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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

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 12/4/2023 St. John Damascene, Priest
 7:00am Robert Radtke
 Scripture Readings: Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

TUES 12/5/2023
 7:00am Living & deceased members of the Marshfield Area Catholic Missionaries
 Scripture Readings: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

WED 12/6/2023 St. Nicholas, Bishop
 7:00am Arlene Weber
 Scripture Readings: Is 25:6-10a Mt 7:21, 24-27

THUR 12/7/2023 St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
 7:00am John & Joyce Zinthefer
 6:00pm Johnny Hollar
 Scripture Readings: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRI 12/8/2023 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 8:00am Vi Charron
 12:00pm William Krainz
 Scripture Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

SAT 12/9/2023 St. Juan Diego
 8:00am Lynette Barrett
 Scripture Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUN 12/10/2023
 7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 9:00am Richard Herr
 11:00am Lindsay Dick Zuelke
 Scripture Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 9th & 10th, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Kathy Doebereiner
 7:00am Pam Alt
 9:00am Maureen Karaliunas
 11:00am John Salzmann

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Louise Kobylinski / Joan Raschke / Jeff Sternberg
 Lois Carlson
 7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield
 9:00am Maureen Karaliunas / Ron & Patty Kraus / Linda Lewer
 Al & Barb May
 11:00am Linda Degenhardt / Lori Keller / Lucas Hart / Argelia Moya

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld
 7:00am Addison & Paige Schlagenhaft
 9:00am Lily & Neil Adler
 11:00am Maria Garcia / Olivia Burt

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer 7:00am Open
 9:00am Suzanne Golden / Adult Choir / 11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - December 4th - 9th

Monday - Glenn Linzmeier	Thursday - Lee Alt
Tuesday - Marty Draxler	Friday - Dennis 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

Adult / Youth / Plate -	\$26,550.02
Parish Improvement -	204.00
Total	\$26,754.02



Total to date: \$78,050.25

STEWARDSHIP - November 25th & 26th

Adult / Youth / Plate -	\$18,782.97
Parish Improvement -	2565.00
Total	\$21,347.97

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Total for the month of November: \$99,398.22

Any donations you wish to have included on your December 2023 statement must be dated no later than December 28th 2023 and into the parish office by Thursday, December 28th as it gives the finance office plenty of time to get it to the bank. Thank you!

Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024

Campaign Goal		\$133,350.00
Pledged & Received	51.36%	\$68,492.00
Under Goal		\$68,508.00
Number of Donors	237	



These numbers reflect the report as of November 28, 2023.

Thank you to all who have sent in their pledge card and payment! We have hit the half way mark! Many hands make light work. If you haven't yet sent in your payment, please consider doing so to help us reach our 2023-2024 Annual Appeal goal!

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 Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Friday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. A vigil Mass will be held on Thursday at 6:00pm. Friday's Masses are, 6:30am, 8:00am (children's Mass) and Noon. There will be a sign-up sheet in the sacristy for Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and servers for the noon and 6pm Mass.

Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm. **Christmas Day Masses** will be at 7:00am and 9:00am

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!

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, December 12th, at 6:30pm. Please join us for a Christmas potluck (see the group email for the link to the sign up sheet) and a white elephant gift exchange! We will meet in St. Francis Hall in St. John's school. 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!

Christmas Caroling at Nursing Home
Save the date for Christmas caroling with the Family Life Committee at Marshfield Health Services, 814 W 14th St., Marshfield on Saturday, December 16th at 12:30 pm! This is open to all. Please come dressed in the Christmas spirit! We will meet in the front lobby at 12:20pm. Questions?!? Contact Gretchen Gotz at (920) 737-2350. "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is to sing loud for all to hear!"



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: With this weekend, we enter into the Season of Advent. During this time, we are encouraged to:

- Prepare ourselves worthily for the celebration of the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love.
- Make our souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming to us in Holy Communion.
- Thereby making ourselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.

These three points are taken from one of my go-to resources for faith questions, an online encyclopedia called New Advent. Due to the name of this website, which calls to mind the very season of Advent upon which we are entering, I thought I would share a bit about this resource (in case you too want to make use of it). In 1993, a young 26-year-old man by the name of Kevin Knight of Denver, Colorado, was inspired, during St. Pope John Paul II's visit to his city at World Youth Day, to launch a project to publish an online version of the 1913 Catholic Encyclopedia (as the copyright of this encyclopedia had expired.) The New Advent website (www.newadvent.org) contains 595 Catholic works, namely: the Catholic Encyclopedia; the Summa Theologica of Thomas Aquinas; 421 English translations of works of the Church Fathers; and 171 papal encyclicals and other Church documents.

