

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 TWENTY-FIFTH 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

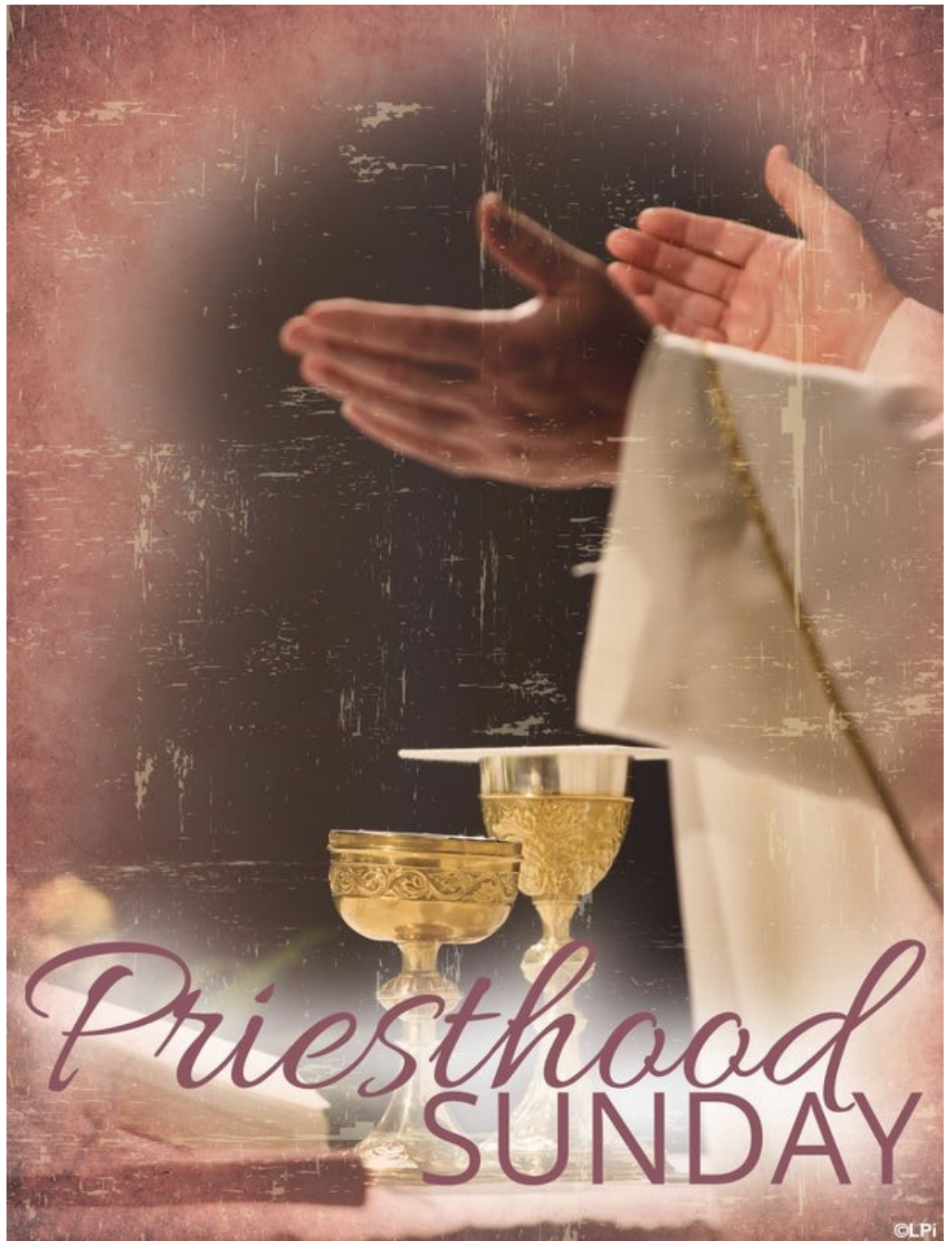
Confessions will take place  
in the Reconciliation Room

**Saturdays** 4:30 pm

or by appointment

### ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel



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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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Website: loyolacatholicsschool.org

### LOYOLA AMBASSADORS

St. John's Parish  
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### CALVARY CEMETERY

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### ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

**Pastoral Leadership Team:**  
Dan Hansen | Jaci James | John Fell | Mike Logeais | Lisa Soupir  
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## FROM THE PASTOR



What do we deserve? Sometimes we may feel cheated by our family, our workplace, or even by our country. The wonderful awareness given by the parable is a reminder that God gives lavishly. In fact it seems to say that God gives more than we deserve. If this is the case, then it changes our sense of God. God is not about denying, punishing or judging harshly. God rather wants to encourage, support and strengthen us for the journey before us.

