

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

DECEMBER 10, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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The Introduction of Mark's Gospel is about John the Baptist, the forerunner of *The Christ*. This is significant for our parish which is named after this figure of significance in the Revelation of God's Reign.

John goes to a foreboding place - the desert. In the wasteland he is able to see his own place in this unfolding storyline. He proclaims "there is one coming after me", who you should pay attention to. Advent is here, providing a moment for us to identify who we are and where we fit in *The Jesus* storyline.

*Peace,
Father John*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 IS 35:1-10; LK 5:17-26

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 ZEC 2:14-17; LK 1:26-38

8:15 am Mass Mavrik Schwartz and for his doctors and family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 IS 40:25-31; MT 11:28-30

8:15 am Mass Carol Armstrong †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 IS 41:13-20; MT 11:11-15

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 IS 48:17-19; MT 11:16-19

8:15 am Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 SIR 48:1-4, 9-11; MT 17:9A, 10-13

5:15 pm Mass Edward Sweere † Patricia Flanagan †,
Julie Shoen † Tom Frassel †SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 IS 61:1-2A, 10-11; LK 1:46-48, 49-50,
53-54; 1 THES 5:16-24; JN 1:6-8, 19-288:00 am Mass Patricia Norris †, Christopher Goebel †,
Erwin and Cecelia Otte † Cancer Research,10:00 am Mass Matt Michaletz †, Katherine Thro Frost †,
James Anton †, Chuck Strate, Delores Reuter †

Dennis Sullivan
Who passed away
November 22, 2023
Our deepest sympathy to his family

St. John's 2023 Christmas Schedule*4th Sunday of Advent Masses*

Saturday...5:15 PM and Sunday...9:00 AM

*CHRISTMAS MASSES*Sunday December 24th

Christmas Eve...3:30 PM Children's Pageant

4:00, 8:00 PM Masses

Sunday December 25th

Christmas Day...9:00 AM

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*Monday, January 1st...9:00 AM

(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

December 30th and 31st Masses

Regular weekend schedule

**St. John's 2023 RECONCILIATION**

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Sunday, December 17th...1:00 PMAt John the Baptist Catholic Church
with St. Joseph the Worker Parish

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Friday, December 15th...8:45 AMTuesday, December 19th...7:00 PMWednesday, December 20th...4:00 PM

Saturday's...4:30 PM

**Espresso Mass**

Please join us for coffee and treats every Friday after 8:15 am mass December 1st - January 5th. Tables will be setup in the Narthex. This is an opportunity for you to relax and enjoy some fellowship.

**Laurels Peak Christmas Bows**

Bows are now available by Mary's Altar. Please select a gift tag and purchase the gift which will go directly to that resident. Please return gifts by December 18th to Mary's Altar or to the parish office during office hours. Thank you for your generous response.

**Mankato YMCA Big Brother/Sister Program**

Building unique friendships between terrific kids and adult volunteers."

The Mankato YMCA has many dedicated mentors who support the development of healthy youth by being a positive adult contact. Part of being a mentor is to offer opportunities outside of the youth's home. Examples of outings are: bowling, eating at restaurants, taking in a sporting event, going to a movie, or just taking a ride in the car to visit. These events all require money which comes out of the pockets of the mentors.

St. John's has joined with the YMCA to help ease that monetary burden. There is a Christmas Tree in the Narthex with ornaments that have gift ideas which the YMCA will share with the mentors to use on outings with their mentees. Please return your gift to the Parish Office or when attending weekend mass. There will also be wood boxes by the pillars at the main entrance for those who wish to make a monetary donation. The YMCA has also provided us with brochures for those interested in learning more about becoming a Mentor.

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 20th at 1:30 pm. Contact, Anita Maki at 507-386-1395.

Bulletin Ads

It's time once again too add additional advertisers on the back of our church bulletin.

The cost of the advertising pays the cost of producing our weekly bulletin for the year. If you are interested in getting information about a printed ad/or a digital ad, please contact our parish office or contact, Kristee Flynn directly at kflynn@4lpi.com or call her at 651-303-3461.

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.



1st Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

First Reading:

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

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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, 1pm, Loyola gym

Loyola Christmas ornaments are available for purchase now through December 20th! This year’s design was inspired by vintage Loyola Homecoming buttons and are priced at just \$15 each. Proceeds provide spiritual and educational enrichment opportunities to Loyola students and their families. If interested, please contact us at 507-386-5392.

Ornaments will also be sold at all Loyola Christmas Concerts and Programs on December 10th and 19th!

