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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



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 9/4/2023

8:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Marshfield Area Catholic Missionaries
 Scripture Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4:16-30

TUES 9/5/2023

7:00am Timothy Mayeux
 Scripture Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Lk 4:31-37

WED 9/6/2023

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Robert Imhoff family
 8:00am Nancy O'Brien
 Scripture Readings: Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44

THUR 9/7/2023

7:00am George Winkler
 Scripture Readings: Col 1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11

FRI 9/8/2023 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am Walter & Josephine Manlick
 Scripture Readings: Mt 1:1-16

SAT 9/9/2023 St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00am Everett & Maureen Servais
 Scripture Readings: Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Robert, Marie & Raymond Kelly

SUN 9/10/2023

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 9:00am Living & deceased members of the Archie & Jennie Leick family
 11:00am Harold & Dorothy Faust
 Scripture Readings: Ez 33:7-9 Mt 18:15-20 Rom 13:8-10



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 9th & 10th, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Kathy Doebereiner
 7:00am Jan Altman
 9:00am Lonny Roberts
 11:00am Sharon See

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Jeff Sternberg / Tom & Susan Youngwith / Lois Carlson
 7:00am Lee & Pam Alt
 9:00am Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall / Maureen Karaliunas
 Ron & Patty Kraus / Ann Kundingner
 11:00am Kim Rybicki / John & Lori Salzman / Sharon See

SERVERS

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Open
 7:00am Ava & Gianna Rootellis
 9:00am Maverick, Dakota & Isabella Hannasch
 11:00am Nolan Frane / Rita Glab

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 - September 4th - September 9th

Monday - Glenn Linzmeier **Thursday** Ray Housworth
Tuesday - Marty Draxler **Friday** - Mike 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 - August 19th & 20th

Adult / Youth / Plate - \$8,645.35
 Parish Improvement - 150.00
 Total \$8,795.35

STEWARDSHIP - August 26th & 27th

Adult / Youth / Plate - \$12,475.92
 Parish Improvement - 80.00
 Total \$12,555.92
 ACH \$13,970.00

Total to date for August **\$91,986.59**



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"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - Mt 16:26 St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We must set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Mass on Monday, September 4th (Labor Day) will be at 8:00am and the parish office will be closed. Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day!

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

Fall Church Cleaning Join the "cleaning crew" on **Tuesday, Sept. 5th beginning at 4:30pm.** Bring your own gloves if desired. All other cleaning supplies are provided. Want to lend a hand for a couple of hours? Please contact Dorothy at 715-387-8224.

3 Committees (Sacred Worship, Social Justice and Family Life) will meet on Monday, September 11th. Please meet in the rectory at 6:00pm.

PCCW Announcement: All ladies of the parish are invited to attend a PCCW meeting on Tues, Sept 12th, 2022, at 6:00pm in the Columbia Room. After the meeting, we will have refreshments and play Bingo. We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact Denise Roberts at 618.616.5196 if you have any questions.

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, September 12th, at 6:30 PM. Please join us for a social in St. Francis Hall followed by a tour of St. John's church led by Father Thelen! 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!



Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines For Reporting Instances of Child Abuse.

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: I remember the election of Pope Francis in 2013. As I was standing in the middle of the Square of the Basilica of St. Peter, I saw hundreds and thousands of people of every background and of every nation fill St. Peter's square for the monumental announcement of the new Pope. We did not share the same language, but we shared the same love for the Church. The Catholic Church fulfills Matthew 28 in bringing the unity of the Gospel to the diversity of the entire world, from the east to the west. Each of us are made in God's image and likeness. Our uniqueness reflects God's omnipotence. The message of the Gospel is meant for all peoples of every unique background. The Gospel calls all of us into the fullness of life for which God has created us.

As we rejoice in the complexity of God's creation, our readings for this weekend nevertheless urge us to be strong witnesses of the one truth in Christ. St. Paul says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

As Catholics, our morality is best framed by the concept of virtue. Virtue is the habit of doing good. A perfect metaphor for virtue is a sports player. Through repetition and practice an athlete creates the habit of doing well in his/her sport. The same is true in morality. By repeated good actions a person develops a habit of doing good. Likewise, in sport, the game is filled with complexity, yet victory is achieved only through a singular manner. (For instance, a golfer has to deal with a complexity of issues from both weather and terrain, yet victory is only achieved by putting the ball into the hole. He/she cannot alter the rule by which victory is achieved) Thus, morality too works with a complexity of challenges, yet it likewise has just one path to virtue. There is a oneness in moral truths, just as there is oneness to victory in sports. Morality is not relative, it is objective.

How can we discern a moral truth? How do we know a moral truth? We as Catholics have the gift of revelation, both from sacred scripture and sacred tradition. God has given us moral truths, through His revealed Word. We likewise are blessed to have the Magisterium (the Pope and the Bishops), who guided by the holy Spirit articulate the truths of revelation for every age.

As Catholic Christians we celebrate the complexity of God's creation, while firmly holding that morality is objective. To speak the truth on moral issues is an act of love. Truths should be spoken with empathy and compassion, but they must always be spoken. May we be blessed with the gift of fortitude and charity so that we are not conformed to this age but are renewed so as to know what is good and pleasing and perfect.

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

Fr. Thelen

Parish Offered Bible Studies



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.

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study (part one chpts 1-14) Scripture study with discussion using the Threshold Bible Study. Begins Tuesday, Sept. 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.



We welcome this child through the Living Waters of Baptism

Hudson Jeffrey Duane Kusay - son of Ryan & Melissa Kusay

Baptized September 3, 2023

"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!"

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.

Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association will gather on September 13th at 3:00pm at Our Lady of Peace sacristy.

Save the Date: Rosary Rally - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - October 7, 2023. More information to follow!

Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30am - 5:15pm)

Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a catholic man. For registration and more information visit www.menofthecross.org

Saint Agnes Coordinator/Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry at St. Agnes in Weston is currently accepting applications for a Coordinator/Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. The Coordinator/Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry is responsible for developing and overseeing religious education and youth ministry programs for Pre- K through grade 10. **The position is full-time.** Salary dependent upon experience. If you are interested, please contact Deb the Office Manager at deb@stagnescatholicparish.com or the Parish Office at 715-359-5675 for an application. This job is a tremendous opportunity to help young people grow in their faith.

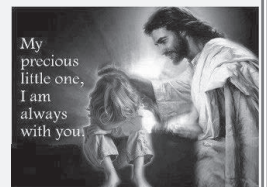
EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Jesus Wants to Remain within Us

The second part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We know that Jesus wants to remain with us – to abide within us. We celebrate at Mass the enduring self-gift of Jesus Christ by which He fulfills His promise to remain with us always (unless we choose to separate ourselves from Him through serious sin.) When we receive the Eucharist, we are united to Jesus. He dwells within our heart. This is why the Eucharist is called Holy Communion.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please continue to "stay with us", to abide in us so that we can be strengthened as Your faithful followers.*

This week, read how after the Resurrection Jesus walked with two disciples, explained the Scriptures to them and then celebrated the Eucharist so that they could abide in Him in Luke 24: 13-35



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