



# *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 11/29/21**

7:00am Ruth Cherney

Scripture Readings: Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11

**TUES 11/30/21 St. Andrew, Apostle**

7:00am Clifford Seitz

Scripture Readings: Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

**WED 12/1/21**

7:00am Joseph &amp; Rose Weinfurter

8:00am Harold &amp; Dorothy Faust

Scripture Readings: Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37

**THUR 12/2/21**

7:00am Living &amp; deceased members of the Stanley &amp; Florence Iwanski family

Scripture Readings: Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

**FRI 12/3/21 St. Francis Xavier**

7:00am Jerome Hamus

Scripture Readings: Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

**SAT 12/4/21 St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

8:00am Herbert Weigel

Scripture Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Second Sunday of Advent**

4:30pm Carole Loughlin

**SUN 12/5/21**

7:00am Rose Huser

9:00am Richard Meyer

11:00am St. John the Baptist Parish family

Scripture Readings: Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021****LECTORS**

4:30pm Jonathan Rootellis

7:00am Dale &amp; Judy Garfield

9:00am Rita Blenker

11:00am John Salzmann

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Joan Raschke / Susan Youngwith

7:00am Connie Manlick / Jean Kaiser

9:00am Rita Blenker / Patty Kraus

11:00am Argelia Moya / Lucas Hart

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

7:00am Koffee Hansen / Ava Rootellis

9:00am Lily &amp; Neil Adler

11:00am Emmett Luther / Nolan Frane

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4:30pm Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson

7:00am **Open**

9:00am Suzanne Golden

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.****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 -** David Schlinsog**Friday -** Mike Spencer**Saturday -** Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr**Advent Is A Time To Wait,  
A Time Of Expectation"****Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez****STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN****Cherubs** is the opportunity for children ages 3 through first grade to hear an age appropriate Gospel reading, sing songs and do activities to help them understand Mass better. This happens at the Sunday 9:00am Mass during the readings and homily. More leaders are needed to help in this program. If you are interested, please contact Heather at [heatherkadler@gmail.com](mailto:heatherkadler@gmail.com)**Retirement Fund for Religious:** This month we remember the thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests that served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes for little to no pay. An envelope for this purpose will be in the monthly tithing for that purpose. For those not receiving the monthly envelopes, extra will be put in the envelope boxes located in the vestibule as you enter church. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.**The PCCW Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in the Columbia Room.** There will be a catered luncheon and a brief business meeting after which sweepstakes winners will be drawn with Bingo to follow. All women of the parish are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of fun!**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!**Calendars - 2022:** The parish calendars are available and may be picked up when you come to church. If you are not able to come, someone may pick one up for you. We thank St. John's PCCW for donating the calendars this year.**Immediate openings at Pope St. JP II Adoration Chapel;** 7-8am, 3-4pm, or 11-midnight all on Fridays. "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.**2021 GIVING TREE****Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Social  
Justice Committee****Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Christmas is a beautiful time of love and gratitude.

It is a time where we find we want to be more generous to those that could use our prayers and our sacrifices. The Giving Tree provides an opportunity for just that!

As last year, we will be collecting money to purchase gift cards for St. Vincent's Christmas room for families and Columbus Catholic school families, plus St. John's home bound parishioners. This will eliminate large group work and handling of gifts. Gift cards enable the parents to not only purchase toys but also needed clothing.

If you would like to help, we are asking for monetary donations. Checks should be written out to St. John's and placed in an envelope clearly marked Giving Tree. This may be dropped in one of the locked boxes at Church or sent directly to the office no later than December 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Patty Kraus at 715-650-1900.**And in the words of Tiny Tim, "May God bless us everyone."**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### AN ADVENT REFLECTION FROM CATHOLICEXCHANGE.COM:

Our church, God's house, is indeed a house of prayer. One question we must ask ourselves today and sincerely try to answer is this: How do we regard the church? Do we pray and worship the Lord when we are inside the church? Advent challenges us to review the things we do in the church and how we respond to the things other people do in the church. Do we use our cell phone inside the church? Do we make noise or cause distractions while attending Mass or other liturgical celebrations like baptisms and weddings? Are we brave enough to correct the misbehavior of our family members, and other people inside the church? We must observe decency in our behavior and in the way we dress up when we go to church because we are going there to meet our Lord.

