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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.

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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 3/18/2024 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
7:00am Richard Hansen
Scripture Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Jn 8:1-11

TUES 3/19/2024 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00am Living & deceased members of the Area Catholic Missionaries

Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

WED 3/20/2024

7:00am Oscar & Frances Weigel

No 8:00am Mass

Scripture Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42

THUR 3/21/2024

7:00am Dennis Juncer

Scripture Readings: Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

FRI 3/22/2024

7:00am Joseph Broad

Scripture Readings: Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

SAT 3/23/2024 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00am Margie Rank

Scripture Readings: Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:30pm David Schlagenhaft

SUN 3/24/2024

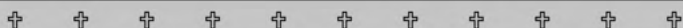
7:00am William & Philomene Schneider

9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

11:00am Catherine Poehnel

1:30pm Spanish Mass

Scripture Readings: Mk 11:1-10 Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1—15:47



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 23rd - March 24th, 2024

LECTORS

4:30pm Jonathan Rootellis & Jeff Schultz

7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield

9:00am Lonny Roberts & Dorothy Flees

11:00am Gayle Specht & Sharon See

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz / Susan Jahr / Tom & Susan Youngwith

7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield

9:00am Dan & Dorothy Flees / Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall

Maureen Karaliunas / Ann Kundingner

11:00am Melanie Rootellis / Chris Rutschow / Kim Rybicki /

Argelia Moya

SERVERS

4:30pm **Open**

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Cole Krieg

9:00am Phinehas & Benjamin Prusinski / Jeremiah Prusinski

11:00am Kofi Yeboah / **Open**

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am **Open**

9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir

11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - March 18th - March 23rd

Monday - Glen Linzmeier

Thursday Lee Alt

Tuesday - Marty Draxler

Friday - Mike 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 March 9th / 10th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$12,983.60
Parish Improvement	525.00
Spanish Mass	200.00
Total	\$13,708.60



Total for March \$32,046.59

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Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024

Campaign Goal		\$133,350.00
Pledged & Received	77.51%	\$103,360.00
Under Goal		\$32,058.58
Number of Donors	345	



These numbers reflect the report as of March 6, 2024.

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

St. John's Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday Mass - March 28th: 6:00pm

Good Friday Service - March 29th: 12:15pm

Easter Vigil - March 30th: 8:30pm

Commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and servers are asked to assist for the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. Sign up sheets are in the Sacristy.

We are looking for 12 men to participate in the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday. Please sign up in the Sacristy by noon of Palm Sunday. Thank you!

Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall. Pastoral Council will meet March 26th at 6:30pm in the Columbia room.

Lector, EM and youth server schedules for the months of May - August will soon to be worked on. Please notify the office by March 25th at secretary@stjmf.diocparish.org if you know of any dates that you should not be scheduled. Thank you!

The movie Cabrini is playing at the Roger's Theater in Marshfield for a limited time. Please check their website to see the times it will be showing.

"Cabrini," a movie from Angel Studios, tells the incredible true story of Mother Cabrini, the first American citizen to become a saint. It is a historical biopic showcasing her selfless service to the Italian immigrant population in the United States. Mother Cabrini's unwavering dedication to the dignity and respect of those in need reminds us to always look out for the ones still seeking a place at the table. * Parental discretion advised. Though handled well, there are topics that are sensitive.

St. Joseph's Feast Day ~ March 19th

As we come upon this feast day, we remember that one of the disciplines of Lent is to give alms to the poor. We will have a monetary collection from March 16th through March 23rd to help families of our parish as well as those in the community. You will find a display with envelopes for this collection on the round table as you enter church. Please make checks out to St. John's. Money collected will be used to purchase gift cards from the gift card program.



Are you being called to be an alter Christus (another Christ)?

This could be you! Come learn more about the Priesthood and Seminary!

When: April 6th, 2024

For: 9th Grade Boys through College and beyond.

Schedule:

4:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Peace, Marshfield

5:00pm Pizza Dinner at OLP Rectory

5:30pm Q+A with Fr. Nate Kuhn (Director of Vocations), priests, and seminarians.

