



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 12/26/22 St. Stephen the First Martyr
7:00am Living and deceased members of the Rottschelt family
Scripture Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

TUES 12/27/22 St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
7:00am Charles Hastreiter
Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

WED 12/28/22 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
7:00am Danielle Sternberg
Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18

THUR 12/29/22 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr
7:00am Richard Hansen
Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

FRI 12/30/22 The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph & Mary
7:00am Harold & Sylvia Wilhelm
Scripture Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SAT 12/31/22 St. Sylvester I, Pope
8:00am Eugene Zygarlicke
Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 18-21 Jn 1:1-18

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER

4:30pm George Asher

SUN 1/1/2023

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
9:00am Anthony Bohman
11:00am Clarence Stini
Scripture Readings: Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

December 31st, 2022 & January 1st, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel
7:00am Pam Alt
9:00am Lonny Roberts
11:00am Josh Dick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Louise Kobylinski / Shirley Pritzl
7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield
9:00am Ann Kundinger / Linda Lewer / Rita Blenker / Lonny Roberts
11:00am Michael Clubb / Kim Rybicki

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld
7:00am Ava Rootellis / Paige Schlagenhaft
9:00am Maverick, Dakota & Isabella Hannasch
11:00am Elizabeth Kitzhaber / Maria Laura Garcia

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer
7:00am Cathy Heuer
9:00am Cathy Heuer
11:00am Cathy Heuer

Confessions are heard at St. John's on the first Friday of the month and at Sacred Heart on the 3rd Friday beginning at 6:00pm. January 6th is the next Friday night of confessions here at St. John's. Two priests are available at this time. They are also available on Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass.

Weekday Mass Servers:

Monday - David Gouin	Thursday Lee Alt
Tuesday - Dan Alsides	Friday - Mike Spencer
Wednesday Lenny Kieliszewski	Saturday Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

"Let us prepare ourselves for Christmas with humility and simplicity, making ourselves ready to receive as a gift the light, joy and peace that shine from this mystery."

Pope Benedict XVI

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26th. The parish staff wishes everyone a peaceful and joy-filled Christmas!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

December 24th & 25th, 2022

LECTORS

4:00pm Danielle Rummells
6:00pm Dorothy Flees
8:00pm Kathy Doebereiner

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech
9:00am Rita Blenker
11:00am Jeff Schultz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00pm Jill Hiller / Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Joan Raschke
6:00pm Deacon Jeff / Dan Flees
8:00pm Jeff Sternberg / Argelia Moya

7:00am **Open / Open**
9:00am Rita Blenker / Dan & Dorothy Flees / **Open**
11:00am Michael Clubb / Kim Rybicki

SERVERS

4:00pm Emmett Luther / **Open / Open**
6:00pm Maverick, Dakota and Isabella Hannasch
8:00pm Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr / **Open**

7:00am Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld
9:00am Gerard Glab / **Open / Open**
11:00am Luke & Grace Clubb / **Open**

STEWARDSHIP - December 17th & 18th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$13,745.40
Parish Improvement	65.00
Total	\$13,810.40
ACH for December	13,722.00
Total to date	\$73,948.65

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

The Reverend **Keith J. Kitzhaber**, Pastor of St. Sacred Heart Parish in Marshfield and Corpus Christi Parish in Bakerville, has requested a temporary leave of absence for reasons of personal health and well being, and it has been accepted, effective December 12, 2022.

After January 1, no priests are available to take Father's place during his absence. In the meantime, area Mass and Confession schedules will need to be modified in order to best serve the parishioners of Sacred Heart and Corpus Christi while at the same time creatively utilizing our existing deanery priest personnel. Beginning Saturday and Sunday, January 7 and 8, Father Saylor from Christ the King in Spencer will offer a 6:00pm Saturday Mass at Corpus Christi. Father Robertson from Our Lady of Peace will offer an 8:00am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart. The 8:00am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Peace will be suspended to facilitate this. The 6:00pm Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart will also be suspended after this weekend. Confessions on the third Friday of each month will be moved from St. John the Baptist to Sacred Heart. Funerals at Corpus Christi will be celebrated by Father Saylor and at Sacred Heart by Father Robertson. Suggested alternatives for Saturday evening Mass are 4:00pm at Our Lady of Peace; 4:30pm at St. John the Baptist; 5:00pm at St. Michael in Hewitt.



