

# 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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Mass Times	715-384-3252 ext. 1

# 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 1/10/22

7:00am Janice Schneider

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20

TUES 1/11/22

7:00am Lorraine Kemp

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28

WED 1/12/22

7:00am Virginia Narlock 8:00am Warren Von Holzen

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Mk 1:29-39

THUR 1/13/22 St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Margaret Zuber

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45

FRI 1/14/22

7:00am Catherine Vogt

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12

SAT 1/15/22

8:00am Patrick Schar

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4a, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

4:30pm Henry Gadtke

SUN 1/16/22

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

9:00am Kathleen Dieringer

11:00am William Krainz

Scripture Readings: Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022** 

### **LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech

9:00am Rita Blenker

11:00am Allyson Mayeux

### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Shirley Pritzl / Becky Kaiser

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech / Pam Alt

9:00am Rita Blenker / Patty Kraus

11:00am Kim Rybicki / Mike Clubb

### **SERVERS**

4:30pm Open / Open

7:00am Koffee Hansen / Open

9:00am Lily & Neil Adler

11:00am Audrey & Luke Clubb

### MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Suzanne Golden

7:00am Cathy Heuer

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 Lenny Kieliszewski

Thursday Lee Alt
Friday - Mike Spencer
Saturday Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

	R DECEMBER 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>
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 Adult / Youth / Plate
 \$21,158.54

 Parish Improvement
 \$430.00

 Total
 \$21,588.54

 ACH
 \$14,139.00

 Total to date for the month of December
 \$107,876.63

Christmas donations \$26,417.00

STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY 1st & 2nd

Adult / Youth / Plate \$24,316.42
Parish Improvement \$140.00

Total to date for the month of January \$24,456.42

**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).

Blessing of Homes and Chalk on Epiphany: A common tradition on Epiphany is the blessing of homes. Why on Epiphany? This is the traditional date when the Three Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem to see the Christ Child. Guided by the star these three foreigners presented their gifts to Our Lord. Though their names are not found in Scripture, tradition has identified them as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Thus, when a home is blessed on Epiphany, some blessed chalk is used to mark the trim above the entrance door with the initials of these Three Kings. For instance, the current year would read 20 + C + M + B + 22. The three letters may also stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat which in Latin means *May Christ Bless this House*. Please take a piece of chalk and the prayer card located in the vestibule as you enter church.

**St. John's Youth:** We are looking for more youth to join the team of Mass Servers. We are in special need of 4:30pm and 7:00am servers. If you are in fourth grade or older, and would like to learn how to assist at the altar, please call the parish office. In the near future we will set up a server training for anyone interested!

**The 3 Committees** will meet on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> in St. Francis Hall.

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

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: We continue to make steady progress! As of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 384 of our 1200 families have donated! We are in need of more families to help us in this appeal. Last year we had a total of 498 families contribute and we are hoping to surpass that number this year. Please consider helping! We currently need \$29,889 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** 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 / Diane Reigel / Doris Schreindl / Doris Smith / Den & Sue Spencer / Greg & Sandy Staab / Randy Weigel / John Wenzel / Keith & Debbie Zygarlicke / James Lang / Benita Diers / Andrew & Christine Marias / Tanya Esser / Richard & Jane Seifert / Sharon Frueh / Mary Lanning

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

The feast we celebrate today brings the Christmas season to a close, and we enter into the first session of Ordinary Time, lasting now until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. It is common to wonder 'why' when considering many of Christ's actions while he walked among us. These actions were examples of the empathy he feels for us. Like a soldier gaining the trust of those he is commanding by showing the medals he received by going through a battle similar to what they are preparing for, or perhaps a doctor showing the scars of a surgery as he or she prepare their patient for a surgery, to offer comfort and support that the surgery will turn out fine. We are encouraged and strengthened when our heroes and leaders have gone through similar situations in their lives, leading through personal example. We have a savior that offers us the same thing.