A few bits of info from this resource helped me to conclude this article on the Season of Advent: The exact year when the celebration of Advent was first introduced into the Church is unknown. St Gregory the Great (590-604) is one of the first to mention the season of Advent in one of the sermons he prepared. The season originally consisted of five Sundays; but these five were reduced to four by Pope St. Gregory VII (1073-85). Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) states that black was the color to be used during Advent, but violet was coming into use by the end of the thirteenth century.

May this Advent Season prepare you for the joy of Christ's presence in your life.

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

Fr. Thelen



The Advent Wreath

Each family is encouraged to set up an Advent wreath, which helps us stay focused on this time of preparation and can be assembled by using evergreen limbs from a tree in the yard and four candles. The evergreens, which retain their green, vibrant life through the year, signify continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes God's eternity, the soul's immortality, and the everlasting life found in Christ who was victorious over sin and death through His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The light of the candles shines in the darkness, which is most evident during this time of the year as it is darker due to shorter daylight hours. We use candles in the Advent wreath and put lights on a Christmas tree, signifying the coming of Christ, who is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel sin's darkness and to radiate God's truth and love. Jesus is the light of the world!



First Sunday of Advent

The Eucharist is Jesus! Let us grow in our understanding and love for this incredible Gift. How do we get to know Jesus better?



Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

Jesus knows each one of us better than we know ourselves and He loves us. Friendship always involves two persons. We want to get to know this Person who loves us so much through reading the Scriptures (the Bible). As we prepare to enter Advent, it is a perfect time to read the Scriptures and remember how Jesus came to us, born as an infant.

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

Jesus, please give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day.

This week, read the words of the Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary that she will be the Mother of the Son of God in Luke 1: 26-38



We welcome this child through the Living Waters of Baptism:

Noah Patrick Payne son of
Brandon & Savannah Payne
Baptized December 3, 2023

CCS Music Department Breakfast! Columbus Catholic School music department is hosting a breakfast on December 10th from 8am - 11:30am in Dillenberg Hall of Our Lady of Peace. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. You will be entertained by the CCHS Jazz Band, the Sectional Ensembles and the CCHS Choir. Please join us for good food and fellowship while supporting a great cause!

St. Vincent de Paul: The Red Kettle Campaign began Nov. 10th. We will need bell ringers.

Toys for Tots give away at the Junior Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds.

Dec 8, 8am-6pm / Dec 9, 9am-12:30pm

Dec 11, 11am-6pm / Dec 12, 8am-2pm

Please contact Lonny Roberts at 715- 751-7830 for both events.

Urgent! The St. Vincent De Paul food pantry is in need of non-perishable canned goods, (canned meats, canned tomato products, soup, and condiments such as ketchup, mustard, and mayo). **Canned vegetables are not needed.** Items can be dropped off at either St. John's church or at the SVDP food pantry at 149 N. Central Marshfield. Questions? Call Lonny at: 618- 580-3230.

Youth Servers! If you are in third grade or up, you are eligible to be a Mass server and we would love to have you! Please call the parish office to get your name on the list for the next training. We are in need to fill spots at the 4:30pm and the 7:00am Mass.

Retirement Fund for Religious Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. Envelopes are available in the vestibule as well in the monthly packets for those that receive them. Please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist. Thank you!

St. John's Christmas cards are still available in the parish office for \$1 apiece. These can be bought Mon. - Thurs during the business hours of 9am - 4:00pm.

Funding Faith: Travel Raffle 2023-2024
From Nov 13 - Jan 7, we will be selling raffle tickets supporting Youth Ministry in Marshfield. Cost is \$100 per ticket. We are only selling 500 tickets. Grand Prize: Rome Pilgrimage for two (April 8 - 15, 2024 with Frs. Robertson and Clements) or \$6,700. If you are interested in buying tickets, please contact Fr. Jared Clements at (715) 387-1177 Ext: 3316 - father.clements@columbusdons.org. Hurry, while tickets are available!
There are a few tickets in the St. John's parish office as well.

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