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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 12/11/2023 St. Damasus I, Pope
 7:00am Jane Seifert
 Scripture Readings: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

TUES 12/12/2023 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 7:00am Lorraine Kemp
 Scripture Readings: Zec 12:1-6a, 10b Lk 1:26-38

WED 12/13/2023 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
 7:00am Trai Whetstone
 8:00am James Eisner
 Scripture Readings: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:11-15

THUR 12/14/2023 St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
 7:00am Lynette Barrett
 Scripture Readings: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

FRI 12/15/2023
 7:00am Jerold Bohman
 Scripture Readings: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

SAT 12/16/2023
 8:00am William O'Black
 Scripture Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30pm Parishioners of St. John the Baptist parish

SUN 12/17/2023
 7:00am William & Philomene Schneider
 9:00am Catherine Poehnel
 11:00am William Krainz
 Scripture Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 16th & 17th, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz
 7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech
 9:00am Ann Kundinger
 11:00am Sharon See

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Kat Egle / Tom & Susan Youngwith / Marty Draxler
 7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech / Tonya Schlagenhaft
 9:00am Chris Nemitz / Lonny Roberts / Rita Blenker
 David Schlinsog / Cheryl Schmidt
 11:00am Robert & Ruth Richmond / Jonathan Rootellis

SERVERS


4:30pm Emmitt Luther / **Open**
 7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr
 9:00am Christina & Jonathan Nemitz / Isaac Scheer
 11:00am Zachary Zerrudo / Elliott Alcott

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson
 7:00am Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson
 9:00am Cathy Heuer
 11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - December 11th - December 17th

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

 Additional Confessions will be offered at St. John's the week of December 17th. Father Thelen & Arturo will be hearing confessions beginning at 1:00pm Monday through Friday from Dec. 18th - Dec. 22nd.

STEWARDSHIP - December 2nd & 3rd

Adult / Youth / Plate - \$26,225.47
 Parish Improvement - 404.00
 \$26,629.47

Spanish Mass \$143.00
 Total to date for December \$26,772.47

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 2nd Collection \$3625.95



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Thank you for your contributions to St. John's!

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	54.07%	\$72,097.00
Under Goal		\$64,903.00
Number of Donors	256	



These numbers reflect the report as of December 5, 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 our 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).



Christmas Masses at St. John's

Christmas Eve Masses
Sunday, December 24th
 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm

Christmas Day Masses
Monday, December 25th
 7:00am and 9:00am

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Mass Server, please sign up to assist at one of our Christmas Masses. The sign-up sheet is in the Sacristy.



OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th - 2:00 - 6:00pm

There will be three confessionals continually available with six priests assisting throughout the afternoon.

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

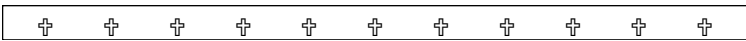
Dear Parishioners: Our Hispanic ministry is continuing to grow within our parish. It is a blessing to see our parish expand with this ministry. With the beginning of January we will begin offering a Spanish Mass every Sunday afternoon. This year our Hispanic parishioners will also celebrate Las Posadas in anticipation of Christmas. If you are not familiar with Las Posadas, the tradition was brought to Mexico from Spain by Catholic Missionaries in the 1500's. The tradition commemorates Mary and Joseph's journey in search of a room on the night baby Jesus was born. It is called Las Posadas, because posada means Inn or dwelling in Spanish, so Las Posadas means 'The Inns'.

You probably remember that there was no room at any Inn on the night of Jesus' birth, and that Mary and Joseph had to knock on a few doors before they found the manger where Jesus was born. Las Posadas is a tradition that occurs on each of the nine days preceding Christmas, from December 16th to December 24th. (This year we will just offer one of the days on the evening of December 23rd.)

Las Posadas begins with prayer, with a recitation of the Rosary, a Litany of our Lady, and then finally with the caminata, a re-enactment of Joseph and Mary's search for a room. Music, a procession, lighted candles and even sparklers are all part of the evening. The re-enactment of Joseph and Mary's journey in search of a room generally occurs as follows: Participants divide into two groups. One group sings from inside each of the doors, and the other carries the Peregrinos, the figurines of Mary and Joseph, and sing the Las Posadas song from outside the doors. Each person receives a candle. The candles are lit during the singing and procession.

I pray that each of you are blessed in your preparations this Advent season. Perhaps practice a devotion within your home to remind yourself of the simple yet profound way that God came into the world. The Jesse Tree devotion, a home Advent Wreath, or the praying of the holy Rosary, especially the Joyful mysteries, are some ideas you could do with your family. 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



An Advent Idea

As we move into the Second Week of Advent, here are some ideas that might make Advent more fruitful. Each day of Advent, try to commit to performing one random Act of Kindness. To keep track of each Act, write on a calendar or little slips of paper to store in a jar. Once Advent is done, you can look back at all the kindness you and your family have shared in the world! Examples...



- * Donate old towels or blankets to an animal shelter
- * Take muffins or cookies to your local librarian or a shelter
- * Run an errand for a family member who is busy
- * Surprise a neighbor with freshly baked treats
- * Write a thank you note to a teacher or co-worker
- * Give a compliment to your parents, siblings or children

During this National Eucharistic Revival, let us grow in our understanding and love for the incredible Gift of Jesus's real Presence in the Eucharist.



Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

How do we get to know Jesus better?

We get to know Jesus better by being with Him "in person." We do that at Sunday Mass. At the Mass, Jesus is present personally and truly in the Holy Eucharist. He meets us there, and He wants to listen to and speak to us through the Scripture readings and prayers of the Mass.

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

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

This week, read how the prophet Isaiah announces the coming of the Messiah in Isaiah 11:1-3.



We welcome this child through the Living Waters of Baptism:

Ellie Donna Reider daughter of Kevin & Kathryn Reider
Baptized December 10, 2023

Our sympathy to the family of:

Margaret Bredl



May the Soul of Margaret and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.



Please remember Sister Barbara in prayer as she turns 94 on December 11th! Sister is doing well and says hello to all!



Calendars - 2024: The parish calendars are available and may be picked up when you come to church. We thank Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home for donating the calendars this year.

POSADA

You are invited to join the Hispanic community to celebrate the Posada on Saturday, December 23 at 6:00pm. The evening will start with Mass in Spanish for the 4th Sunday of Advent. After Mass, the Posada will start with a procession from the church to the Columbia room. Refreshments and other treats will follow. We hope you can join us for this event; all or part of it!

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BABY DRIVE

Columbus Catholic Pro Life Club

DECEMBER 1ST-15TH

The Columbus Catholic High School pro-life club is a fairly new group that is Student Led. The pro life club is hoping to make a change in the post Roe Generation. One of the first events being held is a baby drive that will run from Dec. 1st - 15th. All items donated will be to the First Choice Pregnancy Center in Stevens Point. Items being collected: 4T - 5T clothes, Size 5, 6 Pullups, Cribs, Safety Kits, Crib sheets, Nursing pads, Nipple shields, Lanolin breastfeeding ointment, Boppy, Milk storage bags, Avent bottles, full size strollers, infant & toddler toys, and more. There will be a table set up in the back of church with information and a place to put donations. Thank you kindly for your help!

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