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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.

### *Parish Personnel*

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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 3/31/2025**

7:00am Edward & Joan Stockheimer  
 Scripture Readings: Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54

**TUES 4/1/2025**

7:00am Teresa Lanning  
 Scripture Readings: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16

**WED 4/2/2025** St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

7:00am Anthony Hoffman  
 8:00am Joseph & Mary Pritzl  
 Scripture Readings: Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30

**THUR 4/3/2025**

7:00am Dorothy Steber  
 Scripture Readings: Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47

**FRI 4/4/2025** St. Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Marshall Shear, Jr.  
 Scripture Readings: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**SAT 4/5/2025** St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

8:00am Dennis Hanneman  
 Scripture Readings: Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53  
 4:30pm Living & deceased members of the John Marx family

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**SUN 4/6/2025**

7:00am Allen & Maria Sternitzky  
 9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 11:00am Richard De Jarlais, Sr.  
 Scripture Readings: Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14  
 Jn 8:1-11



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**LECTORS**

4:30pm Jonathan Rootellis  
 7:00am Ben Lang  
 9:00am Dorothy Flees  
 11:00am Sharon See

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Joe & Clare Fischer / Mike Gonerig / Marcy Gotz  
 7:00am Lori Greenwald / Ray & Pam Housworth  
 9:00am Ray Langreck / Linda Lewer / Al & Barb May  
 Nancy Immerfall / Chris Nemitz  
 11:00am Audrey Ably / Michael Clubb / Linda Degenhardt  
 Lucas Hart

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Gianna & Ava Rootellis  
 7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr / Joseph & Madeline Niehaus  
 9:00am Lily, Neil & Dax Adler / Open  
 11:00am Kofi Yeboah / Nolan Frane

**MUSIC MINISTER**

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

**Weekday Mass Servers - March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b> - Glenn Linzmeier	<b>Thursday</b> Lee Alt
<b>Tuesday</b> - Marty Draxler	<b>Friday</b> - Mike Spencer
<b>Wednesday</b> Dan Flees	<b>Saturday</b> 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 March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$10,311.43
Parish Improvement	140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,451.43</b>
<b>Total to date for March</b>	<b>\$78,413.05</b>



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**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).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross will be offered on the following dates and times:



2:00pm for the students of St. John's (anyone is welcome to join)

April 2<sup>nd</sup> / April 9<sup>th</sup> / April 16<sup>th</sup>

Fridays at 5:15pm (followed by Confessions)

April 4<sup>th</sup> (Confessions at Sacred Heart) / April 11<sup>th</sup>

April 4<sup>th</sup> Servers: Isaac & Nathan S

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

The following Fridays during Lent at St. John's beginning at 6:00pm

April 11<sup>th</sup>

Confessions at Sacred Heart on April 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Beginning after the 5:30pm Mass

Every Saturday morning following the 8:00am Mass

Tuesdays - Fridays 6:30am - 6:50am

**DEANERY-WIDE CONFESSIONS**

Our Lady of Peace  
 April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Noon - 4pm

**Holy Week Confessions - Noon - 1pm**

Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

No Confessions on April 15<sup>th</sup>

**St. Joseph's Food Table:** Thank you to everyone who helped out with our St. Joseph's almsgiving. A total of \$5472 has been collected to date. This will be distributed to some of our families as well as to St. Vincent de Paul.

**PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) will meet for a brief meeting on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.** Due to our parish Mission, the meeting will begin at 5:45pm and end by 6:15pm.

**We thank those that have donated to the new school playground.**

If you would like to donate to this fundraiser, please make your check out to St. John the Baptist.



**Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Youth Server schedules are now ready to be picked up.** Please find your schedule in the Sacristy and pick up as soon as possible! Thank you!

**The sign-up sheet for EM, Lectors and Servers for Holy Week is now in the Sacristy.** We will need volunteers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. On Holy Thursday, we will need 12 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet. Please sign up in the Sacristy.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**Christ's Majesty and Intimacy: A King Who Nuzzles His Children (Words from Bishop Battersby)**

I usually make my Holy Hour in the late afternoon, but that day it worked better for me to pray in the morning. Without any preparation, the Lord mystically took me into a grotto where He was standing. He was twice the size of a man, and I stood before Him as the size of a boy. He wrapped His arm around my back and placed His hand on my shoulder. He seemed to nuzzle my shoulder, much like a mother might do with her cherished child.

