# 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

Fr. Dan Thelen, Pastor715-384-3252 ext. 2
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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

#### MAY 12, 2024 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

#### MON 5/13/2024 Our Lady of Fatima 7:00am Lawrence & Mary Van De Loo Jn 16:29-33 Scripture Readings: Acts 19:1-8 TUES 5/14/2024 St. Matthias, Apostle 7:00am James & Margaret Weigel Scripture Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:6-17 WED 5/15/2024 St. Isidore 7:00am Cherie Krier 8:00am John Bujalski Scripture Readings: Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19 THUR 5/16/2024 7:00am Duane & Betty Guden Scripture Readings: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26 FRI 5/17/2024 7:00am Mary Alice Stangl Scripture Readings: Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19 SAT 5/18/2024 St. John I, Pope, Martyr 8:00am Dale & Todd Kopf Scripture Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25 Pentecost Sunday 4:30pm Eugene Zygarlicke SUN 5/19/2024 7:00am William & Philomene Schneider 9:00am Oscar & Frances Weigel 11:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Scripture Readings: Acts 2:1-11 Jn 20:19-23

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#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

LECTORS

- 4:30pm Kristen Bornbach
- 7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft
- 9:00am Rita Blenker
- 11:00am Allyson Mayeux
- EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
- 4:30pm Kaye Kmiec / Joan Raschke / Tom & Susan Youngwith 7:00am Barb Barrett / Lori Greenwald 9:00am Al & Barb May / Bernice Mercer / Chris Nemitz Lonny Roberts / Cheryl Schmidt
- 11:00am Robert & Ruth Richmond / Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis

#### SERVERS

- 4:30pm Open / Open
- 7:00am Ava & Gianna Rootellis / Cole Krieg 9:00am Maverick, Dakota & Isabella Hannasch
- 11:00am Zach Zerrudo / Elliott Alcott

## MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Open 7:00am Open 9:00am Open 11:00am Open

Weekday M	ass Servers - May	/ 13 <sup>th</sup> - May 18 <sup>th</sup>	
Monday -	Glenn Linzmeier	Friday -	Lee Alt
Tuesday -	Marty Draxler		Mike Spencer
Wednesday	Dan Flees		e & Dominic Landwehr

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.



STEWARDSHIP for May 4th - 5th Adult / Youth / Plate \$18,132.18 Parish Improvement 107.00 Spanish Mass 147.00 Total to date for May \$18.386.18 QR Code Scan to Donate Thank you for your generous contributions!

	nual Appeal - 2		APPEAL
Campaign Goal		\$133,350.00	1 10
Pledged & Received	82.58%	\$110,115.00	
Under Goal		\$24,219.30	
Number of Donors	374		

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

Change to Daily Mass on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: On Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> both Fr Arturo and myself will be at the installation and ordination of our new Bishop, the Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby. Deacon Jeff Austin will be traveling and out of the area. Therefore, I have asked a leader of praver to lead a Communion service for our parish community on that morning. Judy Garfield has accepted this and will lead a Communion service. We have a number of Leaders of Prayer in our parish and they have studied and prepared to lead Communion services and other prayers upon need.

Mother's Day Rose Sale: Saturday, May 11th & Sunday, May 12th Roses will be available for purchase following all Masses. The cost is \$3 each; \$18 for 1/2 dozen; \$36 for 1 dozen. The proceeds will be donated to First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center. God Bless You and thank you for supporting LIFE and MOMs.

A Mother's Day Breakfast will be held Sunday, May 12th after the 9:00am Mass in Schuh Hall. All family members are invited to attend. A wonderful meal of scrambled eggs with ham & cheese, breakfast potatoes, sausage links, doughnuts and beverages will be served. One rose will be given to each mother attending. This breakfast is sponsored by St. John's Holy Name Men's Society with assistance from Boy Scout Troop 385. Come enjoy a wonderful breakfast with your mom!

Three Committees will meet at 6:00pm in the rectory on Monday, May 13th. Finance Council will meet at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall on Tuesday, May 21st.

PCCW will meet on Tuesday, May 14th for the final time until Fall. The new officers will be installed. All women of the parish are encouraged to come and take part in the business meeting as well as the social to follow!

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, May 14th, at 6:30pm. Come join us for a cookout potluck on the rectory patio and lawn games! See the group email for the link to the potluck sign up sheet. Please bring a lawn chair, a dish to pass, and feel free to bring your favorite lawn game. In case of inclement weather, we will hold the potluck 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, please email marshfieldfrassatiyoungadults@gmail.com

Pastoral Council Election: The following people have expressed interest in running for Pastoral Council; Audrey Ably, Brandon Korth, Dan Kitzhaber, Ray Housworth, Laurel Rudolph-Kniech and Pam Alt. Voting will take place next weekend at all Masses. Following in this bulletin are short biographies on each of the candidates.