Save the Date! Join us for an unforgettable night of music and entertainment at the Kato Ballroom on February 2, 2024, for Clash of the Keys featuring the incredible Deuces Wild! Check out our Facebook page, Clash of the Keys, for more information.

Loyola Catholic School is seeking qualified candidates for an Advancement Director opening. Please pass along this information if you know someone who might be interested in joining the Loyola family!

The application process and full job description can be found here:

<https://www.loyolacatholicschool.org/about/employment.cfm>

*O people of Zion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of
his voice heard in the joy of your heart.*

Isaiah 30:19,30

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

NOV. 24 - DEC. 1 2023	
Adult Support	\$ 23,73.9.00
Offertory	\$ 748.00
Donations via website - 11/25 -12/1	\$ 795.43
Holy Day	\$ 924.00
ACH (5 th and 20 th) 11/20/2023	\$.
Weekly Total	\$ 26,206.63
Weekly Offering goal is:	\$ 18,163.73
Year-to-date income as of 11/24/2023	\$ 404,858.29



Money Counters

December 11 - Team 2
 December 18 - Team 3
 December 27 - 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 16- 5:15 pm

Communion Ministers: John Fell, Lynn Klingsporn, Jane Kohler
Lector: Laura Sieberg
Sacristan: John Bulcock
Servers: Matthew Soupir, Thomas Soupir
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 3

December 17 8:00 am

Communion Ministers: Janet Denn, Mike Denn, Mike Ulman
Lector: Terri Prange
Sacristan: Sheri Fedson
Servers: Eli Mueller, Luke Blace
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 7

December 17- 10:00 am

Communion Ministers: Jessica Keech, Derek Luttmann, Sharon Patterson
Lector: Lisa Vasquez
Sacristan: Sarah Nelson
Servers: Autumn Barta, Brock McKeel
Ushers/Hospitality: Team 11



*Behold, I am coming soon
 and my recompense is with me,
 says the Lord,
 to bestow a reward
 according to the deeds of each.*

Revelation 22:12

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Word & Communion Service

8:15 AM - Church

Spirit Singers

5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Sunrise AA Meeting

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Grief Group

5:00 PM - Matthews Hall

Spirit Singers

5:30 PM - Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Choir for Christ

5:50 PM - Church

Small Groups

7:00 PM - Classrooms

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Simon Ministry Christmas Party

10:00- Matthews Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Al-Anon - ZOOM**Early Risers AA**

6:30 AM - Matthews Hall

Mass

8:15 AM - Church

Fellowship Gathering

After mass - Narthex

Individual Reconciliation

8:45 AM - Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:30 PM - Confession Room

Mass

5:15 PM - Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Mass

8:00 AM - Church

FF Grades 1-5

9:00 AM - Classroom/Mtg Rm

Mass

10:00 AM - Church

CLW - Shine Bright

10:10 AM - Matthews Hall

Advent Communal Penance

1:00 PM - Church

OA

3:00 PM - JP11 Room

Advent / Christmas in Brass

Minnesota Riverbend Brass Choir

Sunday, Nov. 26 - Loyola High School Chapel Mankato, MN 7pm

Sunday, Dec. 3 - Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Ulm MN 4pm

Sunday, Dec. 10 - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. 7pm

Sunday, Dec. 17 - St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Mankato, MN 7pm

Free Will Offering.

"This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund."





Faith FORMATION

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Nativity Pageant

The St. John's Nativity Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 24 at 3:30 PM. We will be doing it a little differently this year. Practice dates are Thursday, December 21st at 6:00 PM, December 23rd at 10:00 AM. You **MUST** be able to make both practices to participate. This is for any child in our parish. You do not need to be in our Sunday School Program to participate.

4 year olds-Kindergarten will be sheep

1st Grade will be angels

2nd Grade will be shepherds

3rd Grade will be talking animals and animal leaders

4th Grade will be Wise Men and King Herod

5th Grade will be Mary and Joseph, Leaders of sheep and angels, and scenery.

Please use this link to sign-up, <https://forms.gle/ZoEt6D16TIC1WNkCA>

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who made their First Reconciliation this past Wednesday. We are so proud of you!

Thank you to our 4th graders who led us in prayer this past Sunday. They will be leading us all this month.

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Dear God,

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

Happy Birthday - Chase, Remy, Maryanne, Lucia, Zachary, Grace, Weston, Hadley, Joshawa, and Kylie!

TEEN FAITH FORMATION



Classes Meet:
Wednesdays from 7-8pm

December 13th

No Classes from December 20 -
January 10th



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