



# 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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 David Eaton, CCS President .....715-387-1177  
 Mass Times.....715-384-3252 ext. 1

### *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 8/9/21** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
 7:00am Steve Barrett  
 Scripture Readings: Dt 10:12-22 Mt 17:22-27

**TUES 8/10/21** St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr  
 7:00am Darlene Alt  
 Scripture Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26

**WED 8/11/21** St. Clare, Virgin  
 7:00am Herbert Schneider  
 Scripture Readings: Dt 34:1-12 Mt 18:15-20

**THUR 8/12/21** St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious  
 7:00am Rudolph Zinthefer  
 Scripture Readings: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Mt 18:21—19:

**FRI 8/13/21** Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
 7:00am Rick Henrichs  
 Scripture Readings: Jos 24;1-13 Mt 19:3-12

**SAT 8/14/21** St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr  
 8:00am Joseph & Rose Weinfurter  
 Scripture Readings: Jos 24:14-29 Mt 19:13-15

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**SUN 8/15/21** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 7:00am Lindsay Dick Zuelke  
 9:00am St. John the Baptist Parish Family  
 11:00am Mary Alice Stangl  
 Scripture Readings: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27  
 Lk 1:39-56

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**LECTORS**

4:30pm Jeff Schultz  
 7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft  
 9:00am Dorothy Flees  
 11:00am Allyson Mayeux

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Susan Youngwith  
 7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield  
 9:00am Cheryl Schmidt  
 11:00am Linda Degenhardt

**SERVERS**

4:30pm **Open / Open**  
 7:00am Koffee Hansen / Ava Rootellis  
 9:00am Lily & Neil Adler  
 11:00am Audrey & Luke Clubb

**MUSIC MINISTER**

4:30pm Cindy Penker / Roni Steines-Machtan  
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 9:00am Cathy Heuer  
 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**

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 -** Glenn Linzmeier      **Thursday Open**  
**Tuesday -** Marty Draxler      **Friday -** Mike Spencer  
**Wednesday** Dan Flees      **Saturday** Nick & Kolbe Landwehr

**STEWARDSHIP - AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$16,366.20
Parish Improvement	\$382.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,748.20</b>

**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 wish to become a member of the prayer chain**, please call Jane Gerend at 715-387-2019 or Ann Bohner at 715-389-2726.

**Mission CO-OP collection:** Our collection for this summer's mission was tremendous! To date we have received \$10,000.00 Father Sebastian is grateful for the help this will be to his nephew priest. Thank you for the generosity you showed!

**Vacation Bible Study:** We had a successful week of Vacation Bible School where a record number of 65 students came to learn about prayer, obedience, St. Joseph of Cupertino, and what it means to be a Missionary. We are very thankful for the volunteers that made this a successful week, we couldn't do it without their help, or all of the donations from the Parish members! We look forward to hosting another great week next year!

**Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Youth Servers are ready and be picked up in the sacristy.**


**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 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older who would like to be a Mass server.

**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.

**Volunteers are needed to make rosaries for the missions.** Our Lady's Rosary Makers is a national organization providing simple to make handmade rosaries to missionaries world-wide, who are requesting rosaries. Please contact Rose at 715-650-7222.

**Join us for Rural Life Day – Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40<sup>th</sup> annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22, hosted by Carla Kostka and her son, Barry, at their Castle Rock Organic Farms, S12360 Young Road in Osseo. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10am Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by members of St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish. For a flyer or brochure, visit [www.dioclc.org/rural-life](http://www.dioclc.org/rural-life). For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, [rzietlow@dioclc.org](mailto:rzietlow@dioclc.org).



**Back to School! St. John PCCW will again be collecting school supplies for our St. John Primary teachers.** They may be dropped off in the box provided in the back of church. **Needed:** disposable face masks, adult size disposable gloves, hand sanitizer in dispenser bottles, **Elmers** glue (bottles & sticks), rubber cement, white cardstock, colored pencils, sandwich, quart & gallon sized ziplock bags, paper plates, pink erasers, colored ink pads, electric pencil sharpeners, colored Sharpie pens, laminating pouches, #2 pencils, brass fasteners, 3 hole punches, washable bean bag chairs, black & colored Expo markers, colored gel pens, black and colored sharpie pens, watercolor paint sets, Washable markers, yellow & orange highlighters, Sticky notes (any size), Manila file folders, and letter sized white envelopes. **Thank you!**



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN WARNS OF A CRISIS IN CHRISTENDOM

I recently came across an article on Archbishop Fulton Sheen on a coming crisis in Christendom; written in 1974 he warned Christendom, an economic, political and social life inspired by Christian principles, was coming to an end. The breakup of the family, divorce, abortion, immorality, general dishonesty (today we can add gender confusion, the sexual abuse crisis and CRT to this list) is all indicative of this. He reminds us this is not the end of the Church, but Christendom. It seems to me this is a time to reflect on his warning. If this was true in 1974, it is more apparent today.