Immediate openings at Pope St. JP II Adoration Chapel, Sundays at 8-9am or 10-11am God bestows many graces through adoration!! For more information or to schedule a holy hour, don't hesitate to call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.



#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: Happy Mother's Day! We are blessed by our mothers in such profound ways. Motherhood is a true sacrifice of love. As we rejoice in the gift of motherhood, we can draw analogies between this beautiful vocation and the divine teaching that the Church is our mother.

Henri de Lubac, a French Jesuit priest, who died just recently in 1991, wrote a very important work called *Motherhood of the Church*. In this work he helps us enter into the mystery of the Church as our Mother. I take the following words from a summary of Henri de Lubac written by Dr. William R Luckey.

In *The Splendor of the Church*, de Lubac discusses the importance of understanding the Church as mystery. He says that some people see the Church as just an organization. Lubac writes: "The Church is our mother." In a well-known passage from the Book of Revelation, we read the following: 'A great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery.' (Rev 12:1)

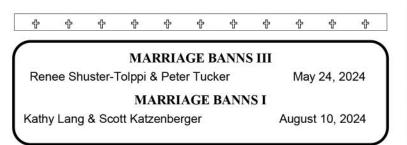
Some say that the passage could not refer to Our Lady, because we know that she did not suffer pain in childbirth. But that is taking the passage in a very literal sense. In this passage, the woman can be Our Lady as mother of the Church, because the spiritual birth of the members of the Church, of whom she is a real mother, is painful.

But Lubac brings up an additional aspect of this motherhood, and this coincides very well with his major theme of paradoxes. He states that "all that happens to the Church happens also to each Christian individually... for each Christian participates in that same motherhood, or maternal function, according to his own vocation. Why? Through his action, the Christian continually gives birth and growth to the Word of God in the world. He lives this word and makes it bear fruit."

But there is another aspect of this motherhood of the Church which needs to be brought in here, and which is also very enlightening. That aspect is the Fatherhood of the Clergy. Contrary to many protestant conceptions of the clergy in which the clergy are just laymen who happen to be educated in religion—for the Catholic, the clergy are those through whom the maternal function of the members of the Church spoken above can be exercised. It is the clergy who have the responsibility to see that the virginity of the motherhood of the Church remains intact and fruitful. The clergy are "co-workers with God," and "dispensers of the mysteries of God." The Church needs missionaries to bring his wonderful understanding of this Motherhood to others.

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

Fr. Thelen



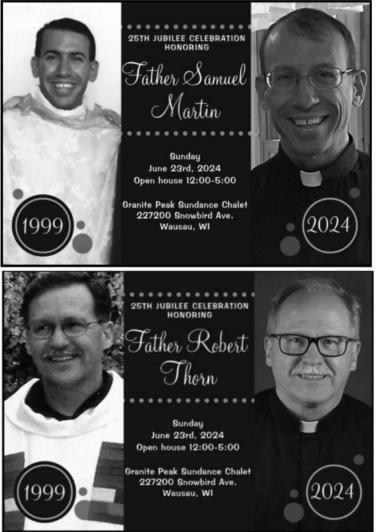
#### Happy Mother's Day!

Heavenly Father, I lift up to you today my mother and all mothers. Bless them with strength to continue to care for their children, with the same bold, selflessness Mary showed Jesus. Help my mother and all mothers feel our gratitude and truly know their impact. May we honor them today and on all days as vessels of Your love. In Your name I pray. Amen.





Holy Name of Jesus is excited to host a Double 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration for Father Samuel Martin and Father Robert Thorn, on June 23, 2024. An open house with hors d'oevures and a cash bar will be held at Granite Peaks Sundance Chalet from 12:00-5:00. Please join us in thanking them for their commitment as our Shepherds.





Confession and Communion: The Intimate Connection

In the last couple of weeks, a total of 53 Children received their First Communion in the parishes of St. John's, Our Lady of Peace, Sacred Heart, Christ the King and Corpus Christi. It is meaningful to read the following:

The late Pope Benedict XVI, a brilliant man, had a childlike spirit. We see it in a moving dialogue he had, in October of 2005, with children who had just made their first Holy Communion. He recalled his own, saying: "It was a lovely Sunday in March 1936. There were about 30 of us, boys and girls from my little village of no more than 500 inhabitants. At the heart of my joyful memories is this one: I understood that Jesus had entered my heart, he had actually visited me. And I realized that this is a gift of love that is truly worth more than all the other things that life can give. I promised the Lord as best I could: "I always want to stay with you," and I prayed to him, "but above all, stay with me."

