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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.

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 12/2/2024

7:00am Rita & Stanley Knetter, Sr. Scripture Readings: Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11

TUES 12/3/2024 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Area

Catholic Missionaries

Scripture Readings: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

WED 12/4/2024 St. John Damascene, Priest

7:00am Herbert Schneider 8:00am John & Norita Hollar

Scripture Readings: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

THUR 12/5/2024

7:00am Tony Hoffman

Scripture Readings: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:24-27

FRI 12/6/2024 St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:00am Jerry De Smet

Scripture Readings: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

SAT 12/7/2024 St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00am Harold I. Bahlinger

Scripture Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Second Sunday in Advent

4:30pm Marlous Gonering

SUN 12/8/2024

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7:00am Chester & Bernice Jablonski

9:00am Albert & Marion Burr

11:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Scripture Readings: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6



<u>LITURGICAL MINISTERS</u>

December 7th & 8th, 2024

LECTORS

4:30pm Jonathan Rootellis

7:00am Caren Alsides

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am Gayle Snortheim

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Jeff Sternberg / Tom & Susan Youngwith / Lois Carlson

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech / Brian Kostka

9:00am Nancy Immerfall / Maureen Karaliunas / Ann Kundinger

Ron & Patty Kraus / Natalie Ridder

11:00am Robert & Ruth Richmond / Danielle Rummells / Kim Rybicki

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld

7:00am Gianna & Eva Rootellis

9:00am Dakota & Isabella Hannasch / Ellie Kraus

11:00am Zach Zerrudo / Elliott Alcott

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson

7:00am Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson

9:00am Cathy Heuer

11:00am Mary Frey / Tammy Nelles

Weekday Mass Servers - December 2nd - December 7th

Monday -
Tuesday -
WednesdayDavid Gouin
Ray HousworthThursday
Friday -
SaturdayLee Alt
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SaturdayWednesdayDan FleesSaturdayKolbe & 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 23rd - 24th

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, this report was not ready in time for printing. It will be included in next weekend's bulletin.



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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 so grateful to the 253 who have already helped with this appeal! 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 22nd.

 Campaign Goal
 \$129,070.00

 Amount Received
 63.27%
 \$81,663.00

 Under Goal
 \$47,407.00

Number of Donors 253

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

More information coming!

The Season of Advent Begins December 1st Advent is a very important time to prepare ourselves spiritually, leading to a truly meaningful celebration of the birth of the most important person in all of history: Jesus Christ. The traditional customs of our Catholic Faith provide



us with important ways to prepare our hearts to welcome the Christ

One traditional custom is the Advent wreath, which helps us to stay focused on this time of preparation and can be assembled by using evergreen limbs from a tree in the yard and four candles. The evergreens, which retain their green, vibrant life through the year, signify continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ who was victorious over sin and death through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The light of the candles shines in the darkness, which is most evident during this time of the year as it is darker due to shorter daylight hours. We use candles in the Advent wreath, signifying the coming of Christ who is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God. Jesus is the Light of the world!

2025 Calendars: We will be having parish calendars! Because of a delay in printing, the parish calendars will be getting to us later than we hoped. As soon as they arrive, we will have them placed in all the entrance and exit ways. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus who sponsored our 2025 calendars!

Religious Retirement Fund: This month we remember the thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests that served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes for little to no pay. An envelope for this purpose will be in the monthly tithing for that purpose. For those not receiving the monthly envelopes, extra will be put in the envelope boxes located in the vestibule as you enter church. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

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).

THE DEACON IS SPEAKIN'

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! No the deacon has not lost track of time, nor has he lost his mind (although some might argue that point), nor is he merely looking for an excuse to celebrate. Today is the beginning of a new liturgical year, Year C on the liturgical calendar, the year of Luke when St. Luke become our primary Gospel author each Sunday.

One of the great traditions of the other New Year is to make resolutions designed to make us a better or healthier person. We promise to lose weight, or exercise more, or drink less, or read more, or watch less TV, or spend more time with family or friends. All of these are great ideas and all quickly fall by the wayside. I know because they come from my list of failed resolutions.

But this is not an article of my failures and shortcomings (and there are many), rather it is a call to resolve to improve our liturgical well being. Each of us can improve our experience of the Mass and the experience of our neighbor. Perhaps we need to make the effort to get to Mass on time or not leave early. For me, I need to spend more time before Mass in quiet prayer focusing on the enormity of what is about to happen. Many years ago I thought nothing of coming to Mass in blue jeans and a t-shirt. Today I dress knowing that Mass is the highpoint of my day and my week.

