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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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Fr. Dan Thelen, Pastor715-384-3252 ext. 2
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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 9/25/2023

7:00am Richard Herr
 Scripture Readings: Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

TUES 9/26/2023 Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

7:00am Dave Affholder
 Scripture Readings: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21

WED 9/27/2023 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Barrett & Servais families

8:00am Neil & Patricia Jirschele
 Scripture Readings: Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

THUR 9/28/2023 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

7:00am Rita & Stanley Knetter, Sr.
 Scripture Readings: Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9

FRI 9/29/2023 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

7:00am Gary Kohlbeck
 Scripture Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Jn 1:47-51

SAT 9/30/2023 St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:00am Nick Volosek
 Scripture Readings: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Marie Gerl

SUN 10/1/2023

7:00am Nancy Zygarlicke
 9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist parish
 11:00am Ann & Clarence Folz
 Scripture Readings: Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11
 Mt 21:28-32



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 30th & October 1st, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Kathy Doebereiner
 7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft
 9:00am Maureen Karaliunas
 11:00am John Salzmann

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Louise Kobylinski / Tom & Susan Youngwith
 Joan Raschke
 7:00am Jean Kaiser / Brian Kostka
 9:00am Rita Blenker / Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall
 Maureen Karaliunas / Ron & Patty Kraus
 11:00am Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis / Christine Rutschow
 Danielle Rummells

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld
 7:00am Ava & Gianna Rootellis
 9:00am Lily & Neil Adler
 11:00am Maria Eilzabeth Garcia / Olivia Burt

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cindy Penker / Ann Kunding
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 9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir / 11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - September 25th - September 30th

Monday - David Gouin	Thursday - Lee Alt
Tuesday - Ray Housworth	Friday - Dennis Spencer
Wednesday - Lenny Kieliszewski	Saturday - Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

Opportunities for Confession: Saturday mornings at St. John's after the 8:00am Mass and on the third Friday of the month at 6:00pm and by appointment. First Friday Confessions are now held at Sacred Heart Parish at 6:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP - SEPTEMBER 16th & 17th

Adult / Youth / Plate - \$12,705.15
 Parish Improvement - 377.00
 Total \$12,742.15

ACH for September \$14,100.00

Total to Date for September \$60,217.89



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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).

Pastoral Council meets in the Columbia room on Tuesday, September 26th at 6pm.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery Fall Clean-Up: Please remove any grave decorations by Oct 1st. Any items left after that date will be removed. It is the family's responsibility to maintain the headstones. Contact the monument service that may have installed it if you need assistance. Also now would be a good time to choose spaces before winter Call the Sexton at 715-486-2098.

Respect Life Sunday KC Lifesavers St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us. The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Lifesaver candies following each Mass September 30 - October 1. We need to consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death and supports men & women to be courageously Pro-Life. Thank you for supporting our local Culture of Life activities in the parish and community.

The Family Life Committee is collecting baby items for families who seek help during the month of October (Respect Life Month). Help struggling families care for their little ones. Please bring NEW items to church and place them by the Baby Display in the vestibule.

Needed items include:

- *diapers of varying sizes
- * onesies and socks
- *receiving blankets and washcloths
- *teething items and crib toys
- * All donated items will be brought to the Hannah Center. Thank you!



October: Month of the Rosary!

Rosary Rally - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - October 7, 2023 Rosary begins at Noon in St. John the Baptist Church followed by Fr. Arturo's presentation, "*Mary, Mother of the Eucharist*" and two adorer's personal adoration testimonies. Please bring a dish to pass to St. John the Baptist School/Columbia Hall before heading over to the church. A potluck lunch will be served in Columbia Hall after the rosary/speaker/testimonies.

Please Save The Date: October 14th Our Lady of Fatima Rosary rally to be held at the "Christ guide us on our way" shrine located at the south end of Marshfield at 12 noon. We will be praying for the conversion of our nation. Any questions, please call Lori Mann at 715-652-6545 or Joan at 715-384-5935.

Pro-life Rosary at Gate of Heaven Cemetery

Oct. 21st. St. John's Family Life Committee will meet at the Memorial for the Unborn at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Please come and join your parish family as a Pro-life Rosary will be prayed with meditations on healing for all who have been harmed by the scourge of abortion. We will meet around 8:45am, following the Saturday 8am Mass with the rosary starting shortly after.



FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S DESK

Since becoming a priest, I became involved in Hispanic ministry here in the Diocese of La Crosse. My first assignment was at Holy Family Parish in Arcadia, Wisconsin which has had a stable Hispanic ministry for the past fourteen years or so. Being involved in Hispanic ministry is one of the most challenging and rewarding ministries that I get to work with as a priest. It is a challenge because, everything that I have learned in the church has been in English and from the American cultural point of view.

