

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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FEBRUARY 28, 2010 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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CALENDAR OF PARISH ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MASSES 7:00AM 9:00AM 11:00AM			1:30PM MASS THREE OAKS NURSING HOME RAD JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP 2:00PM CCD 6:30-7:30PM LIFETEEN 8:00PM		STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION 2:00PM CONFESSIONS 7:00 - 8:00PM DAY OF ABSTINENCE	MASSES 4:30PM 7:00PM CONFESSIONS 6:15-6:40PM
ST. JOHN'S PARISH MISSION 6:30PM SUNDAY - THURSDAY						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MISSION STATEMENT: *Our mission at St. John the Baptist Parish is to prepare people for the coming of the fullness of God's Kingdom by sharing the Catholic Faith and its tradition.*

PARISH PERSONNEL

Fr. Charles Stoetzel, Pastor 384-3252 ext. 212
 Fr. Victor Feltes, Associate Pastor 384-3252 ext. 213
 Sister Rita Adlkofer, Spiritual Counselor 384-3252 ext. 215
 Lori Salzmann, Finance Office 384-9565 ext. 210
 Richard Hoffmann, DRE 659-4480 ext. 202
 Dan Kitzhaber, Youth Minister 384-4989 ext. 3
 St. John School Office 384-4989 ext. 1
 David Eaton, MACS President 387-1177

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Expectant parents are to participate in the Baptism preparation program. Classes are offered in February, June, and October

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Fridays 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 Saturdays 6:15 - 6:40 PM

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those preparing for serious surgery are to contact the rectory; the shut-ins and elderly contact Sr. Rita.

MASSES

Weekdays 7:00 AM
 Saturdays 4:30 / 7:00 PM
 Sundays 7:00 / 9:00 / 11:00 AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP Call the Rectory Office 384-3252

MASS SCHEDULE / SCRIPTURE READINGS

MON 3/01/10

7:00am Genevieve Eckes
Scripture Readings: Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

TUES 3/02/10

7:00am Mfld. Area Missionary Assn.
Scripture Readings: Is 1:10,16-20

Mt 23:1-12

WED 3/03/10 St. Katherine Drexel

7:00am Conrad Kaiser
8:00am Pauline Trierweiler
Scripture Readings: Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

THUR 3/04/10 Casimer

7:00am Patricia Weinfurthner
6:30pm Priest's Intention
Scripture Readings: Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

FRI 3/05/10

7:00am Donald and Leona Aschenbrenner
Scripture Readings: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43,45-46

SAT 3/06/10

Scripture Readings: Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Third Sunday of Lent

4:30pm Tom Kmiec
7:00pm Kathleen Fure

SUN 3/07/10

7:00am Raymond J. Felton
9:00am Peter and Olive Weigel Family
11:00am St. John the Baptist and Christ the King Parish Families
Scripture Readings: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 1 Cor 10:6,10-12
Lk 13:1-9

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 6 & 7

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel
7:00pm Nancy Haferman
7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech
9:00am Dorothy Flees
11:00am Josh Dick

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

4:30pm Joan Raschke/Charles Rentmeester/Shari Smazal
Helen Stockheimer
7:00pm Jim & Kathy Doebereiner/Nancy Immerfall
Jane Lamermayer
7:00am Pat & Gail Guldán/Sara Henrichs/Glenn Linzmeier
9:00am Donald Hansen/Jill Hiller/Carol Jonas/Jean Kaiser
Michele Kaiser/Bernard & Donna Knoeck/Linda Lewer
11:00am Ann Kundinger/Richard Podsiadlik/Bob Purkapile
Ellen Roehrborn

SERVERS

4:30pm Amanda Merrill/Karen Scheuer
7:00pm Caylen Conner/Jennifer Schmitz
7:00am Laura Guldán/Elizabeth Manlick
9:00am Sarah Nemitz/Elizabeth Pischel
11:00am Charlie Mayeux/Zechariah Kitzhaber

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm **Open** 7:00am **Open**
7:00pm **Open** 9:00am Adult Choir/Kris Herr
11:00am **Open**

WEEK DAY SERVERS March 1 - 5 Ray Alt

FUNERAL SERVERS March 1 - 6

Don Schnitzler/Bernie Knoeck/Ron O'Brien

AREA EVENTS

Sat-Mar 6: St. James All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner - Vesper, 4:00-6:30pm at KC Hall. Sponsored by Catholic Knights Branch 11.

Sun-Mar 7: Knights of Columbus Bingo, 6:00pm at KC Hall.

Sun-Mar 7: Relay For Life Breakfast - Eagles 8:00am-12:noon.

Thurs-Mar 11: Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30pm K.C. Hall.

