

# 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. Dan Thelen, Pastor	715-384-3252 ext. 2
Fr. Daniel Williams, Associate Pastor	715-384-3252 ext. 3
Deacon Jeffrey Austin, Permanent Deacon	715-676-3186
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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.

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 12/19/22

7:00am Donald Eilers

TUES 12/20/22

7:00am Jean Joseph

Scripture Readings: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

WED 12/21/22 St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Joyce Zinthefer

Scripture Readings: Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

#### THUR 12/22/22

7:00am James Weister

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

FRI 12/23/22 St. John of Kanty, Priest

7:00am Clarence & Mabel Schreindl

Scripture Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

SAT 12/24/22

8:00am Special Intention

Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12, 14a,16 Lk 1:67-79

#### The Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm St. John the Baptist Parishioners

6:00pm Henry & Doris Gadke

8:00pm William & Gladys Patefield

#### SUN 12/25/22

7:00am Army Staff Sgt. Joseph J. Altmann

9:00am Jack Lang

11:00am Norm Brod



#### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

December 24th & 25th, 2022

#### **LECTORS**

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4:00pm Danielle Rummells

6:00pm Dorothy Flees

8:00pm **Open** 

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech

9:00am Rita Blenker

11:00am **Open** 

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00pm Open / Open / Open / Open

6:00pm Dan Flees / Open

8:00pm Open / Open

7:00am Open / Open

9:00am Rita Blenker / Dan & Dorothy Flees / Open

11:00am Michael Clubb / Kim Rybicki

#### **SERVERS**

4:00pm Open / Open / Open

6:00pm Maverick, Dakota and Isabella Hannasch

8:00pm Open / Open / Open

7:00am Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld

9:00am Open / Open / Open

11:00am Luke & Grace Clubb / Open

#### Weekday Mass Servers:

Monday - Glenn Linzmeier Tuesday - Marty Draxler

Wednesday Dan Flees

Thursday Lee Alt

Friday - Dennis Spencer
Saturday Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

"Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause."

St. John Kanty ~ Feast day December 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### STEWARDSHIP - December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

 Adult / Youth / Plate
 \$26,353.58

 Parish Improvement
 272.00

Total \$26,625.58

Total to date \$46,416.25

**Any donations you wish to have included on your December 2022 statement** must be dated no later than December 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 and into the parish office by Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> as it gives the finance office plenty of time to get it to the bank. Thank you!



#### OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH-12:30pm - 6:30PM

There will be four confessionals continually available with twelve priests assisting throughout the afternoon.

Confessions will be at noon starting Monday, December  $19^{th}$  through Friday, December  $23^{rd}$ . Confessions will also be available after the 8:00am Mass on December  $24^{th}$ .

Christmas Mass times Saturday, December 24<sup>th/-</sup> 4pm / 6pm / 8pm Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 7am / 9am / 11am

Sign-up sheets for Mass servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors are in the Sacristy. Please sign up soon

**Prayer Vine** To have requests for prayer placed on the vine, please call Connie Manlick 715-305-6742 **and** Donna 715-384-2479

<u>Church Cleaning: Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 5:15pm</u>. Bring your own gloves if desired. All other cleaning supplies are provided. Your time (about 1.5 hours) is greatly appreciated. Please contact Dorothy at 715-387-8224 if interested in helping.

Ministry schedules for lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Adult and Youth servers are ready to be picked up. All schedules are in the sacristy. Please pick your schedule up as soon as possible.

**50**<sup>th</sup> **Wedding Anniversaries:** If you are celebrating a 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary in 2023, please call the parish office so we can inform the Diocese.

**Calendars - 2023:** The parish calendars are available and may be picked up when you come to church. We thank Rembs Funeral Home for donating the calendars this year.

**Special Church Envelopes:** For those using ACH for your tithing or for visitors, Christmas flower envelopes and Christmas envelopes can be found in the special envelope boxes in the vestibule of the church.

#### **PCCW THANK YOU**

We thank all parishioners for their support in our December 2022 sweepstakes raffle. We also wish to thank all the ladies who donated so many

gifts and baskets this year for this fundraiser! The winners of this raffle are: Lillian Heinze, Susan Weister, Loretta Kaiser, Kristen Bornbach, Cindy Kunze, Sharon Rohland, Mary Lou Duerr, Emma Woller, Dorothy Horn, Roxanne Hannasch, Patty Kraus, Anthony Langlois, Virginia Altmann, Joan Zygarlicke, Carla Mannigle, Lori Greenwald, Denise Davis, Shirley Gust, Suellyn Wojcik, Gail Snortheim, Mary Ann Knutson, Dennis Leick, Cheri Imhoff, Lisa Freund, Rita Imhoff, Shirley Pritzl and Lynetta Zimmerman

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

As we approach the Christmas season, we will hear many Christmas songs. Two of the most common are 'Silent Night' and 'Star of Wonder, Star of Light.' These two songs bring to mind two very important words for us to meditate upon: Silence and Wonder.

Silence is so important, for it allows us to hear God who speaks in the silence. Silence allows the gentle fire of the Lord to dwell within your soul. The Father in silence gives us His Son. It is through the power of the Son, through the power of Jesus Christ, that our life becomes full, and our actions have meaning and purpose. It is in silence that we experience that we are loved by our Father in Heaven. It is in silence that we receive Jesus who was given to us through Mary on Christmas Day.

