



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 3/7/22** Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

7:00am Grace Kubs

Scripture Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

TUES 3/8/22 St. John of God, Religious

7:00am Lorraine Kemp

Scripture Readings: Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

WED 3/9/22 St. Frances of Rome, Religious

7:00am Walter & Lucille Hebert

8:00am Herbert Weigel

Scripture Readings: Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

THUR 3/10/22

7:00am Helen Dums

Scripture Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Mt 7:7-12

FRI 3/11/22

7:00am Donald Schnitzler

Scripture Readings: Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

SAT 3/12/22

8:00am Dan & Lorraine La Grand

Scripture Readings: Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

Second Sunday of Lent

4:30pm Marshall Shear, Jr.

SUN 3/13/22

7:00am Gordon Schuster

9:00am Living & deceased members of the Albert Langreck family

11:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Scripture Readings: Gn15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17—4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**March 12th & 13th, 2022****LECTORS**

4:30pm Jeff Schultz

7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am Jonathan Rootellis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Shirley Pritzl / Becky Kaiser

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech / Barb Barrett

9:00am Bernice Mercer / Jill Hiller

11:00am Kim Rybicki / Mike Clubb

SERVERS4:30pm **Open / Open**7:00am Koffee Hansen / **Open**

9:00am Christine & Jonathan Nemitz

11:00am Grace Clubb / Maria Elizabeth Garcia

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Kris Herr / Adult Choir

7:00am Cathy Heuer

9:00am Mary Frey

11:00am Mary Frey

Confessions are heard on the first and third Fridays of the month beginning at 6:00pm. March 18th 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** - Glenn Linzmeier**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler**Wednesday** - Lenny Kieliszewski**Thursday** - Lee Alt**Friday** - Mike Spencer**Saturday** - Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr**STEWARDSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 26th & 27th**

Adult / Youth / Plate \$15,098.31

Parish Improvement \$146.00

Total **\$15,244.31****ACH** **\$14,062.00****Total to date for the month of February** **\$56,867.93****Thank you for your generous giving!**

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.

There is a box located in the back of church until the end of March for you to discard old palms. Since they were blessed, they should not be thrown away. They will be burned and buried properly.

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.

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!

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Youth Servers: The May - August schedule is now being worked on. If you have been off of the schedule, and would like to be put back on, please e-mail mjgouin@frontier.com call the parish office at 715-384-3252. If you have dates that you know you are not available, also call the office. All information is needed by March 28th. **At this time, we could use more lectors.** If you have a desire to serve in this way, please call the parish office. Your talent would be greatly appreciated.

Youth Servers: If you would like to participate more fully in the Mass, and are in fourth grade or older, we would love to have you serve as an altar boy or girl. We are especially in need of servers for the Saturday 4:30pm and the Sunday 7:00am Masses. We will set up a practice session early in 2021. If you are interested, call the parish office at 715-384-3252 or email mjgouin@frontier.com

St. Joseph's Feast Day ~ March 19th

As we come upon this feast day, we remember that one of the disciplines of Lent is to give alms to the poor. We will have a monetary collection only from March 12th through March 20th to help families of our parish as well as those in the community. On March 12th the St. Joseph Table will be set up with envelopes provided for donations. Please make checks out to St. John's. Money collected will be used to purchase gift cards from the gift card program.

No actual items will be collected this year.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST THIS LENT

The primary point of Lent is to deepen our relationship with God, which is based on our prayer life. In order to develop our prayer life first and foremost, we need to give of ourselves and make a specific time for prayer. If we just fit it in when we can, other things will continue to come up and interfere. This Lent consider giving yourself time to be with God in prayer every day.

