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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 1/20/2025** St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

7:00am Clarence & Agnes Stini

Scripture Readings: Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

TUES 1/21/2025 St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

7:00am Mitchell Bryant

Scripture Readings: Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

WED 1/22/2025

7:00am John Pritzl

8:00am David Fehrenbach

Scripture Readings: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

THUR 1/23/2025 St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

7:00am Bill Kieffer

Scripture Readings: Heb 7:25—8:6

Mk 3:7-12

FRI 1/24/2025 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Benita Diers

Scripture Readings: Heb 8:6-13

Mk 3:13-19

SAT 1/25/2025 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:00am Lynette Barrett

Scripture Readings: Acts 22:3-16

Mk 16:15-18

4:30pm Robert Schiferl, Sr.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**SUN 1/26/2025**

7:00am Kerwin Moline

9:00am William Severt

11:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Scripture Readings: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**January 25th & 26th, 2025**LECTORS**

4:30pm Jeff Schultz

7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield

9:00am Al May

11:00am John Salzmann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marty Draxler / Kat Egle / Joe & Clare Fischer

7:00am Lori Greenwald / Hope Kuehner / Melissa Pittsley

9:00am Ann Kunding / Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Linda Lewer
Al & Barb May11:00am Argelia Moya / Robert & Ruth Richmond
Danielle Rummells**SERVERS**

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Cole & Derek Krieg

7:00am Joseph & Madeline Niehaus

9:00am Maria Nemitz / Phinehas & Benjamin Prusinski

11:00am Kofi Yeboah / Graham Bauer

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Ashley Nikolai

7:00am Ashley Nikolai

9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir

11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - January 20th - January 25th

Monday - Glenn Linzmeier

Thursday Lee Alt

Tuesday - Marty Draxler

Friday - Mike 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 January 11th - 12th**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$14,419.61
Parish Improvement	217.00
Total	\$14,636.61

Total to date for January \$30,491.67

Collection for Ukraine - total to date: \$13,295.27



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Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2024-2025Below is the update as of January 14th:

Campaign Goal	\$129,070.00
Amount Received	\$123,358.00
Under Goal	\$5,712.00
Percentage Received	95.57%
Number of Donors	= 357

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!

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, January 20th at 6:30pm in the St. Francis room of St. John's school. Pastoral Council will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 28th in the Columbia 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 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.

January 22nd: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Please join in the 9 Days for Life Novena. This prayer can be found on the round table in the vestibule. Typically this would run from Jan 16th - Jan. 24th but it can be started at any time. Please also keep in prayer Fr. Clements and the 13 students and chaperones from our area traveling to Washington D.C to participate in the March for Life.

"Start 2025 off right by working to get your finances in order."

The **Knights of Columbus** is hosting an information session on basic budgeting. This is open to all parishioners and KC members; aims to provide financial insight for young adults and married couples. You will also learn about the KC history and what they do in our community. Event will take place on January 27th in the Columbia Rm at St. John's School. Session lasts 6:30-7:30pm. Reservations are not necessary but greatly appreciated. Contact Brian Gotz at 2300mann@gmail.com or call 715-650-2184.

"Let us always pray for one another."

Pope Francis

Would you like to offer prayers for someone special? This year we have 18 students from St. John's parish preparing for Confirmation. In these times, our young people need our prayers. If you can offer up one simple prayer a day asking the Holy Spirit to open the heart of one student so that he/she can fully receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit please call the parish office. You will be given the first name of one student. This prayer can be in the form of the rosary, a Hail Mary, an Our Father, a Holy Hour, a Novena or just asking God to be with this child as he/she prepares for Confirmation. At their Baptism, God made a promise to them to never lose sight of them. It is our hope that your simple prayer will help draw them closer in friendship with Jesus. As Confirmation day draws closer, we ask that you prepare a Confirmation card telling the student that you have kept them in daily prayer. You can choose to sign it or not. These cards will be given to the students just before their Confirmation day. Thank you!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: This past week the students in the Marshfield Faith Formation Program had their First Confessions. This week we will be hearing the First Confessions of the 2nd grade students at our St. John's School. It is always a joy to see the students' expectations and eagerness to get their first sacraments. Each year the teachers do an excellent job of preparing our students and the kids are more than eager, though with some nervousness, to go to Confession and get First Communion.

