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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

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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 12/6/21 St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:00am Clifford Seitz

Scripture Readings: Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

TUES 2/7/21 St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Charles Brinkman

Scripture Readings: Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

Vigil Mass 6:00pm Ken Folz

WED 12/8/21 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am Laura & Noah Pozega

10:00am Jerome Kirsch

Scripture Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

THUR 12/9/21 St. Juan Diego

7:00am Jerry Prepeluh

Scripture Readings: Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

FRI 12/10/21

7:00am Lindsay Dick Zuelke

Scripture Readings: Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

SAT 12/11/21 St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00am Dennis Kolb

Scripture Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Third Sunday of Advent

4:30pm Sylvester & Dorothy Gessert

SUN 12/12/21

7:00am Chester & Bernice Jablonski

9:00am Richard Herr

11:00am Living and deceased members of the Robert Imhoff family

Scripture Readings: Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 11th & 12th, 2021

LECTORS

4:30pm Jeff Schultz

7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft

9:00am Maureen Karaliunas

11:00am Allyson Mayeux

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marty Draxler / Susan Jahr

7:00am Brian Zygarlicke / Lori Greenwald

9:00am Patrick & Marlea Lescynski

11:00am Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail & Sullivan Schuld

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Open

9:00am Maverick & Dakota Hannasch

11:00am Kendall Bisek / Maria Laura Garcia

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines

7:00am Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines

9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir

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 - Dennis Spencer

Saturday - Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr



“What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come.”

St. Josemaria Escova

STEWARDSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$92,738.65
Parish Improvement	\$1657.00
Total	\$94,395.65
ACH	\$14,289.00
Total to Date for the month of November	\$108,684.65

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Wednesday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at St. John’s will be 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 7th (Vigil Mass) 7:00am and 10:00am on Wednesday, December 8th.

Deanery-wide Confessions: All the deanery priests will hear confessions at Our Lady of Peace on 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.

The PCCW Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 12th 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. As a bonus, all women attending will be put into a drawing for a chance to win gift cards! We hope to share this afternoon with many of the women of St. John’s!

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.

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.

2021 GIVING TREE

Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Social Justice Committee



Saturday, November 27th - Sunday, December 5th.

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 5th. 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

ADVENT 2021

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." (1 John 4:9)

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas is less than a month away. To help us prepare our hearts for the birth of our savior, the Church gives us this special time of Advent. Without an intentional preparation Christmas can become just another season; a time of gathering with friends and family, a time of sales and parties. It can become a season that is filled with so many external activities we forget about the true meaning of the season.

We do not celebrate Christmas in order to receive gifts, but rather to receive The Gift. God, in His love for His children, sends His own Son to become man. Through him, we become adopted sons and daughters of God. The Church gives us the Advent season so we may prepare our hearts to receive this gift. Traditionally, this is a time of penance as well in the Church. The colors of the season are violet, which reflect this sentiment. It is a beautiful time to reflect upon our lives, and see how we might improve our relationship with God, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is a time to join our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph as they anticipate the birth of their child.

Perhaps one of the best ways to prepare ourselves is through the Sacrament of Penance. If it has been awhile since you have received Christ's love through this sacrament, please take advantage of the sacrament this Advent season. The priests of the Marshfield deanery have set aside the afternoon of Sunday December 12th from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM. for the deanery Penance service. During this time there will be multiple priests available to hear confessions at OLP church. Please take advantage of this opportunity in order to prepare your hearts for all the graces God desires for you this Christmas. We will also add the second Friday of December to our confession schedule at St. John the Baptist.

May you and your families come to know God's mercy in a special way during this Advent season.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Wednesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We will offer a vigil Mass at 6:00 PM on Wednesday Dec 7th, and 2 Masses on Dec 8th, one at 7:00 AM and another at 10:00 AM. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, and there will be a Mass at OLP at 5:30 PM on Dec 8th for families with children in our Family Faith Program (this Mass is open to all).

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a feast of the highest order in our Church. In addition to Christmas, this solemnity retains its obligation for Catholics to attend every year, no matter which day it might fall on. For all other feasts and solemnities, when they fall on a Monday or a Saturday, the feast is celebrated, but the obligation to attend is lifted.

The Immaculate Conception is a great help for us to sit quietly with our Blessed Mother as she anticipates the physical birth of her son in Bethlehem. Many people erroneously believe this feast is a celebration of the conception of Jesus, but are mistaken. The Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary is our celebration of the 1st moment of the Incarnation. This feast is about Mary being conceived in the womb of Anna without the stain of Original Sin. Mary was being prepared, from the moment of her conception, to become the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Man.

God bless

Fr. Jim

We welcome these children through the Living Waters of Baptism



Baptized on December 5, 2021
Peter Karol Coombs - son of Shane & Natalie Coombs



Welcome to these new members:

Jason Hlavac / Louisa May / Terrance Rhodes

Congratulations to:

Darrell & Linda Paschel

Married on December 4, 2021



Our sympathy to the families of:

Esther Reinhart / Jack Wallace / Helen Kronberger
Janet Courtney / Agnes Rehlinger



*May the Souls of Esther, Jack, Helen,
Janet & Agnes and the Souls of all the Faithful
Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.*

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!

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

Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group Week 13. Join us Tues. morning at 6 at OLP as we wrap up the fall session of *That Man is You!*. Fr. Leo is cooking for us again, food for the body & soul!

St. Michael's parish in Hewitt will hold a Christmas Holiday Bake Sale on Saturday, December 11th from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. The sale will continue after the 5pm Mass.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: We continue to make steady progress! As of November 30th, we have **294** donors and have pledged \$78,335 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,** 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 / Jeffrey & Roxann Schuld / Dana Heintz & Mary Ann Kline / Gerald & Sandra Schlagenhaft / Eldora Schuster / Veronica Steines-Machtan / Lois Seitz / Valeria Quest / Cliff & Jan Michalk / Gilbert & Lois Spaeth / Siegfried & Alice Sebastian / Caroline Stini / Dolores Strohmman

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