He said two things to me that I will never forget. First, with boundless and deep emotion, He said, "I have been waiting for you." Then He added, "You will be with Me soon." In an instant, I found myself back in my chair before the Blessed Sacrament, both delighted and mystified by this unsought, but deeply desired, encounter.

While the phrase "you will be with Me soon" caught my attention, it has been four years since this encounter, and I realize that "soon" to heaven and "soon" to me are slightly different. What truly burned into my heart was the deep sense that Jesus aches for me and, by logical extension, for each of us. I wish you could hear the love with which He spoke these words, for they were meant for you, too. Even today, the words "I have been waiting for you" still warm my heart as I write these lines. I pray daily, with our Lady's help, that I may ache for Him as He does me. I pray this ache for you as well.

We have the ability to come into His presence sacramentally; we don't need a gold invitation. I believed in His Real Presence before that day, but now without any doubt, I know He is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament for He is Truth and cannot deceive. He waits longingly for each of us to spend time with Him, to allow him to nuzzle us and rest our heads on His breast like St. John the Apostle did at the Last Supper.

My brothers and sisters, we have the privilege of encountering the Risen One in, among other privileged ways, the holy sacrifice of the Mass and in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. We have the ability to draw near to the heaven of Jesus' heart, finding timely aid and succor for our souls. Eucharistic adoration is not just a Catholic "thing", nor is it merely a practice—it is drawing near to Jesus Christ, whom the Father has given to all creation. It is a profound opportunity to come before the Lord and hear His heartfelt words meant for each of us: "I have been waiting for you."

My friends, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him. (cf. Jn 14:6) If we are to become like Him, which is God's plan, then we must never miss a moment with Him, to draw near to Him so that we might appropriate His virtues and His unwavering orientation to the Father. He aches for us, and we too must ask Our Lady to teach our hearts to ache for Him. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. Chaste Heart of St. Joseph, watch over us.

By Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of La Crosse. Published in the Spring 2025 issue of Catholic Life Magazine



*We welcome this child through the Living Waters of Baptism:*

**Charley Bennett Aden** - son of  
Eathen & Christina Aden  
March 29, 2025

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

William & Kimberly Thomas Family



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
LENTEN MISSION  
with Father Samuel Martin**

**Nights of Spiritual  
Reflection With  
Our Eucharistic Lord**

**Monday & Tuesday Evenings  
April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm—7:45pm  
In the Church**



**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Eucharistic Revival - Reflections on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Dilexit Nos* ("He Loved Us")  
After Father's talk, Adoration will take place along with praise & worship led by Jimmy Lynch.  
Benediction will end the night.

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Eucharistic Revival - St. Therese of Lisieux and her "little way."  
Procession with the Blessed Sacrament after Father's talk - a powerful time of prayer & music led by Jimmy Lynch.



**Living Stations of the Cross**  
**Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church - April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm**  
Students from four different schools invite you to come to their presentation of the Living Stations. Make this event a part of your Lenten observation!

**Frassati Young Adult Group:** There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30pm. Please join us for Stations of the Cross in St. John's church followed by social time in St. Francis Hall. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive updates about our monthly meetings and other events, please email [marshfieldfrassatiyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:marshfieldfrassatiyoungadults@gmail.com). Newcomers are always welcome!



**Prayer Shawl Ministry** members are offering free lessons in basic knitting (Barb 1-715-486- 5917) and basic crocheting (Lori 715-305-6322) to anyone willing to prayerfully complete one prayer shawl. We should be able to provide you with supplies, so no financial investment is needed. We would like to gather in groups, so please call with your availability. Prayer Shawl Ministry received another generous donation of yarn, which you may pick up for free, from the Bride's Room. Please knit or crochet a 30" x 60" shawl of comfort and return it, when completed, to the Bride's Room.



**April 24<sup>th</sup>:** PCCW Spring Deanery Meeting at Rembs. Speaker: Fr. Kuhn.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Adult and Children's Choir Concert

**June 15<sup>th</sup> - June 20<sup>th</sup>** Totus Tuus at Sacred Heart

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> - June 27<sup>th</sup>:** Vacation Bible School at St. John's  
8am - 11:30am

**July 11<sup>th</sup>:** Parish Pull at the Marshfield Fair Grounds

**July 27<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup>:** Adventure Camp

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Eucharistic Revival Continues in Eau Claire

**August 17<sup>th</sup>:** St. John the Baptist Parish Picnic

**More information on all of the above events will be coming!**

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