Regular New Year's resolutions are often made and then quickly forgotten. New liturgical year resolutions, if kept, can have a profound affect on how we experience the most beautiful event in our lives, the Mass!!

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Deacon Jeff Austin



St. John's Conference Bulletin Corner

St. John's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul hosts monthly meetings. We are always looking for new members to assist in the Conference meetings and to be part of our outreach center, meals, store and med clinic at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Our next



clinic at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Our next meeting is December 13th. Meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. (Meetings are held in the fellowship hall in the St. Vincent De Paul Center at 8am). If interested or would like more information please contact Connie Manlick We look forward to you joining us!

The St. Vincent De Paul food pantry is in need of non-perishable canned goods, (canned meats, canned tomato products, soup, and condiments such as ketchup, mustard, and mayo). Items can be dropped off at St. John's church (in hallway near bathrooms).

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?



We welcome these children through the Living Waters of Baptism:

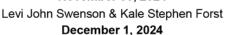
Sonny Alan Hahm - son of Tyler Hahm & Saya Kangas

Grace Jeanne Young – daughter of Caleb & Lindsay Young

Baptized on December 1, 2024

Congratulations on your First Communion:

Angelique Samara Magano Medina & Jaden Francisco Magana Medina November 30, 2024







We welcome these new members to St. John's

Rita Johnson / Nicholas Scheuer

Our sympathy to the family of:

Gerald Schlagenhaft

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

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall. Please join us for Catholic Trivia Night! We'll break into teams and test our knowledge of our faith and hopefully learn some new facts! 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. Newcomers are always welcome!

"Behold: Prayer of the Saints" Young Adult Retreat | Jan. 25, 2025 | Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse This retreat is for young adults aged 18-25 and will be held on January 25, 2025, from 9 am-5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. Hear inspiring talks about the prayer of the Saints, foster a deeper Catholic community with other young adults, and participate in the life of God via Mass, Confession, and personal prayer. There are also optional evening socials on Friday, January 24 at 7pm at 608 Brewing Co. and Saturday, January 25 at 6pm at Pizzeria Dolorosa. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a warm meal. Register at tinyurl.com/beholdprayer.

Attention engaged couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. The next available dates are Feb. 15th, 2025 (OLP) and Mar. 29th (CTK) Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. To register, call Alanna Hart at marshfieldmarriageprep@gmail.com

Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026

Every year, we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple receives a packet and certificate, as well as an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that include Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We use information from your parish's records to know where to send the packets and invitations. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact your parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish's records.

"What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come."

St. Josemaria Escriva



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

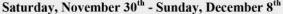
Our parishioners, who traveled to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this past summer, will be leading an Advent retreat for YOU! There will be three, 90-minute sessions consisting of video talks from the Eucharistic Congress, table discussions, and time for prayer.

If you missed any of the Eucharistic Revival, this is a chance to hear some amazing talks by great speakers that will draw you closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church. Signing up allows us to know how much material will be needed.

2024 GIVING TREE

Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Social Justice Committee



Saturday, November 30th - Sunday, December 8th
Christmas is a beautiful time of love and gratitude. It is a time where we find we want to be more generous to those that could use our prayers and our sacrifices. The Giving Tree provides an opportunity for just that!

As last year, we will be collecting money to purchase gift cards for St. Vincent's Christmas room for families and as the need arises for parishioners of St. John's, If you would like to help, we are asking for monetary donations. Checks should be written out to St. John's and placed in an envelope clearly marked Giving Tree. This may be dropped in one of the locked boxes at Church or sent directly to the office no later than December 8th. For more information, please contact the parish office at 715-384-3252

Following is a reminder on how to use Formed.org where you will find many educational and spiritual ways to grow in your faith:

Visit Formed.org/signup

Click the "Sign Up" button

Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization"

In the search box, type "St. John the Baptist Marshfield WI", or

Click the listing that appears, "St. John the Baptist 201 W Blodgett St Marshfield WI"

Click "Next"

Type your name and email address in the boxes provided, then click

You will receive an email with a link to sign in to your formed account. This link will only be active for 2 hours.

Find the email, and click the link. Now you can access all the content on formed!

