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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

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 2/28/22

7:00am Doris Gadke

Scripture Readings: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Mk 10:17-27

TUES 3/1/22

7:00am Sr. Francis Yanisch

Scripture Readings: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Mk 10:28-31

WED 3/2/22 Ash Wednesday

7:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Area

Catholic Missionaries

9:30am Clarence Stini

12:10pm Ralph Lang

Scripture Readings: JI 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THUR 3/3/22 St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

7:00am Dan & Lorraine La Grander

Scripture Readings: Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

FRI 3/4/22 St. Casimer 7:00am George Winkler

Scripture Readings: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

SAT 3/5/22

8:00am Irene Specht

Scripture Readings: Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

First Sunday of Lent

4:30pm Sylvester & Dorothy Gessert

SUN 3/6/22

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

9:00am Jack Lang

11:00am Harold & Dorothy Faust

Scripture Readings: Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 5th & 6th, 2022

LECTORS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Pam Alt

9:00am Ann Kundinger

11:00am John Salzmann

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marty Draxler / Marcy Gotz

7:00am Dan Alsides / Pam Alt

9:00am Ann Kundinger / Linda Lewer

11:00am John & Lori Salzmann

<u>SERVERS</u>

4:30pm Abigail & Sullivan Schuld

7:00am Paige Albrecht / Ava Rootellis

9:00am Maverick & Dakota Hannasch

11:00am Elizabeth Kitzhaber / Open

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am Suzanne Golden

9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir

11:00am Cathy Heuer

Confessions are heard on the first and third Fridays of the month beginning at 6:00pm. March 4^{th} is the next Friday night of confessions. Two priests are available at this time. They are also available on Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass.

Weekday Mass Servers:

Monday -
Tuesday -
WednesdayDavid Gouin
Dan AlsidesThursday
Friday -
SaturdayDavid Schlinsog
Dennis SpencerWednesdayDan FleesSaturdayKolbe & Dominic Landwehr

STEWARDSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 19th & 20th

Adult / Youth / Plate \$14,597.46
Parish Improvement \$90.00

Total \$14,687.46

ACH \$14,062.00

Total to date for the month of February \$41,623.62

Prayer Vine ~ Do you or someone you know need prayers?To have requests for prayer placed on the vine, please call Shirley 715-384-3613 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists).

It is not necessary to give a name or specific details for your request.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be held at 7:00am, 9:30am (Children's Mass) and 12:10pm.

The traditional Lenten means of preparing our hearts for Easter are prayer, fasting, and alms giving. For those who will one day find their way to Heaven, these are sure, safe, and effective means of getting there. As a reminder:

Days of Fasting:

Catholics from ages 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating one full meal and two smaller meals; no snacks.

Days of Abstinence:

Catholics from age 14 years and older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday. This obligation ends with death.

Stations of the Cross The Leaders of Prayer of St. John's will lead the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent beginning on March 4th at 5:30pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

New Bible Study - starts on Feb. 27th: The Footprints of God DVD 9 part series by Steve Ray. This is a "fast-paced, entertaining biography, travel documentary, Bible study, [...] and Church history course rolled into one remarkable adventure." With amazing cinematography and the often hilarious wit of leading apologist Steven Ray, this is win-win for everyone. Sundays, 8:15-10:30am through May 1st. Columbia Room, St. John School.

The Marshfield Deanery Pre-Lenten Prayer, Presentation & Potluck will be held this Sun., Feb. 27th at 12:30pm at Our Lady of Peace. Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by lunch, a personal testimony and a Lenten reflection given by Karen Becker from the La Crosse Diocese.

Save the Date Noted author, radio personality, and Catholic apologist, Patrick Madrid will be speaking at Our Lady of Peace Parish on Wednesday and Thursday, April 6-7 at 7pm. Wednesday's talk is entitled *Why be Catholic* and Thursday's is entitled *Search and Rescue*. There will be a brief intermission each night with a book signing by Mr. Madrid. Admission is free and open to the public. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: As of February 21st, 417 of our 1195 families have donated! Eighty-one more families would meet our number that contributed last year as we had a total of 498 families contribute in the 2021 appeal. Please consider helping! We currently need \$18,209 to reach this goal. Anything over that amount, comes back to the parish. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. 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** Glenn & Karen Linzmeier / Lorraine Michalski / Ronald & Kay O'Brien / Roger & Cathy Tritz / Adam & Heidi Forst / Robert & Jana Wagner / James & Marian Theurer / Bernard & Mary Wahl / Monte & Patti Willkom / Thomas & Susan Youngwith / Flavia Wittman / Tiffany Toltzman / Donald & Judy Duellman / Lonny & Denise Roberts / Janel Welniak / Mari Bohman / James & Bernice Mercer / William Eggebrecht / Jerold & Sally Esser / Donna Belke / Isaac & Mary Yeboah / Christina Rauk / Peter & Karolyn Frankowiak / Margaret Altmann / Sally Bremer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

COLLABORATING WITH HOLY ANGELS

In preparation for your Lenten journey this year, ask the angels to guide your spiritual practices and sacrifices in order to grow as God desires. The angels, especially your Guardian Angel, are always there at your side, and desire nothing more to help us to grow in holiness. However, they will not impose themselves over your will, and the best way to take advantage of the help they desire to give is to ask them to come to our assistance. Following are ways to collaborate with the Holy Angels this Lent.

