


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.



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

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

ISJ: Bernard Goecke, Steven Regnier, Norbert Hanson, Charlotte Wilder, Kelly Chiet and new daughter

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.

We pray for those who have entered eternal life.

Please continue to pray that we may offer women with difficult pregnancies all the love and support they need.

2008 Annual Diocesan Appeal
“Proclaim Jesus”
 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” ~ Matthew 28:19
 As of April 29, 2008:
Parish Goal: \$58,730
 Amount Pledged: **\$45,075**
 Number of Donors: 271
 Percent of Participation: 21.01%
 Percent of Goal: 76.75%

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



From the Pastor

The feast of the Ascension moves to this Sunday. A few years ago the Bishops of the Midwest decided it was better to celebrate it in our weekend liturgies. So “Ascension Thursday” has become “Ascension Sunday”. This allows us to celebrate it with more people and in a fuller way. So as you come to Mass this Sunday, be mindful of Jesus’ presence in our lives. He was a real presence on earth that changed all of humanity. So we need to be open to how Jesus touches our humanity with His life and love. This we receive and celebrate in the Eucharist. Blessings on your week, Fr. John

Reminder - WEAR RED ON PENTECOST

Next weekend we will celebrate the 50th day of the Easter season, the Solemnity of Pentecost. As a sign of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we encourage you to **WEAR RED to Mass.**

From the Summit Center (for Seniors)

The Summit Center/VINE is a community organization that St. John’s Catholic Church is proud to support with our monthly envelopes and many volunteer workers.

Let’s go Fishing!

Summit is organizing **monthly fishing trips** for older adults again this summer. On Thursday, May 20th they will travel to Sleepy Eye Lake. They will leave the Summit Center at 9 am and return at approximately 3 pm. Cost is \$12 – this includes picnic lunch, transportation fishing guide, life jacket, fishing equipment and bait. Ride on a canopy-covered pontoon boat. You must have a valid MN fishing license if you plan to fish. Call the Summit Center at 345-5262 to sign up.

Free Smoke Detectors for Older Adults

Call Chuck Westermayer at VINE at 387-1666 to schedule a home safety inspection and receive a free smoke detector or a free carbon monoxide detector. VINE wants to help you remain living at HOME SAFE AND SOUND.

Hot Meals on Wheels

Would you or someone you know appreciate having a hot lunch delivered to their home each week day? Call the Hot Meals on Wheels phone line at 387-4076 to sign up. Cost is just \$2.25. Call VINE at 387-1666 if you would like to volunteer to help.

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 27th

Adult Envelopes	\$ 9,809.15	Children’s Envelopes	\$ 11.40
Offertory	\$ 1,200.19	\$1 Youth Envelope	\$ 113.15

St. John’s Young Stewards of Time & Talent

- I cleaned my room,
- I folded laundry,
- I Prayed before bedtime,
- I said thank you without being told to,

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MAKE-UP DAY

A pictorial directory “make-up” day has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 10th for those of you who couldn’t get your pictures taken during the set days. Call the parish office at 625-3131 to schedule a time.



Letter Carriers Food Drive

Mankato-North Mankato Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the US Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food items on Saturday, May 10th to help families in need in our community through the ECHO food shelf. Please place your food donation at your mailbox on May 10th before your letter carrier arrives. For more information call Dave Wortel at 345-4494. Thanks for your help.

CALENDAR OF St. John's Events

Monday, May 5

St. John's Ball Game – See below

Tuesday, May 6

Reminder – Directory Pictures Continue
 Piecemakers – 9 am-3 pm, Matthews Hall
 Social Justice – 4:30 pm, JPII Room
 Worship Committee – 7 pm, JPII Room
 Stewardship Council – 7 pm, Marian Room

Wednesday, May 7

7D8 – 6-8 pm, PLC
 Spirit Singers (adults) – 6:30 pm, Choir Loft

Thursday, May 8

Men's Club Meeting – 7 pm, Parish Library
 Mankato House Mass – 3 pm, at Mankato House
 Marion Prayer Group – 7 pm, Adoration Chapel

Friday, May 9

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

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day
 Sunday Nursery – during 10 am Mass
 NO Sunday Sweets



Come cheer on the team . . .

