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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 12/18/2023

7:00am Donald & Tom Eilers
 Scripture Readings: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

TUES 12/19/2023

7:00am Harold & Dorothy Hellenbrand
 Scripture Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25

WED 12/20/2023

7:00am Jean Joseph
 8:00am Roger Kohlbeck
 Scripture Readings: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

THUR 12/21/2023 St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Danielle Sternberg
 Scripture Readings: Sg 2:8-14 Zep 3:14-18a

FRI 12/22/2023

7:00am Chester & Bernice Jablonski
 Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

SAT 12/23/2023 St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00am Earl Gamble
 Scripture Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30pm Ronald Lee Fischer

SUN 12/24/2023

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church
 9:00am Shirley Kaiser
 11:00am David Schlagenhaft
 Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25-27
 Lk 1:26-38



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 23rd & 24th, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel
 7:00am Connie Manlick
 9:00am Lonny Roberts
 11:00am Gayle Specht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Joe & Clare Fischer / Mike Gonering / Susan Jahr
 7:00am Barb Barrett / Jane Gerend
 9:00am Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall / Maureen Karaliunas
 Ron & Patty Kraus / Ann Kundinger
 11:00am Danielle Rummels / Chris Rutschow / Kim Rybicki
 Sharon See

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld
 7:00am Ava & Gianna Rootellis
 9:00am Maverick, Dakota & Isabella Hannasch
 11:00am Luke & Grace Clubb

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer
 7:00am Suzanne Golden
 9:00am Suzanne Golden / Adult Choir
 11:00am Mary Frey & Tammy Nelles

Weekday Mass Servers - December 18th - December 23rd

Monday - Glenn Linzmeier	Thursday Lee Alt
Tuesday - Marty Draxler	Friday - Dennis Spencer
Wednesday Dan Flees	Saturday Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

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).

STEWARDSHIP - December 9th & 10th

Adult / Youth / Plate -	\$15,131.58
Parish Improvement -	90.00
Total	\$15,221.58



Total to date for December \$41,994.05

Thank you for your contributions to St. John's! QR Code Scan to Donate

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	54.27%	\$72,372.00
Under Goal		\$64,628.00
Number of Donors	258	



These numbers reflect the report as of December 12, 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!



COMMUNAL Penance SERVICES

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.



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

Please note time change!

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule - Catholics are to attend Mass twice next weekend

The Fourth Sunday of Advent this year falls on the same Sunday as Christmas Eve. Two obligations means two Masses. Catholics are to attend Mass twice for these two occasions—once for the 4th Sunday of Advent (either on the evening of Saturday, December 23rd or during any Mass on December 24th), and once for Christmas (either on the evening of December 24th or during the day on December 25th).

The Social Justice Committee thanks everyone for the generosity shown during the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Giving Tree collection. The Giving Tree total came to \$3067! This helped to fill the toy room at St. Vincent de Paul as well as to a need in the parish. Thank you for making the holidays brighter for so many!!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: Several years ago, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst of our diocese was involved in a car accident. Fr. Clayton was ordained one year prior to me and we shared time together in the seminary. At the time of his accident he was serving as pastor in Lyndon Station (down by Wisconsin Dells). His accident has limited his ability to serve full-time as a priest. He has some brain and spinal injuries that cause him severe difficulties and suffering.

Fr. Clayton has been covering on weekends at various parishes throughout the diocese. This has been a great service as it allows the full-time pastors an opportunity to get away. However, this last month his sufferings has increased. He reached out to me asking for prayers. He has a great charism with music and also in praying with people who are in need of deliverance ministry. The weekend after Christmas, Fr. Clayton is planning to come to our parish and celebrate the Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 30th.

Fr Clayton wrote the following prayer and asked if I could include it in our bulletin. His grandparents were married in our church many years ago. So he has a special fondness for our parish.

