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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 12/9/2024 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:00am Charles & Mary Rentmeester
 Scripture Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
 Lk 1:26-38

TUES 12/10/2024 Our Lady of Loreto
 7:00am Lindsay Dick Zuelke
 Scripture Readings: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

WED 12/11/2024 St. Damasus I, Pope
 7:00am Richard Herr
 8:00am Father Dan Thelen
 Scripture Readings: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

THUR 12/12/2024 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 7:00am John Pritzl
 Scripture Readings: Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:39-47

FRI 12/13/2024 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
 7:00am Trai Whetstone
 Scripture Readings: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

SAT 12/14/2024 St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
 8:00am John & Norita Hollar
 Scripture Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Third Sunday of Advent

4:30pm Cherie Krier

SUN 12/15/2024
 7:00am Kerwin Moline
 9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 11:00am Jerold Bohman
 Scripture Readings: Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7
 Lk 3:10-18



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 14th & 15th, 2024

LECTORS

4:30pm Kathy Doebereiner
 7:00am Pam Alt
 9:00am Maureen Karaliunas
 11:00am Sharon See

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marty Draxler / Joe & Clare Fischer / Mike Gonerig
 7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield
 9:00am Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Linda Lewer / Tiffany Scheer
 Al & Barb Mary
 11:00am Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis / Chris Rutschow /
 John Salzmann

SERVERS

4:30pm Gianna & Ava Rootellis
 7:00am Joseph & Madeline Niehaus
 9:00am Isaac & Nathan Scheer / Graham Bauer / Cole Krieg
 11:00am Maria Elizabeth Garcia / Ella Gullickson

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer
 7:00am Suzanne Golden
 9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir **11:00am** Megan Schirger

Weekday Mass Servers - December 9th - December 10th

Monday - Glenn Linzmeier **Thursday** Lee Alt
Tuesday - Marty Draxler **Friday** - Dennis Spencer
Wednesday Lenny K **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 23rd - 24th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$11,767.07
Parish Improvement	65.00
Total	\$11,832.07



Total to Date for November \$84,514.24

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STEWARDSHIP for Nov. 30th - Dec. 1st

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$16,288.58
Parish Improvement	189.00
Total	\$16,477.58

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!

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. 3rd.

Campaign Goal		\$129,070.00
Amount Received	72.05%	\$92,993.00
Under Goal		\$36,077.00
Number of Donors	283	



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd
 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Christmas Masses at St. John's



Christmas Eve Masses
Tuesday, December 24th
4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm

Christmas Day Masses
Wednesday, December 25th
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.



There are two remaining sessions of this Advent Retreat: Dec. 9th and 16th. 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.

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Youth Servers are ready and may be picked up in the sacristy. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: We are about half-way into the Season of Advent. We can ask. What are the obligations of a Catholic during the Advent season?

The Catechism says the following of Advent: "During Advent the Church makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming." (524) Thus, the goal of Advent is to make present for ourselves and our families the "ancient expectancy of the Messiah...by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming."

Every church season has a purpose. Lent is about penance. Christmas is about the birth of Jesus. Easter is about the Resurrection. The purpose of Advent is a bit more difficult to define. Advent is about yearning, preparation, and anticipation. It's a season of anticipation and rejoicing but with a penitential nature. Advent is the preparation of our soul for both the Second Coming of Jesus and also for the coming of Christmas.

The focus of Advent is not as penitential as Lent. However, the season of Advent should include some type of penance. The violet color in Advent communicates the importance of penance in this season. A penance could be giving something up, saying an extra prayer, or performing acts of charity.

During Advent, we are also invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church, all to prepare for celebrating Christmas. Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. Advent is the preparation of our soul for Christmas.

In furthering our understanding of Advent, The Catholic Encyclopedia from 1907, an encyclopedia which can be found online, says this of Advent.

to prepare themselves worthy to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world,
to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer in Holy Communion
thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.

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

Fr. Thelen



We welcome these children through the Living Waters of Baptism:

Francesca Marie Viegut – daughter of
Nicholas & Nicole Viegut

Baptized on December 1, 2024

Our sympathy to the family of:

Michael Young / Janice Freeman

*May the souls of Michael & Janice
and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.*



Volunteers Needed for Wreaths Across America:

On Saturday, December 14th at 10am, the Marshfield Veterans Council invites you, your family and friends to our Wreath-laying Ceremony at Hillside Cemetery. To date, we have about 1,800-2,200 wreaths to place on veterans' headstones throughout Hillside Cemetery. Volunteer online www.wreathscrossamerica.org/wi0091 or please arrive at Hillside Cemetery Dec 14th by 10am for a brief Ceremony.

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.

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 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.

St. John the Baptist annual parish picnic is in need of a coordinator. Please consider helping in this capacity to make sure our August picnic happens in 2025. We will also be celebrating our 150th anniversary as a parish in 2027. Fr. Thelen is hoping that the person or team of persons who steps up to take on this role of picnic coordinator can also plan our 150th celebration in the summer of 2027.



The Columbus Catholic Pro-Life Club is hosting a Bake Sale on Dec. 14-15 following all Masses to raise funds for the March for Life in Washington D.C. We ask for your support in a purchase of a baked good, a donation, or a prayer. Thank you and God Bless.

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).

Marshfield Faith Formation update

In December the only classes are on December 11th at 6pm for grades 1-10. The theme for grades 1-5 is "Family Life: Building Your Domestic Church". Our homes are where our children first hear about Jesus, and we will learn how to "build" our domestic churches, even when they seem like "domestic zoos".

See you on December 11th!

David Alcott
Director of Faith Formation
715-384-3252 ext. 5



**14-15
DECEMBER**

St John's Family Life Committee:

Will be handing out birthday bags after all weekend Masses to help families with small children celebrate Jesus' birthday
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