

### 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

Tuesday - Fridays 6:30 a.m. 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 8/19/2024 St. John Eudes, Priest

7:00am Wesley & Lorraine Schar

Scripture Readings: Ez 24:15-23 Mt 19:16-22

TUES 8/20/2024 St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

7:00am David Olsen

Scripture Readings: Ez 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30

WED 8/21/2024 St. Pius X, Pope

7:00am Eugene & Wanda Hamus

Scripture Readings: Ez 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16

THUR 8/22/2024 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am David Stuttgen

Scripture Readings: Ez 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14

FRI 8/23/2024 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

7:00am Jerry De Smet

Scripture Readings: Ez 37:1-14 Mt 22:34-40

SAT 8/24/2024 St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00am Robert Walter

Scripture Readings: Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm William & Gladys Patefield

SUN 8/25/2024

7:00am Linda Hennes

9:00am Thomas Stoeker

11:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Scripture Readings: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Eph5:21-32

Jn 6:60-69



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 24th & 25th, 2024

### **LECTORS**

4:30pm Bryan Pischel

Laurel Rudolph-Kniech 7:00am

9:00am Maureen Karaliunas

11:00am Josh Dick

### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Joe & Clare Fisher / Mike Gonering / Marty Draxler

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech / Brian Kostka

9:00am Nancy Immerfall / Maureen Karaliunas / Linda Lewer

Ron & Patty Kraus / Ann Kundinger

11:00am Michael Clubb / Lori Keller / Robert & Ruth Richmond

### **SERVERS**

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Andrew & Vivien Wojcik

7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

9:00am Phinehas & Benjamin Prusinski

11:00am Maria Elizabeth Garcia / Evelyn & Eleanore Leschke

### MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cindy Penker / Roni Steines-Machtan

7:00am Cindy Penker / Roni Steines-Machtan

9:00am Cathy Heuer

11:00am Cathy Heuer

### Weekday Mass Servers - August 19th - August 24th

Monday -Glenn Linzmeier Thursday Lee Alt Friday -Tuesday Marty Draxler Mike Spencer Saturday Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr Wednesday Dan Flees

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 at 6:30am Tuesday - Friday and on Saturdays after the 8am Mass.



### STEWARDSHIP for August 10th - 11th

\$13,760.41 Adult / Youth / Plate Parish Improvement 232.00 Total \$13,992.41 Total to Date

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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).

We thank God first and foremost for the wonderful day we had to celebrate our Annual Parish Picnic! We are grateful for all those that put so much time, effort and talent into this day. Thanks especially to the Karaliunas family who organized the set up / take down of the tables (along with their team of volunteers), for the games they provided and their hospitality. We also thank the Hillers family for the fun of the bouncy houses and flavorful ice cream treat. We appreciate the ladies that served the food and all those that donated food as well as the gentlemen that grilled. We are especially thankful for all of the old and young that came to spend time together as a parish family. A beautiful day was had as summer comes to an end.

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Youth Servers is now ready and can be picked up in the Sacristy!

The Prophets (Great Adventures) Bible Study: Join in on a 10-Part Bible study featuring Thomas Smith. This is our 19<sup>th</sup> year of Bible Study and you are invited to come for your first time or for your 19th! Dates: From Sept. 8th to Nov. 10th / When: Sundays 8:15 -10:30am / Location: Columbia Room of St. John's School / Cost: \$35 per person for materials / Contact: Judy Garfield @715-305-2261. Deadline to register is August 23rd!

Adoration Chapel Immediate opening at Pope St. JP 11 Adoration Chapel Sundays 9am- 10am also, 9-10pm on Fridays or Saturdays. Please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be offered again this year but help is needed! Catechesis begins starting at the end of Sept. and goes through April. There are 3 sessions to volunteer for: Mondays from 2:30-5pm; Tuesday mornings from 9-11am and Tues. afternoons from 2:30-5pm. This is an opportunity for children ages 3 -9 to grow closer to Jesus. If this sounds like something that you are drawn to do, please call Jean at 715-387-0571.

St. John's PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) is in need of a head cook (paid position) for funeral dinners. This operates on a 6 month rotating basis and would start in December 2024. If interested, please call Cheri at 507-993-8740.

The Three Challenges of Jesus - Christ the King in Spencer will hold a three day Mission Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Explore how to trust and surrender when life is not going our way, how to forgive when hurts and grudges consume us, and how to live an authentic Eucharistic life of self-giving. Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, a popular preacher, teacher and spiritual director will lead this mission.