Wonder is the contemplation of the surpassing goodness of God. Every child is touched by a sense of wonder and this sense of wonder fills the child with delight. We who are adults must relearn this sense of wonder in our relationship with God. On Christmas day we stand in wonder as we behold the incredible joy that our most loving Father has given us His Son. Wonder connects us with the Divine, the surpassing presence of God. Wonder leads us, it excites us, it captivates us. If we do not have wonder, we treat our faith as a textbook. Our faith becomes dry. But if we have wonder we treat our faith with a sense of awe. We are captivated. We encounter the fact that we are loved beyond description. We enter the mystery of Love and understand that our faith is the source of all life, all truth and all goodness. The wonder of the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us.

"Regaining the sense of silence is a priority, an urgent necessity. Silence is more important than any other human work." (Cardinal Robert Sarah) Silence opens us to the capacity of wonder. Ask yourself: How do I hear God in the silence? As we enter this last week of Advent, prepare for the coming of the Lord, by entering into silence, and let silence lead you to wonder.

My prayers are with you as we continue through this holy season of Advent in expectant delight for the coming of Our Savior Jesus Christ. Blessings to each of you this holy season.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us.

Fr. Thelen

Columbus Corner: Used inkjet cartridges can raise money for our school system? Please send cartridges to St. John the Baptist Primary School fully sealed in a plastic bag (some will leak ink)! If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Mueller, SJBP Librarian, by emailing <a href="mailto:mueller.jennifer@columbusdons.org">mueller.jennifer@columbusdons.org</a>.

HS/MS Students of the Month for November; for the Virtue of Charity/Love CCHS - Teisen Schifelbine: Teisen is the epitome of love and charity. He exudes positivity and kindness, is truly enthusiastic about life and all it has to offer, and is authentically and fully himself with everyone. Teisen sees the good in everyone—he is charitable and loving and a model for us all.

CCMS - Vivian Graham: Vivian is thoughtful and kind to all. She is patient, hopeful, and loving in her interactions with others. She avoids drama, but she does so without alienating or judging. As a middle school 8th grader, I see her interact with her classmates as well as the younger students with friendliness and positivity.

**Natural Family Planning**: NFP is healthy. Fertility awareness is increasingly becoming known as a "fifth vital sign" for women. The information a woman can observe through her use of NFP not only aids her with her fertility awareness, but can point to her overall health

An in-person 3-part SymptoPro Natural Family Planning course will be offered in the Marshfield Deanery at St. John the Baptist Marshfield from 1:00pm-4:00pm Sunday, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, and Feb. 19. Cost is \$100. If you have taken this course in the past and have the <u>Couple's Guide to Fertility</u> book, the fee will be waived. Contact Christy Kitzhaber at <u>kitzhaber@symptopro.org</u> or 715-486-5733 for registration information.

**Religious give thanks.** A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to the Religious Retirement fund.

**GIVEN Retreat** - Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, and adoration, prayer and reconciliation. GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church. This mini retreat will: \* Encourage a greater devotion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist \* Develop a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage through Theology of the Body \* Provide couples the encouragement to live the vocation of marriage well in a culture that is increasingly more hostile to the sacrament. Married, Engaged and Seriously Dating Couples are invited to attend. Speakers will be Ted and Julie Imgrund and Michael and Jacqueline VanHemmert. Cost: \$45 per couple For more information, contact Chris Rogers at crogers@diolc.org

**Eucharistic Revival:** The dioceses of the United States of America have embarked on a three-year time of grace called "Eucharistic Revival." This focus on the Eucharist will begin with Advent Reflections. The recordings will be 40 minutes and discussion questions will be provided. The Advent Series is available here: diolc.org/catechesis Prepare Your Heart for Christmas In the fullness of time, our Heavenly Father sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Jesus gave us the Eucharist, as a memorial of His Passion and Death. When we receive the Eucharist, we literally receive Jesus Himself. The Eucharist is our solid foundation and highest point of union with God on earth. Join Fr. Steven Weller, Chaplain: Assumption Middle and High School, Wisconsin Rapids as he presents The Eucharist as the 'Source and Summit' of the Church's Life. Here is the link to the video: youtu.be/XyLNsoTYBXg

Knights of Columbus Council 1799 has brought back the Men's Night. Every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. It is held at the Rembs Celebration Center, doors open at 5PM and dinner is served from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Cost is \$12 per person, carry-outs are available. You DO NOT need to be a KC member to enjoy an evening out with your friends. We ask that you let us know before the event if you and/or your friends are coming, that way we make sure to have enough food prepared for everyone. December 19<sup>th</sup> is the next meal. Please call Dan Spencer at 715-305-0398 to register.

**Following** is a reminder on how to use Formed.org where you will find many educational and spiritual ways to grow in your faith:

Visit Formed.org/signup

Click the "Sign Up" button

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**Click** the listing that appears, "St. John the Baptist 201 W Blodgett St Marshfield WI"

Click "Next"

Type your name and email address in the boxes provided, then click "Sign Up"

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