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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 2/17/2025 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 7:00am Living & deceased members of the Bob & Gail Snorheim family
 Scripture Readings: Gn 4:1-15, 25 Mk 8:11-13

TUES 2/18/2025
 7:00am Charles Schlagenhaft
 Scripture Readings: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Mk 8:14-21

WED 2/19/2025
 7:00am Linda Hennes
 8:00am Joan Schirger
 Scripture Readings: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Mk 8:22-26

THUR 2/20/2025
 7:00am Jerold Bohman
 Scripture Readings: Gn 9:1-13 Mk 8:22-26

FRI 2/21/2025 St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
 7:00am Neil & Pat Jirschele
 Scripture Readings: Gn 11:1-9 Mk 8:34—9:1

SAT 2/22/2025 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 8:00am Nick Stuttgart
 Scripture Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Erv Folz

SUN 2/23/2025
 7:00am Tracy Zimmermann
 9:00am Living & deceased members of the Robert & Rita Imhoff family
 11:00am Doris Gadke
 Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49
 Lk 6:27-38



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 22nd & 23rd, 2025

LECTORS

4:30pm Jeff Schultz
 7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech
 9:00am Dorothy Flees
 11:00am Allyson Mayeux

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz / Susan Jahr / Becky Kaiser / Louise Kobylinski
 7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech / Ray & Pam Housworth
 9:00am Al & Barb May / Nancy Immerfall / Chris Nemitz
 Natalie Ridder / Lonny Roberts
 11:00am Jane Lamermayer / Robert & Ruth Richmond / Danielle Rummells

SERVERS

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Xavier Egle
 7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr
 9:00am Isaac & Nathan Scheer / Jeremiah Prusinski
 11:00am Zach Zerrudo / Elliott Alcott

MUSIC MINISTER

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

Weekday Mass Servers - February 17th - February 22nd

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 February 8th - 9th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$12,058.46
Parish Improvement	80.00
Total	\$12,138.46



Total to date for February \$30,409.92

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Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2024-2025

Below is the update as of February 11th:

Campaign Goal	\$129,070.00
Amount Pledged & Received	\$131,063.00
Percentage Pledged 101.54%	Number of Donors= 366

THANK YOU!

Ash Wednesday Masses at St. John the Baptist - March 5th
 6:30am, 8:00am (children's Mass), Noon

Eucharistic Ministers, Distributors of Ashes, Lectors and servers will be needed. Please sign up in the Sacristy.

Ash Wednesday Mass at Our Lady of Peace:
 8:00am
 Ash Wednesday Mass at Sacred Heart:
 5:30pm



Please keep Father Thelen in prayer this next week as he is away on retreat. While he is away there will be no Confessions before Mass Monday through Friday. There will be Confessions Friday evening February 21st beginning at 6:00pm with two priests available. There will also be Confessions on Saturday morning after the 8:00am Mass.

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).

Parish Membership: If you would like to receive parish tithing envelopes and are not a member of another parish, please contact the parish office. This way we can record your tithing for end of the year tax purposes. Thank you!

Attention Men of St. John the Baptist! Consider spending the day together at this Diocesan Day of Retreat. Get your men friends together and carpool down to La Crosse for this wonderful opportunity! **Complete itinerary can be found on the kiosk.**

Men of the Cross "Freedom in Forgiveness" | Mar. 8, 2025

[Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse
 Our relationship with Christ is many things. He is your refuge, someone to celebrate your joys, mourn with you in your sorrows, and is the one to break the chains that bind you and set you free. What are the chains that bind you? The world tries to convince you that the baggage you carry is not too heavy and that you probably deserve to carry that burden. But that is a lie. Christ wants you to be set free. There is Freedom in Forgiveness! Maybe you have been carrying around the same burden for a long time. Maybe you really don't understand forgiveness, how to forgive others, or how to forgive yourself. You may have forgotten what it feels like to be free. Join men from all over the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond, to experience Freedom in Forgiveness through Mass, inspiring talks, honest discussion and fellowship. The Church needs men to live free, allowing them to help other men break the chains that bind them so they may also live the joy-filled life that Christ wants for us.

Details:

What: Men of the Cross: Freedom in Forgiveness
Who: All men (High School students who attend with a parent or guardian are free.)
When: March 8, 2025
Where: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, La Crosse, WI
Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch!)
Registration: menofthecross.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: Bishop Battersby has asked me to do further studies in the area of Canon Law. Thankfully, a summer program is offered for this advanced degree. What this means is that every June and July for the next four or five years, I will be living in Washington D.C. The other ten months of the year I will be back in our parish serving here at St. John the Baptist. In time, our diocese will share how our Mass schedule will be covered during my absence.

