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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 2/22/21** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:00am Sharon Seidel

Scripture Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

TUES 2/23/21 St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

7:00am Carole Loughlin

Scripture Readings: Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

WED 2/24/21

7:00am George Winkler

Scripture Readings: Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

THUR 2/25/21

7:00am Jeanette Lang

Scripture Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Mt 7:7-12

FRI 2/26/21

7:00am Margaret Kraus

Scripture Readings: Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

SAT 2/27/21

8:00am David Kundinger

Scripture Readings: Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

Second Sunday of Lent

4:30pm Sylvester & Dorothy Gessert

SUN 2/28/21

7:00am Jack Gerend

9:00am Joseph & Iva Lang

11:00am Henry & Doris Gadke

Scripture Readings: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

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LITURGICAL MINISTERSFebruary 27th & 28th, 2021**LECTORS**

4:30pm Jeff Schultz

7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am John Salzmann

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech

9:00am Jill Hiller

11:00am Ann Kundinger

SERVERS4:30pm **Open / Open**

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Abigail Schuld

9:00am Nathaniel & Christina Nemitz

11:00am Kendall Bisek / Elizabeth Kitzhaber

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. (Every Friday in the month of March)****FUNERAL SERVERS** February 22nd - February 27th, 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**STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY 13 & 14, 2021**

Adult / Youth / Plate

\$20,400.10

Parish Improvement

\$420.00

Month to Date

\$20,820.10

Amount Needed Month of February

\$65,775.00**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 wish to become a member of the prayer chain**, please call Jane Gerend at 715-387-2019 or Ann Bohnert at 715-389-2726.**Additional Confessions during Lent:** Confessions will be available every Friday during March (5th, 12th, 19th & 26th) beginning at 6pm. Two priests will be available.**There is a box located in the back of church until the end of March for you to discard old palms.** Since they were blessed, they should not be thrown away. They will be burned and buried properly.**Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 5:30pm the following Fridays: Feb. 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.****Lenten Spiritual Books:** Are you looking for a way this Lent to develop a more fervent practice of your faith? In the entryway of the church there are books to help guide you through the holy season of Lent. The *Magnificat Lenten Companion*, *Lent for Kids* and *Lent for Families* are all available. A free will offering is appreciated.**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.**Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group 20:** Join us Wednesday morning at 6am in Dillenberg Hall. *That Man is You!* founder Steve Bollman is back this week to talk about the epic battle we are in. There isn't a better way to start your Lent.**ACH (automatic withdrawal) is another way you can choose to do your tithing.** There are benefits to using this method of financial giving to St. John's. Not only does it save the parish in the cost of envelopes and postage, but it helps one to remain consistent in their tithing while away on vacation. If you would like to switch to this method, call the parish finance office at 715-384-3252, ext. 4. Monica will provide you with the needed information.**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 bhlits@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.**Adoration:** If you would like to have an assigned weekly hour of quiet prayer in the beautiful St. John Paul II Chapel, contact Jean at 715-503-0118 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.**Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021.** As of February 15th, we have **438** donors and a total of **\$116,112.00.00** pledged toward our goal of \$136,700.00. **We still need \$20,588.00.** 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** Daniel & Heather Sommers / Harold & Jeanette Spencer / Scott & Lisa Wagner / Kathy Walden / William & Jane Wegner / LaMalle Winkler / James & Margaret Wirbinski / Mark & Patti Wittman / Joseph & Karen Bugni / Rose Carter / Dawn Fuehrer / Chris & Suzanne Golden / Tom & Ann Iwanski / Michael & Elaine Gonerling / Richard & Jan Hansen / Ken & Dawn Lenz / Gilbert & Lois Spaeth / Jean Wagner / Gail Zirngible / Keith & Debra Zygarlicke / Charles & Sharon Morrill / Lonny & Denise Roberts / Tom & Delores Rein / Dana Heintz & Mary Ann Kline / Veronica Machtan-Steines / Eugene & Marge Zygarlicke / Douglas & Debra Burr / Millie Eilers

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1st WEEK OF LENT 2021

This Lent, we will take a look at the various aspects of the Mass, in addition to a few observations on some other practices we have as Catholics. On the heels of last week's testimonies and promotion for the practice of Adoration, we will begin with a bit of background on this sacred practice:

