

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.

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass Saturdays

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 11/28/22

7:00am Otto & Carol Schecklman Scripture Readings: Is 4:2-6

Mt 8:5-11

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TUES 11/29/22

7:00am Reinhold Panske

Scripture Readings: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

WED 11/30/22 St. Andrew, Apostle

7:00am Clifford Seitz

8:00am Ron & Agnes Rehlinger

Scripture Readings: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

THUR 12/1/22

7:00am Rose Huser

Scripture Readings: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRI 12/2/22

7:00am Sandra A. Eckes

Scripture Readings: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

SAT 12/3/22 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00am Gary Reigel

Scripture Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Second Sunday of Advent

4:30pm Marlous Gonering

SUN 12/4/22

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

9:00am Karlene Luedtke

11:00am Alvin & Patricia Quelle

Scripture Readings: Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 3rd & 4th, 2022

LECTORS

4:30pm Jeff Schultz

7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am Josh Dick

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marty Draxler / Marcy Gotz 7:00am Tonya Schlagenhaft / Pam Alt

9:00am Linda Lewer / Becky Kaiser / Cheryl Schmidt / Rita

Blenker

11:00am Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis

SERVERS

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Alex Berg

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Open

9:00am Christina & Jonathan Nemitz

11:00am Luke & Grace Clubb

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am Mary Frey

9:00am Suzanne Golden / 11:00am Cathy Heuer

Confessions are heard on the first and third Fridays of the month beginning at 6:00pm. December 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 -
Tuesday -
WednesdayDavid Gouin
Marty DraxlerThursday
Friday -
SaturdayDavid Schlinsog
Mike SpencerSaturdayKolbe & Dominic Landwehr

"If you are in danger, if your hearts are confused, turn to Mary; she is our comfort, our help; turn towards her and you will be saved." St. Francis Xavier ~ Feast Day: December 3rd

STEWARDSHIP - November 19th & 20th

This information was not available due to the timing of sending the bulletin to the printer. It will be included in next week's bulletin.

Columbus Catholic Schools will once again be having Eucharistic Adoration one Friday a month from 7:51am-2:45pm in the Columbus High/Middle School Chapel. We are in need of volunteers to take a school period so that throughout that time, classes may stop in for shorter periods of time to pray. This also provides an opportunity to prayer for our Columbus community members. This next day of Adoration is Friday, December 2nd. You can sign up by calling Fr. Williams, Chaplain at (715) 387-1177 ext. 3316 or by visiting: https://tinyurl.com/3z8d55zu.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Thursday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will not be a vigil Mass at St. John's. Masses on Thursday will be 6:30am, 8:00am (children's Mass) Noon and 6:00pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the sacristy for Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and servers for the noon and 6pm Mass. Ushers - there is a sign-up sheet in the usher closet.

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).

The PCCW Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 11th 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. All women of the parish are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of fun!

Magnificat Advent books for adults and Advent books for children will be available in the entries of the church. These books are a gift from the parish. Please take one for your family!

Jar Mixes are Back! The group preparing for the World Youth Day pilgrimage next summer will be selling Jar Mixes at St. John's after the Masses Dec 3-4. These great gifts and time-tested tasties include: Rocky Road Fudge Brownies; Love Soup; Storied Starlight Cookies; Double Chocolate Hot Cocoa; and Russian Tea. For more information or to place an order, contact Dan Kitzhaber dremail.com or 715-600-0521.

2022 GIVING TREE

Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Social Justice Committee

Saturday, November 26th - 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 plus St. John's home bound parishioners. 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 6th. For more information, please contact the parish office at 715-384-3252

And in the words of Tiny Tim, "May God bless us everyone."

Inspired STRING UPDATE

Campaign Goal Pledged Under/Over Goal Average Pledge Number of Pledges

69.56% -30.44% \$1,170,000.00 \$813,822.00 \$356,178.00 \$3,433.85 237

When filling our your pledge cards, please write checks out to Inspired By the Spirit. Thank you!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The season of Advent prepares us for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Advent is just four brief weeks; however, during this time we enter into the centuries of longing that the Jewish people had for the Messiah. "O God, you are my God—it is you I seek! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts." (Psalm 63) In this season of expectation we are called once again to recommit ourselves to holiness.

