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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 8/28/2023 St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
 7:00am Anthony & Florence Hastreiter
 Scripture Readings: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22

TUES 8/29/2023 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 7:00am Ted Zondlo
 Scripture Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-8 Mk 6:17-19

WED 8/30/2023
 7:00am Robert Schiferl, Sr.
 Scripture Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-13 Mt 23:27-32

THUR 8/31/2023
 7:00am Donna Kundinger
 Scripture Readings: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51

FRI 9/1/2023
 7:00am Living & deceased members of the James & Jeanette
 Baltus family
 Scripture Readings: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13

SAT 9/2/2023
 8:00am Lynette Barrett
 Scripture Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Reinhold Panske

SUN 9/3/2023
 7:00am Living & deceased members of the Anton & Helen
 Hastreiter family
 9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 11:00am Helen Dums
 Scripture Readings: Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2
 Mt 16:21-27



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 2nd & 3rd, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Kristen Bornbach
 7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield
 9:00am Ann Kundinger
 11:00am Jonathan Rootellis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Becky Kaiser / Kay Kmiec / Louise Kobylinski /
 Joan Raschke
 7:00am Dan Alsides / Melissa Pittsley
 9:00am Lonny Roberts / David Schlinsog / Cheryl Schmidt
 Rita Blenker / Dan & Dorothy Flees
 11:00am Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis / Danielle Rummels /
 Chris Rutschow

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld
 7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr
 9:00am Lily & Neil Adler / Phineas Prusinski
 11:00am Ava Rootellis / Kofi Yeboah

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cindy Penker / Roni Steines-Machtan
 7:00am Cindy Penker / Roni Steines-Machtan
 9:00am Cathy Heuer
 11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - August 28th - September 2nd

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 715-305-6742 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists).

STEWARDSHIP - for August 19th & 20th

Will be reported in next week's bulletin.

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Generous Stewardship "Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"-ROMANS 11:35 St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we, too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our charity, we may answer someone else's prayer

La Crosse Diocesan Family of the Year: Dan and Christy Kitzhaber have been chosen as the Family of the Year! This Sunday, August 27th the Very Reverend William Dhein will represent Bishop Callahan at the 11:00am Mass. There will be a light reception held for them after the Mass in the Columbia room.

"That Man is You!: Our dynamic men's group will start meeting on Tuesday mornings beginning Tuesday, September 12th, at 6am in Dillenberg Hall at Our Lady of Peace. All men are invited to join us for a light breakfast and another brand new year of content from That Man is You!"

Choir practice will begin on Wednesday September 6th at 6:30pm. Anyone interested is more than welcome to join! Contact the parish office with inquiries.

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Mass servers are ready and can be picked up in the Sacristy.

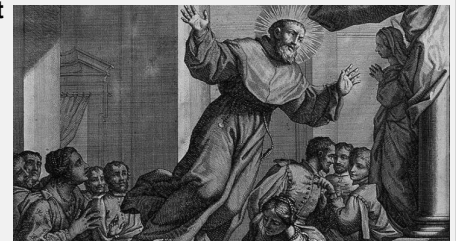
Acts of the Apostles Bible Study (part one chpts 1-14) Scripture study with discussion using the Threshold Bible Study. Begins Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00pm and runs for 6 weeks. We meet in the Bride's room at St. John's. Cost of study book is \$15. **To register** please call Carol Jonas at 715-676-3989 by Sept. 19th

Marshfield Knights of Columbus Council 1799 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities. Among the recent activities of the council include providing Rosaries for the Ministry Department at Marshfield Hospital; sponsorship of the Carnival for Life; sponsorship of a local NET Minister; and promoting the upcoming opening of the First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Marshfield. For information on joining the Knights of Columbus contact the Grand Knight, Bob Seitz at 715-384-4598 or at grand.knight1799@gmail.com or membership director Tim Herr at tim.herr@gmail.com.

Please keep in prayer all students and teachers as they head back to school!

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO FOR STUDENTS

O humble Saint Joseph of Cupertino, singularly favored by God in the difficulties of study and the worries of examinations, implore the Holy Spirit to enlighten my mind and aid my memory in the search of His truth and wisdom. Help me especially in the decisive moments of examination, protecting me from that forgetfulness and disturbing anxiety which often accompany them, so that I may grow in knowledge, love, and wisdom which leads to eternal life. Amen



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: I am hoping to recommence a Baptism Class/Mentoring ministry in our parish. This year we have had 32 Baptisms and during the month of July alone we had ten. Thanks be to God for this great blessing in our parish!

