



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 8/29/22** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:00am Ted Zondlo

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5

Mk 6:17-29

TUES 8/30/22

7:00am Robert Schiferl, Sr.

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

WED 8/31/22

7:00am Jim Drexler

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

THUR 9/1/22

7:00am Leona Kraemer

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

FRI 9/2/22

7:00am Living & deceased members of the James & Jeanette

Baltus family

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

SAT 9/3/22 St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

8:00am Tessie Kloch

Scripture Readings: 2 Cor 4:1-2, 5-7

Lk 6:1-5

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Marlous Gonerig

SUN 9/4/22

7:00am St. John the Baptist Parishioners

9:00am Karlene Luedtke

11:00am Jean Joseph

Scripture Readings: Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9:10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**September 3rd & 4th, 2022****LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Caren Alsides

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am Gayle Specht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Louise Kobylinski / Shirley Pritzl

7:00am Al & Barb May

9:00am Jill Hiller / Rita Blenker

11:00am John & Lori Salzmann

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail & Sullivan Schul

7:00am Ava Rootellis / **Open**

9:00am Nathaniel & Maria Nemitz

11:00am Elizabeth Kitzhaber / Kofi Yeboah

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am Cathy Heuer

9:00am Cathy Heuer

11:00am Cathy Heuer

Confessions are heard on the first and third Fridays of the month beginning at 6:00pm. September 2nd 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** Dan Flees**Thursday** David Schlinsog**Friday -** Dennis Spencer**Saturday** Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

"The heavens open and multitudes of angels come to assist in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

St. Gregory the Great ~ Feast day - September 3rd

STEWARDSHIP - August 20th & 21st

Adult / Youth / Plate \$12,008.20

Parish Improvement \$ 307.00

Total \$12,315.20

ACH \$14,022.00

Total To Date for the month of August **\$37,914.93**

Have you and your spouse ever been on a couples' retreat? There will be a two-day Domestic Church retreat for sacramentally married couples Oct. 15 -16, at St. John the Baptist parish in Marshfield. For questions or to register go to <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/> or region7.couple@domesticchurchfamilies.com

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, September 13th, at 6:30 pm, in the parking lot on the north side of St. John's Church. Please join us for lawn games, a bonfire, and smores! Please bring a lawn chair and a friend! In case of inclement weather, we will meet in St. Francis Hall and play board games. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive updates about our monthly meetings and other events, please email marshfieldfrassatiyoungadults@gmail.com. If you are new to our parish, and want to meet other young adults, this is a great way to do so. Throughout the year we meet to adore, to discuss our faith, to learn and to laugh. We become friends! Join us!

Lector, Eucharistic Ministers and Youth Servers: The schedules for the months of September through January 1st are completed and can be found in the sacristy. Please pick up as soon as possible.

Available Adoration Hours: Adorers are needed Wed., Thurs., Sunday from 4-5 a.m., Sat. 3-4 a.m. and Thursday at midnight until 1 a.m. Friday. If you would like any of these holy hours, Please contact Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be beginning in September with full entrance into the church occurring at Easter of 2023. RCIA is the process whereby a person learns about the Catholic faith that we sometimes take for granted. Contact the parish office if you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or if you just want to deepen your understanding of the faith. **Update! Brochures are now prepared and can be found in the same areas where the bulletins are placed.**

Habitat for Humanity builds homes because they believe that everyone, everywhere should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. Work has started on a home for the Ryan and Melissa Kusay family. Melissa grew up as a member of St. John's (a long time Mass server) and now she and her husband Ryan are bringing their children to our parish as well.

Ryan joined the army in 2009 and was stationed in Afghanistan when he was severely wounded from an IED during his tour of duty. He is permanently disabled due to his war injuries. Melissa is currently a Veterans Affairs caregiver. Ryan is active with the Marshfield VFW.

The Kusay home is being built on the corner of N. Juno Ave and E. Blodgett St. Father Williams was there to bless the land as the groundbreaking took place. Construction is in full swing and there is a need for volunteers to help with the completion. Skilled workers are appreciated but unskilled are needed as well. Every Saturday from now until October 21st crews will be needed. Saturday, October 1st is when the siding will be put on and is a special weekend known as Women Build...so everyone is welcomed to help with the finishing touches.

Let's help build this home for a family that belongs to our parish! More details can be found on the kiosk as you enter church!

To learn more go to Marshfieldhabitat.org or call 715-384-7533



Ryan & Melissa with their children, Gannon, Zaylee and Jaylynn

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This Sunday I will be installed as pastor of St. John the Baptist. It is such a deep blessing to be here and to be named pastor. A number of my former parishioners have come by for a visit. They are truly touched by the beauty of our church, the great attendance at Mass, the numerous children in our pews, the multitude of small groups and the greatest gift of perpetual adoration. It is such an honor and blessing to be your pastor.

Our readings this weekend speak much about humility. Humility is the mother of all virtues. St. Gregory the Great and St. Augustine considered humility the pivotal virtue upon which all other virtues depend.

