



# *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.

## *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 4/28/2025** St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

7:00am Richard Meyer

Scripture Readings: Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8

**TUES 4/29/2025** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Dave Fehrenbach

Scripture Readings: Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15  
Mt 11:25-30**WED 4/30/2025** St. Pius V, Pope

7:00am Edward Vogt

8:00am Rita Hasenhorl

Scripture Readings: Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21

**THUR 5/1/2025** St. Joseph the Worker

7:00am Wesley &amp; Lorraine Schar

Scripture Readings: Acts 5:27-35 Jn 3:31-36

**FRI 5/2/2025** St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Ted Zondlo

Scripture Readings: Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15

**SAT 5/3/2025** Saints Philip and James, Apostles

8:00am William &amp; Gladys Patefield

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14

4:30pm Jerry &amp; Marloue Gonerling

**Third Sunday of Easter****SUN 5/4/2025**

7:00am Tracy Zimmermann

9:00am Margaret Grassl

11:00am Mary Alice Stangl

1:00pm Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Scripture Readings: Acts 5:27-32 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025****LECTORS**

4:30pm Bryan Pischel

7:00am Connie Manlick

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am First Communion Mass / 1:00pm First Communion Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Lois Carlson / Marty Draxler / Joe &amp; Clare Fischer

7:00am Ray &amp; Pam Housworth / Connie Manlick

9:00am Linda Lewer / Al &amp; Barb May / Chris Nemitz

Christina Nemitz / Brian Kostka

11:00am Linda Degenhardt / Pam Alt / Argelia Moya / Sharon See

1:00pm First Communion Mass

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan &amp; Eliza Schuld

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Joseph &amp; Madeline Niehaus

9:00am Kolbe &amp; Dominic Landwehr / Graham Bauer / Ellie Kraus

11:00am Zach Zerrudo / Kofi Yeboah

**MUSIC MINISTER**

4:30pm Cathy Heuer / 7:00am Megan Schirger

9:00am Megan Schirger/ 11:00am Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson

1:00pm First Communion Mass: Adult Choir

**Weekday Mass Servers - April 28<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>****Monday** - Glenn Linzmeier**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler**Wednesday** - Dan Flees**Thursday** - Lee Alt**Friday** - Mike Spencer**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 April 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$13,912.95
Easter	8,995.00
Parish Improvement	545.00
Total	\$23,452.95



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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).

**We thank God for the beautiful Triduum and Easter Masses celebrated at St. John's.** We are grateful for all those who donated money for the flowers that decorate our church. Names of those remembered in prayer can be found on the kiosk. Thank you to all those who helped decorate, for those that provided music and for the servers that assisted throughout the days. May God bless you all as we continue in this Easter season!

**Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association will meet on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm, Toeller Hall at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.**

**Religious Life Vocation Day!** Are you being called to be a handmaiden of Jesus? This could be you! Come learn more about Religious Life and discernment! **When?** May 10<sup>th</sup> / **For:** 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls through College and beyond **Schedule:** 4:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Peace, Marshfield / 5:00pm Pizza Dinner at OLP Rectory / 5:30pm Q & A with Mother Veronica and Sr. Lucia (Franciscan Sisters of Divine Mercy), Mother Agnes and Sisters of the Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus, and priests.

RSVP to [father.clements@columbusdons.org](mailto:father.clements@columbusdons.org)

**The Eucharist From Adoration to Action**

**All Catholic young adults (18-39) are welcome at this evening of reflecting on God's deep love for you and how this encounter calls you to become more of yourself to use your God-given gifts in the world.** The Eucharist is Jesus giving Himself in love to us, so that we discover that God is in love with us. Then, we can help others discover this as well.

**Date:** May 13, 2025 / **Time:** 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**Place:** Columbia Room, St. John the Baptist School

**Featuring Guest Speakers:** Sr. Mary Ann Spanjers, OSF, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity and Fr. Nathan Linton, OFM Capuchin

Please email the parish office [secretary@stjmf.diocparish.org](mailto:secretary@stjmf.diocparish.org) to register as materials have to be prepared.

**A Mother's Day Breakfast will be held Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00am Mass in Schuh Hall.** All family members are invited to attend. A wonderful meal of scrambled eggs with ham & cheese, breakfast potatoes, sausage links, doughnuts and beverages will be served. One rose will be given to each mother attending. This breakfast is sponsored by St. John's Holy Name Men's Society with assistance from Boy Scout Troop 385. Come enjoy a wonderful breakfast with your mom!

