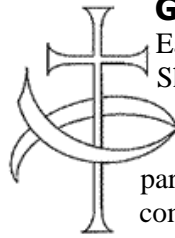


To those who worship with us today
 We extend to you our hand in Christian friendship; whether you are a long-time resident, visitor, or new to the parish. Thank you for gathering with us today.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Each year the church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Easter as Good Shepherd Sunday. Pope Benedict XVI designated Good Shepherd Sunday 2006, as the "43rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations." The vision of the Second Vatican Council states that vocations are part of the shared responsibility of all God's people in building community and working together for effective mission as church.

Prayer for Religious Vocations, Diocese of Winona

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, raise up men and women to serve your holy Church as sisters, brothers, deacons and priests. In this new millennium open our minds and our hearts to your Divine call, to a new flowering of religious vocations, and to a spread of Gospel. Grant us the generosity to support and nurture your holy will, and the courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life, now and forever. Amen


SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Baptism

We welcome our newest Christians into the Family of God and St. Johns Parish:

Michael Roach, son of Patrick & Mary (Hendel) Roach

Malia Karau, daughter of Jon & Darci (McConnell) Karau

 Father, you are the unfailing refuge of those who suffer ~ bring peace and comfort to them.

Please pray for those who have entered eternal life:

For Clifton (Clif) Fossen who passed away April 1, 2008; our sympathy to his wife, Mildred Fossen and their family.

We pray for those in our parish who are ill or in the hospital.

ISJ: Stephen Regnier, Kay Larson & Michael bicek

If you or a family member need prayers due to illness, please call the parish office at 625-3131 to have them included in our prayers and bulletin.

Please continue to pray for our military personnel, their families and the victims of war and violence.

2008 Annual Diocesan Appeal "Proclaim Jesus"

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" ~ Matthew 28:19

As of April 8, 2008:

Parish Goal: \$58,730

Amount Pledged: \$42,950

Number of Donors: 262

Percent of Participation: 20.33%

Percent of Goal: 73.13%

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

From the Pastor Desk



"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Today's Gospel John 10:27

When we hear a voice that holds promise, we are drawn to listen. It is especially true when that voice is that of Jesus, The Good Shepherd. We discover the longing in our heart for something lasting and we are told that God's promise is for an abundant life.

This Sunday we have built a gate into the church; Jesus is the gate. Through an entrance into the gate we find the fullness of life. So receive the grace of God through our liturgy, through our community and through the presence of Jesus.

Easter Blessings to you,
 Fr. John

School Sisters of Notre Dame Gala

Saturday, May 17, 2008 • Provincial House, Mankato, MN

Champagne reception: 5:30 pm; formal dinner: 6:45 pm; entertainment: 8:15 pm
 Proceeds benefit the ministries of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and Sisters retired from active ministry. For more information on tickets call 507-389-4213.

Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent and treasure allotted to us.

Stewardship of Treasure for April 6th

Adult Envelopes	\$ 14,411.00	Children's Envelopes	\$ 20.56
Offertory	\$ 1,263.87	\$1 Youth Envelope	\$ 106.25

St. John's Young Stewards of Time & Talent

- I was good at choir,
- I listened good to my mom & dad,
- I listened to my teacher,
- I shared with my sister,
- I took out the trash,
- I've been reading to my brother.

Revenue: Actual vs. Budget

Many of you have asked for a regular update on where the parish is financially, and so at the end of each quarter throughout the Fiscal Year we will provide to you information in regards to our actual revenue versus our budgeted revenue. Below are the numbers for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2007-08. If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 625-3131.

3rd Quarter 2007-08 - January, February, March 2008

Budgeted Revenue	\$240,706.64
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>\$220,746.68</u>
Deficit	\$ 8,458.20



Happy Birthday

Fr. Francis Kunz

on Thursday, April 16th.

May you have many happy memories of the day!

CALENDAR OF St. John's Events

Monday, April 14

Prayer Shawl Meeting – 1 pm, JPII Room
CCW Meeting – 7:00 pm, JPII Room

Tuesday, April 15

Knights of Columbus, General Meeting – 7 pm, PLC

Wednesday, April 16

2nd Grader's Learning Centers – 3:30 -7 pm, Matthews Hall
Choir for Christ (children) – 5:15 pm, Choir Loft
Spirit Singers (adult) – 6:30 pm, Choir Loft

Thursday, April 17

Mankato House Mass – 3 pm, at Mankato House
RCIA – 7 pm, Matthews Hall
Marion Prayer Group – 7 pm, Adoration Chapel

Friday, April 18

Early Risers AA – 6:30 am, Matthews Hall
Early Risers Al-Anon – 6:30 am, Parish Library

Saturday, April 19

Stewardship Appreciation Dinner – 6:30 pm, Matthews Hall

Sunday, April 20

Knights Pancake Breakfast after 8 & 10 am Mass
Children's Liturgy & Sunday Nursery – during 10 am Mass

Stewardship: Where Your Treasure Is ...

“The ownership of any property makes its holder a steward of Providence, with the task of making it fruitful and communicating its benefits to others, first of all his family. Goods of production ~ material and immaterial ~ such as land, factories, practical or artistic skills, oblige their possessors to employ them in ways that will benefit the greatest number.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2404-2405). *Catholic Stewardship: Sharing God's Gifts by Colleen Smith.*

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ~ Matthew 6:19-21

Parking Reminder

We have been asked by the City of Mankato to remind parishioners that it is illegal to park in the alley and/or block access for emergency vehicles during Masses on the weekends. This has become an issue of concern in the past few weeks. Please be conscious of where you park so that you do not block the alley in any way. If you do park in the alley or block it in any way, you may be subject to a ticket and towing by the City of Mankato. Please utilize the parking available in the lot behind the Parish Life Center if you are unable to park safely in the lots that surround the church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 14th – 20th

Monday, April 14th, Easter Weekday

8:15 am ☩ Connie, Bill & Jannell Bausch

Tuesday, April 15th, Easter Weekday

8:15 am ☩ Mary Goettl / Special Intention for Vetter Family

Wednesday, April 16th, Easter Weekday

8:15 am ☩ Eleanor Reasner / Tom & Char Giese (42nd Ann.)

