



# 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*

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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 2/12/2024**

7:00am Patti Herr  
 Scripture Readings: Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13

**TUES 2/13/2024**

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Diers & Kohlbeck families  
 Scripture Readings: Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21

**WED 2/14/2024 Ash Wednesday**

6:30am Robert Herkert  
 8:00am Bucky Bohman  
 12:00pm Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 5:30pm Barb Schultz  
 7:00pm Marisol Rodriguez de Villasmil y Alfredo Arias  
 Scripture Readings: Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2  
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**THUR 2/15/2024**

7:00am David Fehrenbach  
 Scripture Readings: Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

**FRI 2/16/2024**

7:00am Andrew Peters  
 Scripture Readings: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

**SAT 2/17/2024 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

8:00am Johnny & Norita Hollar  
 Scripture Readings: Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

**First Sunday of Lent**

4:30pm Jerold Bohman

**SUN 2/18/2024**

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 9:00am Tony Eilers  
 11:00am Cindy Martin  
 1:30pm Rosa Cacho Alvarez  
 Scripture Readings: Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22  
 Mk 1:12-15



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

February 17<sup>th</sup> - February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**LECTORS**

4:30pm Monte & Patti Willkom  
 7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft  
 9:00am Rita Blenker / 11:00am Danielle Rummells

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Deacon Jeff / Jeff Sternberg / Lois Carlson / Marty Draxler  
 7:00am Deacon Jeff / Brian Kostka  
 9:00am Deacon Jeff / Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Al & Barb May  
 Chris Nemitz  
 11:00am Deacon Jeff / Robert & Ruth Richmond / Jonathan Rootellis

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld  
 7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr  
 9:00am Jeremiah & Fulton Prusinski / Phinehas Prusinski  
 11:00am Maria Elizabeth Garcia / Olivia Burt

**MUSIC MINISTER**

4:30pm Cathy Heuer  
 7:00am **Open**  
 9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir / 11:00am Cathy Heuer

**Weekday Mass Servers - February 12<sup>th</sup>- February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday** - David Gouin **Thursday** Lee Alt  
**Tuesday** - Ray Housworth **Friday** - Dennis 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 February 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate -	\$16,782.78
Parish Improvement -	240.00
Spanish Mass	132.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,154.78</b>



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

**Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024**

Campaign Goal		\$133,350.00
Pledged & Received	76.91%	\$102,560.00
Under Goal		\$33,950.72
Number of Donors	339	



These numbers reflect the report as of February 5, 2024. Slowly are numbers are climbing! **Thank you** for all who have contributed thus far! If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider doing so to help us reach our goal soon!

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

**Ash Wednesday Masses - February 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:30am, 8:00am (school Mass), 12:00pm, and 5:30pm. Spanish Mass at 7:00pm**

**St. Vincent de Paul's (SVDP)** 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Frassati Young Adult Group:** There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. Please join us for game night for some fun before Lent begins! If you're able, bring a board game or two! We will meet in St. Francis Hall in St. John's school. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive updates about our monthly meetings and other events, please email [marshfieldfrassatiyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:marshfieldfrassatiyoungadults@gmail.com). Newcomers welcome!

**An in-person 3-part SymptoPro Natural Family Planning** course will be offered in the Marshfield Deanery at St. John the Baptist Marshfield from 10:15am-11:45am on Sunday, Feb. 25, Mar. 10, and Mar. 24, 2024. The cost is \$100. If you have taken this course in the past and have the Couple's Guide to Fertility book, the fee will be waived. Contact Christy Kitzhaber at [kitzhaber@symptopro.org](mailto:kitzhaber@symptopro.org) or 715-486-5733 for registration information.

**Available times for adoration at JP II Chapel** are Saturdays 6-7pm or 2-3am on Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. If you are available please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085. God Bless You!



*We welcome this new family to St. John's*

Gary & Sandy Stoiber family



**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 this weekend - February 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>. 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**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Baptist, Jesus in the Gospels warns us many times to watch out for the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of King Herod. It is interesting to note the significant detail that Jesus does not warn us directly about the Pharisees and King Herod. It is rather that he warns us about the leaven. Why? Why should we be on our guard against leaven?

