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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.

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass Saturdays

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 3/4/2024 St. Casimir

7:00am Irene Specht

Scripture Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30

TUES 3/5/2024

7:00am Cherie Krier

Scripture Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35

WED 3/6/2024

7:00am Ron & Agnes Rehlinger

8:00am Leona Kraemer

Scripture Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19

THUR 3/7/2024 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

7:00am Bill Drexler

Scripture Readings: Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

FRI 3/8/2024 St. John of God, Religious

7:00am Walter & Lucille Hebert

Scripture Readings: Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

SAT 3/9/2024 St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00am In Thanksgiving

Scripture Readings: Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:30pm Sheila Dischinger

SUN 3/10/2024

7:00am Helen Dums & Catherine Fait

9:00am Gordon Schuster

11:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

1:30pm Por las necesidades de la Familia Konopa

Scripture Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 9th - March 10th, 2024

LECTORS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Pam Alt

9:00am Ann Kundinger

11:00am Allyson Mayeux

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Louise Kobylinski / Jeff Sternberg / Lois Carlson

Marty Draxler

7:00am Lee & Pam Alt

9:00am Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Linda Lewer / Al & Barb May

Bernice Mercer

11:00am Linda Degenhardt / Lucas Hart / Lori Keller

Jane Lamermayer

SERVERS

4:30pm Emmitt Luther / Cole Krieg

7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

9:00am Lily & Neil Adler

11:00am Luis & Emily Villalba

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am Open

Wednesday

9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir

11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - March 3rd - March 9th

Monday -Glenn Linzmeier Marty Draxler Tuesday Dan Flees

Thursday Lee Alt

Friday - Mike Spencer 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 24th / 25th

Adult / Youth / Plate -\$13,340.06 Parish Improvement -277.00 Spanish Mass Total

138.00 \$13,755.06

Total to Date for February \$57,817.43



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Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024

Campaign Goal \$133,350.00 Pledged & Received 77.32% \$103,100.00 Under Goal \$32,468.58

Number of Donors 344

These numbers reflect the report as of February 26, 2024.

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

Our parish of St. John the Baptist is looking for a person to fill our bookkeeping position. Monica Trussoni is retiring after many good years of helping in this position. Hours are typically about 15 hours per week and are flexible. Skills needed include: bookkeeping, payroll, use of a computer, organizational aptitude, attention to detail. Monica is willing to train and assist as needed. If interested please contact Fr. Thelen or the parish at 715-384-3252, ext. 2

Your input is requested! With the ongoing Synod on Synodality, the Church values your feedback regarding how Church structures and organization further or hinder the Church's mission and how such structures can help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel. Please take some time to offer consultation using an online questionnaire at https://forms.office.com/r/ SVPGxJChAv Consultation must be received by March 20, 2024. Thank you for your participation.

Hospital Care Notice: Most hospitals are no longer asking patients their religious affiliation upon admittance. Spiritual services are still being provided, such as Anointings and Communion visits. However, the patient must notify the nursing staff of their desire to be placed on the Communion list or to have a priest visit. Please keep this in mind if you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital. Spiritual care is of very great importance during hospital stays and when preparing for surgeries.

The 3 Committees will meet at 6:00pm on Monday, March 11th. Please meet in the rectory. Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall.

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, March 12th, at 6:30pm. Please join us in St. John's church for Stations of the Cross followed by social time in St. Francis Hall. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive updates about our monthly meetings and other events, email marshfieldfrassatiyoungadults@gmail.com. Newcomers are always welcome!

Sunday Mass & Healing Service: St. Matthew will celebrate Mass followed by communal and individual prayer for health and healing on Sunday, March 10th at 3:30pm. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available prior to Mass from 2pm until 3:25pm.

A bus will be reserved for this rally if we finswer have at least 30 people signed up! A sign-up sheet can be found in the entryway. 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 and powerful speakers.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: In continuing a discussion this Lent on the four last things, I will look into the meaning of 'Judgment' this week. Scripture speaks of two judgments: a General Judgment and a Particular Judgment. The General Judgment, the one referred to in the Nicene Creed, will take place at the end of time following our Lord's Second Coming. At the General Judgment our bodies will be reunited with our souls either in the Eternal happiness of Heaven or the Eternal separation from God of Hell. The Nicene Creed states, "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His Kingdom will have no end."

Keep in mind, regardless of when Christ's Second Coming occurs, each of us will face Our Lord immediately after our own death for what the Church calls the Particular Judgment. The Particular Judgment is our own individual judgement with God. It is not so much God judging us, but rather us standing in the presence of God, who is absolute truth and love. In the presence of God, we will know exactly where our soul is meant to go. There will be no duplicity or deception when we stand before Him. The Particular Judgment is our individual judgment received immediately after death. The General Judgment occurs at the end of the world and ratifies our Particular Judgment.

When we are judged we must always remember the words from St. James and reaffirmed by Christ's revelations to St. Faustina, 'God's mercy triumphs over his judgment.' (James 2:13) God will always respect a person's individual choice. However, God's mercy is more powerful than our sin. God is love and God receives us in love. We should have a holy fear (but not a scrupulous fear) of our judgment since 'the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.' (Proverbs 9:10) The reality of our judgment should not paralyze us. It should simply reaffirm our commitment to Christ and prepare us.

The Catholic Church holds that all who die in God's grace and friendship, but with venial sin upon their soul, undergo a process of purification which the Church calls Purgatory. Purgatory allows us to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. All who enter Purgatory will go to heaven.

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





Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

We humbly give our assent to what has been handed on to us for the last

2,000 years through the one Church that Jesus founded. This assent (giving our "yes – I choose to believe") involves our commitment to persistence in prayer and study of Scripture in asking Jesus for deeper understanding regarding His true Presence in the Eucharist.

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

Lord Jesus, "I believe; please help my unbelief."

This week, read how a father gives his assent to believing that Jesus can heal his son in Mark 9:20-27.





We welcome this new family to St. John's

Jarred Mandel

Our sympathy to the family of:

Madeline Joan Empey

May the Soul of Madeline and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Attention St. John's Parishioners! St. John's Primary School is recruiting a few dependable volunteers to provide supervision at recess and lunch. Currently, our teachers are responsible for both, which means no time for their own lunch/bathroom break, class prep, emails/phone calls to parents, etc. Recesses for 5K-2nd grade run from 9am-10am and 11am-1:10pm. Lunch room duty is from 10:35am-12:30pm.

Primary responsibilities for recess duty include: supervision and safety of our young students, care for occasional scrapes and boo boos, contacting teachers of any misconduct. Lunch duties include: checking in hot lunch-takers, supervision and assistance for students in the cafeteria.

Interested volunteers should contact Melissa Schmitt, 715-387-1177, ext. 3300 or schmitt.melissa@columbusdons.org You will be asked to complete a background check, safe environment training and recess-rule training.

"How marvelous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say, today I performed an act of charity towards others!" Pope Francis

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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 6^{th /} March 13th / March 27th.

Fridays at 5:15pm (followed by Confessions)

March 8th / March 15th / March 22nd

March 8th Servers: Isaac Scheer / Zach Zerrudo

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented on Wednesday, March 6th at 5:30pm and again on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00pm. You are invited to come and watch our students in these powerful performances.



Prayer After the Rosary

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant we beseech Thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen



Edward **Jones**

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