



Saint John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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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 1/4/21** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:00am Lillian Rehlinger

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6

Mt 4:12-17

TUES 1/5/21 St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:00am Fr. Lawrence Gerend

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

WED 1/6/21 St. Andre Bessette, Religious

7:00am William Krainz

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

THUR 1/7/21 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

7:00am Mike Blackwood

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4

Lk 4:14-22a

FRI 1/8/21

7:00am Margaret Kraus

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

SAT 1/9/21

8:00am Leona Kraemer

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

The Baptism of the Lord

4:30pm Leonard Seebruck

SUN 1/10/21

7:00am Betty Trudeau

9:00am Patti Herr

11:00am St. John the Baptist Parish Families

Scripture Readings: Is 42:1-4,6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mk 1:7-11

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LITURGICAL MINISTERSJanuary 9th & 10th 2021**LECTORS**

4:30pm Jeff Schultz

7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft

9:00am Rita Blenker

11:00am Danielle Rummels

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Pam Alt

9:00am Dan or Dorothy Flees

11:00am Ellen Roehrborn

SERVERS4:30pm **Open / Open**

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Abigail Schuld

9:00am Sydney & Rylee Mauritz

11:00am Emmett Luther / Nolan Frane

Music Minister4:30pm **Open**7:00am **Open**9:00am **Open**11:00am **Open**

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 4th - January 9th, 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 - David Gouin**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler**Wednesday** - Dan Flees**Thursday** - Ray Housworth**Friday** - Dennis Spencer**Saturday** - Nick & Kolbe Landwehr

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

St John Chrysostom

The beautiful flowers that decorate our Church at this time and throughout the Christmas season are here because of the love and generosity of many people. Thank you! The following are remembered in prayer and thanksgiving:

Edmund & Mary Heintz / John & Theresa Heintz / Leo & Marian Fochs / Richard Higgs / Tom Frueh / Richard Knutson / Richard Karl / Louis & Helen Ress / Lawrence & Helen Strupp / Jason Strupp / Dolores Wisneski / Emily Carlson / James Hasenohrl / Frank Falteisek / Carl & Florence Penker / Sylvester & Grace Kubs / John & Betty Hartl / Joyce Spencer / Melvin Spencer / Harold & Elizabeth Spencer / Donald & Lauri Ann Schnitzler / Joseph Bugni / Charlotte Bugni / Timothy Osterbrink / Patrick Osterbrink, Sr. / Joseph & Pauline Fuchs / Joe V. Fuchs / Rudy Zinthefer / Marion Winkler / George Winkler / Alphonse & Leona Diers, Sr. / Robert Rank / Janice Rank / Felix & Harriet Losiewicz / Fr. John Tulko, O.F.M. / Frank Wilder / Rita Souza / All Souls / Tom, Chad & Rebecca Pernsteiner / John & Cathryn Marx / John & Theresa Marx / Nancy VanDerLeest / Pete & Catherine Weber / Andrew Hornick / Cindy Martin / Victor Freund / Lawrence & Marian Caelwaerts / Robert & Eunice Potts / Jinny Lamermayer / Marcia Schoessow / Ralph Reinwand / Bud, Ruth, Mark & Mary / John Altmann / Fr. Robert Altmann / James & Violet Hansen / John & Regina Lang / Aloysius & Genevieve Michalik / Jodi Blenker / Francis & Dorothy Klein / Alfred & Grace Guldán / Chester & Margaret Ably / Wilder & Isabelle Kennow / Cyril & Helen Scheuer / Rodney Kennow / Gordon Rogers / Rod Smith / Ed & Laurie Dumas / Floyd & Arvilla DeJarlais / Earl & Adeline Burr / John & Marie Weber / Sylvester & Dorothy Gessert / Maynard & Violet Rhodes / Jay & Magdeline Carpenter / Glenn & Helen Hughes / John & Otila Willfahrt / Norman & Margret Manlick / Nicholas Gadke / Bob & Leberta Payne / Brittany Sue Zimmermann / Mary Jane Zimmermann / Bill & Yvonne Petkovsek / Helen Nikolay / David Kunderling / Harry & Dorothy VanDerLeest / Caroline Robus / Mr. & Mrs. Harold Reigel / Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wilhelm / Charles & Sophia Weiler / Cliff & Francis Faucher / Gene, Joyce & Jeff weiler / Herb Rodman, Jr. / Marvin Hardinger / William & Annabelle McKenna / Carol Sirko / Joseph & Iva Lang / Lindsay Dick Zuelke / Rose Huser / Jacob & Marion Dick / Harold & Marge Ring / Diane Rank / Eugene & Barb Daniel / Herb Schneider / Betty Guden / Carol Hoese / Henrietta Gundlack / Don & Norb Hoese / Norbert, Grace, James, & Clarence Pongratz / Ronald, Randy & Bonnie Rehlinger / Robert, Marie & Raymond Kelly / Frank & Bernadine Palma / John Brandt / Elmer Seitz / Elizabeth Seitz / Dorothy Seitz / Larry Sadowska / Bernard Kroening / Fred Bradley / Frank & Margaret Resch / Helen Dums / Anthony & Violet Stockheimer / Ernest & Annette Raschke / Leo & Mert Schulte / Frank & Martha Derfus / Cecelia Felton / Raymond Felton / Theodore Zondlo / Linus & Bob Brandt / Walter & Lucille Hebert / Ted & Dorothy Lescynski / Roger Kyle / Floyd Heinze / Bill Drexler / Fred & Marie Heinze / Nancy Bauer / A & O Kramer / Charles & Anna Drexler

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In memory & honor of: Deceased Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Sisters of the Diocese of La Crosse / Present Priests of St. John's ~ **In honor of** Sr. Rita and Sr. Barbara

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

MOTHER TERESA ON GOD'S THIRST FOR YOU:

Mother Teresa wrote a letter to her "spiritual family" dated March 25, 1993, asking the question, "Why does Jesus say 'I Thirst'? What does it mean? "Something so hard to explain in words." Mother Teresa went on to write, "He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. When not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes—He is the one who always accepts you." Mother Teresa continues, "The devil may try to use the hurts of life, and sometimes our own mistakes—to make you feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you, is really cleaving to you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you. Not only that He loves you, but even more—He longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close."

