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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 2/1/21**

7:00am Bucky Bohman

Scripture Readings: Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

TUES 2/2/21 The Presentation of the Lord

7:00am Donna Meyer-Frane

Scripture Readings: Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

WED 2/3/21 St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

7:00am Melissa Elderbrook

Scripture Readings: Heb 12:4-7; 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

THUR 2/4/21

7:00am Louise Herr

Scripture Readings: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Mk 6:7-13

FRI 2/5/21 St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

7:00am Jane Guldán

Scripture Readings: Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

SAT 2/6/21 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am Margaret McHugh

Scripture Readings: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Living & deceased members of the Lawrence Strupp family

SUN 2/7/21

7:00am Margaret Weigel

9:00am St. John the Baptist Parish Families

11:00am Living & deceased members the Henry & Anna Rehlinger family

Scripture Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**February 6th & 7th, 2021****LECTORS**

4:30pm Bryan Pischel

7:00am Laurel Rudolph Kniech

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am Danielle Rummells

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm Shirley Pritzl

7:00am Lori Greenwald

9:00am Cheryl Schmidt

11:00am Kim Rybicki

SERVERS4:30pm **Open / Open**

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Abigail Schuld

9:00am Maverick & Dakota Hannasch

11:00am Brenden & Grace Clubb

Music Minister

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am Cathy Heuer

9:00am Cathy Heuer

11:00am Cathy Heuer

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** February 1st - February 6th, 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**STEWARDSHIP - THROUGH JANUARY 24th, 2021**

Adult / Youth / Plate \$53,670.80

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ACH \$13,399.00

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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).**Thank you!** In the name of Fr. Jim and Fr. Williams I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Holy Communion Ministers for their faithfulness and commitment in bringing Holy Communion to the homebound parishioners of the parish. Come rain or shine, snow or ice they have gone out in loving service to the elderly and homebound members of the parish. Thank you so much for all you do. If anyone else is interested in joining the team, please contact the rectory. Sister Rita**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.**Frassati Young Adult Group:** There will be a gathering for all young adults (high school graduates through age 39) on Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 6:30pm. We will meet in St. Francis Hall at St. John's school for game night. Feel free to bring your favorite game! Masks are required in the school. 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.**Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group Week 17:** This Wednesday at 6am in Dillenber Hall we have a second session on the great St. Joseph, this time by Dr. Mark Miravalle.**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.**Save the Date!** February 20, 2021 Virtual Men's Lenten Retreat: We will have a Virtual Lenten Retreat for Men talking about looking to St. Joseph as a model for being a great husband and father. The retreat will feature speakers Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen.**Father - Daughter Date Night: Sat., Feb. 6th** Rather than canceling the annual Father-Daughter Dance, we would like to offer the opportunity for fathers and their daughters to have a special date night at home. Due to COVID-19 we will not be able to have the traditional dinner & dance. However, in person professional photos by Paul Tishim will be available. You must sign up to reserve a photo timeslot. Price includes 5x7 photo, "to-go" cupcakes and activity packets. For more information, e-mail nicki.kitchner@gmail.com**Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021.** As of January 25th, we have **426** donors and a total of **\$113,452.00.00** pledged toward our goal of \$136,700.00. **We still need \$23,248.00.** Last year a total of 509 people donated to the annual appeal. It is our hope that we at least match that number; but better yet that we exceed the number of donors that gave last year. Please consider helping by sending in your pledge card. No amount is too small! **At this time we thank** Richard Podsiadlik / James & Jenny Sternweis / Andrew & Carol Wanta / Tom & Susan Youngwith / David & Mandy Alcott / Barb Barrett / Mary Bunge / David & Marion Daniel / Richard & Colleen DeJarlais / Ronald & Karleen Derfus / David & Julianne Drexler / Barb Milich / Stephen & Linda Schneider / Donna Belke / Steven & Kathy Bittorf / Chuck Boucher / Dylan Boucher / Guy & Irene Boucher / Dorothy Bremmer / Joseph & Terry Burger / Dan DeJarlais / Randy & Heidi Flannery / Sharon Frueh / Karen Hawk / Bernard & Mary Wahl / Iris Rasmussen / Randy Weigel / Richard Wilcott / Susan Staab / Richard Johannes / Diane M. Johnson

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

LENTEN PREPARATION

When I was younger, at times some friends and I would just drive with no destination in mind, just enjoying the company and not having any expectations. Although this can be a good recreation, it was a rarity rather than a normal practice. If we wish to get somewhere, we make a plan; is there enough fuel in the car, is the vehicle trustworthy for the trip, do we have money for fuel and food along the way, how many could share in the driving? Perhaps we speak with someone that has been to where we would like to go to get pointers for along the way or other things for a better experience. We are fast approaching Lent: do I know where I want to end up at Easter? This is a great time to begin planning our Lenten journey, and seek a companion to show us the way. St Thomas Aquinas is one that has traveled this road, and is an excellent guide. Following is from a conference he gave that is as relevant today as it was over 700 years ago.

