



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 2/10/2025 St. Scholastica, Virgin
 7:00am Richard Kraus
 Scripture Readings: Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56

TUES 2/11/2025 Our Lady of Lourdes
 7:00am Jim Reigel
 Scripture Readings: Gn 1:20—2:4a Mk 7:1-13

WED 2/12/2025
 7:00am Patti Herr
 8:00am Shirley Kaiser
 Scripture Readings: Gn 2:4b-9 Mk 7:14-23

THUR 2/13/2025
 7:00am Harold Gravitter
 Scripture Readings: Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30

FRI 2/14/2025 Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
 7:00am Rita Hasenohrl
 Scripture Readings: Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37

SAT 2/15/2025
 8:00am Janet Courtney
 Scripture Readings: Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10
 4:30pm Cindy Martin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUN 2/16/2025
 7:00am Ray & Darlene Alt
 9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 11:00am Helen Gotz
 Scripture Readings: Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
 Lk 6:17, 20-26



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 15th & 16th, 2025

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel
 7:00am Connie Manlick
 9:00am Rita Blenker
 11:00am Akosua Yeboah

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marty Draxler / Kat Egle / Joe & Clare Fischer
 7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield / Jane Gerend
 9:00am Ron & Patty Kraus / Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Linda Lewer
 Jill Hiller
 11:00am Michael Clubb / Lori Keller / Argelia Moya /
 Maria Elizabeth Garcia

SERVERS

4:30pm Annabelle & Xavier Egle
 7:00am Joseph & Madeline Niehaus
 9:00am Lily, Neil & Dax Adler
 11:00am Kofi Yeboah / Nolan Frane

MUSIC MINISTER

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

Weekday Mass Servers - February 10th - February 15th

Monday - David Gouin **Thursday** Lee Alt
Tuesday - Ray Housworth **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 February 1st - 2nd

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$18,014.64
Parish Improvement	257.00
Total	\$18,271.64
Total to date for February \$18,271.64	



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Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2024-2025

Below is the update as of February 3rd:

Campaign Goal	\$129,070.00
Amount Pledged & Received	\$129,613.00
Percentage Pledged & Received	100.42
Number of Donors=	361

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



Grief Support Group: The next meeting of the faith-based grief support group will be 6:30pm Monday, February 10th in the bride's room at church. Everyone's experience with grief is unique and each journey is different; however, all share and trust in the guidance of our Savior Jesus and the support of our faith community at St. John the Baptist.

Anyone who is struggling due to loss of a loved one or has a family member with dementia or Alzheimer's is welcome to join. The group meets monthly, but feel free to attend as you need. Please contact the parish office for additional information.

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).

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!

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

THE DEACON IS SPEAKIN'

In his bulletin article last week Father Thelen reminded us that Tuesday, February 11th is the World Day of the Sick. This is a good time to reflect on the blessings of good health most of us share as well as the beauty of what is perhaps the most misunderstood of the Seven Sacraments, the Anointing of the Sick.

When I was going through Catechism class and learning the Seven Sacraments this sacrament went by the rather ominous name of Extreme Unction, the Final Anointing. It was expected you would receive the Sacrament just once, as you were dying hence its other name, the Last Rites! It carried with it an implied death sentence that man people still hold on to.

Like many of the changes of the Second Vatican Council this one has been slow to be accepted. Many people, even those in the hospital are reluctant to be given "the Last Rites". They are wrong and are missing out on one of the most important of sacraments, a sacrament which can and does bring healing. By the way the "Last Rites" of the church should be the Eucharist, Viaticum, Food for the Journey.

My experience with the Anointing of the Sick began one Tuesday twenty-six years ago. I began to feel discomfort in my chest but I thought it would go away. By Thursday evening it became apparent that A) it was not "going away", B) it was getting worse and C) this might be something serious. I had Rita take me to what was then St. Joseph's Emergency Room. Faster than you can say "chest pains" I found myself on a gurney with an IV in my arm and hooked up to more monitors than I could count. It wasn't long before Fr. Don Wilger, former Pastor here at St. John's and the hospital Chaplain was at my side asking if I wanted to be anointed. When I said yes, he took out his oil stocks and began to start the sacrament. It was at this moment that the on-call cardiologist, Dr. Raskalla came into the ER. Father Wilger respectfully backed away but the Doctor saw him and said, "No, No. You do what you must do then I will do what I must do."

At that moment I knew that I was in good hands; the loving hands of God and His Church and the sure hands of a doctor who understands the sacraments and how important they are.

My friends, the Anointing of the Sick is part of the great healing ministry of the Church. Do not be afraid or ashamed to take advantage of it. If you are seriously ill, if you are facing surgery, if you have been diagnosed with a chronic disease or if you're like me just getting old, take advantage of the great Sacrament given by Jesus to His church.

St. James, pray for us!
Deacon Jeff Austin

Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness of bodily ills,
PRAY FOR US!
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes ~ February 11th

World Day of the Sick 40 Hours of Prayer Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church February 9 - 10



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from the end of the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, February 9th until the conclusion of the Benediction on Monday, February 10th at 12:00am midnight. Confessions will be available on Monday, February 10th from 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

A detailed flyer with the time schedule of events and prayers for this 40 Hours can be found on the round table located in the vestibule.



Anointing Mass at St. John's: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick will be offered during the 4:30pm Mass at St. John's this Saturday, February 8th. The details for this Mass can be found in Father's article this week. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

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, 5-6am at JP II Adoration Chapel prayers will be said for World Peace especially in Ukraine with the Flame of Love prayers and rosary! Please join us when you can.

Hospital Care Notice: Most hospitals are no longer asking patients their religious affiliation upon admittance. Spiritual services are still being provided, such as Anointings and Communion visits. However, the patient must notify the nursing staff of their desire to be placed on the Communion list or to have a priest visit. Please keep this in mind if you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital. Spiritual care is of very great importance during hospital stays and when preparing for surgeries.

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.**



We welcome this child through the Living Waters of Baptism:

Raelynn Jo Przybylski - daughter of
Brett & Brianna Przybylski
February 9, 2025

Our sympathy to the family of:

Peter Franckowiak

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



*We welcome these new members
to St. John's*

Kerry Cole / Greg Fleischmann



Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!

Jesus wants us to know He is continually with us.

Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images on our mind that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us.

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

Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth that the Eucharist is really You present under the appearance of bread and wine.

• This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." (Genesis 28:10-17)



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