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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 1/13/2025 St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
 7:00am Cathryn Vogt
 Scripture Readings: Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20

TUES 1/14/2025
 7:00am Lorraine Kemp
 Scripture Readings: Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28

WED 1/15/2025
 7:00am Neil & Pat Jirschele
 8:00am Ray & Darlene Alt
 Scripture Readings: Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39

THUR 1/16/2025
 7:00am Deceased members of the Glenn & Helen Hughes family
 Scripture Readings: Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45

FRI 1/17/2025 St. Anthony, Abbot
 7:00am Roger Aschenbrenner
 Scripture Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12

SAT 1/18/2025
 8:00am Living & deceased members of the Roman Schaefer family
 Scripture Readings: Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17
 4:30pm Margaret Weigel

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUN 1/19/2025
 7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 9:00am Tony Eilers
 11:00am Henry Gadke
 Scripture Readings: Is 62:1-5 Jn 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:4-11



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 18th & 19th, 2025

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel
 7:00am Jan Altmann
 9:00am Ann Kundinger
 11:00am Danielle Rummells

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Louise Kobylinski / Joan Raschke / Jeff Sternberg
 Lois Carlson
 7:00am Jane Gerend / Ray & Pam Housworth
 9:00am Dan & Dorothy Flees / Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall
 Ron & Patty Kraus
 11:00am Michael Clubb / Linda Degenhardt / Jane Lamermayer
 Maria Elizabeth Garcia

SERVERS

4:30pm Annabelle & Xavier Egle
 7:00am Cole & Derek Krieg
 9:00am Maverick, Dakota & Isabella Hannasch
 11:00am Zach Zerrudo / Elliott Alcott / Nolan Frane

MUSIC MINISTER

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

Weekday Mass Servers - January 13th - January 18th

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.



STEWARDSHIP for January 4th - 5th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$15,542.06
Parish Improvement	73.00
Christmas	240.00
Total to date for January	\$15,855.06
Parish Council of Catholic Women Dues	\$675.00



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Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2024-2025

After not posting last week, we have good news! We continue to climb towards meeting our goal! Below is the update as of January 2nd:

Campaign Goal	\$129,070.00
Amount Received	\$120,628.00
Under Goal	\$8,442.00
Percentage Received	93.46%
Number of Donors	= 345

We are so pleased at how well our parish is responding! Please, if you have not yet contributed to our annual appeal, prayerfully consider how you might help. We are so close to reaching our goal!

3 Committees (Sacred Worship, Social Justice and Family Life) will meet on Monday, January 13th. Please meet in the rectory at 6:00pm. **The Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, January 20th at 6:30pm in the St. Francis room of St. John's school.

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 steps 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.

Sunday Mass & Healing Service St. Matthew Catholic church in Wausau will celebrate Sunday Mass followed by communal and individual prayer for health and healing on Sunday, January 12th at 3:30pm. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available prior to Mass from 2pm until 3:25pm.

Children's Envelopes: We have a number of children's tithing envelope boxes available. If you would like your child to have their own 2025 envelopes for tithing, they will be available in the entranceway of the Church. Note that these are old envelopes that we are using up so the dates are not accurate.



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.

The next Grief Support meeting is on Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30pm. Please join us in the Bride's room of the church.

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).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: This weekend we have the great privilege of welcoming our very own Bishop Battersby. He was installed as our bishop 7 months ago on May 20th. We are exceptionally blessed to have a shepherd so close to the heart of Jesus lead our diocese. In his brief time as our Ordinary, he has visited many of the churches in our diocese. I thank him for his generosity in accepting my invitation to come to St. John the Baptist and to celebrate with us. I rejoice also that he gets to come during the Christmas season and see our beautiful sanctuary so wonderfully decorated.

As you well know, not only will Bishop Battersby be with us, but he will also be joined by the Bishop Vitalii, the Bishop of Kiev in Ukraine. Together they will 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 Mass, however, please be patient and prepared if overcrowding causes any limitations. The church seats about 400 people.

Bishop Vitalii has been in the center of the devastating war that has ravaged his country. Just a few weeks ago one of his cathedrals sustained damage as a missile exploded just outside of his cathedral, causing the deaths of civilians and the shattering of all the stained-glass windows in his church. I look forward to Bishop Vitalii's arrival and our presence giving him solace as he shepherds his flock in such a difficult time.

Following the 11am Mass will be a luncheon in Schuh Hall, with overflow into the Columbia Room. Regarding the meal, those who have signed 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 Vitalii 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.

Fr. Thelen



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

Jesus' name means "God saves"

The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin" (Matthew 1: 21). *Jesus saves us* from our sin by dying on the Cross

and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest Gift – Yourself in the Holy Eucharist.

This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1: 18-25



Sunday, January 12, 2025 - Mass with Bishop Battersby and Bishop Vitalii! 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

Christmas card collection: Please don't discard your Christmas cards! This past Advent students from Our Lady of Peace used the top part of Christmas Cards for a fundraiser. They successfully raised over \$200 in just over a week (selling the "postcards" at \$0.25 each) for a local charity. They would like to do the same next year. Please drop your cards off in the box located in the vestibule or drop them off at Our Lady of Peace school office. Thank you!

Adoration Chapel: Christ is born for us: come, let us adore Him! We are grateful for those that recently signed up for some open spots, at this time Tuesdays from 6-7pm needs an adorer. If you are available to fill this hour, please don't hesitate to call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry The purpose of our ministry is to offer a symbol of God's love and comfort through the gift of a prayer shawl. We knit or crochet shawls to be given to people in our parish or community. As we knit, we pray for God's blessings and love to be poured out to the recipient. The shawls are then given, by you, to those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need of God's loving embrace. If you know of anyone who could use this gift of healing, we have a supply of prayer shawls in the Bride's Room for you to choose from. Questions, please contact Lori at 715-387-0244.

Mass Intentions - the stipends for Masses has remained the same for over 30 years throughout the Dioceses of Wisconsin. Recently when the Bishops of the state of Wisconsin gathered, they decreed that the stipends should be adjusted. Mass stipends will now be \$20 (formerly \$10). As always, Mass stipends are paid to the parish and not the priest directly. Please note the following guidelines on scheduling a Mass:

- ◇ Only one scheduled intention can be booked per Mass. This one scheduled intention can have no more than three names within the intention.
- ◇ A family can book no more than four scheduled Masses per person in a calendar year and only two of those can be weekend Masses.
- ◇ Masses for 2025 are fully booked.
- ◇ The calendar for Mass Intentions for 2026 are now open. Please call or drop in during business hours to schedule. Please know that some dates might not be available as we honored first the recently deceased.

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