"Quiet Bags" Refresh! Because of a recent generous Memorial gift, an updating of the Quiet Bags has happened! These bags for

children found in the vestibule and "cry room" have been lovingly used for years and were in need of new books. Now the smallest hands in our parish have a wide variety of new books about the Saints, the Mass, Religious Life and virtues to keep them quietly busy during Mass. We are grateful for this gift and happy for our children!



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: Last year we did a drive for liturgical ministers and were blessed with a good number of parishioners to step forward and volunteer as Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. I would again like to invite individuals to consider volunteering in these capacities. Each weekend we have a need of 4 Lectors and about 14 Extraordinary Ministers. Please consider helping in this important manner.

A Lector is appointed to read the word of God in the liturgical assembly. This role could be filled solely by ordained ministers. However, beginning with Pope St. Paul VI in 1972 and most recently with Pope Francis in 2021, the role of lector is extended to any of the baptized faithful. In 2021, Pope Francis modified the first paragraph of Canon 230 to read: "Lay persons who possess the age and qualifications established by decree of the conference of bishops can be admitted on a stable basis through the prescribed liturgical rite to the ministries of lector and acolyte." The Pope wrote that "within the spectrum of renewal traced out by the Second Vatican Council, the urgency is being ever more felt today to rediscover the coresponsibility of all of the baptized in the Church, and the mission of the laity in a particular way."

Presently our parish has a good number of lectors; however, volunteers are always welcome. Our greater need is for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Regarding this our Bishops have shared that in every celebration of the Eucharist, there should be a sufficient number of ministers of Holy Communion so that Holy Communion may be distributed in a reverent and orderly manner. Bishops, priests and deacons distribute Holy Communion in virtue of their office as ordinary ministers of the Body and Blood of the Lord. The celebrant may also be assisted by other extraordinary ministers to assist him. All ministers of Holy Communion show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. In September we will do a formal training and commissioning. Please call the office if you are interested.

Finally, I want to thank all the students who participate as servers at Mass. I am so pleased with each of our servers. Their willingness and eagerness to serve and assist us in prayer is truly special!

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

### Fr. Thelen





Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

### At Mass, we want to focus on God

When we go to Mass, we want to think about God. This is our set-aside time with Jesus and we are to speak with and listen to Him because the Mass is

the official public worship of God by the Church. This is the way that God invites us to worship Him as laid out in the Bible. Jesus wants us to sincerely focus on Him and what is happening at the altar. When we get distracted: don't get upset, but say a little prayer - ever so simple - and turn your thoughts gently and peacefully back to the Mass.

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

Jesus, help me to stay focused on You and what is

happening at Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening).

This week, read how we are to give thanks to the Lord in Psalm 95:1-6



### We welcome this child through the Living Waters of Baptism:



Clara Marie Hovde - daughter of Ryan & Chelsea Hovde Baptized on August 18, 2024

### Our sympathy to the family of:

Betty Zeidler



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

### Diocese of Lacrosse Televised Masses - September 3rd

St. John's has been asked to record two Masses that will be televised at a later date on the Diocesan website. These Masses are a blessing for the homebound. Masses will be taped on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am and again at 9:45am. For these Masses we will need the following:

- Lectors (one more needed)
- A congregation of around 20 people.
- Two Mass servers for the 9:45am Mass.

If you can assist in any of these ways, please call the parish office at 715-384-3252.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will be beginning in September with full entrance into the church occurring at Easter of 2025. OCIA is the process whereby a person learns about the beautiful Catholic faith that we sometimes take for granted. Catholic but never been Confirmed? This class is for you as well! Please contact the parish office if you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or if you just want to deepen your understanding of the faith.

The Greatest Love Story. Watch the Second Night (July 18, 2024) \*If you have heard much about the Eucharistic Congress, but did not have an opportunity to tune in, here is another chance! In this revival session, you'll encounter the heart of our God and learn just how much He loves you. The timing for each part is provided so you can fast forward to watch what interests you. Visit ondemand.ewtn.com Scroll down to National Eucharistic Congress Revival Session 7/18/24.

- Opening Remarks, including interview with Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. regarding his new book, "The Hidden Power of Silence in the Mass." (Beginning of recording through 34 minutes)
- Lila Rose Personal Conversion Story (34 min. 46 min.)
- Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart Founder and Servant Mother, Daughters of Mary of Nazareth in Boston Massachusetts (1:03:32—1:40.00)
- Father Mike Schmitz, the director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth and the chaplain for the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. (1:49:20-2:23:50)



St. John's Social Justice Committee will be helping to serve the Fellowship Meal at St. Vincent de Paul's on Wednesday, August 28th Please contact Lonny Roberts at 715-751-7830 if you would like to help.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. John's parish is always looking to add new members. If you are looking for opportunities for fellowship, spirituality or helping our neighbors in need, please contact Lonny Roberts at 715-751-7830. Volunteers are needed in the food pantry, the Memorial Garden and in the Thrift Store.

