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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 4/22/2024

7:00am Arlene Wilcott
 Scripture Readings: Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10

TUES 4/23/2024 St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr

7:00am Leona Kraemer
 Scripture Readings: Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30

WED 4/24/2024 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr

7:00am Reinhold Panske
 8:00am Father Anthony Fischer
 Scripture Readings: Acts 12:24—13:5a Jn 12:44-50

THUR 4/25/2024 St. Mark, Evangelist

7:00am Dick Meyer
 Scripture Readings: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20

FRI 4/26/2024

7:00am John & Joyce Zinthefer
 Scripture Readings: Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6

SAT 4/27/2024

8:00am Duane & Betty Guden
 Scripture Readings: Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30pm Sylvester & Dorothy Gessert

SUN 4/28/2024

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 9:00am Shirley Kaiser
 11:00am 45th Wedding Anniversary of Gary & Mary Anderson
 1:30pm Spanish Mass
 Scripture Readings: Acts 9:26-31 1 Jn 3:18-24
 Jn 15:1-8



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 27th & 28th, 2024

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and student server schedules are now ready and can be picked up in the Sacristy. Thank you for your willingness to assist at Holy Mass!

LECTORS

4:30pm Kathy Doebereiner
 7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft
 9:00am Ann Kundinger
 11:00am John Salzmann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Mike Gonerig / Marcy Gotz / Susan Jahr / Becky Kaiser
 7:00am Brian Kostka / Tonya Schlagenhaft
 9:00am Maureen Karaliunas / Ron & Patty Kraus / Ann Kundinger
 Pat & Marlea Lescynski
 11:00am Danielle Rummells / Chris Rutschow / Audrey Ably
 Sharon See

SERVERS

4:30pm Emmett Luther / **Open**
 7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / **Open**
 9:00am Isaac Scheer / Lily & Neil Adler
 11:00am Zach Zerrudo / Elliott Alcott

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer
 7:00am Cathy Heuer
 9:00am Cathy Heuer
 11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - April 22nd - April 27th

Monday - David Gouin **Thursday** Lee Alt
Tuesday - Ray Housworth **Friday** - Dennis Spencer
Wednesday - Lenny Kielsewski **Saturday** Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

STEWARDSHIP for April 13th / 14th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$12,791.38
Parish Improvement	95.00
Spanish Mass	170.00
Total	\$13,056.38



Total to date for April \$41,810.61

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Thank you for your generous contributions!

Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024

Campaign Goal	\$133,350.00
Pledged & Received	80.87% \$107,841.00
Under Goal	\$27,035.44
Number of Donors	365



These numbers reflect the report as of April 16, 2024.

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

Social Justice / St. John's Fellowship meal On April 24th 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.

The Social Justice Committee would like to thank everyone for contributing to the St. Joseph's Table. We are so grateful for the \$4,456.00 that was collected. In addition to our Parish Families, we are able to support St. Vincent de Paul for their food pantry as well as Respite Center, Shirley's House of Hope, Hannah Center, PDC-Orenda Center and Soup or Socks.

Thank you to all the children who donated their artwork during Lent! We exceeded our goal of 250 pieces of art and were able to donate a picture to members living at Aster, Stoney River, Three Oaks, and North Shore Assisted Living Centers. They were very grateful!

First Choice Pregnancy Center - Walk for Life - May 4th - 9am registration - 10am 6K Walk/Run at South Wood County Park in Wisc. Rapids. Join this fun for the whole family event - music, concessions, awards, 50/50 raffles, and many raffle baskets! All donations and pledges from friends and family, as well as concessions and money collected from the raffles will help First Choice PRC reach it's \$34,000 fundraising goal! Registration forms can be found in the kiosk.

Women's Vocation Dinner: Saturday, May 11th, 2023 for High Schoolers and older We will have Mass at 4pm at Our Lady of Peace in Marshfield with Dinner to follow at OLP Rectory. Mother Veronica of the Franciscan Sisters of Divine Mercy, Mother Mary Agnes of the Seraphic Adorers and a few other of their sisters will join Father Robertson, and Father Clements. There will be lively conversation about Religious life during and after dinner. Please contact Fr. Clements at OLP for more information.

Called to More: What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S., Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602. Or call me at 608.791.2667. God Bless You!

Did you Know? There is a young man from our parish now entering seminary. Please pray for him and all of those discerning a vocation to the religious life!

Luke is the son of Brian and Jean Kaiser. He is in the Discipleship Stage at St. Francis de Sales in Milwaukee, WI.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: Pope Francis recently released a Vatican document entitled 'Infinite Dignity'. This needed document gives clarity on some of the current moral issues impacting our current society. For the next two weeks I will highlight some of the key quotations from this document. You are welcome to read the full document online.

Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter. (1) The Church wishes, first of all, "to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while 'every sign of unjust discrimination' is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence." (55)

Gender theory ... intends to deny the greatest possible difference that exists between living beings: sexual difference. This foundational difference is not only the greatest imaginable difference but is also the most beautiful and most powerful of them. In the male-female couple, this difference achieves the most marvelous of reciprocities. It thus becomes the source of that miracle that never ceases to surprise us: the arrival of new human beings in the world. (58) In this sense, respect for both one's own body and that of others is crucial in light of the proliferation of claims to new rights advanced by gender theory. This ideology "envisages a society without sexual differences, thereby eliminating the anthropological basis of the family." It needs to be emphasized that 'biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated.'" Therefore, all attempts to obscure reference to the ineliminable sexual difference between man and woman are to be rejected: "We cannot separate the masculine and the feminine from God's work of creation, which is prior to all our decisions and experiences, and where biological elements exist which are impossible to ignore." Only by acknowledging and accepting this difference in reciprocity can each person fully discover themselves, their dignity, and their identity. (59)

The dignity of the body cannot be considered inferior to that of the person as such. The Catechism of the Catholic Church expressly invites us to recognize that "the human body shares in the dignity of 'the image of God.'" ... Teaching about the need to respect the natural order of the human person, Pope Francis affirmed that "creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift. At the same time, we are called to protect our humanity, and this means, in the first place, accepting it and respecting it as it was created." It follows that any sex-change intervention, as a rule, risks threatening the unique dignity the person has received from the moment of conception. This is not to exclude the possibility that a person with genital abnormalities that are already evident at birth or that develop later may choose to receive the assistance of healthcare professionals to resolve these abnormalities. However, in this case, such a medical procedure would not constitute a sex change in the sense intended here. (60)

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



Confessions are heard at St. John's on the third Friday of the month and at Sacred Heart on the first Friday beginning at 6:00pm. Two priests are available at this time. Confessions are also available on Saturdays after the 8am Mass.

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).

Congratulations to

Kainoa & Charity Gouveia
united in Marriage on April 13, 2024



Parish Council Elections

St John the Baptist Parish will be holding elections for new members to the Parish Council. The elected parishioners serve for 2 years, which can be renewed twice. Meetings occur on Tuesday evenings five times a year. If you or someone you know would be interested in the opportunity to be on the parish council please contact the office.

Childcare for Parish Events

Do you miss caring for children? St John's is hoping to organize volunteer based child care that would allow parents with little children to attend some of our talks and events. The commitment would be minimal and would only happen in coordination with parish events. If you are interested in providing child care on these occasions please contact the office.

Save the Dates for these National Eucharistic Events!

National Eucharistic Procession - Monday, June 10, 2024

Join in the National Eucharistic Procession beginning at 2:00pm at the Park 'n Ride (South of Kwik Trip/Draxler's Transport), processing on the Veteran's Pkwy Bike/Walking Trail, concluding at St. John Paul II Adoration Chapel located in the lower level of St. John the Baptist Church. More information will be available on the parish bulletin board soon.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Mission Presentation, Exhibits, Adoration, and Prayers: Monday, June 10 - Tuesday, June 11

Join us on Monday, June 10, from 6:00 - 8:00pm for a presentation on Blessed Brother James Miller by Father Alan Guanella and on Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski, by Father Sebastian Kolodziejczyk. The evening also includes Diocese of La Crosse Mission exhibits from 4:30-6:00pm and 8:00-9:00pm; Adoration from 8:00pm (June 10) through 7:00am (June 11) in St. John the Baptist Church; Matins, including prayer intentions for miracle healings through the intercession of Father Walijewski, led by Father Bob Thorn from 3:00am-4:00am.



"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.

* If you have already signed up for this event, please note that the timeline has changed. We will not stay for the whole event and therefore we will be back to Marshfield by 7:30pm. A new timeline can be found by the sign-up sheet. There is still room for anyone wanting to join the group. Cost for the event is \$20 and can be paid in advance in the parish office.



Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!

Why does Jesus give us Living Bread?

Jesus loves us more than anyone, and He wants to dwell within us. Through Baptism, we become children of God. As part of His

Family, Jesus wants to guide us on the right path - to live a life with joy and peace under His protection. He knows we need His help to follow Him. Jesus gives us the Holy Eucharist - His Body and His Blood - to strengthen us to follow His Way.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: In your own words thank God for the gift of your Baptism in which you became a child of God and are privileged to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

This week, read how Jesus says that He is the Living Bread in John 6:51.



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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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