Thursday, April 17th, Easter Weekday

8:15 am ☩ Bill Bach

Friday, April 18th, Easter Weekday

8:15 am ☩ Armella Kellen / Vincent Hyde

Saturday, April 19th, Easter Weekday

5:15 pm ☩ Bill Friedrichs / ☩ Archie Menk Family

Sunday, April 20th, 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am ☩ Clifton Fossen
10:00 am ☩ Ruth & Barney Rivers / ☩ Beckie Schroyer
11:30 am ☩ Marilyn F. Schatt

LITURGICAL ROLES for April 19th & 20th

Eucharistic Ministers (need 6-7 each Mass)

5:15 pm Chris Biehn, Karen Dehn, John Fell, Bonnie Gallagher, Michelle Goodrich, Rosemary Graham
8:00 am Donna & Jessica Schaffer, Karon Sheldon, Bill Simonette, Dave & Pat Sullivan
10:00 am Jim Rivers, Lynn Sprague, Tracy Stengel, Jim & Arlene Swanson, Mark & Lynn Turbes
11:30 am Anne Carlson, Ann Coleman, Audrey Esser, Marly Miller, Dwight & Connie Wallin

Gift Bearers

5:15 pm Hick Family 10:00 am Buley Family
8:00 am Kosak Family 11:30 am Southwick Family

Lector

5:15 pm Paul Gaspar 10:00 am Jim Loaney
8:00 am Martha Witte 11:30 am Amy Klugherz

Sacristans

5:15 pm Tom Rogness 10:00 am Lynda Braun
8:00 am Dave Sullivan 11:30 am Julie Laughlin

Mass Servers

5:15 pm Mark Kortuem, Rachel Kuzma, Ryan Leiferman
8:00 am Carlee & Samantha Schaffer, Rachel Schaub
10:00 am Brianna & Brooklyn Pischke, Alexis Stuve
11:30 am Kyle & Nathan Reynolds

Ministers of Hospitality –

5:15 pm Team 3 10:00 am Team 9
8:00 am Team 5 11:30 am Team 13

Nursery during Mass

10 am Mass – Gail & Laura Michaletz

Weekday Eucharistic Minister (April 14-18)

8:15 am Marly Miller

Mankato House Prayer Service (April 17)

3:00 pm Barbara Barrie & Mary Frassel

St. John the Baptist

Generations of Faith

People of Faith Learning Together

PRAYING IN COMMUNITY THE CATHOLIC LITURGY

- **READ THROUGH** the handouts you received at Generations of Faith and identify the different parts of the Mass when you attend this week.
- **LOOK** in the bulletin (remember it's online as well!!) to find the readings for next Sunday – read them over to help you be prepared for next week's Mass.
- If you were unable to be at the sessions last week, pick up the Eucharist Packet and the gift prayer book (one per household please) in the elevator entrance.
- Watch for ways to pray, learn, and serve the Lord through the late spring and summer months!!

Confirmation Preparation – 9th grade Families

Final Session: Wednesday April 23rd

in Matthews Hall

“Together on the Journey”

Learning Centers for Students and Parents

PLUS

Helpful Hints to Prepare for the 10th Grade year over the Summer.

Mark Your Calendars NOW

Let us know (387-6928) if you did NOT receive the information in the mail, or have questions)

Confirmation Follow-Up

Newly Confirmed 10th Grade Students

6:30 – 8:00 pm • Parish Life Center GYM

Chapter 3: Gifted with the Spirit

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

Sunday, April 13, 2008. Join us any time between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. to enjoy a light meal, a tour of the campuses, and an opportunity to visit with students, families, and teachers. Invite new families to check us out!

Good Counsel Campus (145 Good Counsel Drive)

Grades Preschool – 3rd and 9-12

Fitzgerald Campus (110 N. 5th Street)

Grades 4-8

Take time each week for . . .



Breaking Open the Word

4th Sunday of Easter

Week of April 13, 2008

Suggested text for faith sharing:

Today's 2nd Reading from Peter: 1 Peter 2: 20b-25

“By his wounds you were healed.”

Theme: We enter life to the full through Christ.

1. Listen to the Word

What image in this familiar story touches your heart? What do you notice about the characters in this story?

2. Look into Your Life

Question for Children: How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?

Question for Youth: Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

Question for Adults: In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you?

MARRAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

www.SusanVogt.net

"Married life teaches one invaluable lesson: to think of things far enough ahead not to say them." (Jefferson Machamer) What have you said to your spouse that you've regretted? You can't take the words back but it can help you slow down your speech.

PARENTING MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Parenting is most often about caring for your children, but sometimes we become parents to our parents. As the U.S. bishops say "We admire and encourage families who. . . care for an elderly or disabled relative in their homes." (*Follow the Way of Love*) Pray for and support people you know who are parenting on both ends.

A note about Susan Vogt

Susan has worked in diocesan family life education for the Catholic Church and been a consultant with the ecumenical Parenting for Peace and Justice Network for over 30 years. She is editor of the Journal of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM) and content editor for the USCCB website on marriage www.ForYourMarriage.org.