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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.

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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 7/19/21**

7:00am Jean Joseph

Scripture Readings: Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42

TUES 7/20/21 St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr

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

Scripture Readings: Ex 14:21—15:1 Mt 12:46-50

WED 7/21/21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Albert & Sarah Langreck

Scripture Readings: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9

THUR 7/22/21 St. Mary Magdalene

7:00am Russell Faber

Scripture Readings: Sg 3:1-4a Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

FRI 7/23/21 St. Bridget, Religious

7:00am Albert & Fern Gouin

Scripture Readings: Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23

SAT 7/24/21 St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:00am Warren & Evelyn Franz

Scripture Readings: Ex 24:3-8 Mt 13:24-30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm St. John the Baptist Parish Families

SUN 7/25/21

7:00am Wesley and Lorraine Schar

9:00am 50th Anniversary of Jack & Audrey Aply

11:00am. Ann & Clarence Folz

Scripture Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6

Jn 6:1-15

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**JULY 24th & 25th, 2021****LECTORS**

4:30pm Jeff Schultz

7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft

9:00am Ann Kundinger

11:00am Gayle Specht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Louise Kobylinski

7:00am Tonya Schlagenhaft

9:00am Jill Hiller

11:00am Linda Degenhardt

SERVERS4:30pm **Open / Open**

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Abigail Schuld

9:00am Lily & Neil Adler

11:00am Maria Laura & Maria Elizabeth Garcia

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines

7:00am Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines

9:00am Suzanne Golden

11:00am Ruby Pinter / Linda Degenhardt

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 July 19th - 24th, 2021

Denny Loughlin / Dan Mroz / Glenn Linzmeier

Ray Housworth / Lonny Roberts

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 - David Gouin**Tuesday -** Dan Alsides**Wednesday -** Dan Flees**Thursday -** Open**Friday -** Dennis Spencer**Saturday -** Nick & Kolbe Landwehr**STEWARDSHIP - JULY 4TH & JULY 11TH**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$28,644.73
Parish Improvement	\$576.00
Total	\$29,220.73
ACH	\$13,329.00
Total	\$42,549.73

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).

PARISH PULL: We extend a thank you to everyone who helped in anyway to put on this year's Tractor Pull. It couldn't have happened without the help of many. It was a very successful evening and God blessed us with wonderful weather! In a future bulletin we will give more details on how this event went. **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 26th through July 30th. 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) if you are able to volunteer. Registration forms can be found in the kiosk. Watch for an invitation to help provide needed materials coming soon!

Funeral Servers: Are you retired and find yourselves with time on your hands? St. John's could use a few more men to serve at our funeral Masses. Funerals are generally held weekday mornings around 10:30am. We are grateful for the men that have faithfully served in this manner for many years. At this time we would like to thank Ardell Klein and Bernie Knoeck who have generously given so many years in assisting at funerals. Please call the parish office at 715-384-3252 if you are interested. Thank you!

New Youth Servers: A new server training will be held before the end of August! Please call the parish office at 715-384-3252 if you have a child in 4th grade or older who would like to be a Mass server.

Priests For Tomorrow supports the education and formation of seminarians. The fundraiser will be held Sunday, August 1st at the Waterfront Restaurant in La Crosse. Tickets are \$125 each, \$225 per couple, or \$1,000 for table of 8. Spend the evening with Bishop Callahan, the newly ordained and the seminarians. Contact vocations@diolc.org or call Renee' at 608-791-2667 for tickets.

The Bulletin and Annual Report are funded by ad donations which appear on the back side of the bulletin. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad, please contact the parish office 715-384-3252 or stop by during business hours, 9am-4:30pm. The cost for the year per block is \$175 for black & white, \$200 for color. We appreciate all those businesses and individuals who continue to make this possible.

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week – The 2021 National NFP Awareness Week will be held July 25th- 31st. *To have, To hold, To honor.* Learning how to live in harmony with God's design for love and life in marriage is the mission of NFP education. The Diocese of La Crosse offers NFP classes virtually and face to face in 3 different methods. For more information go to diolc.org/nfp.

Is this a good time to deepen your relationship with God? Be part of the Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference on August 7th, featuring Dr. Petroc Willey, a most engaging speaker who will present at a level that all adults can understand. Cost is \$10. For further information and to register, visit diolc.org/witness

***Our sympathy to the families of:***

Ron Weinfurter / Karlene Luedtke

*May the Souls of Ron & Karlene
and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen*

As Father Jim is away on retreat, we offer you this article by Ann Langford who works at the Diocesan Center in La Crosse.

Summer Leisure - Enjoy a Good Book!

During these beautiful days of summer, you might be looking for a good book. Sitting in a shady spot, reading a compelling story is a great way to be outside while taking time to relax. Reading on a daily basis, just 10 minutes per day, is a great habit to foster.