In English we have two similar but different words: sanctity and holiness. We may think both of these words mean the same thing. However, they have two completely different origins. Nevertheless, together they describe one's closeness to God perfectly. The word 'Holy' is from a German word meaning whole or complete. The word 'Sanctity' comes from a Latin word meaning set-apart.

Together these words provide a very comprehensive definition of what it means to be close to God. Holiness is the restoration of our wholeness as God intended. And sanctity is the setting-apart from sin, leaving the brokenness of what God never intended. To be holy and to have sanctity, is what God desired for us prior to Original Sin.

The laws of the Old Testament, such as the prohibition of pork, the circumcision of all men and the celebration of Passover, these laws preserved the Jewish people as a separate nation set-apart from all other nations. Being set-apart allowed them to worship God alone.

The New Testament deepened the meaning of what it meant to be holy. Throughout his public ministry Jesus shared that holiness is not about what one eats or drinks. Jesus says, "It is not what enters one's mouth that defiles a person; but what comes out of the mouth is what defiles one." (Matt 15:11) Jesus elevated holiness from a mere exterior practice to an internal conversion. In the New Testament we are set-apart by living like Christ in the world, by living upright lives empowered by the Holy Spirit, and by following the commandments and beatitudes.

Thus, we as Christians live in every culture, yet are setapart from every culture. It is the moral life that sets us apart. And this moral life both sets us apart from sin and leads us to the restoration of our wholeness, it leads to both sanctity and holiness.

All of the Church teachings call us to be different from culture, while living in culture. We are called to be Christ in this world. We are not meant to flee the world, we are meant to be set-apart from the world. If we are holy, we will also experience wholeness, the wholeness that God intended us to have from the beginning. If we are as God intended from the beginning, we will have joy. The joy of a Christian radiates to others. As Mother Teresa lived in the world, yet lived fully for Jesus. May we too live in the world but be set-apart for Christ. We will then have joy. We will then lead many to Christ.

Blessings to each of you this season of Advent. May St. John the Baptist pray for us.

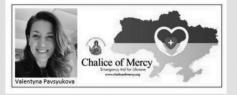
Fr. Thelen



Please join us for a special screening of "The Chosen" episodes 1 and 2 of season 3 on Tuesday, December 6th at 7pm in the Columbia room of St. John's Primary school.

Tickets are \$12.55 for adults and \$10.45 for children 12 & under. Concessions will be available for sale, and you are welcome to carry-in your own. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit the announcements page on our website. https://stjohnsmarshfield.org/church-announcements/ For additional questions, contact David Alcott 715-384-3252 ext. 6 Monday - Friday 9-5.

Please join us for an inspiring talk at St. John's as we begin Advent.



Advent Reflection on the Humanity of Jesus Preparing for the Incarnation: the Face of our Faith

Valentyna Pavysukova Founder of Chalice of Mercy Friday, December 2nd - 6pm Confessions will be heard during Valentyna's talk.

season, Valentyna is organizing a diocese-wide

Bambino Jesù ("Baby Jesus")
Christmas Collection for Ukraine
As we approach the Advent and Christmas

charitable collection for the suffering children, women, and men of Ukraine. Located on our kiosk is a list of what is needed. Collection boxes for the items are set up in the hallway leading to the bride's



Eucharistic Revival: The dioceses of the United States of America have embarked on a three-year time of grace called "Eucharistic Revival." It is an occasion for us to restore our understanding, celebration and love of Jesus in the Eucharist. This focus on the Eucharist will begin with Advent Reflections. There will be 4 recordings available for use during Advent. The recordings will be 40 minutes and discussion questions will be provided. The first in the Advent Series is available here: diolc.org/catechesis •1st week of Advent: Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist with Msgr. Joseph Hirsch •2nd week: Receiving and Adoring Jesus – Communion and Thanksgiving with Fr. Justin Kizewski •3rd week: Offering ourselves with Jesus to the Father with Msgr. Richard Gilles •4th week: "Source and Summit" of the Church's Life with Father Steven Weller

St. Andrew Christmas Novena To be said 15 times a day— From November 30th to December 24th

Hail, and blessed be the hour and the moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin in a stable, at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. At that thou vouchsafe, I beseech thee, To hear my prayers and grant my desires. (Mention intentions here) through Jesus Christ and His most

Blessed Mother Amen



We welcome this new family to St. John's

Cory & Erika Leigh family

Our sympathy to the family of:

Dorothy Vogel

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





Edward Jones

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