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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

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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

Switch hearing aid to T-coil

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 1/9/2023 The Baptism of the Lord
7:00am Jim Drexler
Scripture Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Mt 3:13-17

TUES 1/10/2023
7:00am Del Connaughty
Scripture Readings: Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:14-20

WED 1/11/2023
7:00am Jane Seifert
8:00am Shirley Kaiser
Scripture Readings: Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39

THUR 1/12/2023
7:00am Phyllis Weix
Scripture Readings: Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45

FRI 1/13/2023 St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
7:00am Catherine Vogt
Scripture Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12

SAT 1/14/2023
8:00am Rev. Anthony Fischer
Scripture Readings: Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

4:30pm Henry Gadke

SUN 1/15/2023
7:00am Neil & Pat Jirschele
9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
11:00am Harold & Dorothy Faust
Scripture Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 14th & 15th, 2023

LECTORS
4:30pm Bryan Pischel
7:00am Jan Altmann
9:00am Dorothy Flees
11:00am John Salzmann

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4:30pm Susan Jahr / Becky Kaiser
7:00am Barb Barrett / Jane Gerend
9:00am Rita Blenker / Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Lonny Roberts
11:00am Argelia Moya / Maria Laura Garcia

SERVERS
4:30pm Emmett Luther / Alex Burg
7:00am Ava Rootellis / **Open**
9:00am Christina & Jonathan Nemitz
11:00am Luke & Grace Clubb

MUSIC MINISTER
4:30pm Ashley Nikolai
7:00am **Open**
9:00am Suzanne Golden
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 20th is the next Friday night of confessions which will be held at Sacred Heart. Two priests are available at this time. Confessions 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

STEWARDSHIP - December 31st & January 1st

Adult / Youth / Plate	$14,446.94
Parish Improvement	101.00
Total to date for January	**$14,547.94**
Christmas Contributions	$22,724.00
Religious Retirement Fund	$3,026.00

Children's Tithing Envelopes: As in the past, we will not be issuing each student a box of envelopes. However, there will be boxes available in the vestibule for any child that would like their own box. These boxes are outdated as we are using up older envelopes. Tithing boxes will be available through January.

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, January 10th, at 6:30pm. Please join us for board game night! Feel free to bring your favorite game and invite a friend! We will meet in St. Francis Hall in St. John's school. 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. Newcomers are always welcome!

Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association will gather on January 11th, 2023 at 3pm Our Lady of Peace in the sacristy.

The 3 Committees will meet on Monday, Jan. 9th beginning at 6pm. Please meet in the rectory. **Finance Council** will meet on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall of St. John's.

Natural Family Planning: NFP is cost effective. While the initial cost to learn NFP may vary, the long term costs are actually quite inexpensive. NFP is a blessing for Marriage. Couples who use NFP frequently report increased communication, empathy, trust, and marital satisfaction.
An in-person 3-part SymptoPro Natural Family Planning course will be offered in the Marshfield Deanery at St. John the Baptist Marshfield from 1pm-4pm 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.

Attention engaged couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. Next available dates are: Feb. 11, 2023 and April 15, 2023. Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. For questions or to register, contact Alanna Hart at hart_alanna@yahoo.com or 715-650-7310.

ACH (automatic withdrawal) is another way you can choose to do your tithing. There are benefits to using this method of financial giving to St. John's. Not only does it save the parish in the cost of envelopes and postage, but it helps one to remain consistent in their tithing while away on vacation. If you would like to switch to this method, call the parish finance office at 715-384-3252. Monica will provide you with the needed information.

You are invited -- January 14th Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner Each year, Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, a mission to Ukraine (now suffering so much), hosts a Ukrainian Christmas Dinner at the Lillydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. All proceeds from this amazing, multicourse meal served by young people in full Ukrainian garb, go to benefit the work of the mission. To learn more, or to donate to Chalice of Mercy, visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy. More information can be found on the flyer on the kiosk as you enter church.

Prayer Shawls are made with love. If you know of someone that could use the warmth and prayers at this time, please come for a prayer shawl. There are many to choose from in the brides room!