Youth Servers! Thank you for your weekend commitment of assisting at Mass throughout the year. The parish wishes you all a Merry Christmas. Please pick up your Christmas card and treat in the sacristy!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Merry Christmas to each of you! Today we celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. God's exquisite grandeur residing in the humility and beauty of a newborn child. The church rejoices! The world rejoices! The incarnation is a story that never gets old. Merry Christmas to each of you!!

As Catholics the celebration of Christmas is not just a one-day event. The season of Christmas extends all the way to the Baptism of Our Lord on the 9th of January. The first eight days of this Christmas season, the Octave of Christmas, is treated within the liturgy with as much solemnity as the day of Christmas. We then celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, the Epiphany and then conclude with the Baptism of Our Lord. As we pass through these many days of the Christmas season, please focus deeply upon preparing your heart for Jesus and inviting Him into your life. Christ came to earth as a small babe, he wishes to reside within your heart through prayer and sacrament.

Throughout the Christmas season myself and Fr. Williams received so many cards, gifts of food and other blessings from each of you. We want to thank you so much for your kindness. I was able to return cards to some of you, but not all. So, I wanted here to extend a deep thank you to all for your generosity!!

As we look forward, we are soon to enter into the New Year of 2023. Here at St. John's we will be offering a number of talks during the first half of 2023. We will be inviting priests, deacons and lay persons to speak on Catholic topics in a series called, "Stepping out of the Pew, Leading Others to the Eucharist" The Eucharist is the heartbeat of our faith and in this Year of the Eucharist, we will be focusing upon this great mystery and gift of our Church.

Secondly, we wish to be ready to serve people in their time of need. During my first six months here at St. John's, several of our Catholic families experienced crisis moments such as an injury to child or other related urgent matters. Thankfully, all these matters found good endings. However, to prepare for the future I hope to create a proactive group in our parish that can assist me in responding quickly to these moments. To this end, we will be updating our parish records. Already over 180 people have responded to this via an online form. In the coming weeks at church we will make postcards available for you to update your information and for you to highlight ways you may wish to help our parish or a situation of need.

My prayers are with you as we continue through this holy season of Christmas. Christ has come and we are in joy!! Blessings to each of you this holy season.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us. Fr. Thelen

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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, January 6th. You can sign up by calling Fr. Williams, Chaplain at (715) 387-1177 ext. 3316 or by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/3z8d55zu>.

AED Training: An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training will be held on Thursday, January 5th at 5:30pm. In an emergency situation acting fast is essential, every second matters therefore, ushers are encouraged to attend, but this is open to anyone interested. Please meet in the vestibule of the church.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Loving God,
During this holy season of
Christmas, we ask for your
blessing on all families.
Let Mary's openness to your
wondrous ways be an inspiration
to place all
trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times
of anxiety and uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircled the Holy Family
widen to embrace all families.
For this we pray. Amen



Thank you! St. John's is always a beautiful church but even more so during the Christmas season! We are grateful for all those that gave of their time to decorate the church for Christmas as well as for those who donated money for flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. (Those names can be found on the kiosk as you enter the church building.) We also thank all of our musicians for the beautiful music provided for the Christmas Masses and all of those who took part in the liturgy. We wish you a peace-filled Christmas!

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 *Couple's Guide to Fertility* book, the fee will be waived. Contact Christy Kitzhaber at kitzhaber@symptopro.org or 715-486-5733 for registration information.

GIVEN Retreat - Jan. 28th, 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 VanHemmet. Cost: \$45 per couple For more information, contact Chris Rogers at crogers@diolc.org

Our sympathy to the family of:

Margaret Altmann

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



Soups on! Jan. 14th St. Wenceslaus PCCW (Milladore) is hosting their Drive Thru Soup Supper - serving from 2 to 4pm, \$8 a quart with dinner rolls. The soup options are: Chicken with Homemade Noodle, Potato & Sausage, Beef Barley and Creamy Broccoli. St. Wenceslaus will also host a Drive Thru Soup Supper on February 11th, and



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