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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. Jim Weighner, Pastor 715-384-3252 ext. 2
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Masses

Weekdays 7 a.m.
Saturdays 8 a.m. / 4:30 p.m.
Sundays 7 a.m. / 9 a.m. / 11 a.m.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED



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. Contact the parish office for details.

Sacrament of Penance

First & Third Fridays 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Those preparing for serious surgery are to contact the Rectory Office at 715-384-3252.

Parish Membership

Call the Rectory Office at 715-384-3252

MASS SCHEDULE**MON 1/11/21**

7:00am Sylvester Wilhelm

Scripture Readings: Heb 1:1-6

Mk 1:14-20

TUES 1/12/21

7:00am Marian Langreck

Scripture Readings: Heb 2:5-12

Mk 1:21-28

WED 1/13/21 St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Jerome Kirsch

Scripture Readings: Heb 2:14-18

Mk 1:29-39

THUR 1/14/21

7:00am Catherine Vogt

Scripture Readings: Heb 3:7-14

Mk 1:40-45

FRI 1/15/21

7:00am Adam Leonard

Scripture Readings: Heb 4:1-5; 11

Mk 2:1-12

SAT 1/16/21

8:00am Mark Staab

Scripture Readings: Heb 4:12-16

Mk 2:13-17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Carole Loughlin

SUN 1/17/21

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Fred Scheppler family

9:00am St. John the Baptist Parish Families

11:00am Mary Alice Stangl

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a
Jn 1:35-42

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**January 16th & 17th 2021****LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am Ellen Roehrborn

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm Susan Jahr

7:00am Barbara Barrett

9:00am Jill Hiller

11:00am Michael Clubb

SERVERS4:30pm **Open / Open**

7:00am Koffee Hansen / Ava Rootellis

9:00am Lily & Neil Adler

11:00am Audrey & Luke Clubb

Music Minister

4:30pm Suzanne Golden

7:00am **Open**9:00am **Open**

11:00am Ruby Pinter / Linda Degenhardt

Confessions are held on Saturday mornings after the 8:00am Mass and on the first & third Fridays of each month beginning at 6:00pm.**FUNERAL SERVERS** January 11th - January 16th, 2021

Ardell Klein / Bernie Knoeck / Denny Loughlin / Dan Mroz

At this time we are looking for more men to assist as funeral servers. Never served before? No worries! We have willing and experienced servers to train you. Please call the parish office to inquire.

Weekday Mass Servers: We are looking for a couple of men to sign on as weekday Mass servers so that we can rotate one day a week or even once every other week if we get enough volunteers! If you are able to attend morning Mass, and would like to help out, please call the parish office at 715-384-3252.**Monday** - Glenn Linzmeier**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler**Wednesday** - Dan Flees**Thursday** - Ray Housworth**Friday** - Mike Spencer**Saturday** - Nick & Kolbe Landwehr*"The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism."***St. Ambrose****STEWARDSHIP - December 2020**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$79,907.43
Parish Improvement	\$1688.00
ACH	<u>\$13,357.00</u>
Month to Date	\$94,952.43
Amount Needed Month of December	\$126,091.00
Christmas Giving	\$26,178.00

STEWARDSHIP - JANUARY 2nd - 3rd, 2021

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$14,882.00
Parish Improvement	<u>\$80.00</u>
Month to Date	\$14,902.00
Amount Needed Month of January	\$56,446.00

To have a prayer added to St. John's Prayer Chain, please call Shirley 715-384-3613 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists). If you would like to become a member of the prayer chain, please call Jane Gerend at 715-387-2019 or Ann Bohnert at 715-389-2726.**Children's Envelopes:** We have a number of boxes available. If you would like your child to have their own 2021 envelopes for tithing, they will be available in the entranceway of the Church.**The schedule for Masses at St. John's in 2022 is ready. 2021 is full.** If you want to have Mass intentions scheduled, please contact the parish office. Please keep in mind that it might happen that a Mass will have to be cancelled now and then depending upon the availability of a priest to cover. **Also**, we have started a list of Mass Intentions for the Priests on their day's off. These are private Masses. If you have an intention you would like to be said more quickly, call the office at 715-384-3252.**Mass Intentions:** If you would like a Mass intention for a loved one, and would like it soon, there is an opportunity to do so. Now that St. John's has two priests one often offers a private Mass. Please call the parish office or send in your intention with the stipend of \$10 if you would like to submit a name for one of these private Masses.**Shawl Ministry:** A 3rd donation of free yarn is being offered to Prayer Shawl Ministry. I will put the yarn in the bride's room for anyone to help themselves. Lori Greenwald 715-387-0244 contact person.**Adoration:** Find Peace and Joy in the radiating love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Available adoration hours at John Paul II Adoration Chapel are: Mon. at noon, Tues. from 2-3 & 4-5pm, Thurs. from 7-8am, Sat. from 8-9am, 2-3pm, 7-8pm. Please contact Jean, 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray, 715-207-6085.**The 4 Committees** will meet on Mon., Jan. 11th beginning at 6pm. Meet as follows: Family Life in the Teacher's Lounge, Sacred Worship & Social Justice in Schuh Hall, and Education in the Library.**Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021.** As of January 5th, we have 398 donors and a total of **\$101,617.00** pledged toward our goal of \$136,700.00. We still need \$35,083.00 to reach our goal so we ask that if you have never given to this appeal, please consider to help our parish this year! **At this time we thank** Hubert Pischel / Kevin & Melissa Pittsley / Catherine Poehnelt / Brian & Kathy Prust / Bob Purkapile / Ed & Joan Purkis / Paul & Lori Rasmussen / Kurt & Anna Revolinski / Kathy Richardson / Dorothy Rottscheit / Lee & Dolores Schmidt / Doris Schreindl / Perry & Karen Schultz / Mike & Sherri Spencer / Linda Strenger / John & Suzanne Voros / Paul & Lynetta Zimmermann / Sylvester & Mary Jane Weis / Dennis & Darlene Rhodes / Jack & Audrey Aply / Bernadine Baltus / Joyce Bauer / Greg Doll / Rita Hasenohrl / Karl & Cathy Zimmermann

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Questions about the Eucharist

As we enter into Ordinary Time, we take the opportunity to look at some of the Truths surrounding the Holy Eucharist.

