



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.

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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 12/30/2024 Sixth Day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:00am Donald & Margaret Kraus
Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

TUES 12/31/2024 Seventh Day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester,
7:00am Barb Schultz
Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

WED 1/1/2025 The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
8:00am Anthony Bohman
12:00pm Father Daniel Thelen
6:00pm Parishioners of St. John's
Scripture Readings: Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

THUR 1/2/2025 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church
7:00am Jerry & Jean Kraus
Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

FRI 1/3/2025 The Most Holy Name of Jesus
7:00am Ron & Agnes Rehlinger
Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34

SAT 1/4/2025 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:00am Christine Michalski
Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42
4:30pm Zeke Sebastian

The Epiphany of the Lord

SUN 1/5/2025
7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
9:00am Patti Herr
11:00am Dale & Todd Kopf
Scripture Readings: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 4th & 5th, 2025

LECTORS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz
7:00am Pam Alt
9:00am Rita Blenker
11:00am Josh Dick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marty Draxler / Kat Egle / Joe & Clare Fischer
7:00am Lee & Pam Alt / Barb Barrett
9:00am Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Al & Barb May / Linda Lewer / Bernice Mercer
11:00am Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis / Chris Rutschow / Danielle Rummells

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld
7:00am Joseph & Madeline Niehaus
9:00am Lily, Neil & Dax Adler
11:00am Maria Elizabeth Garcia / Ella Gullickson

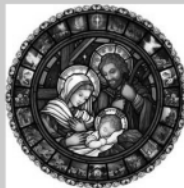
MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer
7:00am Ashley N. & Karen I.
9:00am Suzanne Golden
11:00am Mary F. & Tammy N.

Weekday Mass Servers - December 30th - January 4th

Monday - David Gouin **Thursday** Lee Alt
Tuesday - Ray Housworth **Friday** - Dennis 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.



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

Wednesday, January 1st
8:00am, Noon and 6:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers, please sign up in the Sacristy.

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

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

The parish office will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 31st and all day on Wednesday, January 1st. Happy New Year!

STEWARDSHIP for December 21st - 22nd

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$23,350.00
Parish Improvement	235.00
Total	\$23,585.00



Total to date for December **\$84,664.37**

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 29th to allow ample amount of time for the finance office to process/deposit into the bank. Thank you!



It is with much gratitude that I thank everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts, food and prayers that I received throughout the weeks of Advent. I am touched by the kindness of so many! I also thank all those who put so much into the preparation to decorate our church for Christmas,

those who assisted at Mass and those who provided us with beautiful Christmas music!

With Christmas blessings, Father Dan Thelen

The Social Justice Committee is so grateful to all who so generously helped with the Thanksgiving Food Drive as well as The Giving Tree. To date we have received \$5476 from the Thanksgiving collection and \$4415 from the Giving Tree collection. This is amazing and because of this many families were helped through the holidays as well as St. Vincent de Paul and Toys for Tots. Thank you!!

Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association will meet on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025, at 3:00pm Toeller Hall at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

PCCW Needs...Ice cream pails, whipped topping, yogurt/cottage cheese, and plastic carryout/deli and plastic clam containers. Please drop off in the Columbia/PCCW Kitchen. Thank You!!

Volunteers Needed for Wreaths Across America

Volunteers placed 1,920 wreaths Dec 14th, National Wreath Across America Day, on veterans' headstones throughout Hillside Cemetery in about 60 minutes.

On Saturday, January 4th at 10am, the Marshfield Veterans Council invites you, your family and friends to remove all the red flag markers and wreaths from each Veterans' grave.

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, January 7th, at 6:30 pm. Please join us for a Christmas potluck (see the group email for the link to the sign up sheet) and an optional white elephant gift exchange! We will meet in St. Francis Hall in St. John's school. 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 welcomed!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: Happy New Year! I pray for each of you and your families this coming year of 2025. May this year of Our Lord be filled with the blessings of His grace and renewed encounter with His love.

As we begin this year, I want to again announce with great joy that we will have both our bishop, Bishop Battersby, and the Bishop of Kiev, Bishop Vitaly, celebrate the Mass here at our parish on Sunday, January 12th, at 11am. It is a wonderful honor to have this visit from two successors of the Holy Apostles. We will have the normal schedule of weekend Masses. At the 11am, however, please be patient and prepared if overcrowding causes any limitations. The church seats about 400 people.

Following the 11am Mass will be a luncheon in Schuh Hall, with overflow into the Columbia Room. Regarding the meal, we will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church beginning this weekend. 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 2nd collection at the 11am Mass on January 12th for his diocese. Donations can also be mailed to the parish. Please see the separate blurb in the bulletin providing details on how to donate.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us and bless us this Christmas Season and into 2025.

Fr. Thelen



We welcome this child through the Living Waters of Baptism:

Quinn Ryan Hiller - daughter of
Ryan & Danielle Hiller



*Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!*

Jesus came into the world as part of a Family

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph allows us to see the Holy Family of Nazareth as

the "true model of life" (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort. The kindness, respect, obedience, unity, charity, and every other Christian virtue that they lived must become the model for Christian living and for family life. The power of God's grace needed for family life comes to us through receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist every Sunday. Let us be faithful during this beautiful season of Christmas, and beyond, in attending Sunday Mass together as a family.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, thank You for coming into the world as part of a family, providing a model for families to navigate a culture that rejects God.*

This week, read about the difficulty that the Holy Family experienced when they were separated from Jesus for three days in Luke 2:41-52.



Chalice of Mercy
Emergency Aid for Ukraine
www.chaliceofmercy.org



You are invited -- January 11th Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner Each year, Valentyna Pavsukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, a mission to Ukraine (now suffering so much), hosts a Ukrainian Christmas Dinner at the Lilydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. All proceeds from this amazing, multicourse meal served by young people in full Ukrainian garb, go to benefit the work of the mission. To learn more, or to donate to Chalice of Mercy, visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy. More information can be found on the flyer on the kiosk as you enter church.

Sunday, January 12, 2025 - Mass with Bishop Battersby and Bishop Vitaly! Join us at the 11:00am Mass and then for a special meal to follow in Schuh Hall. (Overflow will be in the Columbia Room)

All are welcome! We are hoping for a nice crowd and so it may be a bit crowded. We ask for your patience.

Donations

- Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the parish
- Two ways to support

1. Diocese of Kyiv-Zhytomyr

Please make checks out to St John the Baptist Parish. Note on check: Ukraine Diocese Support

2. Chalice of Mercy, Inc. 501(c)3

Please make checks out to Chalice of Mercy

Deanery Living Stations: We are looking for young men and ladies in high school to help perform the Living Stations. There are no lines to memorize but what is needed is an openness to practice and present the Stations for the parish and Faith Formation program. We walk the stops of Jesus as he carried his cross to Calvary until his death.

If interested, please contact Father Jared at 715-387-1177 ext 3316 or the parish office of St. John's at 715-384-3252



Bible Study - Now in our 20th year

Sundays 8:15am - 10:30am

From January 12th - March 2nd, 2025

Deadline to Register December 31st

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For questions or to register contact Judy Garfield
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