ADORATION: *Why do we have Adoration in the Catholic Church?* We believe that the bread and wine are substantially changed with the words of consecration into the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ (Consubstantiation). We are blessed here at St John's to host the John Paul II Adoration chapel and offer 24 hour Adoration. Some of the other local parishes may occasionally have adoration for a time each week, monthly or other special occasions. These times of periodic adoration normally begin with separate liturgies for exposition and close with benediction. 24 hour adoration is a challenge, as we strive to never leave our Lord alone, so we have a schedule for adorers and subs. *One question that comes up occasionally is 'I did not sign up, can I still participate?'* Yes, anyone can stop in at any point, whether you have 5 minutes free or you want to spend an hour or more. The door to the chapel is open from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM; please contact one of the directors if you wish to stop in later at night or early morning.

Now we will take a look at some aspects of the Mass. Hopefully these reflections will help gain a deeper appreciation for the Mass and our faith whether we are cradle Catholics, preparing to enter the Church at Easter or even if we are just thinking about entering. If you have friends or family that have left the practice of their faith, perhaps these can help them return home. God bless.

PROCESSION: *Why do we have a procession to begin Mass? Wouldn't it be easier to just start from the sacristy?* Yes, it would be more efficient, but the Mass is not about efficiency. It is about praise and worship; it is about celebrating an ancient liturgy in our world today. We gather in the church in anticipation. Christ, in the person of the priest, enters last, while all sing God's praises. This is similar to a royal procession, where everyone gathers and goes before the king until they are united around the throne. We gather around our eternal king, who is reigning from his throne; the cross and the altar of sacrifice. We also call to mind that we are on a pilgrimage through this life to heaven. The entrance procession, beginning at the back of the church (the world), is a symbol of that journey to heaven (the altar). Christ is our goal, symbolized by the altar, and he walks with us in the person of the priest.

More as we enter deeper into our Lenten journey.

God bless

Fr Jim.



A Call to Serve There are few things in life more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve. Jesus tells us there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way; to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU! If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

Last Call for 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.

Columbus Corner: Blood Drive: Columbus Catholic Schools is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, February 24th from 8:00am--1:00pm in the OLP gym. Any one 16 and above are able to donate! In addition to bringing your generosity, please bring a form of I.D. (e.g. driver's license) with you. Please come on down (and bring a friend!) to the OLP gym on Feb. 24th to help save lives! If you would like to sign up for a time slot or have any further questions, please contact Michael Iwanski at iwanski.michael@columbusdons.org, call 877-232-4376, or visit versiti.org for more information.

LDCCW PRESENTS: SPIRITUALITY DAY 2021: A Lenten Journey Through the Holy Land! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 6th (9am-12pm) for this day of Spirituality presented by the La Crosse Diocesan Conference of Catholic Women. Our host, Lorraine Riedl, will take us on a virtual walk through the life of Jesus in the Holy Land using photos from a recent pilgrimage. There are three ways to join the meeting:

1. Go the link at LDCCW.org and click to join
2. Manually join on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 826 9510 0524
Passcode: 449588
3. Dial in on phone only at +1 312 626 6799 using the above Meeting ID and Passcode

Attention engaged couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. The next class is April 10th, 2021. Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. For questions or to register, contact Alanna Hart at hart_alanna@yahoo.com or 715-650-7310.

Gift Card Credits: Please continue to order gift cards through the Scrip program. This is a great way to tithe. At this time, gift cards can be purchased at Columbus High School.

Bible Study!!

James: Pearls for Wise Living

A **10 session study**, part of the Great Adventure Bible Series by Jeff Cavins, starts March 7th!!

"James is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. These teachings speak loudly to all those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith."

Registration is required!! **No late registrations will be accepted** as time is short. We must order materials and we wish to complete before Memorial weekend.

Registration ends February 28, 2021!!

To register or for questions, call Judy Garfield, 715-305-2261 before February 28th.

- **Start date: Sunday, March 7, 2021.**
- **Time: 8:30AM -10:30AM.**
- **Place: Our Lady of Peace Church basement (Dillenburg Hall).**
- **Cost: \$27.00 for materials.**

There will be no class on Easter Sunday or Mother's Day weekend. The last class will be May 23, 2021.



Our sympathy to the family of:

Lois Olson

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