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
Mary Gouin, Parish Secretary	715-384-3252 ext. 0
Monica Trussoni, Finance Office	715-384-3252 ext. 4
David Alcott, Director of Faith Formation	715-384-3252 ext. 6
St. John School Office	
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. 7 a.m. / 9 a.m. / 11 a.m. Sundays



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 4/10/2023	illion lonviels			
7:00am Living & deceased members of the Mike & I family	Liilian Jozwiak			
Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-23	Mt 28:8-15			
TUES 4/11/2023 7:00am Jean Joseph Scripture Readings: Acts 2:36-41	Jn 20:11-18			
WED 4/12/2023 7:00am John Pritzl 8:00am Lavern & Jane Kolbeck Scripture Readings: Acts 3:1-10	Lk 24:13-35			
THUR 4/13/2023 7:00am Living & deceased members of the Albert & Sarah Langreck family				
Scripture Readings: Acts 3:11-26	Lk 24:35-48			
FRI 4/14/2023 7:00am Norbert Schultz Scripture Readings: Acts 4:1-12	Jn 21:1-14			
SAT 4/15/2023 8:00am Gerald Werner Scripture Readings: Acts 4:13-21	Mk 16:9-15			
Second Sunday of Easter				
4:30pm George Asher				
SUN 4/16/2023 7:00am Wesley & Lorraine Schar 9:00am Deceased members of the PCCW 11:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist parish Scripture Readings: Acts 2:42-47	1 Pt 1:3-9			

Jn 20:19-31

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 15 & 16, 2023

LECTORS

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- 4:30pm Jonathan Rootellis
- 7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech
- 9:00am Dorothy Flees
- 11:00am Danielle Rummells

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers! Fr. Thelen will hold a meeting on April 10th at 6:00pm for anyone interested. If you have any questions please call the parish office at 715-384-3252.

Weekday Mass Servers:

Monday -	Dave Gouin	Thursday Lee Alt	
Tuesday -	Dan Alsides	Friday - Mike Spencer	
Wednesday	Lenny Kieliszewski	Saturday Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr	
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STEWARDSHIP - April 1 st & 2 nd	
Adult / Youth / Plate Parish Improvement	\$17,002.35 <u>492.00</u>
Total to date for March	\$17,494.35

Thank you! The generosity of this parish is beautiful. The total collection for the St. Joseph's Table amounted to \$4,095.00! This has been a benefit for many of our families as well as support to St. Vincent de Paul, the Orenda Center, The Respite Center, Shirley's House of Hope, Mary's Place, Hannah Center and Soup or Socks.

Prayer Vine ~ *Do you or someone you know need prayers?* To have requests for prayer placed on the vine, please call Connie 715-305-6742 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists).

The first PCCW meeting of the year will be held on Tues., April 11th at 6:00pm in the Columbia Room. All ladies of the parish are welcome, and are encouraged to attend. Election of officers will be held, and after our business meeting, refreshments will be served and Bingo will be played. Come and learn about all the positive things the PCCW does for our parish and diocese.

The PCCW is looking for candidates for the two-year term of Secretary (taking and reading meeting minutes) & Treasurer (taking and reading meeting minutes). There are 6 meetings per year, to attend. If you have an interest in one of these positions, please call Caren at 715-897-1900 or Marcy at 715-650-2184.

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, April 11th, at 6:30pm. Please join us for an Easter potluck party! Please see the group email for the link to the potluck sign up sheet. 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 <u>marshfieldfrassatiyoungadults@gmail.com</u>. Newcomers are always welcome!

The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach is going back to in-place fellowship meals (no longer takeout) starting April 10th. The fellowship meals will be served every Monday and Wednesday starting at 5:00pm. If you or your group would like to volunteer to help serve the meal, please contact the Outreach at 715-387-0395 or email svdpmfldoutreach@outlook.com

Also, the wonderful cook for these meals is retiring after many years of serving our friends and neighbors in need. If you would like to volunteer to cook these meals on Mondays and/or Wednesday, please contact the Outreach.

The Diocese of La Crosse Parish Councils of Catholic Women annually holds a Council Sunday Collection on Divine Mercy Sunday weekend (April 15th - 16th). This collection is the sole source of revenue to fund the ministries and outreach of the La Crosse Diocesan CCW. Councils seek to support and educate Catholic women in the skills of spirituality, leadership, and service. Some of the notable ministries the Councils of Catholic Women support include Project Milk, Catholic Relief Services, the Madonna Plan which offers pregnancy and early childhood care, Casa Hogar, televised Mass, retreats and much more. We are grateful for your contribution to this collection!

Breakfast Social: On April 30th after the 9:00 AM Mass, a social will be held outside, between the church and St. John's school, (weather permitting) or in case of rain, in the Columbia room. Doughnuts, muffins, fruit and cheese/crackers will be available. Everyone is welcome, especially families! Stay for some good old fashioned socializing. Come, get to know your St. John's parish family and enjoy a light breakfast. This event is sponsored by the Family Activities committee.

