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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, 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

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 11/20/2023**

7:00am Tony & Dorothy Miller
 Scripture Readings: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18:35-43

TUES 11/21/2023 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mother

7:00am Dan Sutton
 Scripture Readings: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10

WED 11/22/2023 St. Cecelia, Virgin, Martyr

7:00am Jack Wallace
 8:00am Harold & Dorothy Faust
 Scripture Readings: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28

THUR 11/23/2023 St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr

8:00am In Thanksgiving
 Scripture Readings: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44

FRI 11/24/2023 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyr

7:00am Margaret Weigel
 Scripture Readings: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48

SAT 11/25/2023 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

8:00am Mary Beyer
 Scripture Readings: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30pm Andrew Hornick

SUN 11/26/2023

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist parish
 9:00am Reinhold Panske
 11:00am Living & deceased members of the Archie & Jennie Leick families
 Scripture Readings: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
 Mt 25:31-46

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****November 25th & 26th, 2023****LECTORS**

4:30pm Kristen Bornbach
 7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft
 9:00am Rita Blenker
 11:00am Josh Dick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Kat Egle / Joe & Clare Fischer / Mike Gonerig
 7:00am Lee Alt / Peg Endries
 9:00am Al & Barb May / Bernice Mercer / Chris Nemitz
 Lonny Roberts / David Schlinsog
 11:00am Danielle Rummells / Chris Rutschow / Kim Rybicki
 Sharon See

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld
 7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr
 9:00am Phinehas & Benjamin Prusinski / Jeremiah Prusinski
 11:00am Emmitt Luther / Kofi Yeboah

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Suzanne Golden
 7:00am Cathy Heuer
 9:00am Cathy Heuer
 11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - November 20th - November 25th

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 - November 11th & 12th

Adult / Youth / Plate -	\$18,722.19
Parish Improvement -	205.00
Total	\$18,927.19

Total to date for November: \$37,096.42



Thanksgiving Food drive total: \$6130.00!

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St. John's is grateful for your contributions!!

Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024

Campaign Goal		\$133,350.00
Pledged & Received	43.78%	\$58,375.00
Under Goal		\$75,665.00
Number of Donors	207	



These numbers reflect the report as of November 14, 2023.

Thank you to all who have sent in their pledge card and payment!

When filling out your pledge cards, please write checks out to *Diocese of La Crosse*. Thank you!

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 Parish office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th. The parish staff wishes everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Mass time change! Mass on Thanksgiving day, November 23rd will be at 8:00am.

Adoration Hour Available: Immediate opening at JP II Adoration Chapel on Sundays at 8-9am. Please call Jean at 715-387-0571.

Finance Council will meet on Monday, November 20th at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall. **Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30pm in the Columbia room of the school.

The PCCW Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 9th at 11am in the Columbia Room. There will be a catered luncheon and a brief business meeting after which sweepstakes winners will be drawn with Bingo to follow. All women of the parish are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of fun!

The Family Life Committee has been selling beautiful Christmas cards of our decorated church. Any cards available after this weekend, will be sold in the rectory during regular business hours. Cards are \$1 each.

The Jan - April Lector, Eucharistic Ministers and server schedules will soon be put together. If you would like to let the office know of any dates not to schedule you, please e-mail Mary at secretary@stjmf.diocparish.org or call 715-384-3252 by November 20th. More volunteers are always welcome!

2023 GIVING TREE

Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Social Justice Committee

Saturday, November 25th - Sunday, December 3rd.

Christmas is a beautiful time of love and gratitude. It is a time where we find we want to be more generous to those that could use our prayers and our sacrifices. The Giving Tree provides an opportunity for just that!

As last year, we will be collecting money to purchase gift cards for St. Vincent's Christmas room for families and as the need arises for parishioners of St. John's. If you would like to help, we are asking for monetary donations. Checks should be written out to St. John's and placed in an envelope clearly marked Giving Tree. This may be dropped in one of the locked boxes at Church or sent directly to the office no later than December 4th. For more information, please contact the parish office at 715-384-3252

And in the words of Tiny Tim, "May God bless us everyone."



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: The following reflection on Thanksgiving and the Eucharist is taken from Aletheia, an online Catholic media source. ~ As we prepare this week to celebrate Thanksgiving Day it is interesting to note that the Greek-derived word for thanksgiving is "eucharist," the same word that we use to describe the Blessed Sacrament.

It's no surprise, then, that many Catholics make a point of beginning their Thanksgiving Day with a visit to church, even though it is a civil holiday and not a religious day of obligation. "The whole liturgical life of the Church revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments," the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains. It is called Eucharist "because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words eucharistein and eulogein recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim—especially during a meal— God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification." (CCC 1328)

"The name 'Eucharist,' or thanksgiving, is to be explained either by the fact that at its institution Christ "gave thanks," or by the fact that this is the supreme act of Christian gratitude to God," writes Jesuit Fr. John A. Hardon in his Catholic Catechism. "Early instances of this title occur in the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, in the letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch, and in the Apologies of St. Justin."