St. Vincent de Paul contribution envelopes are now available in our regular envelope boxes as people have asked how they might help. Checks should be made out to St. John the Baptist.

# 2024 Summer Newsletter

## "Into the Heights"

In the beginning of June, I had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Eucharistic Procession and Answer Rally. I was blessed to be able to assist in the procession as a candle bearer, how fitting for a guy named Luke! I witnessed a powerful testimony by Immaculée Ilibagiza to her life, forgiveness, and the reality of God in our own lives. I encourage you to look her up if you are unfamiliar.

The Answer Conference was an overall powerful event where I was blessed to witness visitors from all over the state. In being with brother seminarians, we directly departed from the conference where I was able to visit my sister in the Twin Cities! Arriving in San Antonio, we were able to visit the Alamo and the beautiful urban San Antonio River Walk. We then arrived at Camp Wild Sky receiving a warm welcome.

### Please Prayer for Missions

Dear Lord, Please protect, inspire, and authentically show your love to all who are serving and being served in missions. Please help all who are in missions be renewed each night and be more inspired to be committed to serving You through serving others. Please help those who are not called into missions to be missionaries in our homes and parishes. Amen





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mission work, we quickly realized this was a transformative opportunity for us! obstacle courses, soccer, 9-square volley balls, hikes, art stuff, pickleball and chefl Additionally, we partook in unique daily activities including low ropes, As I had an opportunity to travel with Jesse and Michael to do youth A day in the life included three delicious meals provided by a professional basketball! We engaged in daily adoration, Mass, worship music and talks. repelling, swimming in a quarry, rock climbing, paddle boards, concerts,

he past four weeks have expanded my view of what youth ministry may include in engagement and simply having fun with the teens! One highlight Another highlight was a talk focusing on sanctuaries we find in places and this past summer was witnessing a teen encounter Christ in confession. In walking with him, I witnessed him become on fire with the love of Christ. people congruent with Christ's love and authenticity.

summer missionaries and campers experienced a profound transformation. Life down rides gave me a thrill? I will continue on to St. Paul Seminary in the Twin missionaries. One aspect in prayer that prompted growth in many missionaries Spiritually encountering and walking with the Lord included a daily holy hour in Adoration, Mass and leaning on my brothers. Likewise, we supported one another in prayer, conversation, and community. Throughout camp many travelling back, I was able to part-take in the local San Antonio "Sea World" opportunity. Who knew Killer Whales were extremely beautiful and upside and teens was receiving physical or psychological healing at camp. In Teen also provided holistic formation which fostered growth in the Cities this fall. Please continue to keep me in your prayers!

### **SUMMER OF 2024**

Thanks to the hard work of many and the generosity of our parishioners, our youth had a very busy, prayerful and exciting summer! Take a look at a few of the adventures our youth have had while drawing closer to God!

Vacation Bible School







"Getting stronger in my faith was the bonus of going to Adventure Camp but what kept me going back was all the really awesome stuff we did from rock climbing to repelling to the high ropes course. The real pull is the friends that I made there; some of whom I am still connected with to this day." A past Adventure Camp camper





A huge thank you to everyone who attended VBS, and the volunteers who dedicated their time and talents to an amazing week where children learned about Creation, the Ten Commandments, Jesus being the light of the world and his Ascension into Heaven! The children had a lot of fun with Sisters teaching Bible Lesson this year where they also were able to learn about St. Francis and Mother



The Steubenville Youth Conference was an amazing retreat filled with many phenomenal speakers and unique encounters with our Lord. Through the weekend you will have many opportunities to meet others, pray, attend confession, and praise Jesus through Worship. By the end of the weekend you will have a burning desire to strengthen your relationship with our Lord!

Maria Laura and Maria Elizabeth García-Moya.



### Florida Mission Trip

I went to both Adventure camp and The Florida mission trip! It was my first time ever going on a mission trip and my experience was amazing. It felt really good to be able to help people with my own two hands knowing that I'm helping instead of just donating money and hoping it helps someone. Elliott Alcott







I was a part of the Florida mission trip which was one of the best experiences I have had. I was scared at first, but everyone was welcoming and the whole experience was great. I felt accomplishment seeing the progress of the houses we were working on and pride in knowing I could make a difference. Seeing the poverty in the area made me grateful for what I have and the opportunities I am given. McKenna Weis

AND THAT'S A WRAP!



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