



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 1/3/22** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00am Susan Seifert Radcliffe

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUES 1/4/22 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:00am Fr. Lawrence Gerend

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

WED 1/5/22 St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:00am Joe & Mary Kauer

8:00am Lawrence & Marian Van De Loo

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52

THUR 1/6/22 St. Andre Bessette, Religious

7:00am Sandra A. Eckes

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Lk 4:14-22a

FRI 1/7/22 St. Raymond Penafort, Priest

7:00am Margaret Kraus

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

SAT 1/8/22

8:00am Kenneth Wartgow

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30

The Baptism of the Lord

4:30pm Living & Deceased Members John & Cathryn Marx

SUN 1/9/22

7:00am Tony Eilers

9:00am Patti Herr

11:00am St. John the Baptist Parishioners

Scripture Readings: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**JANUARY 8th & 9th, 2022****LECTORS**

4:30pm Jeff Schultz

7:00am Pam Alt

9:00am Ann Kundinger

11:00am Gayle Specht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marty Draxler / Marcy Gotz

7:00am Tonya Schlagenhaft / Brian Zygarlicke

9:00am Dan & Dorothy Flees

11:00am Argelia Moya / Maria Laura Garcia-Moya

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail & Sullivan Schuld

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Ava Rootellis

9:00am Nathaniel & Jonathan Nemitz

11:00am Emmett Luther / Nolan Frane

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am Suzanne Golden

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 -** David Gouin**Tuesday -** Dan Alsides**Wednesday -** Dan Flees**Thursday -** David Schlinsog**Friday -** Den Spencer**Saturday -** Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr**STEWARDSHIP FOR DECEMBER 18th & 19th**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$24,606.12
Parish Improvement	\$1,047.00
Total	\$25,653.12
ACH	\$14,139.00
Total to Date for the month of December	\$78,290.09

Because of the timing of the printing of the bulletin during the holidays, the stewardship for the weekend of December 26th will be in next weekend's bulletin.**Christmas donations will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.****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).**Religious Retirement Fund** Thank you to all who so generously gave to the retirement fund. A total of \$4,406.00 will be sent to help the many retired religious who served so beautifully!**Columbus Catholic is hosting Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of each month during the school day.** In order to ensure that Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, is never left alone, we are inviting local Catholics and friends of Columbus to spend some time in prayer in our chapel. The next day of Adoration will be Friday, January 7th. If you are interested in committing to a period of prayer, you can sign up through the following link: <https://bit.ly/323zhwC>. You can also call the chaplain, Fr. Daniel Williams, at (715) 387-1177 ext. 3316. Your service in helping provide this time of prayer for our Catholic schools is greatly appreciated!**The 3 Committees** will meet on Monday, January 10th beginning at 6:00pm. Meet as follows: Family Life in the Teacher's Lounge, Sacred Worship in Schuh Hall and Social Justice in Schuh Hall.**The Finance Committee** will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 18th in St. Francis Hall.**Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association** will meet on Wednesday January 12th, 2022, 3:00pm at Our Lady of Peace.**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**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 alanna@yahoo.com or 715-650-7310.**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:** We continue to make steady progress! As of December 23rd, 350 of our 1200 families have donated! If you have not, please consider helping us in reaching our goal of \$134,825. We currently need \$44,379.00 to reach this goal. Anything over that amount, comes back to the parish. Please prayerfully consider how you can help! 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** Gerald & Ardean Young / Barb Milich / Jack & Audrey Aply / Jerry & Kay Sternweis / Mary Lee Jacobitz / Jeremy & Michelle Hargraves / Evelyn Hemmy / Ray Alt / Phillip & Barbara Burkart / Peter & Judy Beining / Ed & Lois Carlson / David & Marian Daniel / Susan Jahr / Mary Lou Eilers / Robert & Peggy Kopf / John & Rita Fischer / Sister Rita & Sister Barbara / David & Mary Gouin / Mary Ann Heyer / James & Karleen Hlavac / Stanley Knetter / Karen Kofka / Larry & Cheryl Krainz / William & Cathy Heuer / Beverly Mundt / Karen Hawk / Mark & Karen Nowak / Derold & Vergean Brost / Joseph & Terry Burger

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all for the many cards and gifts this Christmas, especially for the prayers and Masses that have been offered; as always these are so much appreciated! I am continually humbled to serve as Pastor of St. John the Baptist. Your love for your priests is very evident. I will be offering Masses for the many benefactors I am blessed to serve. May God bless you and keep you and your families safe in 2022.

Fr. Jim

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

At this time of year, it is normal for us to take on New Year's resolutions. It seems as if this is almost built into our psyche: the coming year will be better than last year; this year I will be happier; I will be better organized; I will lose those 10 lbs. I meant to last year, but...etc. etc. New Year's resolutions are common and are good things, as they focus and inspire us to be better. While it is natural for us to focus on the physical because we can measure our progress, Pope Emeritus Benedict reminds us not to forget the spiritual aspect of our lives. Because we are matter and spirit, we need an approach that tackles both body and soul.