1. What is the Holy Eucharist?

The Eucharist is a sacrament, a sacrifice, and a sacred banquet. As a sacrament, the invisible made visible, Our Savior Jesus Christ is entirely present; body and blood, soul and divinity. He offers Himself in sacrifice to the Father, and is received as spiritual nourishment, or a sacred banquet, for us.

The word "Eucharist" means thanksgiving. Our Lord in a most special way gave thanks to the Father as He offered himself. Moreover, the Eucharistic sacrifice is the most excellent means we have of expressing our thanks to God, and celebration of the Eucharist is how we, as Catholics, fulfill Jesus' command at the Last Supper: *'Do this in Memory of me'*.

2. Why is the Eucharist the center of Catholic life?

The Eucharist is the center of Catholic life because Christ is the center of all our life. In this sacrament Christ gives Himself totally, that we might participate in his sacrifice, share His life and be bound together in His mystical body.

3. When did Christ institute the Eucharist?

Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper with his apostles on the night before He died for us. "He took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, *'Take and eat, this is My body'*" (Matt. 26.26). Taking a cup of wine, he said: *"This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood"* (Luke 22.20). Finally, he commanded the apostles to do as He had done: that through His priests He might offer the perfect sacrifice to the Father for all time.

By offering this first Eucharistic sacrifice at the time of the paschal feast, Jesus indicated the fulfillment of the promises symbolized by the first Passover. Through the sacrifice of the cross, he redeemed the whole human race from the slavery of sin and made it possible for all to come to the Promised Land of heaven.

4. Was the Eucharist celebrated in the early Church?

Yes. In describing the life of the early Church, writers of that time gave special attention to the Eucharist as the community's essential celebration. It signified, and kept most real, the presence of Christ in the community. St. Luke says of the first Christians in Jerusalem: they *"devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers"* (Acts 2.42).

5. Why do we call the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist a "real presence"?

Jesus is present to the Church in many ways as she believes, prays, and does works of mercy. He is present in the activity of bishops and priests of the Church when they preach God's word, govern His people, and administer His sacraments. But in speaking of the "real presence" in the Eucharist we are recalling that this is the fullest and most rich presence of Jesus. In the Eucharist, he is present body and bread, soul and divinity.

"Instructed in these matters and certain in faith that what seems to be bread is not bread — though it tastes like it — but rather the Body of Christ, and that what seems to be wine is not wine — though it seems so to the taste — but the Blood of Christ ... strengthen your heart by receiving this Bread as spiritual food and gladden the countenance of your soul" (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)

6. Is Christ's presence in the Eucharist lasting?

Yes. The change that occurs when Christ becomes sacramentally present in the Eucharist is an enduring change. This teaching is what we as Catholics call transubstantiation, that the very substance of the Eucharist is changed, so it is no longer the bread and wine, but the Body and Blood of Christ. Some of our Christian brothers and sisters teach consubstantiation, or the idea that the Eucharist is tied to the local community, or it remains bread and wine, while assuming the body and blood of Christ for only a short time. However, we hold that after the consecration Jesus remains bodily present.

7. Should Christ be worshipped in the Eucharist?

Yes. At the consecration Christ becomes present to us. There He offers Himself to the Father, renewing in our midst the saving sacrifice of the cross, and he remains permanently with us in this sacrament, ever to be worshipped in this mystery. Such worship is expressed in many ways in Catholic devotion: in genuflections, in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, in private visits to the Blessed Sacrament, in Eucharistic processions or at a perpetual adoration chapel in addition to others. All these forms of worship are appropriate responses to the immense gift of Christ's Eucharistic presence in our midst.

God bless,

Fr. Jim



We welcome this new family to St. John's:

Michael & Madalyn Field

Our sympathy to the families of:

Charles Brinkman & Ruth Cherney

*"May the Souls of Charles & Ruth
and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen"*



Diaconate Discernment Retreat Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church — preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Altoona on February 27th, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, at bhilts@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group Week 1: Join us Wednesday morning at 6am in Dillenberg Hall as we launch our spring semester of *That Man is You!* -- *All Things New*. We will begin with no breakfast and a 6:50 finish time like fall, and make adjustments through the spring as conditions allow.



We keep in memory and prayer the following people during this Christmas season.

Their names were not in last weekend's bulletin as they came in after the printing of the bulletin. So we remember: Lawrence Kunze / Ivan Kronberger / Jack Lang / Gabriel Borchardt / Erv Folz / Ward & Verlene Hebert / Alan Esser / Tricia Weis / Alvin Johnston / John Zeidler / Sheila Parsley / Elizabeth Immerfall / Joh Immerfall / LaVerne Immerfall / Joseph & Anna Hofmann / Alex B. Maxinoski / James W. Wilcott / Henry & Doris Gadke / The families of John Sr. & Caroline Breu / Everton Barker / Mitchell Bryant / Dorothy & Anthony Miller and Clarence Kelley



Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines For Reporting Instances of Child Abuse.

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by a priest or deacon. Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to: Bishop William P. Callahan at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. The form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse, Office for Clergy; or on the diocesan website at: www.dioceseoflacrosse.com **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People", please contact Fr. David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004 or call 1-608-791-2689 or email dkunz@dioceseoflacrosse.com

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