**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.

**MARRIAGE BANNS III**

Zoe Stratman &amp; Jared Mandel

May 31, 2025

**MARRIAGE BANNS II**

Kacie Anatole &amp; Jordan Spatz

October 24, 2025

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: This weekend concludes the octave of Easter. We are people of the Resurrection, let us once again meditate on the great gift of Christ rising from the tomb. ~ Normally, we run away from a fire. We fear its destruction, its danger, its unpredictability. But during the Easter Vigil, we went to the fire. This fire wasn't like the fires we know. This was the Easter fire—blazing in the darkness, defying the night. A fire not of destruction, but symbolizing God's power and presence.

The Easter fire symbolized Christ, the Light of the World. The One who entered our darkness, not to be swallowed by it, but to break it open from the inside. To set the world ablaze with divine light. This fire also symbolized the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that ignited the bush before Moses—a fire that burned without consuming. A fire that doesn't exhaust life, but completes it. Gives life meaning and purpose. You see, sin is a fire that exhausts us. Sin burns and leaves nothing but ash. But grace? Grace is a fire that never runs out. It glows steady. It gives light. It gives life.

In the very beginning, God created the world. God said, "Let there be light, and there was light. And God saw how good it was." The creation of light was God's first gift of creation. And in the Resurrection, it's the first gift of a new creation. A new creation now redeemed by Christ. Divine Mercy is so appropriate a celebration to conclude the octave of Easter. It is through God's mercy that we are made new, that we participate in God's victory of new Life.

On Good Friday, the casket was closed, the stone rolled in place. Darkness seemed to win. Hope seemed lost. But at Easter, the Light of the World, the One who created light, rose from the grave. Light burst forth from the tomb. It could not be contained. "The darkness is over and the real light begins to shine." (1 John) Let the fire of Christ conquer the cold places in our heart. He is Risen. He is Risen indeed.

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

Fr. Thelen



On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 38 children will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

Please pray for these children on this very beautiful day!

Please note that some of these children will be receiving their First Communion at the 11:00am Mass. Pews will be reserved for these children and their families. The remaining children will attend the 1:00pm Mass.



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

Henry Ray Davis - son of  
Matthew & Amanda Davis  
April 27, 2025

*Our sympathy to the family of:*

Donald Stangl

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



**Mother-Daughter Time: Is this normal? Understanding & Supporting Tween & Teen Cycle Health | May 18, 2025| St. Joachim Parish Hall, Pittsville, WI**

This event is being hosted by the St. Joachim's Pro Life Committee. Olivia Chasteen, the director of SymptoPro Fertility Education, will be presenting on menstrual health for young ladies, what the science says is normal for this age group and how to track specific biomarkers to know when to seek help in supporting cycle health long term. Give your daughter the gift of body literacy and understanding her feminine design!

**An in-person 3-part SymptoPro Natural Family Planning course** will be offered in the Marshfield Deanery at St. John the Baptist Marshfield from 10:00am-11:45am on Sundays, May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$100. If you are looking for a refresher, have taken this course in the past and have the Couple's Guide to Fertility book, the fee will be waived. Contact: Christy Kitzhaber at [kitzhaber@symptopro.org](mailto:kitzhaber@symptopro.org) or 715-486-5733 for registration information.



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

#### The Eucharist is the Great Miracle of Mercy

In His great love for us, Jesus gave us a great miracle of mercy: The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. God did not only become man in the

Incarnation to give His life for us on the cross and to rise again in glory for our salvation. The Incarnation also looked forward to Jesus remaining physically with us in the Eucharist as we journey through this life. The Divine Mercy Image of Jesus with the white and red rays represents our Eucharistic Lord, whose Heart has been pierced and now pours forth the water of Baptism and the Precious Blood of the Eucharist as a fountain of mercy for us.

This week, as we continue the Easter Season and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let's pray right now 3 times the words that Jesus gave St. Faustina: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God". John 20:19-29



#### A Humble Shepherd and Prophetic Voice of Mercy



**Pope Francis**  
1936-2025

Pope Francis modeled for the entire world how to live simply and serve the poor. He gave voice to the voiceless and lived for the disenfranchised. The world has lost a peacemaker and man of mercy. Rooted in the Gospel, he taught us to walk humbly with God. May Pope Francis rest in peace.

- Abbot Dane Radecki, O. Praem. | St. Norbert Abbey



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