Our homes can also be an expression of our faith. Is God present in our home? Or have we commercialized our domestic life? How shall we decorate our home this Advent and Christmas seasons? One suggestion is to set up an Advent wreath or a nativity scene. Put Christ in the center especially this Christmas. Wouldn't it be beautiful if all Christians, one way or another show their faith with every season?

### THE ADVENT WREATH

Each Advent is a new beginning, a new opportunity to grow in our understanding and attain a deeper faith. We use the same symbols each year, but we are not the same, as our lives are in a constant state of flux because we change as we mature, as our families grow and decline, and the Advent wreath helps us recall this basic truth of life. In light of this, I offer again a short reflection on the Advent Wreath: this is an important means of showing our faith, and it is always good to be reminded why we do the things we do as Catholic Christians. The season of Advent is celebrated in many Christian homes and churches by placing an Advent wreath in a place of honor and lighting the candles.

Often times in the home this is done at dinnertime with the family, with a variety of Scripture readings and other prayers said at this time. It can be an excellent opportunity to teach younger children the meaning of this season of anticipation and deepen family devotion. Many families use other devotional items as well, such as a Jesse Tree or an Advent calendar, but the wreath plays a special part, as it can be a link between what happens in our homes and our liturgical celebrations in our churches.

While the origins of the wreath are not certain, they can be traced to pre-Christian times, where they were used as a sign of hope that soon the days would begin to grow in length. By the Middle Ages, Christians adapted this tradition as part of their preparation for the Christmas season.

The circle of the wreath is a symbol of God, with no beginning and no end, His eternity and endless mercy. The evergreen is a symbol of hope and eternal life. The candles are symbols of the light of Christ who will soon enter into the world. Each candle represents a period of waiting, symbolizing the 4 centuries from the prophet Malachi to the birth of Christ. The purple candles represent the time of prayer, penance and sacrifice leading up to Christ's birth. The pink candle represents the joy of our anticipation, as we have come to the mid-point of the Advent season. In many Advent wreaths, there is a white candle in the center of the wreath, representing Christ who is at the center of this season and our lives. This candle is lit on Christmas Eve.

If this is not a tradition in your family, perhaps consider beginning a new Advent tradition. Making use of a wreath can be a means of deepening your family's spiritual preparation for the birth of Christ, as well as help bring the family together for prayer and meals, which will help build and strengthen our families.

May God bless you and your families this Advent and Christmas seasons.

*Fr Jim*



### St. Andrew Christmas Novena

To be said 15 times a day—  
From November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup>

Hail, and blessed be the hour and the moment

at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin

in a stable, at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold.

At that thou vouchsafe, I beseech thee, To hear my prayers

And grant my desires. (Mention intentions here)

through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother Amen

### **The Social Justice Committee thanks St. John's Parish Family!!**

We had an overwhelming response with the monetary "food" collection. With your help we were able to help our families in the parish as well as St. Vincent de Paul. We have much to be thankful for and are grateful at the kindness of those in our parish! Blessings to all who made this project successful.

**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.

**50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries** If you are celebrating a 50<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. It is to help youths become more connected to their faith and community. All essays are due must be turned in by December 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:teachdisciples@gmail.com) to be added to the email/text list for updates and more information.

**St. John's Family Life Committee have Christmas Cards for sale.** If you would like to send out a Christmas card featuring the beauty of St. John's church, there are still a few bundles left. Cards are 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.

**Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group Week 12.** Bring a friend and join us at 6am at Our Lady of Peace for a powerful, powerful session featuring a fellow *That Man is You!* man.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:** We continue to make steady progress! As of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have **270** donors and have pledged \$74,120 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,** 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 / Gerald Hughes / Dan & Jill Maxinoski / Bonnie Meyer / Carol Morgan / John Morzinski / Dan & Claire Mroz / Dr. Timothy Wengert / Allen & Colleen Breu / Clemens & Grace Pecher / Janet Pecher / James & Donna Prepeluh / Brian & ? Prust / Kurt & Anna Revolinski / Luke & Tonya Schlagenhaft / Kevin & Melissa Pittsley / David & Fran Schlagenhaft



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