Sun-Mar 14: Sacred Heart Parish Sheephead Card Party - Mfld 1:00-4:00pm in Toeller Hall. Lunch & prizes.

Fri-Mar 26: Christian Skate Night - Melody Gardens. 7:30-10:00pm.

To place a prayer request on the St. John Prayer Chain, please call Shirley 384-3613 and Gail 384-4474 (there are 2 lists). For information about the Prayer Chain or anyone interested in becoming a part of the Prayer Chain as a "prayer" please call Patti McCormick, 387-4635.

If you have not picked up your children's envelopes from the back of church, please do so immediately. The remaining envelopes will soon be removed from church.

Lent Come and See Day "Behold, I make all things new." Saturday, March 20th, 2010 from 9:30am-4:00pm girls in 4th - 6th grade are invited to learn about prayer and the Consecrated Life. Mater Redemptoris Convent, 3730 East Avenue South, La Crosse, WI 54601. No cost - donations accepted. Bring the following: A Bible, rosary, clothes for in and outdoor activities and an open heart for Our Lord! Please contact Sister M. Stephania for registration and permission forms or if you have questions on the House of Formation Convent: 608-788-4530, Office: 608-791-2690 or e-mail: snewell@dioceseoflacrosse.com

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary Information Weekend: Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. - Monday, March 8, 2010 after lunch for young men of high school (15+) or college age to visit Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. The visits are three days in length from Friday to Sunday. On Monday you can attend some classes with the seminarians. Come for all or part of the visit. Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary is on the campus of St. Mary University in Winona, Minnesota.

John Paul the Great Young Adult Discernment Retreat March 5th-7th, The Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI "Open your hearts wide to God, let yourselves be astonished by Christ." -Pope Benedict XVI Adoration, time for prayer & reflection, fellowship, music, & games. "If you are able to open your hearts and minds willingly, you will discover your vocation, the plan that God in his love has designed for you." -Pope John Paul II For more info contact: Phil Lawson (715)344-6115 or Lawsphil@gmail.com

Boy Scout Troop 385 is selling Fr. Meuret's Cinnamon Rolls. Pick up your order after Mass. There is a limited supply of rolls available for those who did not pre-order. Stop after Mass and see what is available.

A Natural Family Planning (NFP) Three Class Series will be offered at St Joseph Hospital St. Joseph Conference Rooms in Marshfield from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on the following Tuesdays - March 16th, March 30th, & April 13th. To register or to obtain more info visit the NFP website at www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/nfp or call the Natural Family Planning Office at 1-800-255-6226.

Upcoming dates for the Married Love: Two Becoming One marriage preparation seminar in Marshfield are March 6 and April 16-17, 2010. Engaged couples should first contact their priest, then plan to attend the seminar at least 6 months prior to their wedding. Space is limited, and registration deadline is two weeks prior to the program. Questions? Contact Jodi Arrowood, 486-1255 or arrowood@tznnet.com.

MACS - Gift Card Updates May 1, 2009 - February 22, 2010 our parishes have earned a total of \$1285.96. Parish earnings are: St. Michael's: \$7.85; Sacred Heart: \$279.58; Our Lady of Peace: \$410.57; St. John the Baptist: \$587.96. If you have any questions about the Gift Card Program, please contact Teresa or Erica at giftcard@mfldacs.net or 715-387-1177 ext 219.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This Sunday begins the parish mission at St. John's. I am very happy that we have Fr. Richard Hart, OFM Cap, as the director. The sessions will be every evening at 6:30 pm Sunday through Thursday.

I invite parishioners from both parishes to take part in the mission. It is a good time for renewal for all us especially in the Lenten Season. All too often we make excuses not to take time for spiritual renewal and it is our own fault. Remember how Jesus would go to secluded places to be in prayer with his Heavenly Father. He wanted to be away from people and things that distracted him to be with his Father.

Please come to pray, relax and be secluded with God in prayer. It makes a whole lot of difference when we make time to be with Him whom we want to be with for all eternity.

Fr. Stoetzel

EDUCATION

St. John Catholic Book Club In March 2010, we will read "Hail, Holy Queen" by Scott Hahn, and in April, we will discuss a true case involving the seal of confession, "The Seal, A Priest's Story" by Timothy Mockaitis. Questions? Call Mari Bohman at 384-3919.

New Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's is available for your use, we have ordered many new titles. you may use these CD's to supplement your Lenten planning. These new titles are chosen to help you in making changes in your everyday life. Questions? You may call Mari Bohman at 384-3919.

Lent 2010 - Four great booklets are available for your Lenten journey, located in the main entry way of the Church for a \$1.00 donation. A page a day will help guide you to a truly Holy and blessed Easter.