Blessings,  
Father John

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25      EZR 1:1-6; LK 8:16-18

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26      EZR 6:7-8, 12B 14-20; LK 8:19-21

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27      EZR 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a; LK 9:1-6

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28      HG 1:1-8; LK 9:7-9

8:15 am Word & Communion Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29      DN 7:9-10, 13-14; JN 1:47-51

8:15 am Mass      Margaret & Jerry Grimley †, Robert Reutzel †,  
Jeremy Wyrowski †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30      ZEC 2:5-9, 14-15A; LK 9:43B-45

5:15 pm Mass      Jim Anton †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1      EZ 18:25-28; PHIL 2:1-11; MT 21:28-32

8:00 am Mass      Patricia Norris †, Patty Schoettler †  
Marina Atkinson †

10:00 am Mass      Delores Reuter†, Mildred Jewison †  
David Jewison†



*Flowers for Mary*  
Mary Ann Miller  
*in Honor of*  
Special Intentions

# ST. JOHN'S NEWS & EVENTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments .

Jack Adrian Crance  
Parents Luke Crance and Jackie Ortmeier-Crance  
Baptized on September 16, 2023



Kepler Jamison Peterson  
Parents Jamison and Megan Peterson  
Baptized on September 17, 2023

**Respect for Life Sunday  
October 1, 2023**  
Help Catholic Charities provide assistance to new and expectant parents through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund. Baby bottles and envelopes will be available in the narthex beginning next weekend.

**Wings of Hope Evening of Remembrance Service  
Calvary Cemetery  
October 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM**  
All who have lost a child in miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death are invited to attend. The service will include a candle lighting ceremony. Bring your own candle or there will be some available. October is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Month.

**All are welcome - Mark your calendar!**  
St John's Book Club Informational Meeting  
October 18th at 1:30pm in the St John's Library.  
Contact Anita Maki with questions, 507/519-0108

**WELCOME CONNECTIONS VOLUNTEERS**  
Connections Shelter is in their 7<sup>th</sup> year of serving people who are in need, with dignity and respect. Our first week to host meals and hospitality shifts is October 9-15. If you can help please sign up now at [www.connectionsshelter.org](http://www.connectionsshelter.org), click on Volunteer tab, then scroll down to click on Meal Signup or serve as Evening Greeter.  
Let me know if you have trouble signing up.  
THANK YOU to those who have signed up and those who will.  
Questions? contact Mary Beth Nygaard  
[mary.beth.nygaard@gmail.com](mailto:mary.beth.nygaard@gmail.com)

**Flowers for Mary**  
There are open weekends available in October and November. If you would like to donate a gift of \$35 or more to our Flowers for Mary ministry, 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. Thank you for considering a donation!

**Attention  
Junior and Senior High School Students**  
Children's Liturgy of the Word is in need of your help to assist with projects, discussions, and activities with our young friends. Ms. Michele and children 4 years old through kindergarten meet during the 10:00 am mass each Sunday in Matthews Hall. You would not be required to help every Sunday. Ms. Michele and the children would love to have you join them. Contact Jeanne Fitterer at [jeannef@stjohnsmankato.net](mailto:jeannef@stjohnsmankato.net), or contact the Parish Office.

**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:  

- Detergent (50 oz or less)
- Dish Soap
- Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, tissues)

Any help is appreciated! Items can be placed in the bins/baskets at the church entrances.  
Vegetable Gardeners can still drop-off produce Wednesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> before 5:00 or Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> before 10:30.



*Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service*

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.

Stay Connected! By following us on Facebook and Instagram or email us at [advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org) to subscribe to our Advancement Bulletin monthly emails.

Did you know...? Loyola has welcomed 115 new students to its community this school year. Even though the school year is already underway, we are still accepting applications and scheduling tours. If you are interested in learning more about Loyola, please contact Ashley Braulick, Admissions Coordinator, at [admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org) or call 507-386-5399.

Loyola will celebrate Homecoming Week September 25-29. Coronation will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at 12pm in the Loyola gym. The annual parade will take place on Thursday, September 28 at 9:45am at Loyola. The football game will be held on Friday, September 29 at 7pm at Loyola. All are welcome to join us!