St. John Vianney had a special devotion to the Eucharist. In one of his meditations, he wrote of the spirit of thanksgiving after receiving Communion: "When we leave the altar rails we are as happy as the Magi would have been if they had been able to carry off the Infant Jesus."

Another saint, St. Peter Julian Eymard, is known as the Saint of the Eucharist. In fact, he founded a religious order, the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, whose mission is to share the riches of God's love manifested in the Eucharist. St. Peter Julian gets to the heart of the matter when he writes that the highest form of thanksgiving the devout Christian can make in response to the Eucharist is a complete gift of himself. "Belong entirely to God through love, entirely to your neighbor through a gracious charity, entirely to the divine Eucharist by the offering and sacrifice of your whole self," he wrote. "Bear with yourself in the patience of our Lord." And that can be done every day, not only on Thanksgiving. ~ May you and your family be blessed this Thanksgiving Day and may your love for the Holy Eucharist continue to grow.

Fr. Thelen



We welcome these new members to St. John's

Cory & Maria Wuerch / Carol Krause



We welcome these children through the Living Waters of Baptism

Ezekiel Alvare son of
Jesus Alvarez Lira & Maria Louise Freese

Joshua Alan Rizkallah~ son of Alain & Rachel Rizkallah

Our sympathy to the families of:

Heather Widmann / Archie Schwantes

*May the Souls of Heather & Archie
and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.*



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. John's Conference

Our Mission Statement: A network of friends inspired by Gospel Values, growing in holiness, and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

(Matt. 25:40)

We at the St John's conference provide service to our friends and neighbors in need through home visits where we offer our time, talents, or treasure and also through our special works. The special works are the Outreach, Thrift Store, food pantry, fellowship meals, and the free medical clinic. No work of charity should be foreign to the members and include any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity and personal integrity.

With the rise in the cost of living we have seen a significant increase in requests for help. The majority of these requests come from people who are working but are living from paycheck to paycheck. One unexpected cost or tragedy, be it medical treatment, car repair, job loss, or some other unforeseen issue can start a downward spiral. We try to stop the spiral from going out of control.

From Jan 1, 2023, to today, we have provided over \$6500 in furniture vouchers, \$26,000 in clothing vouchers, and over \$20,000 in mattress vouchers. We have also paid out almost \$93,000 in housing/emergency shelter assistance. We served 3978 families in our food pantry. Our fellowship meals feed between 40-70 people every Monday and Wednesday, we also paid for four car repairs.

None of this would have been possible if not for the donations we received from the parish and the community. Whether you donated food, materials, money, or time it is greatly appreciated by us and our friends and the neighbors in need we serve. **THANK YOU!**

"Reverence for the Poor: Vincentians serve the poor cheerfully, listening to them and respecting their wishes, helping them to feel and recover their own dignity, for we are all created in God's image. In the poor, they see the suffering Christ." (Rule 1.8)

We need more serviced minded people to join the conference and serve in this ministry. I ask you for prayerful discernment in becoming a member of our conference and in this critical ministry to our neighbors in need. If interested or would like more information please call or text Lonny Roberts (715)751-7830.

* To help with the *The Red Kettle Campaign* please contact Lonny. There is a need for bell ringers.

Annual Knights of Columbus Council Catholic Citizenship essay contest for young Catholics in 8th through 12th grade. The essay is offered through the local KC fraternal order Fr. John Eisen Council 1799 to help youths connect to their Faith and Community. All essays are due by November 28th. Essay Topic: ***How can the Church evangelize in the digital age.*** Please return Essay and Entry Form to: Brian Gotz, 2300 Mann St- Marshfield, WI. 54449; phone 715-650-2184. This year the KC's will be offering \$75 for 1st place and \$50 for second place.

To obtain the Entry Form, please enter the following link on your electronic device and print out:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest/4208-essay-entry-form.pdf>.

Advent Longing, Hope, and Joy: Evenings of Anticipation with Bob Hurd Monday, November 27 through Wednesday, November 29, 6:30pm each evening at St. Anne Parish, Wausau.

Through song and reflection, participants will explore the Scripture of Advent as well as significant figures, especially Mary and John the Baptist—and ourselves, since every Bible story has room for one more character!

Bob Hurd has served for more than 45 years as a teacher, composer, and liturgist. He was part of the early wave of composers producing new music after the Second Vatican Council. His work is inspired by Scripture as well as contemporary sources, such as Pope Francis' Laudate Si encyclical.

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