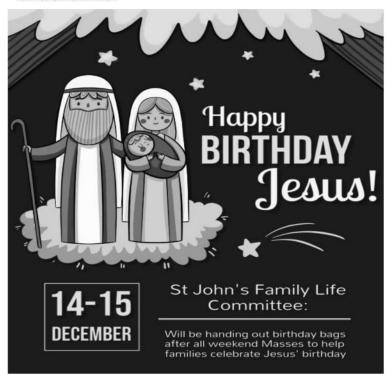


PROMISE TO Protect

ST. JOHN'S PCCW **CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

Saturday, December 7th 12:00pm In the Columbia Room All Women of St. John's Parish Are Invited!

- Enjoy a Catered Luncheon
- Bingo
- And... Sweepstake Winners will be Drawn!
- Santa won't be there, but Fr. Thelen will!



Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines For Reporting Instances of Child Abuse.

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend Gerard Battersby, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or kbecker@cclse.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.diolc.org. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or tbrown@diolc.org



The Atrium is a special prepared room, a place to foster pray, to know Jesus. This child chose to be at the prayer table.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, November 2024 Newsletter

Level 1 is centered around the Good Shepherd, Jesus. The child mediates on the parable by working with the material after hearing Scripture and presented with the material.







Materials: Chasuble pasting, Israel Mustard Seed (Parable), Altar College, History of the Kingdom of God

The children may choose any material that has been presented to him or her found in Scripture or in Liturgy.



In Level 2, the children incline to work with others and have the capability to work on larger projects. They want to know the History of the Kingdom of God and how they fit into the bigger picture.



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving! Sessions for Catechesis of the Good Shephard are through Dec. 17. Off the week of December 22 through January 21 and we will resume January 27, 28 until April 29. Thank you for entrusting your child/children with us.

2024 October & November

"Autumn Reflections"

and local hiking trails while often listening to St. Thomas Aquinas, Aristotle, or Plato. During this Fall, I was blessed Seminarians lost by 3 points to the older, slower, and less athletic St. Paul Seminarians (that's us)! Despite this win, the outdoors with an ability to enjoy the local river walk challenge me, yet this is a fruitful experience where I am Rector's Bowl Win in the past 5 years where the college this season of thanksgiving, I enjoy serving at Catholic gifts came to fuition. I experienced a renewed zeal for gaining insight into the roots of Catholicism. Through In October, many beautiful, fruitful, and challenging Anthropology, Ancient Philosophy, and Logic classes Charities and assist in teaching at a bilingual school. to witness my mom's promises with the third order Carmelites. I also enjoyed St. Paul Seminary's first the Seminary did not cancel mid-terms! My Latin

Please Prayer All Learners

Help us face our task with calmness, confidence, and courage; with wisdom, faithfulness, and honesty; that we may do justice both to ourselves and to our teachers, both formal and informal, and set forth your glory, who yourself are wisdom and truth, and the giver of knowledge and of every virtue and good gift in Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.





2024 October & November

"Autumn Reflections"

anxiety and an increase in patience in the Lord's timing. Another campus Seminary and grace-filled moments where I am able to encounter the conversation about a prayer for his wife. I am grateful for the beauty am able to witness in the love and peace of Jesus encountering those around me. Personally, I recently enountered a tremendous amout of grace through "The Story of a Soul" written by St. Therese of Lisieux. Lord through others, Mass, and Adoration. One short story includes maintence worker was touched by the Lord's prescence in a simple praying with an undergrad student who then felt consoled in their In embracing prayer, I am grateful for the small moments in

Borromeo Days which included 48 hours of Adoration, talks, devotionals, escape room, bonfires, trap-shooting, hiking the Winonan Bluffs, ESPO This past Autumn also included exhilariting blessings including being able to attend my first ever Minnesota Wild Hockey Team. An Praise and Worship Night, going to a Pumpkin Patch, and attending Astronomers' concert. Likewise, at the Seminary we experience and a beautiful candle-lit procession in honor of All Saints Day.

In my free time on Tuesdays, I've been blessed to be able to spend time with sister's family. This allows me to take a breath away from the hustle and embrace my highly important role as the fun uncle building forts, catching up, and playing games!

Blessings, Luke



Edward **Jones**

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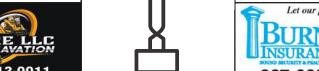
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