Jesus is using leaven in this passage as a symbol for sin. Anyone who bakes knows that leaven is almost invisible to the naked eye when mixed with dough, but when heated the leaven causes a great change, causing the bread to quickly rise. Sin is much the same. It is the sinful example and corrupt teaching of both King Herod and the Pharisees that Jesus says is like leaven. Their teaching entered within and polluted the mind. As we begin our Lenten season, may we be conscious of the leaven in our own lives that may be drawing us away from our Lord.

Many ask the question. Why have the young drifted away from church? Why have the youth abandoned the faith of their parents and grandparents? Much of the answer is because the leaven of this world has crept into their lives. In the music, the media, the friends, the messages of society. Our culture is abuzz with words that contradict the Gospel. These words and messages are like the leaven of corruption entering within.


Prayer, constant prayer, is the perfect shield. It protects us and our families from this evil. Prayer is spiritual but it is also very human. Prayer heals us. Prayer does not separate us from the world. Rather prayer heals us so that we can be more present to the world, drawing the world back to the holiness for which it was made.

Because the leaven of corruption is so omnipresent, we must be vigilant about what we hear with our ears and see with our eyes. First keep guard over your own self. Choose to turn off the bad shows and the corrupt music. Choose silence over the immoral noise. Listen to God's voice. Immerse yourself into the Holy Word. Clean your own heart first. Then begin to clean your home. Lead your family with love. Make your home a sanctuary. Cast out from your home the bad music, the corrupt shows, and all the leaven of the world that leads to death.

This Lent invite into your home the silence of God and the holy noise of conversation, of sharing, of talking, of passing time with loved ones. Do the normal human things of cleaning, cooking and relaxing - do them together with your family. Invite into your home the peace of Christ. Cast out the leaven of the world. Reject sin in your life. Then do what is holy. Plant within your life and your home the seed of Christ and your home will experience true blessings.

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






**CONFESSIONS DURING LENT**  
 Every Friday beginning at 6:00pm  
 Every Saturday morning after the 8:00am Mass  
 Holy Week Confessions 12:00pm—1:00pm  
 Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
 and Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

**DEANERY WIDE CONFESSIONS AT OUR LADY OF PEACE**  
 Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 1:00 - 5:00pm

No Confessions on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> as our Priests will be at the Chrism Mass.




**Join us for a Lenten day retreat led by**  
**FATHER JUSTIN KIZEWSKI**  
**Title: The Eucharist: Heart of Mission**  
 Father Kizewski is a priest of the Diocese of La Crosse and currently at St. Francis de Sales seminary in Milwaukee.

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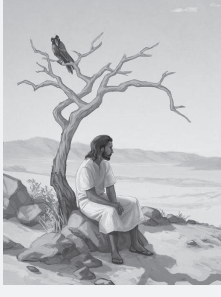
**SATURDAY, February 24, 2024**  
**10:00am - 2:00pm**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL**


**Lunch provided by the PCCW**  
**We will need a count for the lunch. The sign-up sheet can be found on the round table in the entryway!**

**Jesus wants us to know He is continually with us.**  
 Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images on our mind that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us.


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

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth that the Eucharist is really You present under the appearance of bread and wine.*

 This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, *"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."* (Genesis 28:10-17)



**Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller – Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 A native of Stevens Point and a De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary, Brother James Miller was gunned down while repairing a wall at the school where he worked in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on Feb. 13, 1982. He was declared a martyr and beatified by Pope Francis on Dec. 7, 2019. He stands as an example of fidelity to the Gospel and humble and fearless service on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable. His gravesite in Ellis, Wis., will be a stop along the Eucharistic Pilgrimage on June 10, 2024. To learn more about Blessed Brother Miller, visit [diolc.org/blessed-brother-james-miller](http://diolc.org/blessed-brother-james-miller)



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 The Stations of the Cross will be offered on the following dates and times:

**2:00pm for the students of St. John's (anyone is welcome to join)**  
**February 21<sup>st</sup> / February 28<sup>th</sup> / March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> / March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Fridays at 5:15pm (followed by Confessions)**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup> / February 23<sup>rd</sup> / March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**March 8<sup>th</sup> / March 15<sup>th</sup> / March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**February 16<sup>th</sup> Servers: Phinehas & Benjamin Prusinski**

 **Family Adoration will take place after Stations on February 16<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>.**



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"El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta..."  
Psalmo 23

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."  
Matt 11:28

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