Let that be our prayer as well for these children who have just begun receiving our Lord as well as for ourselves!

On that note....a thank you to a few ladies that went above and beyond to work with our very young children!

**Cherubs:** Every Sunday from September through April at the Sunday 9:00am Mass a troupe of little ones exit their pews and follow the leader to the Bride's room where they hear the words of the Gospel from the Children's lectionary and then do an activity based on the reading. It is always a joy to watch them make their way out. So we thank Heather Adler, Christy Kitzhaber, Kim Rybicki and Marcy Gotz



for leading these little ones in prayer! Cherubs will begin again in the fall. Teachers are always welcomed and needed. Please contact the parish office if this interests you!

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** Another year of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been completed. Here also we thank the following who led the children in a very special way in growing closer to Jesus and in understanding better their faith. Thank you to the Catechists, Jean Kaiser, Stephanie Landwehr and Sue Reigel and to the helpers, Connie Manlick, Rita Johnson and Luz Elena Torres!



This is a very rewarding way to help children grow closer to God and more teachers are needed to help in the fall. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is profoundly impacting our children, ages 3-12. It is a Montessori based develop in Rome fifty years ago. The child and Catechist ponders on essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. There is nothing else that forms the mind and heart of each child who participates in knowing and loving Jesus in a deep and committed way. Training will be offered in Wisconsin Rapids. For further details visit diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info. St. John's is fortunate to have Catechesis of the Good Shepherd held in the atrium next to the Adoration Chapel. If you are interested in being trained to guide these children call Jean at 715-387-0571.



Receiving the Eucharist – Our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth

The Mass is a re-presentation of the Holy Sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation. Because God is outside time and



Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

space, at Mass the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins is made present. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Taking His Body and Blood into our own bodies, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful by loving and serving Him \_\_\_\_\_\_ through serving others, most especially those in need.



Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus please strengthen me to be committed to coming to Mass early so that I can spend some time quietly preparing to be united with You in Holy Communion.

This week read the words of Jesus about remaining in Him and He in us in John 6:54-58.

#### 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.

#### 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's Church; Matins, including prayer intentions for miracle healings through the intercession of Father Walijewski, led by Father Bob Thorn from 3:00am-4:00am.

#### All are Welcome to Visit the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit St. John the Baptist School, 307 N. Walnut, Marshfield

- Saturday, June 1 (Columbia Rm) 8:30am - 10:00am 3:00pm - 6:30pm Sunday, June 2 (Columbia Rm) 8:00am - 1:30pm
- Monday, June 3 Thursday, June 6 (Columbia Rm) 7:30am - 9:00am and 6:00pm—7:30pm
- Saturday, June 8 (Columbia Rm)
   Sunday, June 9 (Columbia Rm)

   8:30am 10:00am
   8:00am 1:30pm

   3:00pm 6:30pm
   8:00am 1:30pm
- Monday, June 10(School Gym)
   Tuesday, June 11 (School Gym)

   4:30pm 6:00pm & 8pm 9pm
   7:30am 9:00am

"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will be fnswer 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. <u>There is</u> <u>still room for anyone wanting to join the group</u>. Cost for the event is \$20 and can be paid in advance in the parish office.

Family Adoration is a space where parishioners can feel comfortable bringing young children to experience Eucharistic Adoration without having to worry about them making too much noise or being disruptive. This is the last Family Adoration until we start up again in the fall. Anyone is welcome to attend!



Congratulations on your First Communion May 5, 2024

Ava Altmann Hudson Bruce Francis Davis Xavier Egle Kaylee Knetter Eleanor Leschke Asher Nicpon Carson Peterson Macovey Safford Alice Shaw Mason Umlauft Harkerr Altmann Em Finley Conner Easton Dix Ava Frank Derek Krieg Easton Lucio Madeline Niehaus Aloysius Prusinski Alyssandra Schroeder William Smith Brielle Winkler

Emory Aschenbrenner Kathryn Coombs Decian Egan Ryleigh Gonzalez Gannon Kusay Leo Munger Audra Nowaczyk Micah Reriani r Olivia Schuld Elizabeth Stefanich Gemma Wolf

A heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who helped with preparing our second graders this year!! We had a wonderful team of volunteers!! **Thank You** for sharing our faith! We especially thank those involved with preparing our Second Graders:

Father Thelen / Father Arturo / David Alcott Cindy Scharenbroch / Pam Alt / Amy Clifford Katie Nemitz / Kim Rybicki

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS May 18 & 19, 2024

For the last month, St John the Baptist has been seeking candidates for the Parish Pastoral Council. Announcements have been placed in the bulletin and made at Mass. The new candidates will replace members who have completed their terms on the council or who are no longer able to serve. Six persons have come forward and have chosen to be candidates. Three new members are needed. We will host elections for Parish Council at all weekend Masses on May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Each parish member will be asked to vote for up to 3 of the candidates. All adult parishioners (anyone who has been confirmed) are encouraged to vote. Only parishioners of St. John's may vote. Ballots will be handed out and collected by the ushers. All ballots <u>must be signed</u> to be eligible for counting.