St. John's Knights of Columbus softball team played its first game on Monday, April 28th. Our opponents were Centenary United Methodist who barely eked out a win against us scoring 23 runs to our 17. Peter "Flash" Bierer showed us he's got some wheels! Fr. Tim "the Intimidator" Biren, in sub-freezing temps, showed his support in the stands by cheering on both teams and the ump! Our next game is **Monday, May 5th at Caswell #6** at 6:15 pm against Hillside Church. Do the wave, cheer for your favorite player, and show your support for the team! We hope to see you there!

**A Stewardship Moment:
 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

"Before Jesus ascended into heaven, his prayer was for his followers: 'In the world.'" The Christian steward's consolation and hope is that Christ is with us, ministering to us, journeying with us, sharing our burdens and rejoicing in our joys. Christ continues to call us; to draw us near to him. How do we respond?" ~ *ICSC Parish Stewardship e-Bulletin * April 2008.*

Stewardship of Health: Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your **daily routine.**

MASS INTENTIONS AND DAILY READINGS

Monday, May 5th – Acts 19: 1-8, John 16: 29-33
 8:15 am ☩ Barbara Erkel

Tuesday, May 6th - Acts 20: 17-27, John 17: 1-11a
 8:15 am Gebhardt Family / ☩ Raymond Shaffer

Wednesday, May 7th - Acts 20:28-38, John 17: 11b-19
 8:15 am ☩ Maril L. Thomas / ☩ Lynn Bisch

Thursday, May 8th – Acts 22: 30,23: 6-11, John 17:20-26
 8:15 am ☩ Jeanne McGuire / ☩ Archie Elbert

Friday, May 9th – Acts 25: 13b-21, John 21:15-19
 8:15 am ☩ Colleen Bleasdell

Saturday, May 10th – Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31, John 21: 20-25
 5:15 pm ☩ Helen Skluzacek / Mary Jane Wandersee Family

Sunday, May 11th – Pentecost
 8:00 am ☩ Dean Anderson / Paul Brockhaus / Colleen Bleasdell
 10:00 am ☩ Armella Kellen / ☩ Eileen Kunkel
 11:30 am Bill Friedrichs / Scott Wilhelm

LITURGICAL ROLES for May 10th & 11th

Eucharistic Ministers (need 6-7 each Mass)

- 5:15 pm Jim & Kathleen Mongeau, Gene Rajtar, Deb Winch, Barb Woodruff, Katy Wortel
- 8:00 am Paul & Karen Harguth, Candice Jensen, Amanda & Donna Kapsner, Pat & Anne Marzinske
- 10:00 am Bruce & Bette Blaisdell, Lynda Braun, Miriam Braunhausen, Vicki Franco, Jerome & Lucille Goblirsch
- 11:30 am Rae Anne Carlson, Ann Coleman, Audrey Esser, Maxine Ganske, Chelsie Glaubitz Ryan Maloney, Nick Meyer

Gift Bearers

- 5:15 pm Kortuem Family
- 8:00 am McLoone Family
- 10:00 am Duden Family
- 11:30 am Southwick Family

Lector

- 5:15 pm Eileen Wadkamper
- 8:00 am Thomas Barten
- 10:00 am Colleen Landkamer
- 11:30 am Les Kohler

Sacristans

- 5:15 pm Bill Kindler
- 8:00 am Mike Denn
- 10:00 am Jack Gustafson
- 11:30 am Amy Klugherz

Mass Servers

- 5:15 pm Zachary Fitterer, Emily Gaspar, Madeline Valentin
- 8:00 am Randy Depuydt, Shane & Sheldon Price
- 10:00 am Riley Buley, Leah Devens, Eleanor Dhuyvetter
- 11:30 am Staranne Malz, Maria Meyer

Ministers of Hospitality –

- 5:15 pm Team 3
- 8:00 am Team 4
- 10:00 am Team 8
- 11:30 am Team 12

Nursery during Mass – May 11

10 am Mass – David & Amy Orcutt

Weekday Eucharistic Minister (May 5-9)

8:15 am Charles Zwisler

Mankato House Mass (May 8)

3:00 pm Helen Ward, Diane & Charles Frost