



# *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  
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St. John School Office .....715-384-4989  
David Eaton, CCS President .....715-387-1177  
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.  
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 3/13/2023**

7:00am Shirley Kaiser

Scripture Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Lk 4:24-30

**TUES 3/14/2023**

7:00am John &amp; Joyce Zinthefer

Scripture Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43

Mt 18:21-35

**WED 3/15/2023**

7:00am Richard Hansen

8:00am Jack Wallace

Scripture Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9

Mt 5:17-19

**THUR 3/16/2023**

7:00am David Juncer

Scripture Readings: Jer 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23

**FRI 3/17/2023 St. Patrick, Bishop**

7:00am Ronnie Maurer

Scripture Readings: Hos 14:2-10

Mk 12:28-34

**SAT 3/18/2023 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

8:00am Pat Schar

Scripture Readings: Hos 6:1-6

Lk 18:9-14

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

4:30pm Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish

**SUN 3/19/2023**

7:00am Warner Von Holzen

9:00am Living and deceased members of the Archie &amp; Jennie

Leick families

11:00am Living and deceased members of the Irban Aumann family

Scripture Readings: Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023****LECTORS**

4:30pm Kathy Doebereiner

7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft

9:00am Ann Kunding

11:00am Josh Dick

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Kay Kmiec / Louise Kobylinski

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech / Pam Alt

9:00am Pat &amp; Marlea Lescynski / Lonny Roberts / Cheryl Schmidt

11:00am Kim Rybicki / Michael Clubb

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan &amp; Eliza Schuld

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

9:00am Maverick, Dakota &amp; Isabella Hannasch

11:00am Kofi Yeboah / Rita Glab

**MUSIC MINISTER**

4:30pm Cindy Penker / Roni Steines-Machtan

7:00am Cindy Penker / Roni Steines-Machtan

9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir

11:00am Cindy Penker

**During Lent, Confessions will be heard every Friday at St. John's beginning at 6pm. Two priests will be available. Confessions are also available on Saturdays after the 8am Mass.**

**Weekday Mass Servers:****Monday -** Glenn Linzmeier**Thursday** Lee Alt**Tuesday -** Marty Draxler**Friday -** Dennis Spencer**Wednesday** Dan Flees**Saturday** Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr**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).

**STEWARDSHIP - March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate

\$20,661.77

Parish Improvement

544.00

Total to date for March

\$ 21,205.77



**Stations of the Cross will be held at St. John's every Wednesday (except March 22<sup>nd</sup>) during Lent at 2:00pm (school children) and on Fridays at 5:15pm.**

**Servers for Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:****Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld**

**Upcoming Parish Meetings: 3 Committees:** Meet on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in the rectory at 6pm. **Finance Committee:** Meet on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall in the school.

**Frassati Young Adult Group:** There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. Please join us for adoration and Stations of the Cross in St. John's church. Social to follow. If you would like to be on our email list to receive updates about our monthly meetings and other events, please email [marshfieldfrassatiyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:marshfieldfrassatiyoungadults@gmail.com). Newcomers welcomed!!

**Parish Mission** Internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host Chris Stefanick will be speaking at OLP on Wed., March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. In his talk "Living Joy" Chris will present 9 rules that will empower you to overcome the obstacles that are keeping you from unspeakable joy. The event is open to the public. A free will offering can be made at the event.

**Adoration Chapel:** We are looking to find a second adorer in the following slots: 2-3pm Tuesdays or Fridays and 3-4pm on Saturdays. If you would like to spend some time with Jesus in the St. John Paul II Chapel during these hours, please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.

**The May - August Schedules for Lectors and Communion Ministers and Youth Servers will soon be finalized.** If you wish to make changes to your scheduled time or Mass, please call the parish office at 715-384-3252 **before** Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have been thinking about becoming a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister, please call the office. There is always a need! Thank you!

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

Every Friday during Lent at St. John's beginning at 6:00pm

And every Saturday morning following the 8:00am Mass

(Two priests will be available)

**DEANERY-WIDE CONFESSIONS**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Peace

(Many priests throughout the afternoon)

**Holy Week Confessions**

April 3 / April 5 / April 6

Noon until 1pm

**DECREE FROM THE BISHOP OF LA CROSSE****St. Patrick's Day Dispensation**

The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays of Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2023, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day in accord with the norm of law, I, herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of La Crosse as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Given in La Crosse this first day of March in the Year of Our Lord 2023

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: In continuing the theme of the last few bulletin columns - please ask yourself: how do I take the next step? Who do I need to contact to help in some ministry within the parish?

Last week I placed in the bulletin a list of all the active groups and ministries within our parish. It is my prayer that this Lenten season is moving you to consider joining or helping in one of the areas listed. As I mentioned last time, there is great responsibility in being Christian and we must each do our part.

