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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 1/1/2024** Solemnity of Mary, Most Holy Mother of God

8:00am Anthony Bohman

Scripture Readings: Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

TUES 1/2/2024 Sts. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops, Doctors of the Church

7:00am Marjorie Oppman

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28

Jn 1:19-28

WED 1/3/2024 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00am Ron & Agnes Rehlinger

8:00am Frances Weigel

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6

Jn 1:29-34

THUR 1/4/2024 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:00am Dr. Thomas Nikolai

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10

Jn 1:35-42

FRI 1/5/2024 St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:00am John Rakovec

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 3:11-21

Jn 1:43-51

SAT 1/6/2024 St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00am Reverend Anthony Fischer

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13

Mk 1:7-11

The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30pm Archie Schwantes

SUN 1/7/2024

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Roman Schaefer family

9:00am Patti Herr

11:00am Parishioners of St. John's

Scripture Readings: Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****January 6th & January 7th, 2024****LECTORS**

4:30pm Kristin Bornbach

7:00am Caren Alsides

9:00am Rita Blenker

11:00am Danielle Rummells

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Joan Raschke / Mike Goning / Joe & Clare Fischer

7:00am Dan Alsides / Barb Barrett

9:00am Bernice Mercer / Chris Nemitz / Lonny Roberts

Tiffany Scheer / David Schlinslog / Cheryl Schmidt

11:00am Audrey Aby / Michael Clubb / Linda Degenhardt / Lucas Hart

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld

7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

9:00am Maverick, Dakota & Isabella Hannasch

11:00am Kofi Yeboah / Rita Glab

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Suzanne Golden

7:00am Cathy Heuer

9:00am Cathy Heuer

11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - January 1st - January 6th**Monday** - Glenn Linzmeier**Thursday** - Lee Alt**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler**Friday** - Dennis Spencer**Wednesday** - Dan Flees**Saturday** - Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 1st. We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Please note that our Monday morning Mass on January 1st will be at 8:00am.

STEWARDSHIP for December 23rd/24th
will be in the bulletin of December 30th/31st

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

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**Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024**

Campaign Goal		\$133,350.00
Pledged & Received	60.36%	\$80,490.00
Under Goal		\$56,127.86
Number of Donors	281	



These numbers reflect the report as of December 22, 2023.

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

Seasons greetings! After being assigned to a retreat team on NET, I have travelled from Minnesota to South Dakota to Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan for ministry. My team has been blessed to meet so many amazing people both on retreats and in host homes. I have gotten to witness how our youth are brought into prayer and seem focused and attentive as the Lord draws them to Himself. It has been a great gift and I am so appreciative for the support you have provided for me and this mission. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve in such a challenging yet beautiful way!



Sunday Mass & Healing Service: St. Matthew Catholic church in Wausau will celebrate Sunday Mass followed by communal and individual prayer for health and healing on Sunday, January 14th, 2024 at 3:30pm. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available prior to Mass from 2pm until 3:25pm.

The 3 Committees will meet at 6:00pm on Monday, January 8th. Please meet in the rectory. **Finance Council** will meet on Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall.

Next Bible Study... Psalms: School of Prayer

by Jeff Cavins, Sarah Christmyer and Tim Gray.

Start date: Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024.

Time: 8:15-10:30am. - 11 sessions.

Learn to read, pray and appreciate the Psalms for what they are: the prayer of the Church.

No registrations accepted after Sunday, Jan 7, 2024!!

Call Judy at 715-305-2261 to register!

Marriage Bans (III)

Cassandra Gripentrog & Theodore Conley

January 6, 2024

We welcome these new parishioners to St. Johns:



Mike & Nancy Young

Kathleen DeSmet

Our sympathy to the families of:

Beverly Williams / Marian Wagner

May the Souls of Beverly & Marian and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

**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).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: Imagine losing your Mom at the age of three, being married at nineteen, a widow by twenty-eight, raising your five children on your own, and then starting a convent and a Catholic school. This is the story of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. This coming Thursday, January 4th, we celebrate the Optional Memorial of this great saint. (Her image is depicted in the dome above the altar of our church.) St. Elizabeth is the first American born citizen to be canonized a saint. Born and raised in the Episcopal faith, she experienced a profound conversion during a visit to Italy. It was here that her husband died. But it was also here that she experienced the profound faith of an Italian couple that led her to the Eucharist in 1805.

St. Elizabeth experienced intense pressure from her family not to convert to Catholicism. Her growing love for the Eucharist and the Sacraments for the Sick, however, moved her beyond her fear. With her conversion she wrote, "I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church: for if faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself." She looked forward with great anticipation to receiving the Sacraments for the first time. After her First Communion she wrote, "At last... at last, GOD IS MINE AND I AM HIS! Now, let all go its round - I Have Received Him."


The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. It is the very real presence of Jesus in this world. We as Catholics are so blessed to have the Eucharist. It provides us with graces in our every struggle. We receive Communion at church so that we can form communion with God.

As we celebrate today the Holy Family and next week the Epiphany and the conclusion of the Christmas season, I ask our Lord to increase our devotion to the Eucharist in our parishes, to his real presence here on earth. Through his real presence in the Eucharist, we are strengthened in innumerable ways. In next week's bulletin column, I will highlight the special ways that we as a parish will be focusing upon the Eucharist in this the 2nd year of the National Eucharistic Revival. In this New Year please reaffirm your commitment to attending Mass every Sunday, and please encourage others also to do the same. Untold graces are present at each and every Holy Mass.

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

Fr. Thelen



 On behalf of Fr. Arturo and myself, in gratitude we thank everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts and prayers that we received. We are touched by the kindness of so many! We also thank all those who put so much into the preparation to decorate our church for Christmas, those who assisted at Mass and those who provided us with beautiful Christmas music! With Christmas blessings. Fr. Arturo and Fr. Thelen.

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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.
— Father John Muir



*Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!*

A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival

Jesus came to earth as an infant, born of Mary.

Mary was prepared to be the Mother of our Savior; by God's favor she was created "full of grace" and free from sin. The Savior – Jesus – was to be called Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Jesus will remain with us throughout our life as we receive Him in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:
Jesus, thank You for the gift of Mary, Your Mother, through whom the world received You as our Savior.

This week, read how this glorious news was revealed to the Shepherds in Luke 2: 8-20



"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the first day that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse.

"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse. It will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for middle and high school youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets will go on sale December 15, 2023. You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://dioc.org/the-answer> For such an important event, it would be amazing if every parish brought a bus full of parishioners.

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!

Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association will gather on January 10, 2024 at 3:00pm at Our Lady of Peace sacristy.

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