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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

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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 11/27/2023

7:00am Ron & Agnes Rehlinger
 Scripture Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4

TUES 11/28/2023

7:00am Arlene Weber
 Scripture Readings: Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11

WED 11/29/2023

7:00am Clifford Seitz
 8:00am 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings Jim & Donna Prepeluh
 Scripture Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19

THUR 11/30/2023 St. Andrew, Apostle

7:00am Richard Hansen
 Scripture Readings: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

FRI 12/1/2023

7:00am Rose Huser
 Scripture Readings: Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33

SAT 12/2/2023

8:00am Special Intention
 Scripture Readings: Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36

First Sunday of Advent

4:30pm Bucky Bohman

SUN 12/3/2023

7:00am Chester & Bernice Jablonski
 9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 11:00am Peter & Donna Breu
 Scripture Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Cor 1:3-9
 Mk 13:33-37



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 2nd & 3rd, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Jeff Schultz
 7:00am Caren Alsides
 9:00am Dorothy Flees
 11:00am Allyson Mayeux

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz / Susan Jahr / Becky Kaiser / Kay Kmiec
 7:00am Lori Greenwald / Dan Alsides
 9:00am Cheryl Schmidt / Rita Blenker / Dan & Dorothy Flees
 Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall
 11:00am John & Lori Salzmann / Sharon See / Audrey Aply

SERVERS

4:30pm Emmitt Luther / Open
 7:00am Ava & Gianna Rootellis
 9:00am Nathaniel & Maria Nemitz / Isaac Scheer
 11:00am Nolan Frane / Rita Glab

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Open
 7:00am Open
 9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir
 11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - November 27th - December 2nd

Monday - Glenn Linzmeier	Thursday Lee Alt
Tuesday - Marty Draxler	Friday - Mike Spencer
Wednesday Dan Flees	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 18th & 19th

This information was not available in time to be posted and will be put in next weekend's bulletin.

ACH for November \$14,200.00
 Total to date for November: \$51,296.42



Thanksgiving Food drive total: \$7130.00!

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Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024

Campaign Goal	\$133,350.00
Pledged & Received	44.98% \$59,980.00
Under Goal	\$74,400.00
Number of Donors	215



These numbers reflect the report as of November 17, 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).

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

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. At this time there is a greater amount of need in our community. We will have a second collection the weekend of Dec. 2nd / 3rd to help us better assist those in need.



St. Vincent de Paul is in need of 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.

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: This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The following from the USCCB provides a good summary of this special feast of our Church.

The Shepherd King: The image of the shepherd is used in Scripture to refer to a benevolent ruler. Like a shepherd caring for his flock, a good king is one who feeds and protects his people. Psalm 23 calls to mind the image of a shepherd king. The Church has recognized that this well-known "Shepherd Psalm" shows the Lord as a king. The Lord who rules as a good shepherd protects his people and delivers them from their enemies. Jesus is the good shepherd, the king, who cares for his flock, the Church. He is the Incarnate Lord, who continues to shepherd his people.

The Judge: While the image of the king, who is a shepherd may bring comfort, the passages from our Gospel this weekend also reminds us that the Lord is also our judge, who separates the wicked from the righteous. Ezekiel says that he will judge between the sheep of his flock. In Matthew, he judges between the sheep and the goats. In the words of our Holy Father Pope Francis, "In his death and resurrection, Jesus will manifest himself as the Lord of History, the King of the Universe, the Judge of all. But the Christian paradox is that the Judge is not vested in the fearful trappings of royalty, but is the shepherd filled with meekness and mercy."

So how do the People of God gain access to his grace? How do we live under the reign of the Lord? How do we "belong to Christ"? According to Matthew, we do the works of mercy. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "If we put love for our neighbor into practice in accordance with the Gospel message, we make room for God's dominion and his Kingdom is actualized among us. If, instead, each one thinks only of his or her own interests, the world can only go to ruin." St. Thomas Aquinas also sees in this Psalm a reference to the sacraments. The table that is spread before us is the altar where we enjoy communion with our king. And so it is in joining Christ through participation in the Eucharist and through works of mercy outside the church walls that we become friends of Christ.

Christ Our Hope: A key component of these passages is that the Lord is the one who brings about transformation. We should use our gifts and virtues to contribute to the renewal of our Church and broader society. But at the same time, the Lord is the one who leads us beside still waters. And so any work undertaken for the Church must be informed by prayer, in which we ask the King of the Universe to be our shepherd.

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

Fr. Thelen

The Eucharist is Jesus! Let us grow in our understanding and love for this incredible Gift. Jesus is our greatest Friend.



Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

Jesus loves each one of us and desires to be with us always. Jesus gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, so that He can live in our heart. The Holy Eucharist is Christ's Body and Blood. We know that Jesus is our greatest Friend because He gives Himself to us completely in the Holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, Thank You for giving Yourself to me and being my closest Friend.



St. John's wishes Kathryn Gravitter a happy **101st** birthday! Kathryn came into this world on November 30, 1922 and has been a member of St. John's for many years. Kathryn, may God bless you with joy on this day of your birth!



Our sympathy to the families of:

Rita Imhoff / Anthony Hoffman / Norbert Schultz
May the Souls of Rita, Anthony & Norbert and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Advent: A Time of Preparation

This year, the season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Advent is the four weeks we set aside for preparing our hearts before the annual celebrations of Christ's birth on Christmas. The Incarnation – God becoming man – is the turning point of history. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He promised to send us a Savior after the Original Sin of Adam and Eve. And He kept His promise. The Son of God was born in Bethlehem to give His life for us on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven, so that we "may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10). This preparation during Advent is to include interior penance, which involves a conversion of heart toward God and away from sin. Let us take Advent seriously by taking more time for prayer, offering small sacrifices for peace in families and the world, and receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

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.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUILD MORE ANTICIPATION LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR FAMILY?

The Jesse Tree is a tradition that can bring meaning and life to Christ's birth, through short, daily, kid-friendly stories and ornaments. This weekend there will be information in the back of the church on how to start a Jesse Tree and someone to answer questions about different resources. Please stop by to hear more!

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