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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

Tuesday - Fridays 6:30 a.m.
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 11/18/2024 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles
 7:00am Roman & Margaret Schaefer
 Scripture Readings: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43

TUES 11/19/2024
 7:00am Harold I Bahlinger, Sr.
 Scripture Readings: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10

WED 11/20/24
 7:00am Living & deceased members of the Dietel & Hannum families
 8:00am Helen Dums
 Scripture Readings: Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28

THUR 11/21/2024 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:00am Marge Bredl
 Scripture Readings: Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44

FRI 11/22/2024 St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
 7:00am Jack Wallace
 Scripture Readings: Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48

SAT 11/23/2024 St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, Priest, Martyr
 8:00am Virginia Tritz
 Scripture Readings: Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30pm Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

SUN 11/24/2024
 7:00am Margaret Weigel
 9:00am Frank & Rhea Mae Vogel
 11:00am Living & deceased members of the Archie & Jennie Leick family
 Scripture Readings: Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8
 Jn 18:33b-37



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

November 23rd & 24th, 2024

LECTORS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz
 7:00am Connie Manlick
 9:00am Lonny Roberts
 11:00am John Salzman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Mike Gonerig / Marcy Gotz / Joe & Clare Fischer
 7:00am Barb Barrett / Brian Kostka
 9:00am Linda Lewer / Al & Barb May / Bernice Mercer
 Chris Nemitz / Lonny Roberts
 11:00am Sharon See / Audry Aply / Michael Clubb
 Linda Degenhardt

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld
 7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Annabelle & Xavier Egle
 9:00am Christina & Maria Nemitz / Ellie Kraus
 11:00am Maria Elizabeth Garcia / Evelyn & Eleanore Leschke

MUSIC MINISTER

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

Weekday Mass Servers - November 18th - November 23rd

Monday - David Gouin **Thursday** Lee Alt
Tuesday - Ray Housworth **Friday** - Mike Spencer
Wednesday Dan Flees **Saturday** Kolbe & 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 at 6:30am Tuesday - Friday and on Saturdays after the 8am Mass.



STEWARDSHIP for November 9th - 10th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$19,743.16
Parish Improvement	82.00
Total	\$19,825.16
Total to Date for November	\$43,041.69



Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2024-2025

By this time everyone should have received their Diocesan Annual Appeal mailing. Please call the parish office if you have not received your letter and pledge card! **We continue to make steady progress! We are now over 200 donors!** Let's wrap this up quicker than we ever have! Please pray about how you can help us in reaching our goal. Below is the update through November 12th.

Campaign Goal		\$129,070.00
Amount Received	57.65%	\$74,404.00
Under Goal		\$54,666.00
Number of Donors	227	

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).

Bishop Battersby has asked for the re-blessing of our parish churches, schools and rectories. Please join Fr. Thelen here at St. John's in this blessing following the 7am Mass on Friday, November 22nd.

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, November 18th at 6:30pm in the St. Francis room of St. John's school.

The new schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Youth Servers will be put together soon. Please let the parish office know if you have dates that you need not to be scheduled. Email: secretary@stjmf.diolcparish.org

Central Chamber Chorale Sacred Music Through the Ages All are welcomed to attend this beautiful Chorale presentation at First Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Lincoln Ave., Marshfield on Sunday, November 17th at 3pm. Free admission. Listeners are invited to embark on a rich exploration of sacred music, beginning in the Renaissance period, where the ethereal harmonies and polyphonic textures of composers like William Byrd set a spiritual tone. Moving forward, the Baroque era is represented in the stately styles of Bach and Vivaldi, whose works are renowned for their intricate counterpoint. The Classical period is brought to life with pieces such as the contemplative "Kyrie" from Schubert's "Mass in G," which reflects a holy reverence. Each era's music not only reflects its own time but also evokes timeless spiritual themes, making this a journey through the evolution of sacred music across centuries.



In need of consolation due to the loss of a loved one or feeling overwhelmed caring for a family or friend? The bereavement ministry is expanding and will be providing faith-based support groups for people who have experienced the

pain and grief of the loss of a loved one. A group will also be available for people who struggle with heartache if their loved one suffers from dementia, Alzheimer's, or chronic disease.

The faith-based support groups assist those who grieve by using scripture and faith-sharing questions that help direct all to the Lord. Brochures with additional information explaining the groups and contact information are available in the back of the church. All meetings will be held on the St. John's church and school campus. These groups will provide you the opportunity to share your thoughts & grief in a small group supportive environment, opening hearts to Christ's consolation and healing.

If you have questions, wish to join a group or assist, please reach out to the parish office staff at 715-384-3252 for additional information and a facilitator will get back to you.