Typically for a Baptism, a couple calls the parish office. We take their information. The parents watch a few videos from Formed.org on Baptism, I meet with the parents for a small class, and then the Baptism happens. The turn-around time is generally between 2 weeks and 2 months from the time of the parents' original call to the time of the Baptism.

Many of the children being baptized are from strong faith-centered families. About half, however, do not have much connection to our church. I am hoping that the following program will help connect these families to our parish and the many blessings we have here.

My goal is to schedule about 3 meetings a year as a mini-Baptism retreat/session. The day would include three talks given by married couples in the parish on topics such as Catholic Education/Columbus, Raising children Catholic, and Prayer at Home. A light food option would also likely be provided. The most important part of this retreat will be the mentoring portion, called something such as, "Getting Connected."

Thus, the needs are as follows:

- 1) Overall Point person to connect baptism family with mentoring family.
- 2) Younger active couples who in the last several years have had their own children baptized and who could now serve as mentors to new parents - This would involve at least an initial phone call and then perhaps sending a card/gift on an annual basis. It could also involve a meeting in person, praying together, etc. - whatever seems comfortable and natural. I am hoping that this mentoring relationship with the parents could continue until their child is of age to enter Marshfield Family Faith Formation or Columbus. Thus, bridging the gap between Baptism and Catechetical formation.
- 3) Gift bags, cards, welcoming items – provided by the parish and given by the mentoring couple throughout the years of the mentoring relationship.
- 4) Couples to give talks at the retreats.

A very similar structure happens for every funeral we have at St. John's. Each family of a deceased person is contacted by a lead or point bereavement minister. This minister provides help in planning the funeral liturgy, provides a condolence gift, and maintains the family contact for All Souls Day. They then continue to journey with the family as is needed. This is a wonderful ministry and I wish to thank so much everyone who is involved in our bereavement ministry for our parish! I am thinking that we can create a similar model for mentoring the parents of the newly baptized.

In particular, this mentoring relationship would be for parents who are not already active in our church. Those parents active in the parish could request a mentoring couple, but it would not be necessary.

Let me know if you would like to be part of this ministry to our families preparing for Baptism. I'd be happy to meet or talk if you have any questions.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us and our parish.

Fr. Thelen

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

At Mass, the Scripture Readings prepare us to receive Jesus

There are two major parts to the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the Liturgy of the Word, we listen to three Readings and a Psalm from Sacred Scripture (the Bible). These Readings help us recall all that God has done for us: His love and His plan for us. We stand up for the third



Reading – the Gospel, the most important Reading – because Matthew, Mark, Luke and John deliver the message that Jesus brings, and include quotations of His very own spoken words. After the Gospel, the priest or deacon help us to understand these Readings from the Bible and how to apply the message to our daily life in order to be a more faithful follower of the Lord. Hearing the Words of Scripture and the Homily which follows helps our hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, help me to come to Mass with an open heart, ready to hear the Readings from Scripture and the Homily in order to know You better.*

This week, read from the Letter of Paul to Timothy about the importance of God's Word: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, correction and training in righteousness, so that the man (or woman) of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Faith Formation: Marshfield Faith Formation registration for 2023-24 is now open. This is for children in grades 1-10 who belong to St. Johns, Sacred Heart, or Our Lady of Peace who do not attend Columbus Catholic Schools. Please register online at MarshfieldFaithFormation.org by the August 31st deadline. Contact David Alcott, Director of Faith Formation with questions. 715-384-3252 ext. 6 or teachdisciples@gmail.com

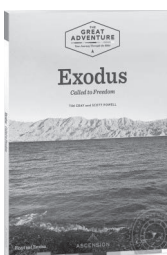
Sept. 13 - Rural Life Day - Marshfield - All are Welcome

The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13th, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00am Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal.

There will also be wagon rides to tour the ridge-top farm. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.

Attention engaged couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. The next available dates are Oct. 14th, 2023 (St. John's), Feb. 10th, 2024 (OLP), Apr. 20th, 2024 (Christ the King). 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.

Adoration: In need of a second adorer on Wednesdays from 8-9am, Saturdays from 1-2pm and Sundays from 9-10am Please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085 if you are available.



Exodus Bible Study - Year 18 of Bible Study here at St. John's. Part of the Great Adventure Series by Jeff Cavins, the study is *Exodus: Called to Freedom*. This study has never been done at St. John's. It starts Sept. 10th, the Sunday after Labor day, and should complete by Nov. 19th. We meet in the Columbia room from 8:15am- 10:30am. Doors will open at 7:50. Cost of the workbook is \$28.00. If cost is problematic, please do not let this keep you away. To register, call or text Judy Garfield, 715-305-2261.

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