MASS TIME CHANGE Mass and Confession schedules have been modified in order to best serve the parishes in the Marshfield Deanery. Beginning Sunday, January 8th, the 8:00am Mass at OLP will temporarily be suspended. Father Robertson will offer an 8:00am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart instead. There will be no 6:00pm Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart until further notice.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Blessed Feast of the Epiphany! The word Epiphany refers to the "manifestation" of Jesus during three particular biblical events. Pope Benedict XVI, whose funeral was this past week, refers to this tradition in a homily on Epiphany in 2009. He says, "Epiphany, the "manifestation" of Our Lord Jesus Christ, is a many-faceted mystery. The Latin tradition identifies it with the visit of the Magi to the Infant Jesus in Bethlehem and thus interprets it above all as a revelation of the Messiah of Israel to the Gentiles. The Eastern tradition on the other hand gives priority to the moment of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan when he manifested himself as the Only-Begotten Son of the heavenly Father, consecrated by the Holy Spirit. John's Gospel, however, also invites us to consider as an "epiphany" the Wedding at Cana, during which, by changing the water into wine, Jesus "manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him" (Jn 2:11)."

Epiphany (originally observed on January 6 in the Roman Rite), is one of the oldest liturgical celebrations. Traditionally, this is the time also for the blessing of homes. Blessed chalk will be available today in the church if you would like to mark your front entrance in the traditional manner. Take the blessed chalk and write the following over the top of your front entrance.

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The letters stand for the traditional names of the wisemen Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. It is also popularly believed that the initials stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat" ("Christ bless this house").

This weekend a half-sheet of paper will be in your pews to update your parish records. We hope to make sure our records are accurate. Secondly, we wish to create a proactive group in our parish that can assist in responding quickly to moments of need. Thus, when updating your information, you will also be able to contribute ways you may wish to help our parish or a situation of need.

My prayers are with you during this last weekend of the Christmas season. I truly want to thank all who have provided so much beauty to our church during this holy season. All who decorated the church, those who filled our church with music, and all others who helped in any way. 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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Our sympathy to the family of:

Duane Guden

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

The 2024 calendar for Mass intentions at St. John's is ready. If you want to have Mass said for a loved one, please contact the parish office. Keep in mind that it might happen that a Mass will have to be cancelled now and then depending upon the availability of a priest to cover. Most of 2023 is full but there will be 8:00am openings for the School Masses beginning in August. If you would like a Mass said more quickly, there is the opportunity to have an intention put on the Private Mass list. These are said by our priests when they are away. For more information call the parish office.

"There is no space where God is not; space does not exist apart from Him."

St. Hilary - Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Feast Day: January 13th

Christ the King Parish is offering discussion groups for Catechism in a Year (CIY). Catechism in a Year is a new podcast set to begin on Janu 1st and it will cover the entire Catechism of the Catholic church! If you are interested in sharing thought and ideas of what you have heard with others, join us for discussion!

- Discussion groups will meet every other week.
- The morning group will meet on Wednesday at 8:30am beginning January 11th.
- The evening group will meet on Sun. or Mon. at 6pm of the same week as the morning group (first evening meeting is Sun, Jan. 8th.
- Come ready to discuss—bring your catechism and notes!
- Meetings will be held in the parish basement.
- There is no cost to participate.
- A flyer with this information can be found on the kiosk as you enter the church.

To sign up send your name, email, phone number, morning/ evening preference to Deb Mlsna at email dre@ctk.diolcparish.org or call 715-659-4480 ext 3

KC Men's Night: January Men's Night will be on January 16th at Remb's Celebration Center. Doors open at 5pm, Serving from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Cost is $12. Call Bob Gauerke at 715-384-4890 or Dan Spencer at 715-305-0398 by January 12th if you plan to attend.

Eucharistic Revival: A Minute with Jesus

Jesus came to earth as an infant, born of Mary. Mary was prepared to be the Mother of our Savior; by God's favor she was created "full of grace" and free from sin. The Savior – Jesus – was to be called Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Jesus will remain with us throughout our life as we receive Him in the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, thank You for the gift of Mary, Your Mother, through whom the world received You as our Savior*. This week, read how this glorious news was revealed to the Shepherds in Luke 2: 8-20

A Call to Serve There are few things in life more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way, to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling you! If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

AREA EVENTS

Pittsville - Maryheart Knights of Columbus' Soup Luncheon with Bingo & Basket Raffle is Sunday January 22nd at St Joachim's Church hall. The luncheon starts at the conclusion of the 10:30am Mass, and will be available to approximately 3pm; offering the choice of eating in or carrying out. Bingo will be from 1 to 3pm.

Also on Sunday Jan 22nd, the KC's and St. Joachim's Pro-Life Committee will host a Celebrate Life March, calling attention to the Sanctity of Life in all stages. The march begins at 9am from St. Joachim's, to the Catholic Cemetery

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 March 18th.

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