



Saint John the Baptist

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 1/29/2024

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Eugene & Mary Steines families

Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 15:13-14; 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20

TUES 1/30/2024

7:00am Stanley Knetter, Jr.

Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Mk 5:21-43

WED 1/31/2024 St. John Bosco, Priest

7:00am Joseph Broad

No 8:00am Mass
Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6

THUR 2/1/2024

7:00am Neil & Patricia Jirschele

Scripture Readings: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13

FRI 2/2/2024 The Presentation of the Lord

7:00am Arlene Wilcott

Scripture Readings: Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

SAT 2/3/2024 St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:00am Gerald & Ardean Young

Scripture Readings: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Del Kann

SUN 2/4/2024

7:00am Chester & Bernice Jablonski

9:00am Louise Herr

11:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

1:30pm Armando Ebel Lozano

Scripture Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 3rd - February 4th, 2024

LECTORS

4:30pm Jonathan Rootellis

7:00am Ben Lang

9:00am Al May

11:00am Gayle Specht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Joe & Clare Fischer / Marcy Gotz / Susan Jahr

7:00am Jane Gerend / Jean Kaiser

9:00am David Schlinsog / Cheryl Schmidt / Rita Blenker

Dan & Dorothy Flees / Jill Hiller

11:00am Sharon See / Audrey Aply / Michael Clubb /

Linda Degenhardt

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / **Open**

9:00am Christina & Jonathan Nemitz / Fulton Prusinski

11:00am Maria Elizabeth Garcia / Luis & Emily Villalba

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am **Open**

9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir

11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - January 29th - January 30th

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 for January 20th / 21st

Adult / Youth / Plate -	\$31,771.92
Parish Improvement -	257.00
Spanish Mass	145.00
Total	\$32,173.92



ACH for January \$14,667.00

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Total to date for January \$77,908.64

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

Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024

Campaign Goal		\$133,350.00
Pledged & Received	71.75%	\$95,685.00
Under Goal		\$40,825.72
Number of Donors	330	



These numbers reflect the report as of January 22, 2024.

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

The Feast of St. Blaise is Saturday, February 3rd. St. Blaise is venerated as the patron saint of sufferers from throat diseases and as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Blessing of throats will be offered after the 8:00am Mass before Confessions.

Ash Wednesday Masses - February 14th - 6:30am, 8:00am (school Mass), 12:00pm, and 5:30pm. If you would like to assist at Mass, the sign-up sheet can be found in the Sacristy.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) would like to send out a big thank you for all the donations received during and before the Christmas season. People from all the parishes provide either time, talent, or treasure. It is a big help keeping our pantry shelves full, fellowship meals supplied, and those of our friends and neighbors in need sheltered under emergency conditions.

The next big drive is the annual Hygiene drive. This will run during the month of February. Boxes for donations are in the entryways.

Social Justice / St. John's Fellowship meal On Feb 28th the Social Justice committee and St. John's parishioners will be serving the SVDP fellowship meal. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lonny at (715) 751-7830.

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.. Attend a complimentary introductory session about the Creighton Model Fertility Care 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

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.

The next Domestic Church Retreat will be held April 13-14, 2024, at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Wisconsin Rapids. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. To register and find out more information, go to this link: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

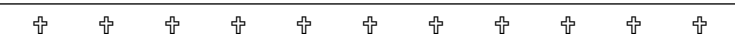
Dear Parishioners: Where did the Bible come from? Where is the Bible's origin? ...continued from last week... A man named St. Irenaeus was helpful in this task. He listed a number of the books considered canonical in the second century. The common usage of certain books by early churches also contributed and helped. Eventually it was the bishops of the 4th century who then made a final decision. Their decision was guided by the Holy Spirit due to their consecration and ordination as bishops. Twenty-seven books were chosen. These 27 books remain the only books in the New Testament of the Bible.

The Bible is therefore compiled and organized by the Catholic Church. It was wrote by early members of the Church and then approved by Bishops ordained in the Roman Catholic Faith. Why then do we shy away from the Bible? Why do we not think that it is a Catholic book? Why are we accused of not knowing the Bible? Why is it commonly assumed that Catholics do not use the Bible?

We need to reclaim our heritage. The Bible is a Catholic book approved and formed by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit through the Catholic Church. As Catholics we need to rejoice in the Bible and place it in a prominent place within our homes. We need to read from it daily. Explore its mysteries. Ponder its questions. Countless online sources can help one navigate and understand the Bible. The most popular podcast in the world at the end of 2020 was produced by a Catholic Priest who simply read and discussed the Bible. Fr. Michael Schmitz, a priest in Duluth, Minnesota produced a podcast called, "The Bible in a Year". This simple yet profound podcast has become the most downloaded podcast in the world at the end of 2020. A Catholic Priest reading and explaining the Bible.

The Bible is a Catholic Book. Its 27 books in the New Testament were compiled and approved by the Bishops of the Catholic Church. It was approved and formed by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit through the Catholic Church.

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



Jesse Romero to speak at Our Lady of Peace
Jesse Romero will be offering a talk entitled *What is Authentic Eucharistic Revival* on Wednesday, February 21, beginning at 7pm. Jesse is a bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist who is nationally acclaimed for his dynamic, upbeat, Christ-centered preaching. His preaching apostolate is "On Fire Evangelization." Jesse has been on Catholic radio for over 15 years, currently on virginmostpowerfulradio.org hosting "The Terry and Jesse Show," and "Jesus 911."
Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

MARRIAGE BANNS II

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

A Minute with Jesus: Why does Jesus want to live in your heart?



Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

God has created each person absolutely unique - there is only one of you. Jesus knows you and loves you, and wants to be with you always. Jesus has a love in His Heart that only you can receive. If you don't receive Jesus' love for you, it will be "wasted." And likewise, you have a love in your heart that only you can give to Jesus. If you don't give that love, there will be an empty place in Jesus' Heart.

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



Jesus, I want to receive all the love You have for me and I want to give You all of my love.

This week read about how much God loves you in John 3:16. To make this personal, replace the "the world" with your own name.

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

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of Feb. 3rd-4th. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved.

Vocations: How does God speak to me? Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the cave entrance, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!



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

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