~ O Holy Trinity, we beg of you through your love and mercy to blind Satan and all the demons that they cannot observe, hear, see or take counsel against Fr. Clayton, in all that they observe...especially in his vocation of writing, music, and deliverance ministry. Through the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, protect his vocation as a Priest, Artist, and Exorcist, and all of his daily actions.

May it be the Father's Will, through the Precious Blood of the Lamb to inebriate him with your divine life... protecting him with Mary's Immaculate Heart and her Holy Mantle, and covering him completely with the Holy Cloak of St. Joseph...rendering Fr. Clayton completely invisible to the enemy.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us, our parish and also for Fr. Clayton.

Fr. Thelen



During Advent, we are invited to reflect on Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, a difficult route consciously chosen out of love for God.



We do not want to be the innkeeper that turned him away. With preparation, we can reform ourselves and become a fitting place for him to dwell.

A lovely time was had by all at the PCCW Christmas party. The following were winners of the raffle drawing: Susan Jacobsen, Bonnie Meyer, Connie Schneider, Irene Boucher, Keith Alsleben, Mike Barrett, Denise Bachinski, Jerry Esser, Ben Barrett, Stephanie Guralski, Gretchen Gotz, Brian Gotz, Cathy Zimmermann, Tammy Schmitt, Stephanie Guralski, Anna Foss, Robert Scheuer, Ann Werner, Terry Burger, Pam Alt, Becky Salminen, Sue Spencer, Clarence Davis, Cindy Penker, Linda Kingston, Judy Kind, Susan Youngwith, Al Moen, Sue Weister, Paula Bisek, Helen Toelle, Mary Pongratz, Gilbert Spaeth, Rebecca Jackson, Hope Kuehner and Donna Prepeluh. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and helped at the party!

A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival



Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

Does Jesus understand everything about me?

Jesus knows exactly what you are feeling and understands. Where you are, Jesus has been; He shares every joy and every pain with you.

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

If you have something painful in your heart, speak with Jesus about it and give it to Him.

This week, read from Scripture how the angel appears to Joseph and guides him to take his wife Mary into his home in Matthew 1: 18-25.

Note: Mary and Joseph were married in the Jewish tradition, which is referred to as being betrothed. There are two parts to betrothal: marriage and, after one year, sharing a common home.

Marriage Banns (I)

Cassandra Gripenrog & Theodore Conley

January 6, 2024

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.

LIVING STATIONS

We are asking our high school students to step out in faith in helping us experience the actions taken by Jesus during his walk to Calvary. This is our third year of the living stations and we have had many who said they were touched by the performances.

There are no lines to memorize, only being willing to walk with Jesus. We meet as a team and practice our parts. The performances will be during Lent 2024. Please consider being a part of this so we can be open to what God can do through us.

Please contact Dave Alcott at dalcott@mff.diocparish.org or (715) 384-3252 ext. 6 by Jan.12th, 2024.

Come Let Us Adore Jesus, Christ the King! Hours available are: Thursdays from 4-5am and Saturdays 2-3pm at JP II Adoration Chapel. Please call Deacon Ray 715-207-6085 or Jean at 715-387-0571 for more information or if you would like to adore, God Bless!

Before Christmas Church Cleaning Team Up and Clean the Church Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Meet in the Blodgett Street Entrance at 4:30PM

Cleaning Supplies Provided / Bring Your Own Gloves if Desired

Contact Dorothy (715-387-8224) if interested in helping.

Prayer Shawl Ministry-- Now is the perfect time to bring a shawl to someone in need! The purpose of our ministry is to offer a symbol of God's love and comfort through the gift of a prayer shawl. We knit or crochet shawls to be given to people in our parish or community. As we knit, we pray for God's blessings and love to be poured out to the recipient. The shawls are then given, by you, to those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need of God's loving embrace. If you know of anyone who could use this gift of healing, we have a supply of prayer shawls in the Bride's Room for you to choose from. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at 715-387-0244.



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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