

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.

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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 12/27/21 St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

7:00am Kathleen Dieringer

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

TUES 12/28/21 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00am William Krainz

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18

WED 12/29/21 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

7:00am Marion Herkert

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

THUR 12/30/21

7:00am Frank & Margaret Resch

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

FRI 12/31/21 St. Sylvester I, Pope

No 7:00am Mass 5:00pm Erv Folz

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

SAT 1/1/22 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00am Anthony Bohman

Scripture Readings: Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30pm Marlous Gonering

SUN 1/2/22

7:00am St. John the Baptist Parishioners

9:00am Dick & Lori Brod

11:00am Herbert Schneider

Scripture Readings: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

JANUARY 1st & 2nd, 2022

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel

7:00am Caryn Alsides

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am Jonathan Rootellis

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Louise Kobylinski / Susan Jahr

7:00am Dan Alsides / Jean Kaiser

9:00am Bernice Mercer / Jill Hiller

11:00am Melanie Rootellis / Linda Degenhardt

SERVERS

4:30pm Open / Open

7:00am Koffee Hansen / Open

9:00am Maverick & Dakota Hannasch

11:00am Maria Laura & Maria Elizabeth Garcia

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines

7:00am Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines

9:00am Mary Frey

11:00am Mary Frey

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 - No 8am Mass Saturday Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr The Stewardship Report for the weekend of December 18th and 19th will be included 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).

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 31st. The parish staff wishes all a Blessed & Happy New Year!

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!

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!

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.

Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association will meet on Wednesday January 12^{th} , 2021, 3:00pm at Our Lady of Peace Church in the Sacristy.

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. For more information please contact Rose at 715-650-7222.

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 <a href="https://hart.nih.gov/hart.ni

Mass Times for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God are as follows:

Friday, December 31st at 5:00pm Saturday, January 1st at 9:00am

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers are asked to sign up to assist at Mass. A sign-up sheet is in the sacristy.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - DEC. 31st & JAN 1st LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Friday, December 31st

5:00pm

Lector: Laurel Rudolph-Kniech

Eucharistic Ministers: Argelia Moya / Open

Servers: Open / Open

Musician: Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines

Saturday, January 1st

9:00am

Lector: Caren Alsides

Eucharistic Minister: Lonny Roberts / Kim Rybicki

Servers: Open / Open

Musician: Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

MERRY CHRISTMAS

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger,' (Luke 2:11-12)."

God's sign is the baby in need of help and in poverty, exactly the same sign has been given to us...God's sign is simplicity...God's sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby- defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love; so he makes himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to enter into his feelings, his thoughts, and his will- we learn to live with him and to practice with him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of love. God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him and love him...Christmas has become the Feast of gifts in imitation of God, who has given himself to us. Let us allow our heart, our soul and our mind to be touched by this fact (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

Merry Christmas!

Fr Jim

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPERS

As we gather for our celebrations this year, as always there will be both familiar and unfamiliar faces in our congregation. Welcome to all.

A special note to our brothers and sisters who may have been away from the regular practice of the faith: I hope and pray that you will experience God's love in your hearts during our time together. It is our hope that you will consider prayerfully this invitation to you and your family to take advantage of this time to worship God and grow in the devotional life in the coming year.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the human family in general, and each family in particular. This solemnity is celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas, and receives its name in honor of the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the canonical Gospels, other than birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, and the finding of Jesus in the temple.

Devotion to the Holy Family serves as the model for all Christian families and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," through which we sanctify the family by making Christ the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently, and so forth, all done together as a family unit. This feast calls us to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family, and to evaluate our own family life and ask ourselves what we are doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Retirement Fund for Religious: This is the last weekend to donate to the retirement fund for the thousands of religious that have served in many ways. An envelope for this purpose can be found in the envelope boxes located in the vestibule as you enter church. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Blessings From Mary's Place: Thanks to the generosity of so many, Mary's Place was able to pay off a \$35,000 mortgage to assure that we will be able to continue to assist low income and homeless individuals in getting a new start in life. Special thanks to the Heiman Family & Nasonville Dairy for partnering with us. We beat our goal and additional funds will be used to pay heating expenses this winter.

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. I We now have the ability to take Prayer Requests via our website www.columbuscatholicschools.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.

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.



The PCCW thanks all parishioners for their generous support in the December 2021 sweepstakes raffle. We also wish to thank all the ladies who donated the beautiful baskets for the

raffle drawings and the gift cards. The lucky winners this year are: Jean Wagner / Tammy Schmitt / Celeste Hilgart / Paula Bisek / Mary Ann Brinkman / Leona Aumann / Cindy Penker / Dorothy Flees / Kim Rybicki / Marcy Gotz / Sr. Rita and Sr. Barbara / Mary Greschner / Gloria Strupp / Keith Alsheben / Denise Roberts / Kathy Gessert / Karen Pernsteiner / Joleen Jones / Diane McIntee / Ann Werner / Linda Dick / Patti Willkom / Gail Guldan / Gretchen Gotz / Bernice Stark. Congratulations!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: We continue to make steady progress! As of December 20th, 339 of our 1200 families have donated! If you have not, please consider helping us in reaching our goal of \$13,4825. We currently need \$46,059 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 Russell & Carol Hoffman / Richard Wilcott / Richard Johannes / Tom & Rose Esser / Norma Potter / Dorothy Vogel / Phil & Dana Prusinski / Paul & Elizabeth Arneson / Jeff & Meredith Kean / Marilyn Lezotte / Mary Ystad / Robert Apfel / Gary & Mary Anderson / Ron & Patty Kraus / Gerald & Ardean Young / Barb Milich / Jack & Audrey Ably / 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



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