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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.

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass Saturdays

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

Amount needed for March

\$64,033.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon 4/5/21

7:00am No Mass

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15

TUES 4/6/21

7:00am Billy Shear

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18

WED 4/7/21

7:00am Nancy Heckel

Scripture Readings: Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35

THUR 4/8/21

7:00am Ann Maurer

Scripture Readings: Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48

FRI 4/9/21

7:00am Mary Alice Stangl

Scripture Readings: Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14

SAT 4/10/21

8:00am Frank Weigel

Scripture Readings: Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15

Divine Mercy Sunday

4:30pm John & Cathryn Marx

SUN 4/11/21

7:00am Charles Hastrieter

9:00am Dave & Rose Taylor

11:00am St. John the Baptist Parish Families Scripture Readings: Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

APRIL 10th & 11th, 2021

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel 7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech

9:00am Rita Blenker

11:00am Jake Dick

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Joan Raschke

7:00am Lori Greenwald 9:00am Jill Hiller

11:00am John or Lori Salzmann

SERVERS

4:30pm Open / Open

7:00am Koffee Hansen / Ava Rootellis

9:30am Nathaniel & Christina Nemitz

11:00am Kendall Bisek / Elizabeth Kitzhaber

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

8:00am Cathy Heuer

9:30am Cathy Heuer

11:00am Mary Frey / Tammy Nelles

FUNERAL SERVERS April 5th - April 10th, 2021

Ardell Klein / Bernie Knoeck / Denny Loughlin / Dan Mroz We are always looking for more adult servers for our funeral Masses. If you are willing and able, please call the parish office.

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

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Adult / Youth / Plate	\$10,932.25
Parish Improvement	<u>\$79.00</u>
Weekend Total	\$11.011.25

Weekend **ACH** \$13,349.00 Monthly Total To Date \$75,435.00

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Thank you for your generous contributions to St. John's!

The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 5th in celebration of Easter.

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 would like to become a member of the prayer chain, please call Jane Gerend at 715-387-2019 or Ann Bohnert at 715-389-2726.

Youth Servers! Parents, we are in great need of more youth servers! Helping our priests at the altar is a great privilege and a wonderful way to serve St. John's. If you have a child in 4th grade or above and you would like them to be a Mass server, please call the office at 715-384-3252. At this time we have no 4:30pm Mass servers and very few at the 7:00am. In the near future we will set up a class to train those that sign up. Thank you!

Adoration: Immediate opening on Thursdays from 7-8am in JP II Adoration Chapel, St. John's. To deepen your relationship with Jesus, schedule your holy hour with Jean, 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.

The first PCCW meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30pm in the Columbia Room. All ladies of the parish are welcome, and are encouraged to attend. Election of officers will be held, and after our business meeting, refreshments will be served, and Bingo will be played. Come and learn about all the positive things the PCCW does for our parish and diocese.

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults (high school graduates through age 39) on Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus in Wausau. Please join us and Wausau area young adults for an evening of adoration, a talk by Father Martin, fellowship, and snacks. For those who would like to carpool, we will meet at St. John's at 5:15pm and leave at 5:25pm. Please note that masks are required at Holy Name. 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!

Columbus Catholic Schools currently has a part-time opening for an Event Coordinator! If you are dependable, flexible and can thrive in a fast-paced work environment we want to talk to you! Employee discount available. Visit our website for more information. Be sure to purchase Scrip and support Columbus Catholic Schools! For details, contact our Gift Card Coordinator at 715-387-1177 x3219 or giftcard@columbusdons.org

Attention engaged couples: Registration is now open for the Married Love: two becoming one classes. The next available date 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 register, contact Alanna auestions or to at hart alanna@yahoo.com or 715-650-7310.

Mother-Son Dance this year is canceled. However, on 4/24 we will be able to do in-person professional photos at Our Lady of Peace and a to-go dessert for a "date night at home". See the flyer on the kiosk for more information.

Marriage Banns (II)

Erin Arndt & Joseph Knetter May 8, 2021 Dawn Schneider & Brian Beniamin May 15, 2021 Jennifer Kaiser & Aaron Schuh June 5, 2021 Anna Herkert & Jacob Keuler June 19, 2021 Claire Drews & Cody Wirtala August 7, 2021 Mariah Guden & Terrance Brecht October 9, 2021

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Who Needs Mercy? (From The Diocese of La Crosse Catechetical Office)

The Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy the Sunday after Easter, a fitting time to focus on the mercy of God for His children, poured out through the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son. Mercy comes from the Latin word *misericordia*, which means God's Heart desiring to alleviate our misery, caused by our personal sin. The merciful love of God is the central theme of the Bible and it is prevalent in the readings for Mass. The Gospel describes Jesus instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a "Sacrament of Mercy", as He breathes on the Apostles and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20; 22-23).