Over the last two years, I had to learn the specific pastoral challenges that many Hispanics face here in the United States. In addition to this I had to learn the different Catholic traditions that I vaguely remembered from my childhood experience and adopt them to fit the need of the Hispanics living here in the United States. Hispanic Catholicism tends to be more earthy with a lot more emphasis on devotional life of the church (i.e., novenas, processions, big celebrations of patronal feast days, etc.). Also, a big difference between Hispanic Catholicism and American Catholicism is that Hispanic Catholicism focuses more on emotions and feelings, compared to American Catholicism which focuses more on reason and pragmatism. It is my strong belief that both communities have something good and holy to teach to one another so that all of us can grow deeper in our relationship with God.

Over the last three months, I have celebrated four baptisms in Spanish, and I have been able to meet with a few Hispanic individuals who have been going to Mass in Wausau and Abbotsford and they have told me that it is difficult for them to travel every weekend to get to Mass on a regular basis. After careful consideration and after talking to different members of the parish, Father Thelen and I have decided to start a Spanish Mass the first Sunday of the month at 4:00pm starting in October.

By doing this it is our hope that word can get out in the Hispanic community and to start building up the Hispanic community and eventually making the Spanish Mass part of the regular Mass schedule here at John's. Eventually as the word gets out about the Spanish Mass the church will host different devotional prayer events in Spanish which will be open to all members of the parish.

As if this is not enough, I am also the Director of Emmaus Ministry for the Diocese which is part of the Diocesan Hispanic ministry outreach. This ministry consists of a weekend retreat for men and women based on the Gospel passage from Saint Luke 24:13-35 where the disciples had a transformative journey as they encountered the Lord on the Road to Emmaus. The disciples encounter the risen Lord, and they renew their love and friendship in the risen Lord. The retreat focuses on conversion or reconversion by means of personal testimony and catechesis to foster a personal relationship with the Risen Lord. After the retreats, people who assist the retreat are connected to an Emmaus Parish support group in which they are encouraged to become active members of the parish by helping out as need be on different ministries or activities in the parish.

As the year progresses, I will be hosting here in the parish different events where members of Emmaus Ministry from across the diocese will come for different catechetical sessions and organizing other events for the Emmaus retreats which usually take place in the early summer. As you can see, there will be a lot of new and exciting things coming to St. John's Parish and as we embark in these new adventures, I ask that we keep open hearts and minds to the different ways in which the Holy Spirit is calling us to serve and grow deeper in our relationship with Christ.

Happy Sunday and God Bless,

Fr. Arturo

God Bless Father Arturo as he celebrates his birthday on September 28th!

Please keep him in your prayers!



Congratulations to

**Kyle & Jordan Krizan
as they were united in Marriage
on September 23, 2023**



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

Raull Rene Ramirez Zermeno - son of
Raudel Rene Ramirez Medina
& Jessica Aileen Zermeno Barrera

Baptized September 16, 2023

You are invited to a Transitus Service on Tuesday October 3rd at 6:00pm here at St. John's, hosted by the Secular Franciscans.

Transitus is the annual celebration by Franciscans throughout the world of the passing of St. Francis from this life to life with God. It is celebrated the night of October 3rd, the eve of his feast day. The word "transitus" comes from the Latin, meaning passage or crossing. The Sisters of the Franciscan Congregation of Divine Mercy will have a first class relic of St. Francis that will be available for veneration during and after the service and again on Wed October 4th on the Feast Day of St. Francis at the 7:00am Mass. The Transitus service will last a bit over one hour plus the time for personal veneration after the service. All are welcome.

**Gospel of Life White Mass,
Banquet & Presentation - Oct. 18**

Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wednesday, October 18th, the Feast of St. Luke, Patron of



Physicians, for the 'White Mass' celebrated by Bishop Callahan, in which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. The Mass will be followed by a banquet and a keynote presentation by Fr. Justin Kizewski on "*Standing Strong for Conscience in Healthcare: A Battle that Touches us All.*" Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit www.dioc.org/GospelofLife.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Preparing to Receive Holy Communion



When we are at Mass, and preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, our minds will sometimes wander. When we find ourselves distracted in this way, simply return our eyes to the altar and listen with our hearts as the priest prays the words of Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood of Jesus. As we go forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, it is a good practice to repeat the following prayer: "*Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*" (Matthew 8:8)

Let's pray this right now and every day this week in preparation for next Sunday:

"Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." (Matthew 8:8)

This week, read Isaiah 26:3: He does keep in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

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