



# 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 3/25/2024**

7:00am Steve Barrett  
 Scripture Readings: Is 1-7 Jn 12:1-11

**TUES 3/26/2024**

7:00am Lindsay Dick Zuelke  
 Scripture Readings: Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**WED 3/27/2024**

7:00am Linda Hennes  
 8:00am Lawrence & Marian Van de Loo  
 Scripture Readings: Is 50:4-9 Mt 26:14-25

**THUR 3/28/2024-Holy Thursday - No 7:00am Mass**

**Mass of the Last Supper – 6:00pm** Catherine Szama  
 Scripture Readings: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Rv 1:5-8  
 Lk 4:16-21

**FRI 3/29/2024-Good Friday - No 7:00am Mass**

**Good Friday Service -12:15pm**  
 Scripture Readings: Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
 Jn 18:1—19:42

**SAT 3/30/2024-Easter Vigil - No 8:00am Mass**

**8:30pm Vigil Mass**  
 Scripture Readings: Easter Vigil Readings  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**SUN 3/31/2024**

5:30am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 7:00am Henry & Doris Gadke  
 9:00am Living & deceased members of the Albert & Sarah Langreck family  
 11:00am Norma Potter  
 1:30pm Ramiro Cacho Alvarez  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4  
 Jn 20:1-9



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024**

**LECTORS**

5:30am Dorothy Flees  
 7:00am Caren Alsides  
 9:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech  
 11:00am Sharon See

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:30am Peg Endries / Al & Barb May  
 7:00am Connie Manlick / Chris Rutschow  
 9:00am Linda Lewer / Rita Blenker / **Open / Open**  
**Open / Open**  
 11:00am Michael Clubb / Sharon See / Argelia Moya / **Open**

**SERVERS**

5:30am Emmett Luther / Luke Kaiser  
 7:00am **Open / Open / Open**  
 9:00am Elliott Alcott / Isaac Scheer / Cole Krieg / **Open**  
 11:00am Luke & Grace Clubb / **Open / Open**

**MUSIC MINISTER**

5:30am **Open**  
 7:00am Ashley Nikolai & Karen Isaacson  
 9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir  
 11:00am Cathy Heuer

**Weekday Mass Servers - March 25<sup>th</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday** - David Gouin **Thursday** No Mass  
**Tuesday** - Ray Housworth **Friday** - No Mass  
**Wednesday** - Lenny Kieliszewski **Saturday** No 8am Mass

**Ushers:** A sign-up sheet for the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses has been put up in the Usher's closet. Please sign-up for the Mass you will be attending so we know each has coverage.

**STEWARDSHIP for March 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate \$11,866.95  
 Parish Improvement 199.00  
 Spanish Mass 108.09  
 Total \$12,174.04

Total for March \$44,220.63



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**The Diocesan Annual Appeal update will be in next week's bulletin.** We remain \$31, 406.44 under our target goal. So far 346 of our over 1100 families have contributed. Please prayerfully consider contributing so that we can reach this goal.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Holy Thursday Mass – 6:00pm**

**LECTOR:** Kathy Doebereiner / Sharon See  
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Fr. Thelen / Fr. Arturo/  
 Deacon Jeff / Jeff Sternberg

**SERVERS:** Luke Kaiser / Maverick Hannasch / Dakota Hannasch  
 Nathan Nemitz / Marty Draxler  
**Music Minister:** Adult Choir/Kris Herr

Washing of Feet: Jeff Schultz / Justin Fischer / Keelen Larsen  
 Jeff Sternberg / Dale Garfield / Pat Lescynski / Lee Alt / Dan Alsides / **Open / Open / Open / Open**

**Good Friday Service - 12:15pm**

**LECTOR:** Rita Blenker / Laurel Rudolph-Kniech  
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Fr. Thelen / Fr. Arturo  
 Deacon Jeff / Joe Fischer

**SERVERS:** Luke Kaiser / Zach Zerrudo / Nathan Nemitz / Dan Flees  
**MUSIC MINISTER:** Adult Choir/Kris Herr

**Easter Vigil Mass - 8:30pm**

**LECTORS:** Deacon Jeff / Kathy Doebereiner / Judy Garfield /  
 Dale Garfield / Jeff Schultz  
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Fr. Thelen / Fr. Arturo  
 Deacon Jeff Austin / Connie Manlick

**SERVERS** Luke Kaiser / Matthias Gouin / Isaac Scheer / Marty Draxler  
**MUSIC MINISTER:** Adult Choir/Kris Herr

**The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday.**

**Tenebrae Service:** All are invited to the Tenebrae Service on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. It is a unique service that provides another opportunity to reflect on the closing in of sin and darkness and the ultimate victory of Christ over it.

**Pastoral Council** will meet Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Columbia room.

**Pre-Easter Church Cleaning: Help is Appreciated** Wednesday, March 27, 2024 beginning at 4:30pm. Meet at the Blodgett Street Entrance. All cleaning supplies provided except gloves. If able to help, please contact Dorothy at 715-387-8224.

**Holy Saturday: Candle Wax Clean Up** Following Mass, help is appreciated to clean up the candle wax from the pews and floor. If able to help, please contact Dorothy at 715-387-8224.