So, who do you contact if you want to help? You can always call the parish office. You can also ask others in the parish. At some point we may create a resource with contact information of every group. However, our parish is a community - not just a list of contacts. Lists with phone numbers can often be impersonal. Our service within the church is deeply relational. When we give ourselves in a relational way, it is then that we overcome loneliness, depression and isolation. To do this, however, we have to take a risk and introduce ourselves. We have to take a risk and ask someone a basic question such as, "Do you know how I can join this group at the parish?"

One such group listed is our Proactive Response Group. This group responds to urgent situations that may arise in our parish family. For instance, if a family of our parish suffers a car accident, we want to be able to provide for our family immediately. This would include such things as running errands, cooking meals, babysitting, etc. We are asking for your help to make this possible. Ron & Patty Kraus, Mike & Stephanie Clubb and Jim & Donna Prepeluh have volunteered to help coordinate this goal. Their contact information will be available on the kiosk at the front entrance. In contacting them you can share the way you wish to make yourself available to help with an immediate need. You can also call the parish office. If you would like to be a contact person for an immediate emergency need, please let us know.

It is amazing how life is filled with blessings when one is willing to offer themselves in generosity to others. Please commit yourself to helping in some way within our parish. Generosity is the foundation of a full life.

Blessings to each of you. May St. John the Baptist pray for us. Fr. Thelen



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## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Third Week of Lent - A Minute with Jesus  
As you take "steps forward," your faith in Jesus's true Presence in the Eucharist will grow.

We cannot simply convince ourselves through reason that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. One of the best ways to grow in this faith is to spend some time in conversation with Jesus, truly present in a Catholic Church. Go there and share something with the Lord that is on your heart. You will notice that probably without saying or feeling anything special, you will leave with a quieted heart.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me commit to spending some time in conversation with you in Church.

This week, read about how we can always find Jesus in His Father's house in Luke 2:41-51.



*We welcome these new families to St. John's*

Tim & Jessica Davis family

Lance & Jennifer Knetter family

*We welcome this child through the  
Living Waters of Baptism*

Kayla Kaye Ertl - daughter of Joshua & Amanda Ertl  
Baptized on March 12, 2023



**La Verna Region of the Secular Franciscans are having their central district gathering on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3:30PM right here at St. John's in the Columbia Room.** There is a light breakfast and lunch for \$20 and a full day of speakers on the Franciscan way of life. This is a great opportunity right in our own parish. All are welcome to learn more about Secular Franciscans. Please call or text Lori Kieffer, OFS at 715-741-2959. If you can't come the full day, perhaps you could come part of the day. The rule and life of the Secular Franciscan is to observe the gospel of our Lord following the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.

**AWAKEN - Featuring International Catholic Speaker, Comedian & Musician Paul J. Kim.** This family event for all ages will be held on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 7pm - 8:30pm at Nativity of Our Lord in Rhinelander, WI. Come for the entertainment - stay for the inspiration. Awaken your relationship with God! Cost is \$20.

**Marshfield Area Community Event: This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year this event will be hosted in Marshfield.** Please consider participating in this event to pack meals for children. It not only brings together groups for a fun activity, it also impacts their lives and the lives we save. **Where:** The gym at Zion Methodist Church - 2206 N. Peach Ave., Marshfield **When:** Thursday - Saturday April 20, 21, & 22. **Needs:** 624 volunteers to pack 124,416 meals and \$37,000 in donations to pay for the ingredients. We can feed more children when we put our hands to work. Donations are tax deductible. Checks can be made out to Feed My Starving Children listing **Marshfield Event #2304-019EA. Volunteer sign up is on the local website and opens March 1<sup>st</sup>: [www.marshfieldfmisc.com](http://www.marshfieldfmisc.com)** For more information contact Shannon Nienast at 715-305-3160.

**Attention engaged couples:** Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. Next available date is April 15, 2023. Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. To register, call Alanna Hart at 715-650-7310.

## Lenten Fish Frys and Dinners

**Knights of Columbus Fish Boil & Fish Fry:** Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> & March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Colby Lions Shelter. Serving from 4:30pm - 7pm.

**Soups on!** St. Wenceslaus, Milladore will host a Drive Thru Soup Supper on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Shrimp & Fish Fry:** St. Mary's Auburndale on March 24<sup>th</sup> & April 7<sup>th</sup>. Call St. Mary's at 715-652-2747 to place an order after 1pm on Friday.

**Grilled Pork Chop Dinner** (Drive-thru) at St. Michael's, Junction City on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Serving from 10:30am - 1pm. Cash raffle calendars available.

## St. Joseph's Feast Day ~ March 20<sup>th</sup>

As we come upon this feast day, we remember that one of the disciplines of Lent is to give alms to the poor. We will have a monetary collection only from March 18<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup> to help families of our parish as well as those in the community. You will find a display with envelopes for this collection on the round table as you enter church. Please make checks out to St. John's. Money collected will be used to purchase gift cards from the gift card program.





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