



# 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*

Fr. Jim Weighner, Pastor ..... 715-384-3252 ext. 2  
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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 5/31/21** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Lillian Rehlinger

Scripture Readings: Zep 3:14-18a

Lk 1:39-56

**TUES 6/1/21** St. Justin, Martyr

7:00am Kenny Drexler

Scripture Readings: Tb 2:9-14

Mk 12:13-17

**WED 6/2/21** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

7:00am Donna Meyer-Frane

Scripture Readings: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a

Mk 12:18-27

**THUR 6/3/21** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

7:00am Steve Barrett

Scripture Readings: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Mk 12:28-34

**FRI 6/4/21**

7:00am Joseph &amp; Rose Weinfurter

Scripture Readings: Tb 11:5-17

Mk 12:35-37

**SAT 6/5/21** St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

8:00am Nancy Heckel

Scripture Readings: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20

Mk 12:1, 5-15, 20

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

4:30pm Andrew Hornick

**SUN 6/6/21**

7:00am Living &amp; deceased members of the William &amp;

Philomene Schneider family

9:00am Living &amp; deceased members of the Urban Aumann family

11:00am St. John the Baptist Parish Families

Scripture Readings: Ex 24:3-8

Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021****LECTORS**

4:30pm Bryan Pischel

7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft

9:00am Maureen Karaliunas

11:00am Allyson Mayeux

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Shirley Pritzel

7:00am Lori Greenwald

9:00am Ann Kunding

11:00am Michael Clubb

**SERVERS**4:30pm **Open / Open**

7:00am Koffee Hansen / Ava Rootellis

9:00am Nathaniel &amp; Christine Nemitz

11:00am Elizabeth Kitzhaber / Rita Glab

**MUSIC MINISTER**

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am Cathy Heuer

9:00am Ruby Pinter / Linda Degenhardt

11:00am Cathy Heuer

**Confessions are heard on the first and third Fridays of the month at 6:00pm. Two priests are available at this time. They are also available on Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass.**

**FUNERAL SERVERS** May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Ardell Klein / Bernie Knoch / Denny Loughlin

Dan Mroz / Glenn Linzmeier / Ray Housworth

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

*"Mary's greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself."*

Pope Benedict XVI

**STEWARDSHIP - UPDATES WILL BE GIVEN IN THE BULLETIN OF JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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).

**Please note that Mass on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> has been moved to 8:00am. The church will be locked earlier on that day and the parish office will be closed due to Memorial Day. Thank you!**

**Save the Date! Vacation Bible School at St. John the Baptist is Back!** This summer Vacation Bible Study will be held from July 26<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. Bible school will begin at 8:00am and end at 11:30am. Adult and teen helpers will be needed. Please contact Heather Adler ([heatherkadler@gmail.com](mailto:heatherkadler@gmail.com)) if you are able to volunteer. Registration forms can be found in the kiosk.

**Feast of Corpus Christi - Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>! Join us for this beautiful expression of our faith!** Mass will be held at 2pm at St. Joseph's in Stratford. The Eucharistic procession will happen immediately following the Mass. The procession will proceed from St. Joseph's to Klemme Reserve and return to the church. A vehicle will follow in the event a need for a ride occurs. You are welcome to remain in the church and pray while waiting for those participating in the procession to return for benediction at 4pm. A potluck supper will be held at Klemme Reserve in Stratford. Please bring a dish to pass to Klemme Reserve between 1 and 1:45pm. For more information, call Jean Kaiser at 715-387-0571.

**Mission Co-Op Envelopes:** The Mission Co-Op envelope came in the monthly June packets. Our Mission Co-Op speaker will come in July and more information on our speaker and his cause is forthcoming. If you do not receive the monthly packets, envelopes can be found in the envelope boxes in church. All checks should be made out to St. John's as one check will be sent for this cause later in July. Thank you!

**Listen to the Silence in the real presence.** Take this opportunity to sign up for a holy hour! Fridays from 3-4am experience the solitude & power at the JP II Adoration Chapel! You won't regret to retreat and be with Our Lord. Please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085 to inquire or to schedule. Blessings!

**Attention engaged couples:** Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. Next available dates are: Oct., 2, 2021, Feb. 12, 2022 and April 2, 2022. 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](mailto:hart_alanna@yahoo.com) or 715-650-7310.

**First Wednesday Adoration Hour:** Troy Kroening has arranged for an hour Adoration for men in honor of St. Joseph at the John Paul II Adoration Chapel in St. John's church. It is on the first Wednesday of every month at 3:00 AM. Yes, 3:00am! 3:00am is commonly referred to as the witching or devil's hour. It is a direct aim at attacking the one who is attacking us, through the powerful intercession and protection of St. Joseph.

**Thursday Rosary at 12:15pm** (since October 2011) Join in praying the Rosary at St. John's every Thursday at 12:15pm. If you would like email reminders with a Catholic reflection about 11am prior to the Rosary, please email Troy Kroening at [troy@gotojoe.com](mailto:troy@gotojoe.com).