Monday, November 18th will be the next group meeting. If you are interested in attending, join us in the Bride's room of the Church at 6:30pm.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: At St. John's we are blessed with a good number of Baptisms every year. The latter part of this year has been particularly wonderful in this regard. From mid-October to the first weekend of December we as a parish have had 17 Baptisms! We are averaging about 2 Baptisms every week!

It is a joy for me to celebrate these Baptisms and especially the Baptisms of the children from the marriages I have celebrated here in our parish. In my 2 ½ years here at St. Johns, I have celebrated about 20 marriages and now many of these couples are having children. It is wonderful seeing so many of these couples at our Sunday Masses and then in time announcing to me that they are expecting. I get to see the full circle of love and new life!

Baptism is an incredible gift for a child. Every child born in the world is made in God's image and likeness. However, in Baptism the child's relationship to God is deepened. Through Baptism they are given the special relationship of being an adopted son or daughter of God. Following their Baptism every child is anointed with the chrism of salvation 'so that each child may remain members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King.'

Prior to the Baptism the priest, the parents and the godparents each mark the child's forehead with a sign of the cross. In being baptized, every parent is signing their child up to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus says, 'Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.' Baptism assists in understanding how our crosses united to the Cross of Jesus becomes fruitful and salvific. Baptism is a joyous occasion, but it is also a serious matter, for it is here that the child is first engaged in the Christian mystery.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us, our parish, our diocese and all missions.

Fr. Thelen

Annual Knights of Columbus Council Catholic Citizenship essay contest for young Catholics in 8th through 12th grade. The essay is offered through the local KC fraternal order Fr. John Eisen Council 1799 to help youths connect to their Faith and Community. **All essays are due by December 10, 2024.** Please return Essay and Entry Form to: Brian Gotz, 2300 Mann St., Marshfield, WI. 54449; phone 715-650-2184. This year the KC's will be offering \$75 for 1st place and \$50 for second place.

To obtain the Entry Form, please enter the following link on your electronic device and print out:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest/4208-essay-entry-form.pdf>

2024-2025 Topic: What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?

Marshfield Faith Formation update This month the only classes are on November 20th at 6pm for grades 1-10. Please note this is the 3rd Wednesday instead of the usual 2nd Wednesday. The theme for grades 1-5 is "Jesus: My Friend and Savior". There is a difference between knowing about Jesus, and knowing Jesus. We can know Jesus better by spending time with him. See you on Nov. 20th! David Alcott - Director of Faith Formation - 715-384-3252 ext. 5



Prayer Shawl Ministry members are offering free lessons in basic knitting (Barb 1-715-486- 5917) and basic crocheting (Lori 715-305-6322) to anyone willing to prayerfully complete one prayer shawl. We should be able to provide you with supplies, so no financial investment is needed. We would like to gather in groups, so please call with your availability.

Prayer Shawl Ministry also received a generous amount of yarn. Feel free to pick up yarn, located in totes, in the Bride's Room. Thank you!

Shop with Scrip! The holidays are fast approaching. Now is a good time to stock up with Scrip. Using gift cards through the Gift Card Program is another way to tithe to the parish as a percentage of each card you buy comes back to the parish. Last year we received a check for \$1904.00 back from all the purchases of gift cards. The cards can be purchased in the office at Columbus High School and the ladies in the office will help you with any questions you may have.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION
Saturday, Nov. 2nd - Sunday, Nov. 17th
This weekend completes our monetary collection. Because of your generosity many will have a beautiful Thanksgiving holiday! For those still donating, please write checks out to St. John's.



Join us for an Advent Series from the:

NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

This past summer a number of parishioners from St. John's attended the Eucharistic Congress. Wanting to pass on the zeal they experienced while there, the next few weeks they will share a few of the inspiring words that impacted them from some of the excellent speakers during this event.

"O Jesus, you instituted this Sacrament... solely moved by a love which has no other measure than to be without measure. You instituted this Sacrament because Your love exceeds all words." - St. Angela of Foligno

"If we wish to adore the real Face of Jesus ... we can find it in the Divine Eucharist, where the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ the face of our Lord is hidden under the white veil of the Host." - St. Gaetano Catanoso

Do you want to become closer to Jesus? He waits for you in the Adoration Chapel. Don't hesitate to call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.

Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

December 2nd, 9th & 16th from 6:00-7:30 PM
Columbia Room of St. John the Baptist

Our parishioners, who traveled to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this past summer, will be leading an Advent retreat for YOU! There will be three, 90-minute sessions consisting of video talks from the Eucharistic Congress, table discussions, and time for prayer.

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