Weeks 1 and 2 of Lent: Reflecting on God's Infinite and Unconditional Love commit to a 15-minute prayer time for each of the three Scripture passages below, praying with one Scripture per day, in the order given. It is often helpful to use a journal or notebook to write down any inspirations received. Repeat the same process in Week Two. Begin your prayer time by asking for this specific grace: *"Dear Lord, please grant me the grace of a deeper experience of Your personal love for me."* You will not only come to know that God is love, but experience God's personal love for you as a unique son or daughter. Suggested Scripture for Weeks 1 and 2:

- ☐ Luke 1:26-38 Mary's "Yes" allows the Savior to come into the world.
- ☐ Luke 2:1-20 God becomes man to save me.
- ☐ Luke 2:41-50 Jesus is eager to begin His Father's will.

From a Lenten Homily on Fasting by St. Francis De Sales

The 3 foundations of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Following is from a homily by St. Francis de Sales on fasting:

To treat of fasting and of what is required to fast well, we must understand that of itself fasting is not a virtue. The good and the bad, Christians and pagans, observe it. The ancient philosophers observed it and recommended it. They were not virtuous for that reason, nor did they practice virtue in fasting. Fasting is a virtue only when it is accompanied by conditions which render it pleasing to God. Thus it happens that it profits some and not others because it is not undertaken by all in the same manner. Some people think that to fast well during the holy season of Lent it is enough to abstain from eating some prohibited food. We know very well that it is not enough to fast exteriorly if we do not also fast interiorly and we must accompany the fast of the body with that of the spirit.

The first condition is that we must fast with our whole heart, that is to say, willingly, whole-heartedly, universally and entirely. If I recount to you St. Bernard's words regarding fasting, you will know not only why it is instituted but also how it ought to be kept. Fasting was instituted by Our Lord as a remedy for our mouth, for our gourmandizing and for our gluttony. Sin entered the world through the mouth, the mouth must do penance by being deprived of certain foods. This glorious saint adds that as it is not our mouth alone which has sinned, but also all our other senses, our fast must be general and entire, that is, all the members of our body must fast. For if we have offended God through the eyes, the ears, the tongue or through our other senses, why should we not make them fast as well? And not only must we make the bodily senses fast, but also the soul's powers and passions — yes, even the understanding, the memory, and the will, since we have sinned through both body and spirit.

The second condition is never to fast through vanity but always through humility. According to Scripture there are hundreds and hundreds of ways to fast, but I will content myself with telling you one of them, for it is not necessary to burden your memory with many things. To fast through vanity is to fast through self-will. And what does it mean to fast through self-will? It is to fast as one wishes and not as others wish; to fast in the manner which pleases us, and not as we are ordered or counseled. You will find some who wish to fast more than is necessary, and others who do not wish to fast as much as is necessary.

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What causes that except vanity and self-will? All that proceeds from ourselves seems better to us, and is much more pleasant and easy for us than what is enjoined on us by another, even though the latter is more useful and proper for our perfection. This is natural to us and is born from the great love we have for ourselves.

The entire homily can be read here: <https://amywelborn.wordpress.com/2018/02/12/32254/>

Have a blessed Lent.

Fr. Jim

St. John the Baptist Lenten Talks:

Fr. Jim and Fr. Daniel will give talks on the following Wednesdays during Lent: March 16, 23 and 30. These talks will begin at 6:00pm. Topics and location TBA.

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 3 Committees will meet on Monday, March 14th beginning at 6:00pm. Meet as follows: Family Life in the Teacher's Lounge, Sacred Worship in Schuh Hall, Social Justice in Schuh Hall and Education in the Library.

The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 15th in St. Francis Hall.

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.

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.

Valentyna Pavsukova on the War in Ukraine

Monday, March 7 at 7:00 PM

St. Mary Parish, 1812 Lynn Ave., Altoona, WI 54720



Valentyna Pavsukova will describe the situation in Ukraine, which has revealed both the darkness of evil and the light of courage. She will talk about the spiritual and humanitarian work of Chalice of Mercy, and what we can do to support its mission to the suffering people of her homeland. This talk will also be live-streamed at diolc.org/live.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: As of March 1st, **419** of our 1195 families have donated! **Seventy-nine 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 **\$14,709** to reach this goal. Anything over that amount, comes back to the parish. 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

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