<u>Current Pastoral Councíl Members are:</u> Father Dan Thelen, Father Arturo Vígueras, Deacon Jeff Austín, Chaírperson Maureen Karalíunas , Línda Egner, Kathy Gessert Brían Kostka, Kím Rybíckí, Mark Adler, Tonya Schlagenhaft, Dan Alsídes, Ann Kundínger, Secretary

The parish pastoral council is the consultative body (Canon 536 S2) by which the Christian faithful of a parish, together with those who have pastoral authority in the parish, "give their help in fostering pastoral activity" (Canon 536 S1). Its work is to be informed and inspired by the vision of the Church, exemplified in the teaching of the Second Vatican Council. The ways by which it fulfills its shared responsibility are: the spiritual enrichment and growth of its members; the study of the Christian life of the People of God with special attention to their Christian vision, needs and hopes; the discernment of the relationship of the pastoral activity of the parish to the legitimate needs and hope of the parish community; the help in establishing priorities among the various aspects of the pastoral activity of the parish; and the formation of policy and the development of programs of pastoral activity.

The Pastoral Council meets five times per year. Members are elected for a two year term. A member can serve three consecutive terms and are usually involved in another parish committee facilitating communication between the council and the committees.

# Following are brief profiles of the candidates running for the open seats on the Council.



## **AUDREY ABLY**

Audrey and her husband Jack have been members of St. John's for 10 years. They have been married for 53 years and are the parents of three adult children and the grandparents of seven. Audrey is retired from work but continues to keep the house in order! She is currently a member of St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Conference and St. John's PCCW. Audrey is a Eucharistic Minister at the 11:00am Mass. She also likes to volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul's Outreach and the food pantry.

## LAUREL RUDOLPH-KNIECH



"My personal biography is a reflection of God's many graces in my life." Laurel is married and blessed with three adult children. She is currently serving our faith community as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, director of bereavement ministry and recently formed faith-based grief support groups. Laurel is a graduate of the Diocesan Lay Formation, commissioned Leader of Prayer, and affirmed Benedictine Oblate. She is dedicated to the Marshfield community caring for people of all ages as a physician for 34 years, serving in role of medical director, various committee work and managing budgets. "Trustful of the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I am committed to serving so that our faith community will continue to flourish in worship and service, honoring God's plan for St. John the Baptist parish."

## **DAN KITZHABER**



Dan and his wife Christy joined St. John the Baptist parish in 2000. They met here on a Teens Encounter Christ retreat in 1987. They are the parents of five grown children who were connected closely to the Catholic Church as Dan served for over 25 years as a youth minister in several parishes, the last of which was St. John's. In 2020, due to COVID cutbacks Dan's short time coordinating the Diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life ended. He then discerned God's call to mental health counseling and just recently completed a Master's degree and received his state license to meet this growing need. He is forever grateful for the countless blessings he has received through this parish and wants to offer his gifts to serve the parish in this capacity.

## **BRANDON KORTH**

Brandon and his wife Mackenzie are fairly new to St. John's having been members for only one year. But they are excited to be members here and look forward to more involvement down the road. They are the parents of one daughter. Brandon is a Design Engineer and works for Custom Fabricating and Repair. In the community, Brandon is a registered and active voter. He enjoys hiking, kayaking and spending time with his family.



## **RAY HOUSWORTH**

Ray and his wife Pam have been members of St. John's for 17 years. Ray has 17 adult children. Currently, he is employed by Windy Hill Foliage, Inc. as a Fleet Manager. Ray assists in many ways in the parish as a Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, a week day Mass server as well as a funeral server. In the community, Ray brings Communion to those in the hospital and participates as a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree knight in the Knights of Columbus.

## PAM ALT



Pam and her husband Lee have been members of St. John's for 20 years. They have been married for 32 years and are blessed with one son, Ben. Pam has worked as a nurse for the Birth Center at St. Joseph's Hospital, Nurse Practitioner in Pediatrics and as a Program Director and instructor for twenty years at Midstate. Currently, Pam lovingly teaches second grade at St. John the Baptist school where she has the added privilege of preparing the young children for First Holy Communion. Pam is a lector for daily and weekend Masses, distributes Communion at Mass and in the hospital and assists with St. John's Bereavement Ministry. Her weekly hour of Adoration is a special time for her. She loves participating in her "Ladies Small Groups" and learning more about the Bible and our rich faith.