7:00pm Dodgeball

RSVP to father.clements@columbusdons.org



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: In the preceding weeks we have discussed: Death, Judgment and Heaven; three of the 'Last Things'. This week we will delve into the Catholic understanding of 'Hell' to complete our discussion.

The great poet Dante Alighieri wrote of Hell in his famous poem The Divine Comedy. Dante describes Hell as various levels of cold. At the pit of Hell is the Devil, frozen in his hatred, far removed from the warmth of God's love. Christ, however, speaks of Hell as the place where worm does not die (Mark 9:48), as a burning pool of fire and sulfur (Rev 21:8), as a fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth (Matt 13:50), and as an eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt 25:41). St. Paul says, "The damned will pay the penalty of eternal ruin, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power." (2 Thes 1:9)

From these brief passages we can gather the following knowledge about Hell. First of all, Hell exists. Jesus refers to Hell on numerous occasions in Scripture. Secondly, Hell is a place of separation from God's love. God wishes all to be saved; however, God also respects an individual's free will. An individual, through their free will, can reject the love of Jesus through mortal sin. By persevering in their unrepentance, these individuals by their free will are rejecting life with God. Jesus respects their decision. Unrepentant mortal sin leads to eternal separation from God.

Thirdly, it is a place of suffering. Jesus uses physical terms to describe this suffering. He equates the sufferings of Hell to an eternal fire, a place of grinding teeth, etc. These physical descriptions try to communicate what is considered to be the greatest of the sufferings in Hell: the loss of God. Souls in Hell have rejected God; they suffer because without God there is no love, there is no goodness, there is no peace. Hell is the absence of all that is good, true and beautiful.

St. Catherine of Siena, a famous mystic, says the following of Hell, "I saw the torments of hell and those of purgatory; no words can describe them. Had poor mortals the faintest idea of them, they would suffer a thousand deaths rather than undergo the least of their torments during a single day."

God is love as St. John tells us (1 John 4:8) and where there is no God there is no love! God is indeed a God of great, infinite mercy, but we need to cooperate with Him in ensuring our salvation by living a good, loving, and humble life. Repent, follow the commandments, and never fail to confess mortal sins so as to be restored to God's graces and friendship. As long as we have breath within us, we can choose Eternal Life and receive God's love and mercy. Dear parishioners, a discussion on Hell is never easy to hear. However, know that in Jesus we have our advocate, our protector. Remain strong in your faith and you have nothing to fear. God loves you.

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

Fr. Thelen

God Bless Deacon Jeff Austin as he celebrates his birthday on March 23rd!

Please keep him in your prayers!



We welcome these children through the Living Waters of Baptism:

Juliet Thalia - daughter of Adam & Thalia Mauer
Micah - daughter of Edivier & Lisa Temich Kaiser

FATHER ARTURO VIGUERAS
Nights of Spiritual Reflection
With Our Eucharistic Lord

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

Tuesday, March 26th: *You are a Beloved Child of God*

Tuesday, April 2nd: *Reflection on the Resurrection*

Tuesday, April 9th: *Reflection on the Road to Emmaus*

Tuesday, April 16th: *Meditation on the two standards of Christ the King*



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

Be A Joseph: March 19th at 6:30pm in the Columbia Room. Troy Kroening will explain about the power of St. Joseph and how Joseph can be an example for us, especially husbands and fathers, in our everyday sorrows and joys. For more information call: 715-383-3660 or email: troy@gotojoe.com.

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



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 25th, Wednesday, March 27th
and Thursday, March 28th

DEANERY WIDE CONFESSIONS AT OUR LADY OF PEACE
Sunday, March 24th 1:00 - 5:00pm

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



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)

March 27th

Fridays at 5:15pm (followed by Confessions)

March 22nd

March 22nd Servers: Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr



Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!

Jesus is the "living Bread from Heaven."

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live

forever." (John 6:51). Jesus gave this living bread for the first time to His Apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus gives this living Bread to us in Holy Communion. The **living Bread** is Jesus Himself.

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

Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are the "living Bread" received in Holy Communion.



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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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