In the year 2000, at the canonization of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who in the 1930's wrote a diary recording the revelations from Jesus that she was receiving about God's mercy, St. Pope John Paul II officially declared the Sunday following Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. The Lord chose Sr. Faustina so that she would relay this urgent message of God's merciful love to our troubled world. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "Proclaim to the whole world My unfathomable mercy. Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace" (Diary, 1141, 1074). St. Pope John Paul II died on its Vigil (the evening before the feast day), was canonized on the Feast of Divine Mercy. There are no coincidences here! Saint John Paul II was a modern-day spiritual hero and earned the title "The Great Mercy Pope" as God's mercy was a key for him.

St. Pope John Paul II spoke repeatedly about the need for us to turn to the mercy of God as the answer to the specific problems of our times. One of his most amazing encyclicals was "Rich in Mercy" (Dives in Misericordia). In this writing, St. Pope John Paul II describes the mercy of God as the presence of a love which is greater than any evil, greater than any sin and greater than death. He calls on us to devote time in daily prayer to pleading for God's mercy for the whole world.

We are called to personally experience this mercy of God through some of the following means: venerating the image of Divine Mercy which contains the signature "Jesus, I Trust in You;" Praying the simple Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Rosary beads that takes about 5 – 7 minutes; focusing on Jesus' death at the three o'clock hour; being merciful to others especially through forgiveness.

Let us enter with all our hearts into the gift of Divine Mercy, not just on this Feast today but in a burst of gratitude, every day of our lives. "Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace" St. Faustina

St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta had a special devotion to Divine Mercy, and passed this on to her sisters around the world. Following is a meditation dear to the hearts of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity around the world. It overflows with God's merciful love.

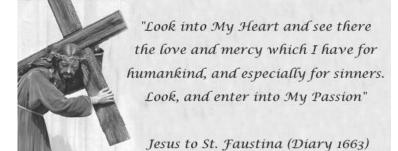
- I THIRST FOR YOU. Yes, that is the only way to even begin to describe My love for you:
- I THIRST FOR YOU. I thirst to love you And to be loved by you — that is how precious you are to Me.
- I THIRST FOR YOU. Come to Me, and I will fill your heart and heal your wounds. I will make you a new creation, and give you peace, even in all your trials.
- I THIRST FOR YOU. You must never doubt My mercy, My acceptance of you, My desire to forgive, My longing to bless you and live My life in you.
- I THIRST FOR YOU. If you feel unimportant in the eyes of the world, that matters not at all. For Me, there is no one more important in the entire world than you.
- I THIRST FOR YOU. Open to Me, come to Me, thirst for Me, give Me your life and I will prove to you how important you are to My heart.

THANK YOU

A special word of appreciation to all who spent so much time and effort to make our Easter celebrations so meaningful and beautiful. The choirs and musicians, the sacristans, the liturgy planners for Holy Week and Easter Sunday, the decorations for Holy Week and Easter Sunday; so many people had a hand in these areas and more. I hope I am not forgetting anyone as I am writing, but please know that everything is much appreciated.

God bless

Fr. Jim



Divine Mercy Sunday - On Sunday, April 11th from 1:30-3:30pm, the Marshfield Deanery will be holding an event with adoration, confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield. There will also be a talk at 2:30pm about trusting in Divine Mercy by Sr. Mary Agnes of the Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus based here in our diocese. Come and experience the Lord's abundant mercy through the sacraments and inspiring words!

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) at St. John's is in need of catechist or helpers to assist the catechist. If your faith and children bring you joy this may be an opportunity for YOU. What is CGS? CGS was started in Rome over 50 years ago and its main purpose is to bring children into the Presence of God to establish a relationship that the children so desires. For more information please call Jean Kaiser, 715-387-057.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Reminder! Did you know that your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will help in countless ways. Care ministers are trained to go out and share the Gospel with the homebound and sick. Children and families are able to attend lively, interactive education programs learning the Word of God. A young woman in an abusive relationship is able, through counseling with Catholic Charities, to stand on her own feet. Families seeking to adopt are connected with newborn babies. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal makes happy endings possible. Please consider helping by making a pledge and sending in your payment. Call the office if you need a pledge card and Diocesan envelope. Thank you!

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021. As of March 29th, we have 445 donors and a total of \$119,732.00 pledged toward our goal of \$136,700.00. We still need \$16,968.00. 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. At this time we thank: Adam & Heidi Forst / Mary Ann Knutson / Rosemary Lewin / Gerald & Sandra Schlagenhaft / Jeff & Roxann Schuld / Greg & Carol Schultz / Tiffany Toltzman / Shirley Tremmel / Natnaree Walgenbach / James & Beverly Weister / Monte & Patti Willkom / Tom & Joan Zygarlicke / Darlene Schmidt / John Gibson / Marian Brandt / Karl & Cathy Zimmermann / Dan & Mary Ann Zeidler / Joseph & Cindy Charron / Jim & Kathy Doebereiner / Michael Fellenz / Kathy Gessert / Richard & Jane Lamermayer / Timothy & Sharon Meyer / Judith Pankratz / Roman Schafer / Helen Stockheimer / Lucas & Alanna Hart / Patricia Hoffman / Mary Lou Kirsch / Helen Martin

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