In addition to the benefit of relaxing and easing of tension, reading is also a great means to be inspired and to strengthen our convictions. And, in conversations with friends, a lot can be learned from sharing the main points from a good book. The following are a few books that I and others have found to be engaging.

A Shepherd looks at Psalm 23 by Phillip Keller

As a shepherd, Phillip made his livelihood for eight years as a sheep owner and sheep rancher. Consequently, Phillip writes as one who has had first-hand experience with every phase of sheep management. Through his personal stories, he shares his insights into the life and character of sheep – and of the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for them. This beloved classic will give new meaning to the ageless Shepherd Psalm 23, enriching your trust in, and love for, the Lord Jesus who watches closely over you. (This book is available for \$3 including shipping from the Office for Catechesis & Evangelization. Email Beth at bjohnson@diolc.org)

From Atheism to Catholicism: Nine Converts Explain Their Journey Home by Brandon McGinley

This book reveals the dramatic, personal stories of nine former atheists who found new life in the Catholic Church. These men and women, in our generation, have escaped the swamp of living without any knowledge of, or a relationship with God, and finally embraced Holy Mother Church!

Despite many obstacles, they chose to be faithful to the truth, and to follow it wherever it led them. These thought-provoking stories will confirm your own faith and and strengthen within you gratitude to

to God for all that He has given you.

My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir by Colleen Campbell Colleen Campbell blends her personal narrative of spiritual seeking, trials, stumbles, and breakthroughs with the stories of six women saints who profoundly changed her life: Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Faustina of Poland, Edith Stein, Mother Teresa, and Mary of Nazareth. Drawing upon the rich writings and examples of these extraordinary women, the author reveals Christianity's liberating power for women and the relevance of the saints to the lives of our own unique stories.

Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes to: Divine Answers to Life's Difficult Problems by Anthony DeStefano People continue to wonder: In light of all the problems we face in life, we want to know why God is often "silent" when we pray to Him. Anthony DeStefano set out on a quest to find prayers that God's answer would always be "yes." Each short, powerful prayer addresses a particular problem people commonly face in life--from accepting the existence of God to trying to make ends meet; from getting through terrible suffering to coping with everyday stress; from overcoming fear to finding your God-given destiny. DeStefano writes in a simple, uplifting and understandable manner, using people's real-life situations.

Something Other Than God: How I Sought Happiness and Accidentally Found It by Jennifer Fulwiler Jennifer told herself she was happy: She made good money as a programmer at a hot tech start-up, had just married a guy with Ivy League degrees, and lived in a high-end condo behind the beautiful hills of Austin, Texas. Raised in a "happy", atheist home, Jennifer had the freedom to think for herself and play by her own rules. Yet a creeping darkness followed her, which finally drove her to ask why anything mattered. Facing the unflinching questions about life and death, good and evil, led Jennifer to the idea of

becoming a Catholic, the religion she had reviled since she was an awkward, skeptical child. Mortified by this turn of events, she hid her quest from everyone, concealing religious books in opaque bags and locking herself in public bathrooms to read the Bible. As Jennifer received the courage to convert, she faced an unforeseen difficulty that challenged her resolve to follow the way of truth.

SUMMER READING OF THE STAFF!

Father Jim: I enjoy anything from David Baldacci and C. J. Box. These two are the authors I continually check out for new releases. Many of Baldacci's works are suspense / legal thrillers, and tend to be pretty realistic. As to an introduction to Baldacci, his *Camel Club* series is one of his earlier works, and is very well done. C. J. Box writes from a western outlook. The location of his novels are in various western states, and his longest running series are the Joe Pickett series of books, based for the most part in Wyoming. Both authors have stand alone novels as well. Hope you enjoy any of these.

Fr. Williams: I recently finished a book entitled *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age* that is published by the University of Mary. It really gets to the heart of how the Church in America is facing a change in landscape. We are going from a time of Christendom in which the culture and prevailing viewpoint is Christian to one of Apostolic Mission which is more difficult to preach the gospel in but also calls for a greater fervor in the faithful. You may hear me reference it in future homilies. I also just purchased a book entitled *Mere Catholicism* by Fr. Ian Ker. It's meant to be a follow up from C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. I'm looking forward to diving into it.

Mary: Every day I read a bit of spiritual, a bit of old and newer classics and sometimes a bit of young adult. This summer I am working on *When God Is Silent* by Luis Martinez, *The Veil of Veronica*, by Gertrude Von Le Fort, *The Awakening of Miss Prim* by Natalia Sanmartin Fenollera, *Elantris* by Brandon Sanderson (a rare reading of fantasy) and completing the Anne of Avonlea series by L. M. Montgomery.

Monica: Current changes has me reading Parish Soft Chart of Accounts and Trial Balance Mapping! But also, *Pocket Guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation*.

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