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



**Today's Reading**  
25th Sunday In Ordinary Time  
September 24, 2023

**First Reading:**  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (Is 55:8)

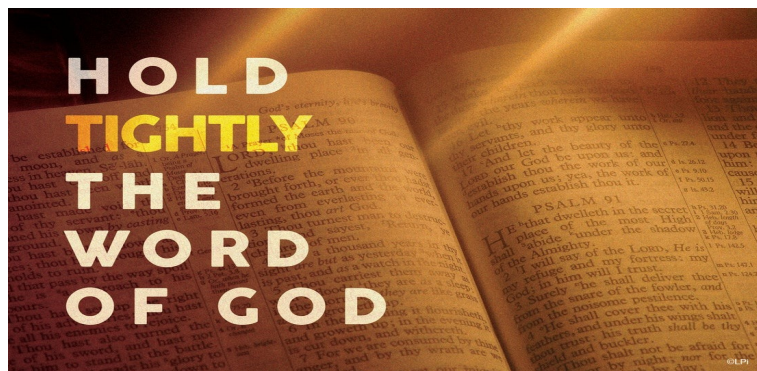
**Psalm:**  
The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

**Second Reading:**  
Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Phil 1:20-21)

**Gospel:**  
"What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?  
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?  
Are you envious because I am generous?" (Mt 20:14-15)

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**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)

**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

SEPTEMBER 9 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2023	
Adult Support	\$ 8,187.00
Offertory	\$ 891.00
Donations via website - 09/04 - 09/15	\$ 1,355.63
Holy Day ACH (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> )	
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,433.63</b>
Weekly Offering goal is: \$ 18,163.73	
Year-to-date income as of 09/15/2023 (Beginning of a new fiscal year) <b>\$ 205,280.42</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

#### Money Counters

September 25 - Team 3  
October 2 - Team 1  
October 9 - 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!

## LITURGICAL CORNER

### September 30 - 5:15 pm

**Communion Ministers:** Chuck Frost, Lynn Klingsporn, Jane Kohler, Glenda Landsteiner, Kristy McCabe, Ryan McCabe, Tom Rogness

**Lector:** Laurie Folsom

**Sacristan:** Jane Jans

**Servers:** Bria Baumgard, Jonathan Bergquist

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 4

### October 1 - 8:00 am

**Communion Ministers:** Teresa Depuydt, Sue Durbala, Dan Kapsner, Glen Landsteiner, Pat Sullivan, Mike Ulman, Mary Westby

**Lector:** Mark Traxler

**Sacristan:** Beth Pooley

**Servers:** Quinn Kelly, Soren Kelly

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 8

### October 1 - 10:00 am

**Communion Ministers:** Laurie Barnett, Miriam Braunhausen, Nick Meyer, Mike Ludvik, Monica Wagner, Marsha Murphy, Shannon Patterson

**Lector:** JoAnn Alfson

**Sacristan:** Amy Kloss

**Servers:** Francis Bierer, Logan Gonzalez

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 12

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**Word & Communion Service**  
8:15 AM - Church

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**Sunrise AA Meeting**  
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
**Word & Communion**  
8:15 AM - Church  
**Hope Women's Grief Group**  
5:15 PM - Matthews Hall  
**Knights of Columbus**  
6:30 PM - Matthews Hall

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**Word & Communion**  
8:15 AM - Church  
**Faith Formation Grades 1-5**  
**Meet and Greet Pizza Party**  
5:30 PM - Matthews Hall

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**Word & Communion Service**  
8:15 AM - Church  
**Simon Ministry**  
10:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
**Mindfulness**  
7:00 PM - Narthex

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

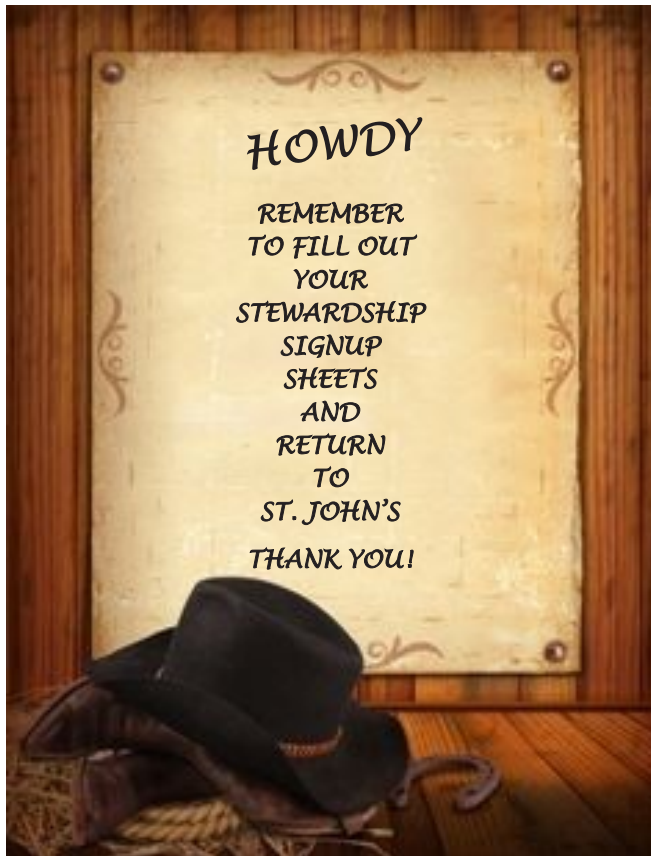
**Al-Anon - ZOOM**  
**Early Risers AA**  
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
**Mass**  
8:15 AM - Church

