



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 2/8/21 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 7:00am Sharon Wittman
 Scripture Readings: Gn 1: 1-19 Mk 6:53-56

TUES 2/9/21
 7:00am Lawrence & Marian Van De Loo
 Scripture Readings: Gn 1:20—2:4a Mk 7:1-13

WED 2/10/21 St. Scholastica, Virgin
 7:00am Deceased members of the Rakovec & Debeve families
 Scripture Readings: Gn 2:4b-23 Lk 10:38-42

THUR 2/11/21 Our Lady of Lourdes
 7:00am Sharon Lang
 Scripture Readings: Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30

FRI 2/12/21
 7:00am William Krainz
 Scripture Readings: Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37

SAT 2/13/21
 8:00am Living & deceased members of the Harry Blackwood family
 Scripture Readings: Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Tom Frueh

SUN 2/14/21
 7:00am Judith Manlick
 9:00am Patti Herr
 11:00am Propolo
 Scripture Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31—11:1
 Mk 1:40-45

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 13th & 14th, 2021

LECTORS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz
 7:00am Jan Altmann
 9:00am Ann Kundingner
 11:00am Allyson Mayeux

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm Joan Raschke
 7:00am Ray or Pam Housworth
 9:00am Rita Blenker
 11:00am Argelia Moya

SERVERS

4:30pm **Open / Open**
 7:00am Koffee Hansen / Ava Rootellis
 9:00am Lily & Neil Adler
 11:00am Emmett Luther / Nolan Frane

Music Minister

4:30pm Cathy Heuer
 7:00am Cathy Heuer
 9:00am Suzanne Golden
 11:00am Mary Frey / Tammy Nelles

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 8th - February 13th, 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 - THROUGH JANUARY 31st, 2021

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$65,670.80
Parish Improvement	\$548.00
ACH	\$13,399.00
Month to Date	\$79,617.80
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).

Ash Wednesday - February 17th: On Ash Wednesday, St. John's will have a 6:30am Mass, an 8:00am (students only) Mass, and an Ash Wednesday service at 12:15pm and again at 6:00pm. At the service there will be Readings and the distribution of ashes. These will not be Masses.

The traditional Lenten means of preparing our hearts for Easter are prayer, fasting, and alms giving. For those who will one day find their way to Heaven, these are sure, safe, and effective means of getting there. As a reminder:

Days of Fasting:

Catholics from ages 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating one full meal and two smaller meals; no snacks.

Days of Abstinence:

Catholics from age 14 years and older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday. This obligation ends with death.

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.

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.

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.

Consecration to St. Joseph Book Order: These books have been ordered and will be here in time to begin on February 15th. If you have ordered the book through the parish, you will be notified once they arrive. Payment can be made at that time. There will be an opportunity to pray the prayer of Consecration communally after the Friday, March 19th morning Mass.

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021. As of February 2nd, we have **434** donors and a total of **\$115,557.00.00** pledged toward our goal of \$136,700.00. **We still need \$21,143.00.** 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** 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 / Debra Karl / Jeffrey & Meredith Kean / James Lang / Andrew & Christine Marias / Adam & Thalia Mauer / Shirley Pritzl / Phil & Dana Prusinski / Aby & Feena Pynadith / Marnay Schultz / Archie & Jean Schwantes / Sharon Witt / Seigfried & Alice Sebastian / Darlene Shimer / Gail Snortheim

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

INDULGENCES

With this being the Year of St Joseph, and with many expressing an interest in the book on the consecration to St. Joseph, a question on indulgences has come up. Pope Francis has attached both partial and full indulgences for a variety of devotions on particular days and events throughout the coming year. To help with a deeper understanding of this often misunderstood aspect of our faith, following is part of an article on indulgences from the www.catholic.com website.

What is an indulgence? The Church explains, "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain defined conditions through the Church's help when, as a minister of redemption, she dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions won by Christ and the saints" (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina* 1).

Step number one in explaining indulgences is to know what they are. Step number two is to clarify what they are not. Here are the seven most common myths about indulgences:

Myth 1: A person can buy his way out of hell with indulgences.

Since indulgences remit only temporal penalties, they cannot remit the eternal penalty of hell. Once a person is in hell, no amount of indulgences will ever change that fact. The only way to avoid hell is by appealing to God's eternal mercy while still alive. After death, one's eternal fate is set (Heb. 9:27).

Myth 2: A person can buy indulgences for sins not yet committed.

The Church has always taught that indulgences do not apply to sins not yet committed. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* notes, "[An indulgence] is not a permission to commit sin, nor a pardon of future sin; neither could be granted by any power."

Myth 3: A person can "buy forgiveness" with indulgences.

The definition of indulgences presupposes that forgiveness has already taken place: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has *already been forgiven*" (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina* 1, emphasis added). Indulgences in no way forgive sins. They deal only with punishments left after sins have been forgiven.

Myth 4: Indulgences were invented as a means for the Church to raise money.

Indulgences developed from reflection on the sacrament of reconciliation. They are a way of shortening the penance of sacramental discipline and were in use centuries before money-related problems appeared.

Myth 5: An indulgence will shorten your time in purgatory by a fixed number of days.

The number of days which used to be attached to indulgences were references to the period of penance one might undergo during life on earth. The Catholic Church does not claim to know anything about how long or short purgatory is in general, much less in a specific person's case.

Myth 6: A person can buy indulgences.

The Council of Trent instituted severe reforms in the practice of granting indulgences, and, because of prior abuses, "in 1567 Pope Pius V canceled all grants of indulgences involving any fees or other financial transactions" (*Catholic Encyclopedia*).

Myth 7: A person used to be able to buy indulgences.

One never could "buy" indulgences. The financial scandal surrounding indulgences that gave Martin Luther an excuse for his heterodoxy, involved indulgences in which the giving of alms to some charitable fund or foundation was used as the occasion to grant the indulgence. There was no outright selling of indulgences.

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The *Catholic Encyclopedia* states: "Among the good works which might be encouraged by being made the condition of an indulgence, almsgiving would naturally hold a conspicuous place. To give money to God or to the poor is a praiseworthy act, and, when it is done from right motives, it will surely not go unrewarded."

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.

Marshfield Deanery Perpetual Adoration Prayer & Presentation: St. John the Baptist will host a Prayer & Presentation the evening of Tues., Feb. 16th. Beginning at 6pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited. At 6:15pm a Lenten reflection will be given by Fr. Jim Weighner. Pam Alt and Kate Behselich will give personal testimonies at 7pm. All are welcome to this evening of prayer and presentation.

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.

Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group Week 18: Dr. Miravalle is back again this week, for another session on St. Joseph. Join us Wednesday morning at 6am in Dillenberg Hall to find out why we are spending 3 weeks concentrating on him.

*We welcome this child through
the Living Waters of Baptism*



Saige Amber Nuguid - daughter of Segundo & Christine Nuguid

Our sympathy to the family of:

James Mikula

*"May the Soul of James
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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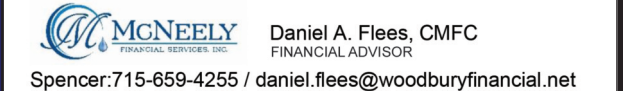
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