**The PCCW wants YOU to run for office!** The President and Vice President positions will be up for election at our April meeting. We are looking for someone to run for one year as President; VP will serve a two year term. If interested, please contact Shirley Pritzl at 715 384 8589.

**The Marshfield Deanery Council of Catholic Women is holding its Spring Assembly on Thursday April 4 at Rembs Celebration Center in Marshfield.** Registration will begin at 5:00pm and a delicious meal will be served at 6:00pm, with a program beginning at 6:45pm. Our guest speaker is Father Arturo Viguera. Cost for the meal is \$12.00, payable at the door. All women are invited to join us for an uplifting evening of friendship, fellowship, and faith-sharing! There will be raffle baskets available for bidding. In recognition of the ongoing need to fight for respect for all life, please bring a baby item for the Hannah Center.

**Last call! Lector, EM and youth server schedules** for the months of May - August will soon to be worked on. Please notify the office by March 25<sup>th</sup> at [secretary@stjmf.diocparish.org](mailto:secretary@stjmf.diocparish.org) if you know of any dates that you should not be scheduled. Thank you!

**FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

On Good Friday March 29 at 8:00pm here at St. John's there will be a Tenebrae service. The word Tenebrae is Latin for darkness or shadows and this type of religious service is particular to the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). The Tenebrae Service is a dramatic mourning ritual that dates back centuries. An important part of the Tenebrae service is the use of a triangular stand with fifteen candles that are extinguished one by one until the darkness completely cloaks the church. Perhaps, the most important element of the Tenebrae Service is the environment, the darkness and the stillness of the night as the choir sings the different psalms of laments.

**How to Participate in the Tenebrae Service**

Participation in the Tenebrae Service is different than in any other liturgies that the church celebrates. The congregation only joins the choir in singing the processional hymn as the presider priest and the other ministers enter the sanctuary of the church. During the rest of the service as the choir sings the different psalms of lament and the priest offers the prayers throughout the service the congregation will respond with the traditional Amen as we normally do in the Mass. Throughout the service the role of the congregation is to listen and to prayerfully ponder and meditate on what is being sung and to consider the significance of the darkness as we accompany our Lord into His journey towards the grave.

**Spiritual and Biblical Significance of the Tenebrae Service**

The darkness of the Tenebrae Service not only provides the atmosphere of reflection on Christ's death, but it also symbolizes the darkness that Jesus experienced as He hung on the cross. The synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) go out of their way to tell us that darkness covered the land during Jesus' Crucifixion. The scriptures tell us that a shroud of darkness covered the land. This was a supernatural sign of judgment on sin. Also, on the day on which our Lord was crucified the prophesy of the prophet Isaiah was being fulfilled which said Christ "was pierced for our transgressions, he was crush for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him and by his wounds we are healed (Is.53: 5).

It was our transgressions that Our Lord Jesus Christ took upon himself, and because of those transgressions Jesus experienced the pain of being separated from our Heavenly Father.

To fully unite ourselves to the sufferings of Christ in the last moments of His life please observe the following guidelines:

- Do not bring your own personal flashlights.
- Please do not use your cellphones as flashlights.
- Listen and meditate on what the choir will be singing.

Wishing you a prayerful and blessed Holy Week.

Fr. Arturo Viguera



**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.

**Congratulations to**

**Charles & Gretchen Nelson**  
*united in Marriage*  
on March 19, 2024



**Our sympathy to the families of:**

Norma Potter / Alberta Strey

*May the Souls of Norma & Alberta  
and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,  
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.*

**Nights of Spiritual Reflection**

**With Our Eucharistic Lord**

**Presented by Fr. Arturo Viguera**

Father will give a short reflection followed  
by Eucharistic Adoration and a time of  
silence on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>: *You are a Beloved  
Child of God*

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Reflection on the  
Resurrection*

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: *Reflection on the Road to Emmaus*

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: *Meditation on the two standards of  
Christ the King*



**All evening talks will be held in the Church**  
**Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm**



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

**Jesus wants to live in our heart  
always.**

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave His  
Apostles – the first priests – the power  
to change the bread and wine into His

Body and Blood. All priests have received this same power. At  
Mass, as the priest speaks the words of Jesus, the bread and wine  
become His Body and Blood by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus  
wants us to receive Him at Mass every Sunday because He wants  
to live in our heart.

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

*Thank you Jesus for Father Thelen and Father Arturo as they  
stand in for You, and thereby, we are  
able to receive You in Holy Communion  
at Mass.*

This week, read the passage of Jesus  
instituting the Holy Eucharist at the Last  
Supper in Matthew 26:26-28.



**Diocesan News:** His Holiness, Pope Francis, has accepted the  
resignation of our Bishop William Callahan. Bishop Gerard W.  
Battersby will be installed as the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of La  
Crosse on May, 20, 2024

Bishop Battersby was born on 15 May 1960. In 1993, he entered  
Sacred Heart Major Seminary and received a Master of Divinity  
degree in 1998. After ordination to the priesthood, he served in  
parish ministry for ten years. In 2008 he received a Licentiate in the  
New Evangelization. Bishop Battersby then served as director of  
graduate seminarians and graduate pastoral formation at Sacred  
Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. In 2011, he was appointed Vice-  
Rector and Dean of Seminary Formation. In January 2017 he was  
ordained to the Episcopacy as an Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and  
Moderator of the South Region.

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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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