How do we further the development of the life of faith? This is not an easy question to answer, but it is an important question to ask, because in asking the question, we acknowledge we are a work in progress and not a finished project. In fact, there is no such thing as a completely mature, completely fulfilled Christian. In this life we are constantly called to conversion, and will never be finished until we are home in heaven. That being the case, there are some things we can measure, for example, perhaps we felt called to pray a bit more, to be more faithful to my Sunday obligation, to be more patient with my spouse or family. There are many things in every one of our lives that we can change, but what is at the center of this change? If it is simply a worldly desire, then we will be left empty, even if we are successful. However, if it is a desire to put God at the center of our life, and we strive to attain the virtue of hope, we will be successful even if we fail in some of the objectives of our resolutions.

In our conversion, St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans: *"let nothing separate you from the love of Christ"* (Romans 8:35). If we follow this principal, no matter what may come our way; good or bad, success or failure can draw us closer to Christ. With this as a guide we can challenge ourselves, setting goals that will stretch us in every way, always certain that ultimately God is in charge, and He desires only one thing; our salvation.

Good luck to all on their resolutions, whatever they may be. I pray for God's blessings on all of you; on your families, education, businesses and employment. May 2022 be a blessed year for all.

Fr. Jim

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

During this sacred time of year, we are given the opportunity to refocus on what is most important. Specifically, we recall the great gift of God becoming man in the person of Jesus Christ. I also wish to give thanks for you, my parish family. It is a blessing to spend my second Christmas here at St. John's with you all. I also want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts and various sweets. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at Mass throughout this Christmas season.

God Bless, Father Williams

From Dave Alcott: Director of Faith Formation

Marshfield Faith Formation classes for grades 1-10 will meet on Wednesday January 12th from 6pm to 7:15pm. The theme for grades 1-5 is A Match Made in Heaven (The Sacrament of Matrimony). We are so proud of Bryce Donnelly (1st grade) and Savannah Donnelly (3rd grade), the first students to complete our Bible challenge by memorizing the names of all 73 books of the Bible. Congratulations to you both!

Young Adult Gathering: There will be a gathering for all young adults (high school graduates through age 39) on Saturday, January 8th, at Powers Bluff Park to go tubing from 1-4pm (weather permitting). Cost is \$10 per person. For those wanting to carpool, we will meet outside St. John's and depart at 12:30pm. Please email Michael at the email below if you plan on attending. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive updates about our monthly meetings and other events, please contact Michael Iwanski at michaeliwanski38@gmail.com. Newcomers are always welcome!

Columbus Corner: Christmas Break will be from Dec. 23, 2021 - Jan. 2, 2022, with school resuming on Jan. 3, 2022. All offices will be closed during this time. / We now have the ability to take Prayer Requests via our website www.columbuscatholicsschools.org. Anyone with a prayer request can fill out our online form; all requests will be confidentially sent to our Chaplain and will be included in an intention at school Masses. People needing prayer requests can opt to have their prayers made public on our website (to unleash the positive power of group prayers or prayer chains) or they can opt to keep it confidential as well. Additionally, we will soon have a Prayer Box in our Chapel too. This locked box will take Prayer Requests and be monitored by our Chaplain. If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer, fill out our online form by visiting our website and clicking on "Get Involved." / Stepping Up Day is January 7, 2022. On this day, students in second, fifth and eighth grades visit the new buildings they will be attending next school year.

Substitute Teachers Needed! CCS is seeking applicants for Substitute Teachers. Flexible schedule, fabulous teachers, fantastic kids... what more could you ask for?!? Preschool, 4K, or 5K Aide Substitute: high school diploma or equivalent; \$10/hr or \$80/day Lead Teacher (All Grades): four year degree; \$12.50/hr or \$100 per day. If you are interested, please call 715-387-1177 or email edwards.jennifer@columbusdons.org for an application or apply online at Indeed.com.

Gift Cards for groceries, gas and restaurants can be purchased up at Columbus High School. This is a good way to support the parish as a percentage of the purchase comes back to St. John's.

ACH (automatic withdrawal) is another way you can choose to do your tithing. There are benefits to using this method of financial giving to St. John's. Not only does it save the parish in the cost of envelopes and postage, but it helps one to remain consistent in their tithing while away on vacation. If you would like to switch to this method, call the parish finance office at 715-384-3252. Monica will provide you with the needed information.

*We welcome this child through the
Living Waters of Baptism*

Baptized on January 1, 2022
Jameson Jesse Kaiser - son of Oliver & Nicole Kaiser



Welcome to these new members:

Caroline Neuman / Sara Turner

Our sympathy to the family of:

Donna Kappel

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



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