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

I thought the above is a good guide for New Year's Resolutions, something we are all familiar with. When making resolutions, it is important to recall we are not only material beings, but spiritual as well. Getting into better shape, becoming better at organization, giving up a bad habit such as smoking or taking on a new hobby are all good things. But if this is the end of our resolution, we fail to address a critical truth of our being. It is not as if we are half material and half spiritual, we are fully both. This is why, for example, when we have a toothache, it is not just the tooth that is impacted. If I am in pain with a toothache, my patience, my attention span and my sunny disposition can all go down the drain. So don't give up on these resolutions, but pair them with a spiritual resolution as well. Below are some ideas to get you started. This is far from an all-encompassing list, just offered to help us think along these lines.

Reading sacred scripture: The Diocese of La Crosse has a plan in place to read the Bible through in a year's time. This is not as daunting as it might seem, but does require a plan, not just a desire. Using a journal Bible or gathering with some friends to read together or discuss what you are reading may keep us motivated. Reading it in a year's time might be an attainable goal, but there is nothing sacred about that time frame. Go at your pace, but have a pace.

Pray: Although reading Sacred Scripture can be prayer in itself, it is not necessarily so. Take some time to pray. Some good books on prayer or searching the internet on Catholic prayer and devotion may help. Another prayer for Catholic Christians is the daily Sacrifice of the Mass. Perhaps this is the year to add a daily Mass to your routine. If you cannot make it a weekly habit, consider once a month. As a side note, Pope Francis, in *Patris Corde*, has called for a year dedicated to St. Joseph. The 19th of each month, in addition to the regular feast days of devotion to St. Joseph, are set aside as special days for intercession and indulgences. Putting a reminder on your calendars now for the 19th of each month to attend Mass would be a great way to honor the foster father of our Lord throughout the coming year.

Listening to good music or reading inspirational books: It is so easy to slip into a routine rather than following an intentional program for our lives. One way to remain focused on the intentional drive is to reinforce this with quality music or inspirational reading. These take effort to find and attain the music or books in whatever media we like. They could be CD's or MP3's, a hard copy of a book or kindle editions for all of the above. Again, it is the intention that is the motivating factor. So much more: These are simply some ways to start thinking on resolutions that will build the entire person, and is far from all-inclusive. Planning a family meal, getting a source of movies for the family, inviting a friend, neighbor or family member to come to Mass with you or discovering a new Saint or devotion to practice. Any of these and more can help the growth of our spiritual side going along with our physical improvement.

I will close with a word of caution; pick only one or two areas to work on, as with the physical, overloading on the spiritual can be a cause of failing. Don't listen to the lies of Satan; we all fail at some point. He likes to make us feel total failures if we do follow through in spiritual matters, but that is not the case. When we grow physically, we stretch muscles, and may over-exert and end up with a strained muscle. We can get a strained spiritual muscle as well. The way to heal and strengthen this muscle is not to abandon the program, but perhaps a readjustment to the program may be required.

God's blessings for a bountiful 2021.

Fr Jim

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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).

Sunday Mass & Healing Service: St. Matthew's in Wausau will celebrate Sunday Mass followed by communal and individual prayer for health and healing on Sunday, January 10th at 3:30pm. Confessions available prior to Mass from 2pm until 3:25pm.

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.

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, Director of the Office for the Diaconate 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.

Young Adults: There will be a gathering for all young adults (high school graduates age 19) on Saturday, January 9th, at Powers Bluff Park to go tubing from 1-4pm (weather permitting). Cost is \$10 per person. For those wanting to carpool, we will meet outside St. John's and depart at 12:30pm. Please email Michael if you plan on attending. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive updates about our monthly meetings and other events, please contact Michael Iwanski at michaeliwanski38@gmail.com.

Adoration: Give yourself the gift of the radiate love of Jesus in adoration! JP II Chapel has openings! Tues. from 4-5pm, Wed. from 5-6am, Sat. from 8-9am, 10-11am, 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm, 7-8pm, and Sun. from 8-9am. Please contact Jean, 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray, 715-207-6085.

Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group: Our Spring Semester of That Man is You! will begin on Wednesday, January 13th. Plan to join us Wednesday mornings in Dillenberg Hall (at Our Lady of Peace) for 13 weeks of powerful, brand new content.

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 December 23rd, we have 391 donors and a total of **\$98,642.00** pledged toward our goal of \$136,700.00. We are hoping to reach our goal before the end of the year so we ask that if you have not yet sent in your pledge card, please do so soon. If you have never given to this appeal, please consider to help our parish this year! **At this time we thank** Francis & Connie Manlick / Jerold & Annette Manlick / Josh & Kisanne Mauritz / Dan & Jill Maxinoski / Patricia McDonald / James & Bernice Mercer / Bonnie Meyer / Carol Morgan / Mark & Karen Nowak / Janet Pecher / Margie Rank / Hubert Pischel / Kevin & Melissa Pittsley / Catherine Poehnhelt / 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

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