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**Confessions**  
4:30 PM - Confession Room  
**Mass** 5:15 PM - Church

**SUNDAY, October 1**

**Mass** 8:00 AM - Church  
**Mass** 10:00 AM - Church  
**OA**  
3:00 PM - JP II Room





# Faith FORMATION

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Beginning October 1, 2023

**Who is it for:** children 4 years old through kindergarten

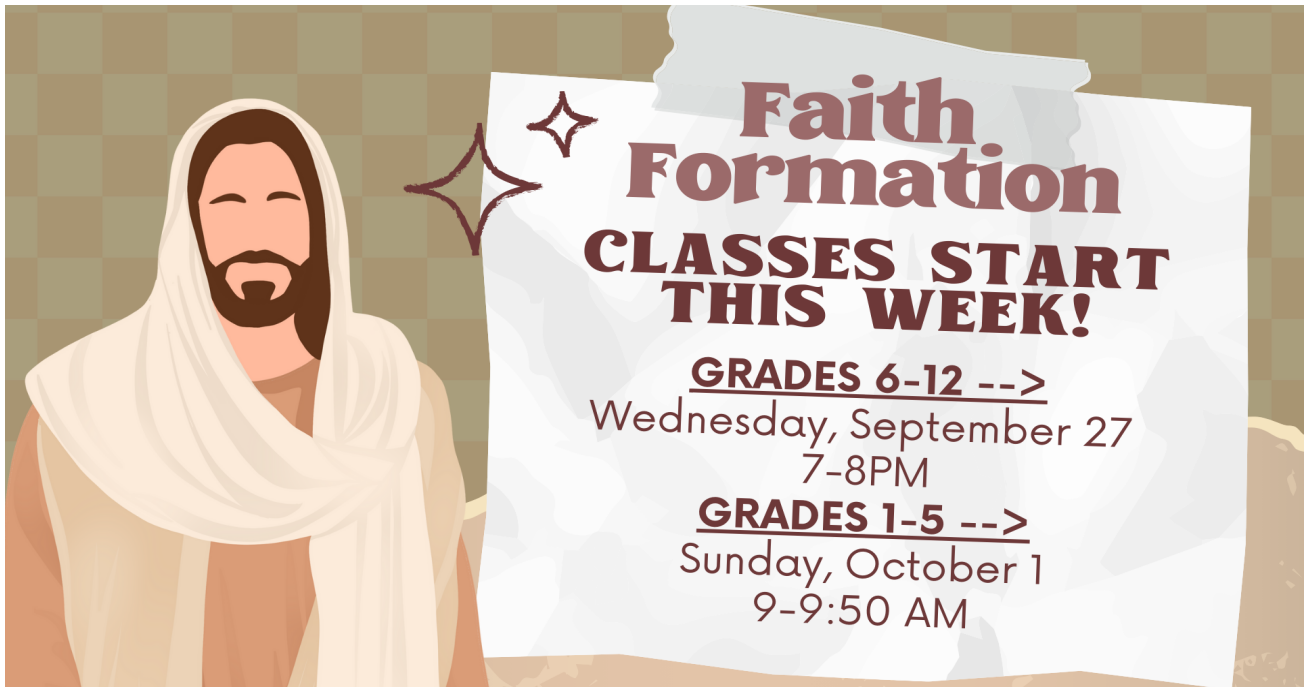
**When is it:** it is held during the 10:00 AM mass

**Where is it:** it is held in Matthew's Hall

**How does it work:** Your child will go to mass with you. When Father has completed the initial blessing he will invite the Children's Liturgy children up to the front of the church. (Ms. Michele will be by the banner). Father will offer a short blessing and then the children will be led to Matthew's Hall by Ms. Michele. She will do the Gospel reading and an activity with them at their level. She will bring them back up to the church while the Profession of Faith is being said. She will not sit down until all children are seated with their families.

**Do I need to register and is there a fee:** No

Please contact Jeanne at [jeannef@stjohnsmankato.net](mailto:jeannef@stjohnsmankato.net) if you have any questions.



**Faith  
Formation**  
**CLASSES START  
THIS WEEK!**

**GRADES 6-12 -->**  
Wednesday, September 27  
7-8PM

**GRADES 1-5 -->**  
Sunday, October 1  
9-9:50 AM

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](mailto:jeannef@stjohnsmankato.net)

GRADES 6-12: Kristy McCabe [kristy@stjohnsmankato.net](mailto:kristy@stjohnsmankato.net)