality:*** Team 8

## ***February 18 - 10:00 am***

***Communion Ministers:*** Deb Fogal, Scott Fogal, Jessica Keech  
***Lector:*** Tami Meehan  
***Sacristan:*** Jaci James  
***Servers:*** Jackson Davis, Noah Davis  
***Ushers/Hospitality:*** Team 12

### **FEB. 2, 2023 - FEB. 9 2024**

Adult Support	\$ 13,056.82
Offertory	\$ 711.95
Donations via website 02/03-02/09/24	\$ 1,605.00
Holy Day	\$ 10.00
ACH (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> ) 02/05/24	\$ 8,414.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,797.77</b>

Weekly Offering goal is:  
\$ 18,163.73

Year-to-date income as  
of 01/26/2024 **\$ 684,848.88**



### **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](mailto:mike@stjohnsmankato.net)



**Children's  
 Weekly Stewardship**  
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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.



### **Money Counters**

February 20 (Tues) -Team 2  
 February 26 -Team 3  
 March 4—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!

### **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.

### **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: [only1mariab@yahoo.com](mailto:only1mariab@yahoo.com).

# THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
**No Word and Communion**  
**Office Closed - President's Day**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
**Sunrise AA Meeting**  
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
**MASS**  
8:15AM - Church  
**Piecemakers**  
1:00 PM - Matthews Hall  
**Grief Group**  
5:00 PM - Matthews Hall  
**Finance Meeting**  
6:00 PM - Marian Rm.  
**Stations of the Cross**  
6:15 PM - Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
**MASS**  
8:15 AM - Church  
**Faith Formation**  
7:00 PM Small Groups  
7:00 PM 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Matthews Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
**Word and Communion Service**  
8:15 AM - Church  
**Simon Ministry**  
10:30- Matthews Hall  
**Catholic Inquiry**  
6:30 PM - Marian Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
**Al-Anon - ZOOM**  
**Early Risers AA**  
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
**MASS**  
8:15 AM - Church  
**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**  
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
Matthews Hall

SATURDAY, February 24  
**Confessions**  
4:30 PM - Confession Room  
**MASS**  
5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
**MASS**  
8:00 AM - Church  
**FF Grades 1-5**  
9:00 AM—Classroom/Mt Rm  
**MASS**  
10:00 AM - Church  
**CLW—Shine Bright**  
10:10 AM—Matthews Hall  
**MSU Concert**  
3:00 PM -Church  
**OA**  
3:00 PM—JP11 Room

## St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner

Friday, February 23, 2024

4:30 PM - 7:00 pm

Matthews Hall

\$15.00 per person

\$50.00(immediate) family max

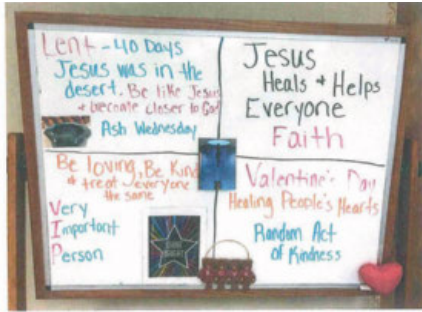
Dine in or carry-out



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# Faith FORMATION GLPI



## Church I Spy



Last week we were looking at the prayer candles. [Simplycatholic.com](http://Simplycatholic.com) was my resource for a little more information.

Did you know that these are referred to as votive candles and they are lit to symbolize prayers or devotion. As the candle is burning it signals the prayer and love of the person who lit it.

So, light a candle this week and offer a prayer up or just let God know you are devoted to Him.

On Sunday, February 11, Ms. Michele talked to us about how Jesus heals everyone and helps everyone. It does not matter who we are, Jesus wants to help us. We can show Jesus we care about him and others by praying.

We also talked about Lent. Ms. Michele told us about Jesus being in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights and that is why Lent is 40 days. We brought home *Follow the Cross* calendars. We get to open a door/window for 15 days and will tell us about the Stations of the Cross. Ms. Michele said during Lent we could be closer to God by doing random acts of kindness for people. We can be loving and kind and treat everyone with respect.

Shine Bright this week!



Dear God,  
We would like to thank you for your wonderful gifts that were given to our St. John's family in February. Please continue to bless them and keep them in your care.

Amen

Teagan, Gigi, Kason, Isaac, James, Brycen, Carter, Adelyn, George Henry S. and Henry K.

This week: What am I and where am I located?



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