Each Wednesday we have Mass for the students from St. John's school. Around 150 students join for Mass with their teachers. Parents and parishioners fill the remaining pews in the back. On Thursdays Fr. Clements, Fr. Robertson or myself have Mass at Our Lady of Peace for all the children in grades three and above. Our Family Faith Formation students gather at Our Lady of Peace on a variety of Wednesday evenings throughout the year for their formation. Additionally, we have children in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program and other students receiving instruction in their homes. Please keep our students and their families in your prayers so that the faith they receive takes root and is a blessing to all.

This past week in Walmart I bumped into a Hispanic family that I had ministered to in Alma Center. I had provided the children of this family with the sacraments in my previous assignment. I spoke in some broken Spanish for a bit and then the children helped me out and switched to English. It was a pleasure to see the family eager to see me and thankful for the sacraments they received during my ministry in their parish. We are all planting seeds. Others will water and nurture future growth. God will guide it all. I pray that each of us in our own way never tire of sharing of Jesus and being a witness to the Gospel in our circle of influence, even becoming teachers or catechists ourselves. In the coming week we will celebrate the Feasts of St. Sebastian, St. Vincent, St. Agnes, St. Marianne Cope, St. Francis de Sales, and the Conversion of St. Paul. Like these saints, and many more, may we always be open to sharing Jesus with others.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us and bless us.

Fr. Thelen



With grateful hearts we thank God for the blessings we had last weekend with the visit of Bishop Vitallii from the Diocese of Kyiv-Zhytomyr in Ukraine. His heartfelt message stirred our hearts in hopefulness in our own lives and opened our hearts to the lives of those he shepherds.

We are also grateful to the many who helped make this happen in so many ways. The Mass was beautiful and the dinner was delightful. Thank you to all who assisted in any way!

JANUARY SPIRITUAL BOOST

January is a time for renewal and new beginnings. We make commitments to live better, healthier, more faith-filled.

Here are our top 5 recommendations for a more peace-filled year:

- 1. Choose Quiet** - Noise can distract us, drowning out the voice of the Holy Spirit. Find a quiet place to reflect each day.
- 2. Choose Prayer** - Whether you read daily from the Lives of the Saints, pick up a rosary, or meditate on the Gospel, find a way to strengthen your relationship with Christ. How are you working towards a Christ-centered life?
- 3. Choose Joy** - In times of difficulty, choose to share joy. Serve others, do random acts of kindness, bring hope to those around you. Go to confession more often, so you are unburdened by sin.
- 4. Choose Sainthood** - Becoming a saint is not easy. Much like love and the cross, sainthood must be chosen, every day, multiple times a day. When you choose sainthood in the little things, you begin to form healthy habits that guide you through choosing Him in the BIG decisions.
- 5. Choose Peace** - It may seem selfish, but putting your peace first, on occasion, is necessary. Setting healthy boundaries for the people that bring drama into your life can be difficult to do, but will provide peace, and help you protect yourself from unnecessary pain and disruption.

As Pope John Paul II said, "Prayer can truly change your life, for it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and your heart towards the Lord...If we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, then our hearts are filled with hope, our minds are washed in the light of truth, and we come to know the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise and life."

-Address to the Young People of New Orleans, (Sept. 12, 1987).



We welcome these new members to St. John's

Andy & Cindy Scharenbrock & family / Irene Gardner
Randy & Sara Spencer / Pam Hoffarth

Congratulations to

Peter & Judy Beining
On their 60th Wedding Anniversary - January 23rd



Our sympathy to the family of:

Elaine Fehrenbach

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



Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!

Why does Jesus want to stay with us always?

You know that Jesus wants to stay with you always because He loves you unconditionally (completely).

Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you (we) know He loves you so much? Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week. *Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time.*

This week read Psalm 139: 13-16 which speaks of how well God knows me and how close He is to me.



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