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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 3/1/21

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Fraker family

Scripture Readings: Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

TUES 3/2/21

7:00am Maureen O'Brien

Scripture Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

WED 3/3/21 St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

7:00am Leona Kraemer

Scripture Readings: Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28

THUR 3/4/21 St. Casimir 7:00am Mike Blackwood

Scripture Readings: Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

FRI 3/5/21

7:00am Landry & Bernadine Mayeux

Scripture Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43,

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SAT 3/6/21

8:00am Special Intention

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

Third Sunday of Lent

4:30pm Living & deceased members of the Maynard & Violet Rhodes family

SUN 3/7/21

7:00am Allan Schmidt 9:00am John & Betty Hartl

11:00am St. John the Baptist Parish Families

Scripture Readings: Ex 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 6th & 7th, 2021

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel 7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield

9:00am Ann Kundinger 11:00am Gayle Specht **Eucharistic Ministers**

4:30pm Susan Jahr 7:00am Connie Manlick

9:00am Patty Kraus 11:00am Argelia Moya

SERVERS

4:30pm Open / Open

7:00am Koffee Hansen / Ava Rootellis

9:00am Isaac & Rylee Mauritz

11:00am Maria Laura Garcia / Open

Music Minister

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am Suzanne Golden

9:00am Suzanne Golden

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. (Every Friday in the month of March)

FUNERAL SERVERS March 1st - March 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 - Dan Alsides Wednesday - Dan Flees Thursday - Ray Housworth Friday - Den Spencer Saturday - Nick & Kolbe Landwehr

STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2021

 Adult / Youth / Plate
 \$31,909.10

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 \$673.00

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 \$13,282.00

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 \$45,864.10

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).

Additional Confessions during Lent: Confessions will be available every Friday during March (5th, 12th, 19th & 26th) beginning at 6pm. Two priests will be available.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 5:30pm the following Fridays: March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults (high school graduates through age 39) on Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30pm. We will meet in St. John's church for adoration and Stations of the Cross and then go out for dinner. 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. Newcomers are always welcome!

Lenten Spiritual Books: Are you looking for a way this Lent to 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.

4 Committees will meet Monday, March 8th in their respective rooms in the school. Meetings begin at 6:00pm.

Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group 21: Looking for an opportunity for spiritual growth this Lent? Join us Wednesday mornings at 6am in Dillenberg Hall. This week Steve Bollman talks about the ways God is calling us back to him.

Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield is hosting a corned beef and cabbage carry-out dinner on Sunday, March 14th. The cost per dinner is \$10.00. All dinners must be pre-ordered by March 7th, by going to olpmarshfield.com or by calling 715-650-7751. Payment and pick up will be from 11:00am until 1:30pm on March 14th at the front of the church at 1410 West Fifth Street, Marshfield.

St. Joseph's Feast Day ~ March 19th

As we come upon this feast day, we remember that one of the

disciplines of Lent is to give alms to the poor. We will have a monetary collection only from March 13th through March 21st to help families of our parish as well as those in the community. On March 13th the St. Joseph Table will be set up with envelopes provided for donations. Please make checks out to St. John's. Money collected will be used to purchase gift cards from the gift card program. No actual items will be collected this year.



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021. As of February 22nd, we have 439 donors and a total of \$116,487.00.00 pledged toward our goal of \$136,700.00. We still need \$20,213.00. 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 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 / Dennis & Susan Spencer / Roman Zinthefer / Shirley McQuillen / Dan & Kelly McGiveron / Thomas Rhodes / Joseph & Kathy Dierickx / Beverly Mundt / John & Jan Altmann / Ed & Lois Carlson / Susan Froelich / Janet Fruebrodt / Lorraine Haasl / Paul & Becky Herkert / Aaron Herkert / Marylee Jacobitz / Norbert & Rosella Specht

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Continuing out reflection on the Mass and the meaning behind many of the gestures we Catholics use during a celebration of the Mass. It is my hope that a deeper grasp of these, whether we are a lifelong Catholic or are preparing to enter the Church this Easter, will deepen our appreciation for the Mass.

WHY DO WE BOW OR GENUFLECT?

At various times during the Mass, the priest and congregation genuflect or perform a deep bow, signifying that we are entering into a sacred space. When we enter the church and arrive at our pew, we normally genuflect before the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. When the procession arrives at the entrance to the sanctuary, the same gesture is performed. The sanctuary reflects the Holy of Holies in the Temple; the most sacred place in the entire Temple, where sacrifices were offered by the High Priest once a year. The church itself is a sacred space, and within that space the sanctuary is the holiest space. This is where the sacrifice of the Mass takes place, and is set off from the rest by steps, and historically by a railing. These are visible reminders of the hallowed ground we enter for the Mass.

THE ALTAR KISS

Why do the priest and deacon reverence the altar with a kiss at the beginning and end of the Mass? The altar in our churches is a symbol of Christ himself. We venerate Christ with a kiss before offering the sacrifice of the Mass and at the conclusion of the Mass as we exit the sacred space.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

The sign of the cross is how we as Catholics begin and end our prayers; whether it is a simple daytime prayer, a rosary or Divine Mercy chaplet or the Mass itself. We do not often think of it in this way, but the Sign of the Cross is a prayer itself. We naturally point to the forehead, then the heart and finally move our hand across our lungs. These call to mind the holy Trinity; calling to mind the Father as we raise our hand to our forehead, the love of the Son is recalled when we place our hand over our heart and the breath of God, the Holy Spirit is where our thoughts should go as we cross over our lungs. This prayer also marks us with the sign of the greatest act of love the world has ever witnessed.

The sign of the Cross is the sign of Christ's love. Beginning and ending all our prayer with this simple prayer recalls the centrality of Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. Ask yourself; is there a more powerful, and at the same time a more simple, way to acknowledge who we are than a simple sign of the cross in public?

CORRECTION: TRANSUBSTANTIATION AND CONSUBSTANTIATION

These are two theological terms that play an important role in our understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Transubstantiation is the Catholic understanding that the very substance of bread and wine are no longer there after consecration. While the host and Precious Blood still contain the accidents of bread and wine (external elements such as taste and texture) they are no longer bread and wine, but have become a completely new substance, namely the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Our protestant brothers and sisters hold to the idea of consubstantiation, which is the teaching that the bread and wine remain bread and wine and coexist with the body and blood of Jesus at the same time. In last week's bulletin article, I unintentionally attributed Catholic understanding to consubstantiation, and I apologize for my carelessness.

God Bless

Fr Jim

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.

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
- Manually join on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 826 9510 0524 Passcode: 449588
- Dial in on phone only at +1 312 626 6799 using the above Meeting ID and Passcode

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Our sympathy to the families of:

Jeanette Rausch / Lorraine Kemp / Margaret Zuber Kristine Schwalbach / Mildred Gruber

"May the Souls of Jeanette, Lorraine, Margaret, Kristine & Mildred and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

Thank you to our Parishioners for your continued support during the Pandemic

Edward **Jones**

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