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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.



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 1/22/2024

7:00am John Pritzl
 Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Mk 3:22-30

TUES 1/23/2024 St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

7:00am Robert Walter
 Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35

WED 1/24/2024 St. Frances de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Lynette Barrett
 8:00am Robert Walter
 Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20

THUR 1/25/2024 The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle

7:00am Robert Schiferl, Sr.
 Scripture Readings: Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18

FRI 1/26/2024 Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

7:00am Clemens Pecher
 Scripture Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 4:26-34

SAT 1/27/2024 St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:00am Helen Bartsch
 Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Robert, Marie & Raymond Kelley

SUN 1/28/2024

7:00am Mel Spencer
 9:00am Living & deceased members of the Albert & Sarah Langreck
 11:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 1:30pm Spanish Mass
 Scripture Readings: Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35
 Mk 1:21-28



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 27th & January 28th, 2024

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel
 7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield
 9:00am Ann Kundinger
 11:00am Sharon See

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Jeff Sternberg / Marty Draxler / Mike Goning / **Open**
 7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield
 9:00am Al & Barb May / Bernice Mercer / Chris Nemitz
 Lonny Roberts / Tiffany Scheer
 11:00am Chris Rutschow / Kim Rybicki / John Salzmann

SERVERS

4:30pm Emmitt Luther / Andrew & Vivien Wojcik
 7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr / Cole Krieg
 9:00am Lily & Neil Adler
 11:00am Luke & Grace Clubb

MUSIC MINISTER

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

Weekday Mass Servers - January 22nd - January 27th

Monday - David Gouin	Thursday Lee Alt
Tuesday - Ray Housworth	Friday - Mike Spencer
Wednesday Lenny Kieliszewski	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 for January 13th / 14th

Adult / Youth / Plate -	\$9,987.01
Parish Improvement -	230.00
Spanish Mass	103.00
Total	\$10,320.01
Total to date for January	\$31,067.72



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

Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024

Campaign Goal		\$133,350.00
Pledged & Received	70.35%	\$93,815.00
Under Goal		\$43,402.86
Number of Donors	325	



These numbers reflect the report as of January 16, 2023.

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

Pastoral Council will meet, Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm in the Columbia room.

Calling All Cooks--Especially Men! Do you have a chili or soup you make and boast it is the best? Would like to make it and share your creation with the parish, letting the people decide who's the champion? St. John's is hosting the 1st annual Chili and Soup Dinner on February 10th from 4 - 7 pm in the Columbia Room. If you are willing to make a crock of your favorite chili or soup, please contact Denise @ 618-616-5196; Maureen @ 715-347-5873 or Steph @ 715-630-4498 or sign up in the back of church

Mark Your Calendar: Pre-Lent Prayer, Presentation, and Potluck - Sunday, February 11th. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 12:30pm at Our Lady of Peace / Fr. Dillenburg Hall, Marshfield, followed by Fr. Woody Pace's presentation "**Celebrating the Presence of Christ: Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity**" and two (2) adorer's personal adoration testimonies. Please bring a dish to share at the potluck lunch. *Sponsored by the Marshfield Deanery Adoration Committee.*

Life Affirming Women's Healthcare Discover what every couple needs to know, and what every woman has a right to know. Attend a complimentary introductory session about the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. These sessions provide in-depth information on a scientifically based system that helps married couples mutually value, respect and understand their combined fertility by promoting shared responsibility and marital bonding as well as single women monitor their own reproductive and gynecologic health in regards to PMS, menopause, infertility, and other health problems through NaProTECHNOLOGY, a reproductive science. All are welcome. For more information, contact Julia Schulfer 715-340-3877 or jschulferfcp@gmail.com

"That Man is You!:" Our dynamic men's group has resumed meeting on Tuesday mornings at 6am in Dillenberg Hall. This runs for 13 weeks and includes a Lenten program. All men are encouraged to attend.

Adoration Are You a night person? Enjoy a peaceful holy hour at JP II Adoration Chapel, St. John's!! Immediate openings: Thursdays at midnight-1am, and 2-3am any day. If interested please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.

Attention engaged couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. The next available dates are Feb. 10th, 2024 (OLP), Apr. 20th, 2024 (Christ the King). Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. To register, call Alanna Hart at 715-650-7310.