Humility is seeing ourselves as God sees us. It is seeing ourselves as a beautiful son or daughter of the Most Merciful Father. Humility is not lowering ourselves or demeaning ourselves. Rather humility is simply an honest understanding of ourselves. Humility respects our dignity and reflects the great goodness in which we are created.

The Devil is the great manipulator. He is always trying to build up our ego to then shatter us in despair. It is said that St. John Vianney overheard the Devil say to him, "I can do everything you do, I can do your penances, I can imitate you in everything. There is one thing, however, that I cannot do, I cannot imitate you in humility."

Humility is the mark of true holiness. A thought-provoking question for a priest is: "Am I weak enough to be a priest? Can I empty myself and be filled with the Holy Spirit?" This same question can be asked by anyone. "Am I weak enough to be a follower of Jesus? Can I empty myself and be filled with the Holy Spirit?"

In the *Diary of the Country Priest* a man states to the priest, "Your simplicity is a kind of flame which scorches them." Humility is a fiery ember. If you are humble, your life is like a fiery torch passing through the world. The Devil flees and evil is set at bay. Choose humility. Choose the cross. Choose obedience. Choose penance. These hallmarks of our faith are the spiritual armaments that protect us on this pilgrimage of earthly existence. (Eph 6:14) With this humility, then choose to love profoundly. Humility is the foundation upon which authentic and saintly love exists.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us.

Fr. Thelen



A Threshold Bible Study

Jesus The Word Made Flesh: Book of John – chapters 1 to 10

Enter into a deeper relationship with God through Scripture. This Bible study will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 20th and will run for 6 weeks. All sessions begin at 6:00pm and will be held in the Bride's Room of St. John's church. Cost of the study book is \$15.00. To register, please call Carol Jonas at 715-676-3989 by Sept. 15th.

The Great Adventure Bible Study

This bible Study will run for 24 weeks beginning Sunday, Sept. 11th. This will be held in the Columbia Room of St. John's school. Deadline to sign up is September 1st. To register, please call Judy Garfield at 715-305-2261. Cost for the registration is \$38 to cover the materials used. More information can be found on the flyer located on the kiosk as you enter church.

Dear Members of St. John's Parish,

This note is written with a heavy heart. Sister Barbara and I, along with consultation with our area leader, have decided to move to our retirement center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This move is prompted by declining health in both of us and should take place by the end of September. Particularly difficult is our ability to walk. Also managing our home and garden is becoming more and more difficult. We will miss the Parish and all of you dearly. A heartfelt Thank You and God Bless you to all of you for your tremendous support and acceptance of our presence and service. As always you remain in our daily prayer.

Sister Rita and Sister Barbara

Our address: SSM Franciscan Courts
815 South Westhaven Drive
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Phone: 1-920-426-2440

Prayer Vine ~ Do you or someone you know need prayers?

To have requests for prayer placed on the vine, please call Connie Manlick 715-305-6742 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists).

Marshfield Faith Formation will begin September 14th. Online registration is now open at www.marshfieldfaithformation.org. If you would like to teach, please pray about helping and reach out to David Alcott. David's email is teachdisciples@gmail.com. Or call 715-384-3252 ext. 6.

St. John The Baptist Parish will be offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 1 (3-6 years of age) and Level 2 (6-9 years of age) starting September 26 or 27 through April. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program for children to grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement with Scripture and liturgy. Level 1 and 2 are now offered. You may pick up a registration form in the entrance way of St. John's or email saintplus6@frontier.com. Please call Jean for more information, 715-387-0571. If anyone wishes to contribute to CGS go to <https://www.things-to-get-me.com/405722a2dde5>

St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity in Marathon invites you to come and see all about what a Secular Franciscan is on Tues. -Aug. 30th at 1pm for potluck/picnic with time to ask questions and share some humor. There will be a live reenactment on the life of St. Margaret of Cortona from 2-3pm. You don't want to miss this live presentation, it is riveting. If you can't make the picnic time, just come for the presentation. The Secular Franciscans meet in the Solanus Center at St. Anthony's in Marathon every last Tuesday of the month. If interested in the Franciscan way of life for lay people, come and check us out, please contact Lori Kieffer OFS at 715-741-2959.

Funeral Choir is beginning this fall! If you would like to join, please call Cindy at 715-389-2354. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SHARING YOUR TALENTS.

St. John's Adult Choir Message: We have been very blessed for many years to have a healthy number of members in our choir. Over the last several years we have lost members for various reasons, including Covid. The advantage to having



a large group is that when there are Sundays that we sing and some cannot make it, there is still a good balance so we can continue to sing the songs selected for the day. We start practice the Wednesday after Labor Day at 6:30pm and, unless notified, practice is held every Wednesday lasting about an hour. Yes, there are times we all feel like we don't want to venture out especially in the winter or you just had a bad day, I guarantee you, once we start singing and practicing, you will be glad you are there. God blesses us every week for our faithfulness to Him. There are many reasons to join the choir but the best reason is because singing is praying twice! Just think of all the praying You can get done. Work hard and have fun and at the same time be blessed! Please pray about this. See if this is the ministry that is meant for you. Any questions please feel free to contact the church office or contact Kris Herr at 715-305-5747.

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