He reminded his audience that of 22 civilizations that have decayed since the beginning of the world, 19 rotted and perished from within. Living in it day to day, it is difficult to see the decay; we get accustomed to the way things are and take them as normal. Today how much of our press, our music, our movies or television are inspired by Christian principals? And yet, we continually invite them into our living rooms, schools and workplaces. We are afraid of being unpopular or un-woke, so we go along to get along.

Archbishop Sheen noted the Church has a history of rising and falling, as Christ himself did on the road to Calvary. He teaches the first fall came was around the year 500 when Rome fell. In the midst of this time, great saints such as Augustine and Patrick arose to spread the faith. A second fall came around the year 1000 with the Moslem invasion and the schism of the East and West. Rising again, a third fall came during the Reformation, when many priests and nuns defected from their vows. Reformers began trying to reform the faith, but there was nothing wrong with the faith but in how it was being lived. A moral reformation was needed then, as it is today.

According to Sheen (writing in 1974) we are now in the 4<sup>th</sup> period, and we are falling again. He writes that in each of the 500 year times frames, the Church's enemies had specific focus. During the first period, the attacks were on the doctrine centering on the person of Christ; then there were attacks on the head of the church, followed by attacks on the Body of Christ, the Mystical Body in the Church. Today we face attacks from the spirit of the world. We are called to conform to the world, or we are branded as enemies. But the Lord says: *'I have taken you out of the world.'* We want to win the world, but Jesus tells us: *'I pray not for the world'*. Sheen recalls the wisdom of Vatican II that calls us to go into the world, but not to be the world.

For Sheen, this is a great time to be alive. It is no longer easy to be a Christian in the world during these days of testing; the world and society no longer friendly to Christianity. It is time to remove the masks (from 45 years ago) and reveal to the world and to ourselves who we really are. "Today the current is against us. And today the mood of the world is, *'Go with the world, go with the spirit.'* Listen, dead bodies float downstream. Only live bodies resist the current. And so the good Lord is testing us." He teaches this is very similar to the test the Jews had during the Exodus and we have the opportunity to show who we truly are.

So, does he have an answer to the trials of our day? Yes, and we will discuss that in next week's article.

God bless,

*Fr. Jim*

*Please keep in prayer Sr. Rita and Sr. Barbara who celebrate the anniversary of the Profession of Vows on August 12<sup>th</sup>!*

*Sister Rita: Profession of Vows ~ August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1960*  
*Sister Barbara: Profession of Vows ~ August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1955*

*Welcome to these new members:*

*Kevin Hellenbrand / Alyssia Burt & daughters*  
*Gerard Glab / Scott Burg & sons*



*Congratulations to Cody & Claire Wirtala*  
*Married on August 7, 2021*

*And to these couples celebrating*  
*Anniversary Milestones!*

*60 Years - Karl & Cathy Zimmermann*

*57 years - Steven & Sandra Christman*

**Faith Formation:** Register now for Marshfield Faith Formation, the new religious education program for students in grades 1-10 in the Marshfield Area. Register online at [www.MarshfieldFaithFormation.org](http://www.MarshfieldFaithFormation.org). The deadline to register is August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact David Alcott, Director of Faith Formation with any questions. Call 715-384-3252 ext 6 or [teachdisciples@gmail.com](mailto:teachdisciples@gmail.com)

**Let's clean out Purgatory!** Would you be interested in making a unique contribution of praying for souls who are in desperate need of your love and compassion to God? You can make an immense difference to loved ones and strangers who have gone before us with just 30 minutes of your time once a week by joining us at St. John's in praying the Chaplet of St. Gertrude after the weekly rosary on Thursday afternoon. Rosary at 12:15pm, Chaplet to follow.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** RCIA is the process whereby a person learns about the beautiful Catholic faith that we sometimes take for granted. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or if you just want to deepen your understanding of the faith contact Dcn. Jeff Austin at 715-676-3186 or Jane Gerend at 715-387-2019.. This will be an excellent way to grow closer to God by learning about Catholicism and how it promotes heroic goodness!

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1 will be starting September 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> on Mondays or Tuesdays from 2:40 - 5:00pm.**

Level 1 is for children between the ages of 3 - 6 years old. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy. Classes are held in the atrium (located next to the Adoration Chapel) which is a specially prepared room where children can come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The atrium is prepared with materials that children work with as a way of meditating upon the essentials of our faith found in Scripture and in liturgy.

If you would like to register your child, please call Jean at 715-387-0571. Registration forms can also be found in the kiosk as you enter the church.

Please keep CGS in your prayers for the children, catechists and the helpers.

**Donations are appreciated!** The following supplies are needed: YES paste, tracing paper, large crayons, flowers and plants.



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