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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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 Mass Times..... 715-384-3252 ext. 1

### *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 12/16/2024**

7:00am Ray & Darlene Alt  
 Scripture Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27

**TUES 12/17/2024**

7:00am David Schlagenhaft  
 Scripture Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17

**WED 12/18/2024**

7:00am Donald Eilers  
 8:00am Marge Bredl  
 Scripture Readings: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

**THUR 12/19/2024**

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Harold & Dorothy Hellenbrand family  
 Scripture Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25

**FRI 12/20/2024**

7:00am Donald Bentzler  
 Scripture Readings: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

**SAT 12/21/2024** St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:00am Norbert Specht  
 Scripture Readings: Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:30pm Clarence & Agnes Stini

**SUN 12/22/2024**

7:00am William & Philomene Schneider  
 9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 11:00am Living & deceased members of the Rottscheit family  
 Scripture Readings: Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10  
 Lk 1:39-45



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz  
 7:00am Jan Altmann  
 9:00am Ann Kunding  
 11:00am Akosua Yeboah

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz / Becky Kaiser / Louise Kobylinski  
 Jeff Sternberg  
 7:00am Jane Lamermayer / Melissa Pittsley  
 9:00am Natalie Ridder / Chris Nemitz / Bernice Mercer  
 David Schlinsog / Cheryl Schmidt / Rita Blenker  
 11:00am Sharon See / Audrey Aply / Michael Clubb /  
 Linda Degenhardt

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld  
 7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr  
 9:00am Phinehas & Benjamin Prusinski / Maverick & Dakota Hannasch  
 11:00am Grace Clubb / Olivia Burt

**MUSIC MINISTER**

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

**Weekday Mass Servers - December 16<sup>th</sup> - December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**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 December 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$15,155.74
Parish Improvement	206.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,361.74</b>



Total to date for December \$31,839.32

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**Any donations you wish to have included on your December 2024 statement must be dated no later than December 29, 2024 and into the parish office by Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> to allow ample amount of time for the finance office to process/deposit into the bank. Thank you!**

**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 slow but steady progress! We are so grateful to the 283 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 Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Campaign Goal		\$129,070.00
Amount Received	73.44%	\$94,783.00
Under Goal		\$34,287.00
Number of Donors	283	



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

**OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

12:00pm - 4:00pm



Confessions will also be available on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> from noon - 1:00pm.



**Christmas Masses at St. John's**

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm

**Christmas Day Masses**  
**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00am and 9:00am

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Mass Server, please sign up to assist at one of our Christmas Masses. The sign-up sheet is in the Sacristy.

Our Lady of Peace will have a 4:00pm on Christmas Eve and a Midnight Mass.

Sacred Heart will have an 8:00am Christmas morning Mass.



**Mass Times for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God at St. John the Baptist are as follows:**

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 8:00am, Noon and 6:00pm

Sacred Heart will have a vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm.

Our Lady of Peace will have Mass on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: As many of you know since 2010 I have been part of a mission called Chalice of Mercy providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine. In 2013 I visited the Ukrainian cities of Zaporozhe and Dnipropetrovsk. Having had this closeness to Ukraine for so many years and having had visited the country, my heart has ached greatly seeing the suffering Ukraine has endured throughout the war.

I am blessed to announce this year that on January 12<sup>th</sup>, The Most Reverend Vitaliy Kryvytskyi, the Roman Catholic Diocesan bishop of the Diocese of Kyiv-Zhytomyr in Ukraine, will be visiting our parish. Joining this Ukrainian bishop will be our very own Bishop Battersby. Both Bishop Battersby and Bishop Vitaly will celebrate the Mass at 11am here at St. John's on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Bishop Vitaliy will be accompanied by his translator, a priest from Florida. He will also be joined by Valentyna Pavsyukova, the founder of Chalice of Mercy and Genia Samborska from Human Life International. It's incredible the amount of Pro-Life work each of these individuals have done in the last few decades. My friend Valentyna has organized pilgrimages that has led to the conversion of over 1500 abortion doctors.

Following the 11am Mass will be a luncheon in the Columbia Room. We will have the normal Sunday Mass schedule on the weekend. Space, however, will be tight for the 11am Mass. Everyone is welcome at the Mass and I hope we have a great showing for this wonderful event. However, please be patient and prepared if overcrowding causes any limitations. The church seats about 400 people. Regarding the meal, we will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church beginning right after Christmas. We are working on details but will serve the meal in either the Columbia room or Shuh Hall with overflow going into the latter of the rooms. The first 200 people to sign up will be given preference to the primary serving room. We hope to set up a Live Stream for those in the overflow room.

Bishop Vitaly is seeking financial assistance for his diocese in Ukraine. He oversees the city of Kiev, a city of 5 million people. We will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at the 11am Mass on January 12<sup>th</sup> for his diocese. Donations can also be mailed to the parish. A separate blurb in the bulletin beginning in January will provide details on how to donate.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us and bless us this Advent Season.

Fr. Thelen



**Pre-Christmas Church Cleaning: Help is Appreciated** Monday, December 23, 2024 immediately following the 7:00am Mass. Meet at the Blodgett Street entrance. All cleaning supplies provided except gloves. If able to help, please contact Dorothy at 715-387-8224



There is one remaining session of our Advent Retreat: Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Join us in the Columbia Room 6 - 7:30pm. Each session consists of video talks from the Eucharistic Congress, table discussions and time for prayer.

*The time of Advent is a time of hope. Jesus wants us to love Him. It is His desire that we be holy, very much His own.*

St. Josemaria Escriva



*We welcome these children through the Living Waters of Baptism:*

Kayce Joseph Thimmesch – son of  
Joseph & Ashley Thimmesch  
Baptized on December 15, 2024



*We welcome these new members to St. John's*

Fred & Jana Severt

**Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Youth Servers are ready and can be picked up in the sacristy!** Sign-up for Christmas Masses is also ready. Please sign up to help at one of the Masses.



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. Groups will begin meeting in September and 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.

**Next meeting is on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please join us in the Bride's room of the church.**



**The PCCW thanks all parishioners for their generous support in the December 2024 sweepstakes raffle.** We also wish to thank all the ladies who donated their time and talent in creating such beautiful baskets for this fundraiser. The winners

of this raffle are: Shirley Haumschild, Linda Dick, Kathy Praxel, Dorothy Bremmer, Lynette Zimmermann, Rita Latourel, Sandy Eckes, Jody Clements, Roxanne Schuld, Helen Stockheimer, Kathy Richardson, Rebecca Jackson, Jane Gerend, Janet Pecher, Sandy Eckes, Dennis Spencer, Delores Schmidt, Jack Morzinski, Tanya Esser, Lillian Heinze, Bev Schnitzler, Joan Breden, Cheryl Krainz, Sharon Spindler, Patti Hastreiter, Donna Dick, Diane Reigel, Sandy Schlagenhaft, Karen Pernsteiner, Lillian Heinze, Debbie Burr, Clarence Davis, Mary Jane Weis, Andrea Bauer, Sharon Grimm, Richard Slark, Mandy Alcott, Pam Alt, Nicole Forst, Jeff Schultz, Patty Kraus, Rebecca Ashbeck, Bonnie Fredrickson, Dorothy Vonholzen, Ardell Specht, Kelly McGivern, Eldora Schuster, Jan Hanson, Shirley Pritzl, Kim Thomas, Carol Tompke, and Denise Roberts. **Thank you is also due to all the women in the PCCW who put on this beautiful event! A wonderful time was had by all!**

**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).

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