So, what is Canon Law and why is it important? Canon Law is a code of ecclesiastical laws governing the Catholic Church. It is important because there are about 1.3 billion Catholics in the world, and the Church administers a large collection of institutions. Therefore, the Church, like any other large organization, needs a structure to carry out its office of governance and its saving mission. Every society needs laws — and so does the Church. There is an old saying: ubi societas ibi lex (“where there is a society there is law”). Imagine driving on the highway where there are no rules of the road? It would ultimately lead to disaster.

Canon law deals with all the issues that any legal system does — for example, rights, procedures, administration, and personnel. It also does some things that civil law cannot, such as laws regarding sacraments, sacred places and magisterial teachings.

The Church’s laws have developed greatly over its 2,000-year history. Beginning in the New Testament, we see that there are procedures for replacing an apostle (see Acts 1:15-26); also, what to do when there are disputes in the Church (Mt 18:15-20). As time went on there were various councils that legislated on issues of concern. Popes would issue decretals to settle disputes or enforce discipline. Courts were established to hear cases and issue decisions. In addition, they used procedures adapted from Roman law.

Please pray for me as I take on this new and unexpected next step. The classes will be quite involved and I will also need to become proficient in Latin. The most intensive part of the program will be the summer courses. However, I will also be taking online courses every Fall and Spring for the next number of years.

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

Fr. Thelen



We welcome this child through the Living Waters of Baptism:



William Paul DeVries - son of
Anthony & Kaitlyn DeVries
February 16, 2025

We welcome these new members to St. John's

Charles & Char Drews



God bestows many graces through adoration!!

For more information or to schedule a holy hour, don't hesitate to call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.

Adoration Notice: Immediate opening at Pope St. JP II Adoration Chapel, Saturdays 4-5pm.

Every Friday at 5-6 a.m., The Prayers and Rosary of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be said in St. JP II Adoration Chapel for World Peace, especially Ukraine. For more information on The Flame of Love of The Immaculate Heart of Mary go to; flameoflove.us or flameoflove-Indiana.com. In Wisconsin there are upcoming retreats for The Flame of Love; March 23-35 in Mishicot and Francis Creek, also, September 11-12 at Our Lady of Champion National Shrine.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: Father John Eisen Council 1799 OLP, St. John's and Sacred Heart parishes.

Date: Sunday - Feb. 16th **Time:** 8:00am - 12:30pm **Location:** Our Lady of Peace Church basement **Cost** \$10 Adults, \$5 Children 6-12, 5 and under Free. **Menu:** Potato pancakes, regular pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, ham, milk, coffee and juice. **Events:** Raffle \$200 grocery gift card \$1 per ticket /10 for \$5 and a bake sale. **Proceeds toward reconstruction project Dan Dietel Memorial playground for Columbus Catholic Schools.**

The John Eisen Council 1799 of the Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Free Throw Contest on Sunday, Feb. 23rd in the gym at St. John's Catholic School. The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9—14 as of Jan. 1, 2025. Doors will open at 1pm with registration and practice from 1—1:30pm. Parents or guardians must register their child. For more information contact Bob Seitz at 715-384-4598.

Purchase Gift Cards at the Columbus High School Office: Remember, this is another way to tithe as a percentage of each card comes back to the parish! Gift cards can be purchased during school hours. For every \$100 worth of gift cards purchased this month your name gets put in a drawing for \$100 worth of free gift cards.

Diocesan News: Evenings of Hope | Feb. 22, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. | Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse

You are invited to participate in one of the Evenings of Hope with Bishop Battersby in La Crosse, Eau Claire and Wausau. The first Evening of Hope will be held in La Crosse on Feb. 22nd. Bishop Battersby will celebrate the 4:30pm Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman and impart the Papal Blessing with the attached plenary indulgence. A Holy Hour will follow Mass, during which Bishop Battersby will offer a jubilee reflection on hope. Confessions will also be heard. The event will end with a closing benediction at 7:00pm. Future Jubilee Evenings of Hope with Bishop Battersby include:

- Saturday, May 31, 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Holy Hour, Confession, and 4:00pm Mass (Bishop Battersby as celebrant) at Sacred Heart Church, Eau Claire; Speaker, Fr. Daniel Sedlacek (Coincides with the Jubilee of Families in Rome).
- Sunday, Oct. 12, 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Holy Hour and Confession at Resurrection Church, Wausau; Speaker, Fr. James Kurzynski (Coincides with the Jubilee of Marian Devotion in Rome).



Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

Jesus will help us believe what we cannot understand.

The Lord always comes in to strengthen and confirm our faith in response to our desire to believe. He actually even uses our hesitation in accepting His true Presence in the Eucharist to bring us to a deeper, more lively faith in the truth of this mystery.

- Let's pray this right now and every day this week:
Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.
- This week, read how Jesus responds to those who are questioning the mystery of the Eucharist in John 6: 52-59



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