**Feed My Starving Children: Dates:** Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> to Sat., June 12<sup>th</sup> / Location: Zion United Methodist Church / Money: \$30,000 needed to pay for the food / 104,000 meals to pack / 125 people needed for the 3 days of packing. / About 30 people in a shift in pods of 5 as the maximum per station. / May 12<sup>th</sup> is the sign up day online for spots. For more information, contact Shannon at 715-305-3160.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### MEMORIAL DAY

As we prepare for Memorial Day celebrations this year, it is good to recall that this is more than the unofficial start to the summer season. For all Americans, Memorial Day is a special time to remember all those that have died in the service to our nation and freedom, including soldiers, police officers and firefighters. In addition, for Catholic Christians there is something more as well. This is a great time to reflect on the meaning of human freedom, the source of our freedoms and to offer thanks to God for the Church which proclaims the way to the fullness of freedom. Freedom is not a possession of the government, local, state or national; a possession that those in charge can extend or retract as they desire. We are living in a time that this has become how many in government are acting, and it is obvious that this is a path to destruction in all aspects of our lives. This understanding of freedom has a special meaning as we come out of over a year of disruption in every aspect of our lives, as our freedoms have been curtailed, and we have allowed them to be. This has impacted the entirety of our lives and society from our health to our businesses, our schools and our faith lives.

In our world today there is a distorted meaning to freedom. The Catechism of the Catholic Church helps us gain a fuller understanding of true freedom. *"The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to 'the slavery of sin.' Freedom makes man responsible for his acts to the extent that they are voluntary. Progress in virtue and knowledge of the good enhance the mastery of the will over its acts."* (See, CCC #1731-1734)

The Church teaches there are two aspects to our freedom; our nature and the purpose of humanity. We are more than material beings; we are body and soul, made in the image and likeness of God, endowed with free will and reason. The perfection of any created thing is the ability to fully act according to its nature. Not being able to do so is to be lacking in a good and results in a loss of freedom.

Scott Hahn speaks of the nature of a thing in terms of something we are very familiar with; trains. It is their nature to run on tracks, and as long as it remains on the tracks, people and goods can be delivered to their destinations in a timely manner. What if the train decided the tracks were impeding its freedom? A derailment is not an issue of a train gaining freedom, but results in a kind of slavery of being off the tracks. Acting according to our nature allows us to be all we can be.

In *The Gospel of Life* St. Pope John Paul II looks at freedom and the purpose of humanity. He writes that when freedom is no longer based on objective truth, it destroys itself. He says *since freedom is inherently relational, if the self is understood in terms of absolute autonomy, as it is in secular society, then people will eventually reject each other as each person seeks to have their interests prevail. Thus, society becomes a mass of competing individuals without mutual bonds. Such a society does not become more free; it becomes less free as vice, corruption, brutality, and oppression inevitably increase.*

These examples show that the need for freedom is imprinted in our very nature, and for that reason men and women throughout history have been willing to make even the ultimate sacrifice to attain or retain freedom. Our Creator instilled this into our very nature in order that we might seek Him to the best of our ability, and it is the obligation of the state to ensure its citizens are free to exercise this freedom. If the state fails in this obligation, at some point human beings will rightly fight and die for true freedom.

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Please keep this in mind this Memorial Day as we honor all men and women who have died so we may continue to choose freedom, and also remember our Church who has defended the dignity of freedom of the human person for over 2000 years. Have a blessed and safe Memorial Day.

God bless

*Fr Jim*

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**St. John's Youth Group Fundraiser:** Our Youth Group is holding a fundraiser to help offset the costs of their upcoming retreats and camps. To order on-line go to [www.stjohnsmarshfield.org](http://www.stjohnsmarshfield.org) where you can pay by credit card. Order forms can also be picked up in the parish office and paid by check. Checks should be made out to St. John the Baptist Parish with notation of Youth Fundraiser. These high quality scissors are hand finished in the USA by Master Craftsman Dominic Bianco. They are guaranteed for 5 years from date of purchase.

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**Visit** [Formed.org/signup](http://Formed.org/signup)

**Click** the "Sign Up" button

**Click** "I belong to a Parish or Organization"

In the search box, type "St. John the Baptist Marshfield WI", or simply "54449"

**Click** the listing that appears, "St. John the Baptist 201 W Blodgett St Marshfield WI"

**Click** "Next"

Type your name and email address in the boxes provided, then click "Sign Up"

You will receive an email with a link to sign in to your formed account. This link will only be active for 2 hours.

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry** is a way to offer a sense of prayer, comfort, support & love to an individual in times that are difficult such as: death of a loved one, a serious diagnosis, or a life's struggle. St. John's offers a nice selection of prayer shawls and can be found in the Bride's room. The shawls are available to everyone at no cost.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal Update!** This will be updated in early June. The numbers below hopefully will have changed by that time! If you haven't helped the parish in reaching our goal, there is still a bit of time. Any amount you can donate will be greatly appreciated. This appeal ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> so it would be nice to see us finalize this soon. The balance not reached will be paid out of parish funds.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021.** As of May 14<sup>th</sup>, we have **487** donors and a total of **\$127,337.00** pledged toward our goal of \$136,700.00. **We still need \$9,363.00.** Last year a total of 509 people donated to the annual appeal. **We only need 23 more people to exceed that amount.** At this time we thank:

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