The Cross exemplifies every virtue

Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us? Thomas says there was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act. As a remedy for our sins, we find relief through the passion of Christ. As an example for how we should act, the passion of Christ completely suffices as a means to fashion our lives after. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but disdain what Christ disdained on the cross and desire what he desired, for the cross exemplifies every virtue.

If you seek the example of love: *Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends.* Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if he gave his life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for his sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross and did so patiently. When he suffered he did not threaten; he was led like a sheep to the slaughter and he did not open his mouth. In patience let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who bore his cross and despised the shame.

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die. If you seek an example of obedience, follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. *For just as by the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.*

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow him who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Upon the cross he was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink.

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because *they divided my garments among themselves.* Nor to honors, for he experienced harsh words and scourging. Nor to greatness of rank, for *weaving a crown of thorns they placed it on my head.* Nor to anything delightful, for *in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.*

I prayed, and understanding was given to me; I entreated, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than scepters and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing.

St Thomas, pray for us.

God bless,

Fr Jim

INVITING NEW SERVERS

If you have children at least 9 years of age that might like to learn to serve, we are anticipating a server class in the near future, most likely on a Saturday morning, or at another time if that works better for the individual families. Any boy and girl that wish to participate in this are welcome and we will train them. The Mass times you would like to serve will be honored as much as we are able. For more information, please contact St. John the Baptist parish office if you or a family member might be interested.

Fr Jim



Don't do Lent Alone. Join a Small Group!

Have you tried to pray more or read Scripture for Lent, only to fall short of your goal? A small group gives us supportive and encouraging communities that can make your Lent much more meaningful. There are no teachers in small groups. Trained students/parishioners facilitate conversations. The groups will

Discuss life and faith / Reflect on God's Word together – applying the Sunday readings to daily life

Seek God together / Pray for and with one another

Lent groups meet for 8 weeks, beginning the week of February 7th.

Are you a middle aged or older man, longing for a closer relationship with God? A small men's group is being formed for Lent to strengthen our spiritual lives through scripture, trust, and sharing. A few openings are left. If interested, please contact Al May at 715-650-0612 or alvinmay1808@yahoo.com

Women's small group forming for Lent. If you find yourself wanting a closer relationship with God spiritually through studying scripture, trust, and fellowship, this small group may be just what you need. If interested contact Sue Kaudy at 715-305-2545. Thank you.

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Columbus Corner: Catholic Schools Week will be Jan. 31-Feb. 6! This is a celebration of the students in our schools. Every year, the Columbus Staff plans a variety of activities for students in preschool through high school letting them know how much we appreciate and care for them. This year will be different - no bowling, no roller skating, no "Spring for Lunch," no Brains & Brawn, no Open Houses but there will still be many fun activities. Grandparent's Day was postponed from last fall to Catholic Schools Week. We are still unable to allow visitors into our schools so we are asking teachers to submit videos/photos of their students in action! A list of themes for the days and activities for Catholic Schools Week will be released soon. Following is a letter from a current Columbus student:

My name is Mark Fieweger and I am a student at Columbus Catholic High School. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we would like to thank you for everything you have done to aid us in our mission. Catholic Schools Week is a time that my fellow students and I all look forward to; we have a whole week of activities planned to show what we as students have accomplished and to celebrate the community we have built at Columbus. This is also a good time for us to express how grateful we are for all of your prayers and contributions that have given us the opportunity to attend Columbus and take part in this community. We appreciate the time and talent you so generously share through your volunteer efforts that have made Columbus into the place it is today. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." This theme focuses on the key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options, these elements are the reasons that families make sacrifices to provide children with a Catholic education. Catholic schools give us a place where we are able to not only learn in a great environment, but also grow in our faith. This makes our Catholic schools a very special and unique place. We consider all of our supporting parishes an important part of our community, and we hope that you will join us as we celebrate our Catholic education this week.

Gratefully, Mark Fieweger

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