The 9:00am Mass for Sunday, April 16th will be for the members of St. John PCCW who have died between October 1st 2022 and March 30th, 2023. Deceased members are: Patricia Jirschele / Dorothy Vogel / Angeline Scherr / Margaret Altmann / Donna Kundinger / Mary Lou Kirsch / Mary Beyer / Arlene Weber / Lynette Barrett / Joan Burnett / Frances Weigel / Margie Rank May they rest in peace!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: A movie is always at its best during the point of conflict, when the hero of the movie is facing an existential threat. The sacrifice and bravery of the hero captivates the audience. As soon as the hero attains victory, however, the movie begins to pan away. A few final scenes of peace, joy and resolution and then the credits roll.

I often feel this way during Holy Week. The liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil captivate something deep within me. The prep for these liturgies causes some stress. However, the experience of the liturgies surpasses every anxiety. Just as a movie is most captivating at the point of conflict, a similar thing happens during the liturgies of the Triduum, as these liturgies communicate in a profound sacramental manner the decisive victory of Jesus over sin and death through his suffering and death upon the Cross.

Yet the Triduum is not an end in itself. The suffering and death of Jesus leads to the glory of the Resurrection. Easter Sunday is indeed filled with peace and harmony, yet for me something is always missing on Easter Sunday morning. For me, Easter Sunday always feels a bit like the last few minutes of a movie. Something captivating is lost. Why? Nothing on this earth can replicate the joy God will give us. The sufferings of Christ are relatable because on earth there is suffering. The joys of the Resurrection, however, are so far beyond our comprehension, that nothing in this world can ever compare.

The highest of liturgies on Easter Sunday, therefore, can never replicate what God has prepared for us in heaven. In heaven the sorrows and sufferings of this world will be forgotten in the perfection of the love, peace, joy and fullness of God's presence. The eternal delights of heaven are such that 'no eye has seen, no ear has heard, nor has it entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him.' (1 Cor 2:9)

We are people of the Resurrection. Our hope is in the Resurrection. Rejoice this day, this Easter Sunday. However, be reminded that we are not there yet. We are on pilgrimage. Remain rooted to daily prayer, to daily Mass, to following the commandments. The Cross of Christ saves us. With the Cross we can dare to hope for the gift of God's eternal love in heaven.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us.

Fr. Thelen

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Jesus is alive! We receive the living resurrected Christ in Holy Communion. Jesus holds nothing back in the Holy Eucharist. He gives Himself completely to us when we receive Him at Mass every Sunday. Receiving His Resurrected Body and Blood will raise us to Him to live forever.



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Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to realize that You are alive, and every time I receive You, that You are alive in me.

This week, as we celebrate Easter, make a practice that was common after the Resurrection with the early Christians to say to family members and friends, "Jesus Christ is risen; He is alive!" This week, read about how St. John the Apostle came to believe that Jesus was alive in John 20:1-9. We welcome this new family to St. John's



Jacob & Haley Fuchs family

Movie Time! Starting in April, approximately every three weeks, on Sunday starting at 1:00pm, we offer you the chance to learn more about 5 of our beloved 20th Century Saints. All are highly acclaimed and are done by Ignatius The first movie to be shown on **April 23**: *"For Greater Glory"*, the story of the Christeros martyrs and Saints. (Viewer discretion advised. May be too intense for those under 12.)

A Threshold Bible Study: Jesus, The Word Made Flesh - Book of John - Chapters 11-21 - This Gospel study follows Jesus during his final week in Jerusalem. **Dates:** Tuesday, April 18th and runs for 6 weeks. **Location**: Bride's Room in St. John's beginning at 6:00pm. **Cost:** \$15 for the study book. **To register** please call Carol Jonas at 715-676-3989 by April 11th.

Walk For Life: The annual First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's Walk for Life will be held in Wisconsin Rapids at Lake Wazeecha on May 6th. This family friendly event will begin at the South Wood County Shelter House at 10:00am with registration beginning at 9:00am. Fun raffles and concessions will be available. Please join us to help raise \$32,000. All area parishes and individuals are welcome to walk and register with the St. Gianna Walkers for Life (team captain is the *Lauren Rubenzer*). To participate or donate you can find more information on the First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's website: <u>https://www.firstchoiceprc.org/walkforlife</u>. Also, First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center is opening a third location in Marshfield!! Questions? Feel free to call Lauren Rubenzer – 608-234-8502.

Tootsie Roll Campaign is a pro-life event– Knights will be available after all Masses the weekend of April 22nd—23rd. Knights are asked to volunteer at local stores by calling Bob at 715-384-4598 or Dan at 715-305-0398.

Preparing for the Feast of Divine Mercy

This official feast of the Catholic church was originally requested by Our Lord in the 1930s and was revealed by Him to St. Faustina. On this feast day, He wishes to pour out all His tender mercy upon us and promises us great graces! In His revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asks us to:

- Sincerely repent of our sins
- Place our complete trust in Him
- Go to confession, preferably before the feast
- Be merciful to others through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf.
- Pray for sinners

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AREA EVENTS - April 16th

Christ the King Parish, Spencer

- 1:00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 1:15pm: Presentation by Mother Mary Veronica
- 2:00pm: Adoration / Meditation
- 2:30pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 2:45pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Confessions will be available throughout the service

St. Mary's, Neillsville

12:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration12:00pm: Confession2:00pm: Speaker3:00pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy3:30pm: Holy Mass



