



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 11/22/21** St. Cecelia, Virgin, Martyr

7:00am Virginia Narlock

Scripture Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20

Lk 21:1-4

TUES 11/23/21 St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr

7:00am Women at the Well

Scripture Readings: Dn 2:31-45

Lk 21:5-11

WED 11/24/21 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

7:00am Margaret Weigel

8:00am No Mass

Scripture Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19

THUR 11/25/21 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

7:00am George Winkler

Scripture Readings: Dn 6:12-28

Lk 21:20-28

FRI 11/26/21

7:00am John Christensen

Scripture Readings: Dn 7:2-14

Lk 21:29-33

SAT 11/27/21

8:00am Sharon Seidel

Scripture Readings: Dn 7:15-27

Lk 21:34-36

First Sunday of Advent

4:30pm William Krainz

SUN 11/28/21

7:00am St. John the Baptist Parish Family

9:00am Allen & Maria Sternitzky

11:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Hamus & Heyer
Families

Scripture Readings: Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**NOVEMBER 27th & 28th, 2021****LECTORS**

4:30pm Brian Pischel

7:00am Jan Altmann

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am Josh Dick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Becky Kaiser / Shirley Pritzl

7:00am Dale Garfield / Brian Kostka

9:00am Patrick & Marlea Lescynski

11:00am Michael Clubb / Kim Rybicki

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail & Sullivan Schuld

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / **Open**

9:00am Maverick & Dakota Hannasch

11:00am Brenden & Grace Clubb

MUSIC MINISTER4:30pm **Open**7:00pm **Open**

9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir

11:00am **Open****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.****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 -** Dave Gouin**Tuesday -** Dan Alsides**Wednesday -** Dan Flees**Thursday -** David Schlinsog**Friday -** Dennis Spencer**Saturday -** Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr**STEWARDSHIP - NOVEMBER 13th & 14th**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$22,144.29
Parish Improvement	\$383.00
Total	\$22,527.29
ACH	\$14,230.00
Total to Date for the month of November	\$36,757.29

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).**The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 25th & Friday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.** The parish staff wishes all a blessed Thanksgiving Day!**And we thank all those that so generously give of their time and talent be it in the parish committees, those that provide food for the priests, our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Adult and Youth Servers, those that visit the homebound and help with maintenance. St. John's is wonderful because of all of you!****Immediate openings at Pope St. JP II Adoration Chapel;** 7-8am, 3-4pm, or 11-midnight all on Fridays. God bestows many graces through adoration! "Jesus made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration. Ask Him to grant you the grace of knowing Him, the love of loving Him, the courage to serve Him. He is really there in person, waiting just for you."-- St. Teresa of Calcutta. For more information or to take a holy hour please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.**Lectors and Youth Servers needed!** If you have a gift for reading or a desire to help assist Father at the altar, we need you! Our youth servers are an asset to our parish and it is a wonderful thing to assist Father at Mass. We especially need some youth to volunteer to help at the Saturday evening Mass and the 7:00am Sunday morning Mass. We also would love to have a couple more lectors for the 4:30pm and the 7:00am Mass. Call the office for more information!**St. John's Family Life Committee have Christmas Cards for sale.** These cards feature the beauty of St. John's church and will be a treasure to send to your loved ones this Christmas season. Cards will be sold for \$1.00 per card or in packets of 5 for \$5. There is a limited number of cards available. They can be purchased in the parish office Monday - Thursday from 9am - 4:30pm.**The Pastoral Council** will meet in the Columbia Room on Tuesday, November 23rd at 6:30pm.**Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group Week 11.** Men, please join us at Our Lady of Peace this Tuesday morning at 6am. This week we have a third presentation from Dr. Lenny Delorenzo, this time focusing on the eternal perspectives of three spiritual giants, C.S. Lewis, St. Ignatius, and Blessed Franz Jagerstatter.**Attention engaged couples:** Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. Next available dates are: 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 or 715-650-7310.**MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY DINNER**
Thursday, November 25th from 11am - 1pm
FREE TO ALL
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2100 S. MAPLE AVE., MARSHFIELD**There will be no in-person dining. Only drive-up takeout traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be available.****To donate a food item for the dinner, call Jan at 715-387-3333**
To volunteer, call Julie at 715-387-8733 or email mfltdtday@gmail.com (for donating or volunteering)
Monetary donations may be made at BMO Harris Bank in the name of Marshfield Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A BLESSED THANKSGIVING FOR ALL

This coming Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving in the United States. Looking for some background, I came across an article by Taylor Marshall that I thought was interesting, including some trivia and pointing to some Catholic roots of this celebration.

The first recorded Thanksgiving was celebrated on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine FL. Spanish settlers along with Native Americans celebrated this feast and the sacrifice of the Mass was offered. A similar celebration was held a few years later, in 1598 in Texas. Don Juan de Onate declared a day of Thanksgiving to be commemorated, and again, the Sacrifice of the Mass was offered.

