



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 12/13/21** St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

7:00am Trai Whetstone

Scripture Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27

TUES 12/14/21 St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Bucky Bohman

Scripture Readings: Zep:3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32

WED 12/15/21

7:00am Jack & Delores Kaudy

Scripture Readings: Is 45:6b-8, 21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23

THUR 12/16/21

7:00am Mary Rentmeester

8:00am Jayne Kolbeck

Scripture Readings: Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30

FRI 12/17/21

7:00am Delphine Hansen

Scripture Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17

SAT 12/18/21

8:00am Donald Eilers

Scripture Readings: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30pm Robert Schiferl, Sr.

SUN 12/19/20

7:00am Living & deceased members of the William & Philomene Schneider family

9:00am Mary Lou Nennig

11:00am St. John the Baptist Parish family

Scripture Readings: Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**DECEMBER 18th & 19th, 2021****LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Connie Manlick

9:00am Ann Kundinger

11:00am Gayle Specht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz / Becky Kaiser

7:00am Al & Barb May

9:00am Linda Lewer / Lonny Roberts

11:00am Jane Lamer Mayer / Chris Rutschow

SERVERS4:30pm **Open / Open**

7:00am Koffee Hansen / Ava Rootellis

9:00am Christine & Jonathan Nemitz

11:00am Audrey & Luke Clubb

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines

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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.**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

"Let us pray that we will be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas, not in the cold manger of a selfish heart, but in a heart full of love, compassion, joy and peace, a heart warm with love for one another."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

St. John's Christmas Mass Schedule**Christmas Eve (Friday):**

4:00pm

6:00pm

8:00pm

Christmas Day (Saturday morning):

8:00am

10:00am

Christmas Volunteers Needed We are asking our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and servers to sign up in the sheet which is now in the sacristy. There will also be a need for ushers at each Mass.

Also, there is also a need to sign up for the 4:30pm Saturday Mass (Feast of the Holy Family) This Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.



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).

Deanery-wide Confessions: All the deanery priests will hear confessions at Our Lady of Peace this Sunday, December 12th beginning at 12:00pm up until 5:00pm. Take opportunity of this day to prepare your hearts for Christmas.

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

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.

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.

Any donations you wish to have included on your December 2021 statement must be dated no later than December 30th 2021 and into the parish office by Thursday, December 30th as it gives the finance office plenty of time to get it to the bank. Thank you!

Roll Up Your Sleeves & Grab a Bucket or Mop Can you spare a couple of hours to help clean the church in preparation for Christmas on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:00pm? Bring your own gloves if desired. All other cleaning materials are provided. Please contact Dorothy at 715-387-8224.

Immediate openings at Pope St. JP II Adoration Chapel; 7-8am, 3-4pm, or 11-midnight all on Fridays. To sign up for a holy hour please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.

Prayer Shawl Ministry If you are visiting a member of your family this Christmas that might enjoy a cozy prayer shawl to get through these long winter months, there are many to choose from in the Bride's room! Give someone the warmth of Christmas love!

STEWARDSHIP FOR DECEMBER 4th & 5th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$24,062.05
Parish Improvement	\$343.00
Total	\$24,405.05
Total to Date for the month of December	\$24,062.05

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ADVENT AND ST. JOSEPH

After closing the Year of St. Joseph, a year Pope Francis called to acknowledge the important role Joseph played in the Church, and the role he continues to play in our Church and in all our lives, it is important to continue reflecting on his presence in our lives. The time of Advent and Christmas are special times to reflect on St. Joseph, as this is where we find him concretely in Sacred Scripture. If we began with the words of St. Joseph recorded in the Bible, we would be finished already, as there is not one recorded word. The lack of words, however, does not lessen his impact on Jesus and Mary, nor on his impact on our lives today. He is a quiet man of action, a perfect image for our Advent, as we are actively waiting the birth of our savior. In his silence, St. Joseph teaches humility. Reading through the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, we find the term 'Father of so and so' again and again; but Joseph is 'Husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born'.