The 2025 calendar for Mass intentions at St. John's is ready. If you want to have Mass said for a loved one, please contact the parish office. Please note that all Masses for 2024 are filled. If you would like a Mass said more quickly, there is the opportunity to have an intention put on the Private Mass list. These are said by our priests when they are away. We also have openings for the 1:30pm Sunday Spanish Masses. For more information call the parish office.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: Where did the Bible come from? Where is the Bible's origin? Many people do not ponder this question. Many people just assume that the Bible has always existed making the general assumption that God gave the Bible to us, like he gave Moses the Ten Commandments. Thus, I want to provide clarity in regard to the origin of the Bible.

First of all, there are two parts to the Bible. The Old and the New Testament. The Old Testament has 46 books. These books, which outline God's Creation, the life of Moses, and the writings of the prophets, were compiled by the Jewish people before the coming of Christ. Jesus himself used these books and quoted from them during his ministry.

The New Testament has 27 books. The New Testament describes the period of time that follows the life of Jesus. These 27 books communicate the public revelation of Christ. The Church teaches that public revelation ended with the death of the last apostle, who was Saint John the Apostle.


Jesus, himself, never wrote anything. The 27 books of the New Testament were written by a variety of authors including St. Paul, St. Mark and St. Luke and many of the apostles. These twenty-seven books were not given directly to us from God, but rather the Holy Spirit inspired the holy authors to write in a manner that was free of error and filled with divine inspiration. It was the job of the Church then to determine which books were valid and should be included in the Bible. This final list was compiled and approved by Roman Catholic Bishops in the fourth century. These 27 books were all compiled within the first one-hundred years of the Church. No additional books can be added to the Bible.

Perhaps you are thinking that this then was easy. The Bishops found these twenty-seven books and just approved them. Yet this is not the case. St. Paul speaks about individuals who were spreading false teachings and false gospels. In the first one-hundred years of the Church many false teachers wrote false books about Jesus. The early Church, therefore, had to make a determination. They had to declare some books worthy of inclusion in the Bible and some books unworthy. To be continued next week... :)

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

Fr. Thelen



 **Are you celebrating 50 years of Wedded Bliss in 2024?** If so, please contact the parish office no later than January 20th. This information will be sent to the Diocese for special Masses planned throughout the summer with the Bishop.

MARRIAGE BANNS I

Gretchen Gotz & Charles Nelson	March 19, 2024
Abigail Shaw & Kainoa Gouveia	April 13, 2024
Renee Shuster-Tolppi	May 24, 2024
Angeline Dannecker & Leo Pittsley	June 1, 2024
Emily Nemitz & Daniel Richmond	June 22, 2024
Celesta Mohny & Zachary Gotz	June 23, 2024
Cory Wuerch & Maria Wuerch	October 26, 2024



We welcome these new members to St. John's

Emmanuel Kisitu & Lydia Mbatidde family

Jacob & Kathryn Smith family

A Minute with Jesus: Why does Jesus want to stay with us always?



Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

You know that Jesus wants to stay with you always because He loves you unconditionally. Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you (we) know He loves you so much? Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven.

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

Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time.

This week, read Psalm 139: 13-16 which speaks of how well God knows me and how close He is to me.



A bus will be reserved for this rally if we have at least 30 people signed up! A sign-up sheet will be available in church the weekend of February 3rd / 4th. Once

we have a number verified, the parish will buy tickets and those can be purchased for \$15.00 in the office. An additional \$5.00 will be added and put toward the cost of the bus.

"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 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

On Tuesdays after the 7:00am Mass the Chaplet of St. Gertrude is prayed. All are welcome to join us in prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory!

St. Gertrude the Great Prayer

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family, Amen.

January Pro-Life Events, Prayers and Intentions

Though the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision declaring a right to abortion was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 24, 2022, many states' laws are hostile to preborn children. And so our pro-life prayers and efforts are just as important as ever. Learn more, find resources, and see how you can make a difference at the diocesan website (diolc.org/respect-life) and the U.S. Bishop's website (respectlife.org).

Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. For more information please call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.

Chalice of Mercy is in Ukraine, Needs Our Help

Please donate to the incredible Ukrainian relief efforts of Chalice of Mercy, and pray for the safety of their volunteers on the ground there, who put their lives on the line. Financial assistance is the biggest need at this time. Chalice of Mercy was founded in Chippewa Falls by Valentyna Pavsyukova in 2007 and it has been able to ship medical and other humanitarian supplies valued at more than \$40 million since the Russian invasion in February of 2022. To give, visit chaliceofmercy.org/donate

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