Although God could not suffer as God, he choose to become man, and now he carries the wounds of sin even though he never sinned. He identifies with all that sin can inflict upon human beings, and stands with us side by side, becoming man to bear our burdens, yet he retains His perfection. This is what lies beneath our feast today. God lays aside His perfection and dignity, bowing his head to be baptized in a dirty river, not being made holy through his baptism, but making holy the waters of baptism by his holiness. He lines up with sinners to receive what he did not need in order to show us something we desperately need. He knows the value of empathy and example, and how his service to mankind did not come from a golden throne, but from identifying with us as sinners, even if it meant climbing into a muddy river with other men.

Today the fullness of the Trinity appears in the form of the dove and we hear the voice of the Father. The Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, hovers over Jesus, and the voice of the Father is heard, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." In his baptism, Christ promises to become like us, so we may become like Him. He will suffer for our benefit, and sins will be taken away by water and blood. We continue following this example down to our own day, Baptizing in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, your Baptism shows us that you are not remote. You are at our side. You know sin but are not a sinner. Give us the grace to renew our baptism through a frequent reception of confession and the Holy Eucharist. By receiving one, we strengthen the others. By receiving You, we receive God Himself. Amen.

God bless,

Fr Jim

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN

Although I was remiss in not getting this into last week's bulletin, it is a memorial we should recall for many reasons. Last week we celebrated one of the saints depicted above our altar, St. John Neumann. John was born in Bohemia in 1811, but decided to leave his homeland for America. In 1836 he was ordained to the priesthood in New York, working in the Niagara Falls area. In 1842 he left the diocesan priesthood for religious life, joining the Redemptorist Order. In this order he began working with various immigrants, particularly with the German community, eventually serving as the general superior of the Redemptorist order in America. At the age of 41 he was named bishop of Philadelphia. It was as a bishop that he became instrumental in developing the groundwork of what would become the Diocesan Catholic School system throughout the United States, a model that remains today. St. John had a great devotion to the Eucharist, and was fervent in promoting this devotion in the Diocese of Philadelphia.

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At the young age of 48, St John Neumann died suddenly of a heart attack on the streets of Philadelphia. At his canonization Mass in 1977, Pope Paul VI summarized the activity of the new saint: "He was close to the sick; he loved to be with the poor, he was a friend of sinners, and now he is the glory of all emigrants." St John's Feast Day is January 5<sup>th</sup>.

St. John Neumann, pray for us!

### From Dave Alcott: Director of Faith Formation

**Marshfield Faith Formation** classes for grades 1-10 will meet on Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:15pm. The theme for grades 1-5 is A Match Made in Heaven (The Sacrament of Matrimony).

Youth Tithing Envelopes: If your child would like to have his or her own tithing envelopes, they can be found on the table as you enter church. These envelopes are outdated but we are using up the old before ordering new. The dates are wrong but since they are not recorded it does not matter. Please take a box for each child that would like to have their own envelope to put in the collection basket.

**Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association** will meet on Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 3:00pm at Our Lady of Peace.

**St. JP II Adoration ChapeI** has a few openings on Friday; 3-4pm, 8-9pm and 11-midnight. If any of these hours fit into your schedule please consider in trying a holy hour! Call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085, Jesus is waiting for you!

The schedule for Masses at St. John's in <u>2023</u> is ready. If you want to have Mass intentions scheduled, please contact the parish office. There are no available openings for 2022. Please keep in mind that it might happen that a Mass will have to be cancelled now and then depending upon the availability of a priest to cover. Also, we have started a list of Mass Intentions for the Priests on their days off. These are private Masses. Call the parish office for more information.



# Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines For Reporting Instances of Child Abuse.

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.



# We welcome this child through the Living Waters of Baptism

Baptized on January 9, 2022 Ezra Rose Burtnett - daughter of Reed Burtnett & Bailey Schneider

# Our sympathy to the families of:

Danielle Sternberg / Richard De Jarlais, Sr.

May the Souls of Danielle & Richard
and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen



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