When we begin to look at what we traditionally think of as Thanksgiving, the celebration of the Puritan Pilgrims and the Native Americans, the central figure is Squanto who negotiated between these two groups. Squanto had been enslaved by the English, but was freed by Spanish Franciscans. After being freed, he received baptism and became Catholic, and so we see a Catholic connection to the origins of this feast, even though it is seen more of a traditional protestant feast that celebrates religious toleration.

Another aspect that makes this an American Feast is that a central aspect of the early gatherings was a celebration of those that defied the Church of England and the Crown of England. It was religious persecutions that forced the Pilgrims out of England to settle in the New World. The persecutions and penal laws affected rigorous Calvinistic Puritans as well as English Catholics. The pilgrims were persecuted in the same manner as Thomas More, John Fischer, Edmund Campion and so many Catholic Martyrs of the English Reformation period.

Thanksgiving is a time to remember that, despite all the division and turmoil in our world today, we are truly a blessed nation, a nation that is beholden to our Father in heaven, and are called to be a light for justice, liberty and freedom. This will not happen with laws being imposed upon us; it will only continue through the conversion of the hearts of Americans. No matter what the particular issue of the day entails, nothing will change if our hearts are not changed. For Catholics, that begins with an honest examination of conscience and getting to confession in order to hear the words of Christ, spoken through his priests, forgiving us of our sins. We are all like the 10 lepers we are familiar with in the Gospel of Luke, calling out to Christ, seeking his mercy. After receiving his mercy, we need to ask ourselves if we are like the one that returned to give thanks, or like the 9 that took it for granted and went on their way, not changing anything in their lives.

Thanksgiving is an opportunity to look objectively at our lives, to see the blessings we have received, not only blessings that bring joy, but even those that might entail suffering in the moment and draw us into a deeper embrace of the Father. I will close with the definition of Eucharist; in Greek *Eucharistia*; to give thanks. We see that each time we celebrate the Mass, we are participating in the true Thanksgiving Meal of heaven. *Lord Jesus, Have Mercy On Us.*

God bless.

Fr Jim

As a side, I came across this on the *Real Life Catholic* website, and I believe it helps us place some balance in what has become a very divisive issue:

It's possible to be pro vax & anti mandate (& hesitant to vaccinate kids). Pro life & NOT pro everything GOP. Pro pope (or bishop) & okay questioning him. Anti racism & anti CRT.

In short, it's possible to be "a normal Catholic." Stop letting people tell you otherwise.



Our sympathy to the family of:

Alice Petkosek

May the Soul of Alice

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

Advent booklets for both adults and children will be available in the entries of the church. There is a limited supply and we are asking a \$1.00 donation to help cover cost.

50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries If you are celebrating a 50th Anniversary in 2022, please call the parish office. The Diocese is requesting this information to send Jubilee couples their certificates.

Knights of Columbus-Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest An essay contest for young Catholics in 8th to 12th grade. It is to help youths become more connected to their faith and community. All essays are due must be turned in by December 7th. If interested in writing an essay, please contact: Brian Gotz, 2300 Mann St. Marshfield, WI 54449 phone: 715-650-2184

The High School Youth Group is now meeting every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the St. Francis Room of St. John's Primary School. We meet from 7:45pm to 9pm. Students in grades 9-12 are invited! Please contact David Alcott at teachdisciples@gmail.com to be added to the email/text list for updates and more information.

What does your future hold? When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world. Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. **God bless you!**

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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: We continue to make steady progress! As of November 16th, we have **222** donors and have already reached \$57,631 towards our goal of \$134,825! This is wonderful! If you have not received yours, call the parish office. Please consider how you can help our parish reach that goal together this year. Think of it as a way to do something beautiful for God. All mailings get sent directly back to the Diocese in the envelope they provide. If you do not receive a mailing from the Diocese, please call the parish office: 715-384-3252.

As the Diocese updates us on our progress we will list those who have contributed. **We now thank,** Travis & Mindy Schuld / Damian & Beth Willcome / Diane Goodman / Diane Martin / William Apfel / Lucille Bauer / Donald & Georgiane Bentzler / Greg Doll / Linda Strenger / Charles & Sharon Clermont / Lawrence & Donna Dick / Millie Eilers / Ron & Karen Fischer / George & Sandra Hudak / Robert & Janice Freeman / Jane Gerend / Nancy Martin / Ron & Nancy Immerfall / Kathy Fuchs / Jean Haffa / Dorothy Rottscheit / Patricia Hastreiter / Rita Blenker / Father Williams / William Hennes / Ed & Joan Purkis / Dennis & Kay Kmiec / Susan Jacobson / Ray & Darla Langreck / Lyle & Janet Kolbeck / Perry & Karen Schultz

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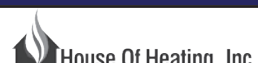
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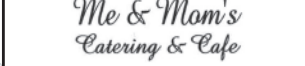
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