Catholic Adventure Camp June 20-25. This is for teens currently in grades 6-12. Crosswoods Christian Adventure Camp, located south of Ashland, has been reserved for the Diocese of LaCrosse! The total cost will be about \$375 for youth and \$195 for adults. Signup soon. This life-changing opportunity is available to the first 50 students with a down payment of \$50. Financial help is available. If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber 384-4989 x3, 659-4480 x4 or yministry@verizon.net

Young Adult New York City Mission Trip June 12-17 Young adults 18 and older will experience life in the big apple with the Friars! We will spend a week living and working with a Franciscan order who ministers to the poor and to youth. There will be sightseeing opportunities. This awesome eye-opening opportunity is limited to 18. Please sign up quickly with a deposit of \$50; total cost will be about \$75 + airfare. For more information, please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber 384-4989 ext#3 or 659-4480 ext #4

Steubenville North Conf. 7/30-8/1 If you are looking for a place to get fired up, recharged, energized, and focused on your Catholic Faith, consider the Steubenville North Conference. You will experience awesome speakers, challenging workshops, exciting entertainment, fantastic music, incredible prayer time and small group discussions. The conference is held on the St. Thomas campus in St. Paul, Minnesota where you will be joining 2,000 teens for the weekend. This incredible experience is for teens currently in 8-12th grade. To join the group going from Colby July 31-Aug. 2 contact Kris Seefeld for registration details or with questions. 223-4931 or Seefeld@tznnet.com Cost \$200.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Joseph's Table - Food Collection will be held from March 13th - March 22nd. Please bring only non-perishable food items. Paper products (Towels, tissues, toilet tissue, etc.) are also needed. Please place donations by the St. Joseph altar. These items will be distributed to the needy of the parish, and also shared with St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

The May - August Schedules for Lectors and Communion Ministers will soon be finalized. If you wish to make changes to your scheduled time or Mass, Please call Jeff & Barb Schultz at 387-0144 before Friday March 12th.

Fr. Feltes is working on the May - August Altar Server schedule. If you need to make changes to your scheduled time or Mass, Please contact Fr. Feltes at 384-3252 ext. 213 and leave a detailed message with name and phone number, before Friday March 12th.

The Sign of Peace and Holy Communion under both species will return the weekend beginning March 6th-7th. This is the plan unless the regular and H1N1 flues are strong. If so, we will hold off until the flue season has subsided.

Hospitality Sunday - St. John's Family Life Committee invites you to join fellow parishioners Sunday, March 7th after the 9:00am Mass at the back of church near the Brides room for fellowship and refreshments of bagels, muffins, coffee and juice. For more info, call Lori at 387-0244.

Baked Items Needed - Volunteers are needed to provide cookies and bars for the reception following the nightly Mission Service. Donations are needed Sunday-Thursdays (February 28th-March 4th). You may drop off your treats in the Columbia Room before the service. Any questions please call Linda Egner 384-4618. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

St. John the Baptist Parish Mission "Sharing The Good News" will be held Sunday, February 28th - Thursday, March 4th 2010. Fr. Richard Hart, O.F.M., Capuchin, will lead us on the mission journey. A Parish Mission is an opportunity to let go of our fast-paced lives for an hour each day. With our church community, we will reflect on our life journeys ~ where we have been, and where we are going. We will renew our love for God, neighbor, and self. Listed below is the Mission Schedule and theme for each day:

Sunday, February 28th at 6:30PM - "What is the treasure we share?"

Monday, March 1st at 6:30PM - "Too good a secret to be kept."

Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30PM - "Do you love me?"

Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:30PM - "Are we a forgiving community?"

Thursday, March 4th at 6:30PM - "A work that cannot fail."

Weekend Masses - Father Richard will preach at all of the weekend Masses on February 27th and 28th, 2010.

Morning Mass - will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00AM. A short homily will be presented on the day's theme. Refreshments will follow in the Columbia Room.

Evening Services - Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, will begin at 6:30PM, consisting of prayer and a talk. After the talk, there is an optional informal presentation video and discussion led by Father Richard and followed by a reception in the Columbia Room.

Reconciliation Service - will take place Wednesday evening at 6:30PM. Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Confession.

Closing mass - will be celebrated on Thursday at 6:30 PM. A free-will offering gift will be collected for Father Richard Hart. A reception will follow Immediately in the Columbia Room.

We invite family and friends to attend all or part of the mission journey. Yes, everyone is very busy ~ all the time. Consequently, our spiritual wells "run dry." But if we let go of our "busyness" in order to spend a bit of time with God, our wells can be filled again. We may even be surprised how God is working in our lives.

Family bibles are available at the rectory for \$30 (\$99 value).