Fr. Steve Grunow writes: *"Saints are not celebrities, who leverage every detail about their lives as a means to be known and recognized. A saint is someone who in their desire to be like Christ is able and willing to disappear into the mission God gives to them. For some saints, this mission brings with it a great deal of attention. But for most saints, the life of grace involves a much lower profile and a death to self which requires an immersion into the most ordinary of circumstances. These circumstances are accepted by the saint because they know that it is precisely in the experience of what is apparently ordinary that God is accomplishing extraordinary things. Therefore, it is all of us, who right now find ourselves immersed in the mission to be the unnoticed saints of ordinary circumstances, who know that the silence of Saint Joseph speaks louder than any words."*

In addition to his humility, St. Joseph teaches us the importance of devotion. St. Joseph was a man entirely devoted to God, lived in a special way in his devotion to his family. Pope Leo XIII called St. Joseph the *"guardian of the Holy Family"*—that's how devoted a spouse and father to Jesus he was. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Joseph was a *"just man"* (Matt 1:19), meaning he was righteous and devoted to following God's laws. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI put it, he was *"at the service of life and growth...St. Joseph...gave proof of great devotion. For the sake of Christ he experienced persecution, exile, and the poverty which this entails. He had to settle far from his native town. His only reward was to be with Christ."*

St Joseph: Pray for us.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

This third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, and begins the week we light the pink candle in our Advent wreaths. The term 'Gaudete' in Latin means to rejoice; and in fact it is a command to rejoice. This is important to keep in mind, as it is easy to rejoice when things are going well in our lives, but win the midst of tribulation or difficulties, whatever they may be, we are still called to rejoice at certain times, and the birth of Christ is one such time. While we remain in the days of penance of Advent, the time of completion will soon be here. It is also a time to recall we are one year closer to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ at the end of time, truly a time to rejoice.

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CONFESSION

A beautiful means to prepare our hearts is through the Sacrament of Penance, or reconciliation. To be reconciled is a term that means to come face to face again. Our sin turns us from God, and he invites us to turn back, or be reconciled. Advent is a time to take stock of our lives, see where it is we are lacking, and come to him in this great and powerful sacrament. This Sunday afternoon, December 12th, from 12:00 to 5:00 priests from the Marshfield deanery, with the help of a few from neighboring deaneries, will be at Our Lady of Peace church to hear confessions. I would like to encourage all to come and take advantage of this time.

God bless, and **REJOICE!**

Fr Jim

Calendars - 2022: The parish calendars are available and may be picked up when you come to church. We thank St. John's PCCW for donating the calendars this year.

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults (high school graduates through age 39) on Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 PM in St. Francis Hall. Please join us for a Christmas potluck, white elephant gift exchange, and an information night on our group's namesake and patron, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Please join the email list to receive the link to the potluck sign up sheet. 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!

The Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group has completed an excellent fall semester of *That Man is You!*, and we are on our holiday break. Watch the bulletin for the start of the spring semester in January.

The Bulletin and Annual Report are funded by ad donations which appear on the back side of the bulletin. Our newest ad is Marshfield Family Chiropractic. Please consider patronizing the businesses that place ads on our bulletin. These ads help pay for the cost of the printing of the bulletins. 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-5pm. 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.

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



Baptized on December 12, 2021

Charlotte Ann Leschke -

daughter of Thomas & Laura Leschke

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: We continue to make steady progress! As of December 7th, we have **319** donors and have pledged \$83,255 towards our goal of \$134,825! If you have not received a pledge card, call the parish office. Please consider how you can help our parish reach that goal together this year. 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,** Jeffrey & Roxann Schuld / Dana Heintz & Mary Ann Kline / Gerald & Sandra Schlagenhaft / Eldora Schuster / Veronica Steines-Machatan / Lois Seitz / Valeria Quest / Cliff & Jan Michalk / Gilbert & Lois Spaeth / Seigfried & Alice Sebastian / Caroline Stini / Dolores Strohman / Matt & Gloria Strupp / Shirley Tremmel / Mark & Patti Wittman / Jean Wagner / Richard & Marilyn Wagner / Tom & Ann Iwanski / LaMalle Winkler / Roman Zinthefer / Randy & Heidi Flannery / Jerold & Mary Weis / Michael & Angie Pero / Mike & Elaine Gonerig / Sharon See

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