SILENCE: Mary and Joseph are our highest examples of these virtues. There is no other couple that has a higher calling than Mary and Joseph. They are models of silence, always interiorly resting in God and seeking only to be filled by Him. In fact, there is not one word spoken by Joseph that is recorded in Sacred Scripture, and Mary was a woman of few words, but her words were full of meaning and helpfulness. If we are filled with the noise of daily life—radio, television, internet, video games—we will never be open for God or the angel. If we enjoy gossiping or emptying ourselves through much talking, we will never have the capacity to remain interiorly recollected for God.

LISTENING: In Sacred Scripture we are introduced to Mary listening to the Archangel Gabriel and accepting his message and call for her life. St. Joseph, too, has his moment when the angel comes to him in a dream and instructs him to take Mary as his wife. This openness to the message of an angel guided all Mary and Joseph did in their lives. To be open for the angel and the call of grace, we must listen for it, waiting for God to speak to us at any given moment. "Be watchful! Be alert! For you do not know when the time will come" (Mk 13:33).

OBEDIENCE: We need to be open to hearing our angels, but we also must be doers of the word, and Mary and Joseph are primary examples of this. Mary gives her 'fiat' to the Angel Gabriel, and then lives this 'yes' to God for her entire life in this world and continues living this 'fiat' even today in heaven. Again and again, Joseph experiences a message from an angel and directs his life accordingly. Taking Mary into his home, escaping to Egypt to protect the child and his mother and returning to Nazareth; these are examples that have been recorded, but there must have been many occurrences that guided his life and that of the Holy Family. In order for grace to bear fruit, we also need to learn to accept the call of grace to sacrifice, to selflessness and service through obedience to the inspiration of the angel.

POVERTY: Jesus was born into poverty in the household of Mary and Joseph. Joseph was a carpenter, which would have placed them within a working class family in their time. That they were poor was evidenced by the offering made at the Temple. Poor families would offer a pair of turtledoves, which was what the Holy Family offered. We, too, must strive to be detached from our possessions, our work, our own opinions or desires in order to be free for God and the call of the angel.

PURITY: Mary in her Immaculate Conception was pure and transparent for God, without disorder or interior disturbance or restlessness. Many of our images of Joseph contain lilies, which call to mind purity and chastity. We, too, must learn to become pure, truthful and simple, without ulterior desires or motivations, full of discipline in body and soul. In this way we will become tranquil and ready for the call of the angel.

FIDELITY: In order for grace to bear fruit in us, we must remain faithful and firm in the storms of life through a strong faith and living hope. Mary and Joseph are our greatest examples of lives of fidelity, which opens our hearts to the way the angel can mediate to us the most precious graces, those which come to us through suffering.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Remember you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.

Repent, and believe in the Gospel
These two prayers offered as the priest or minister places ashes on our heads are powerful reminders, in the simplest of terms, of how to lead a holy, life changing Lent.
God bless

Fr. Jim

FROM DAVID ALCOTT - DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION



The Living Stations will be presented by Marshfield area high school students on the evening of Wednesday March 16th at Our Lady of Peace parish. Stations will begin at 5:30pm. This is a free event, all are welcome to come on this journey with us.

The PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) is looking for candidates for the two-year term of Vice President. There are six meetings per year, to attend, and duties are assisting the President, and helping with fundraising activities. If you have an interest in this position, please call Shirley Pritzl at 715-384-8589 or Marcy Gotz at 715-650-2184, nominating committee members.

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults (high school graduates through age 39) on Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30pm. We will meet in St. John's church for adoration and Stations of the Cross and then go out for dinner. 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!

Shrimp & Beer Battered Fish Fry - St. Mary's, Auburndale: Carry -outs only from 3:30 - 7pm on the following Fridays: March 4th & 18th, April 1st & 15th. Call St. Mary's at 715-652-2747 to place an order after 2pm on Friday. Menu options can be found on the kiosk.

Columbus Corner: The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program application opened February 1st. This program allows parents to receive a tuition voucher to enroll their children in approved private and religious schools. Visit our website or contact our President, David Eaton at 715-387-1177 ext. 3304 to learn the income requirements, where to apply and what documentation you need.

Marshfield Feed My Starving Children is an opportunity to serve our awesome God! We're sticking with similar goals to last year. Let's all pitch in and help feed hungry kids Dates: Friday May 6th and Saturday May 7th. Location: Zion United Methodist Church. Money: \$25,000 needed to pay for the food Impact: 101,088 meals provided to pack. Estimated 110 people needed for the two days of packing. Similar to last year's 30 people per shift in pods of 5 as the maximum per station. Website sign-up to open about a month before the event.

We welcome this child through the Living Waters of Baptism



Baptized on February 26, 2022 Kamryn Noelle Stuttgen daughter of Michael & Chelsea Stuttgen

Our sympathy to the family of:

Ralph Lang

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





Edward Jones

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