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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.

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass Saturdays

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 5/26/2025 St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00am Clara Lawinger

Scripture Readings: Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a

TUES 5/27/2025 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

7:00am Stanley Knetter, Jr.

Scripture Readings: Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11

WED 5/28/2025

7:00am Clement & Catherine Vogt

THUR 5/29/2025 St. Paul, VI, Pope

7:00am Dale & Todd Kopf

Scripture Readings: Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20

FRI 5/30/2025

7:00am Tony Eilers

Scripture Readings: Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23

SAT 5/31/2025 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Dennis Juncer

Scripture Readings: Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-56

4:30pm Gordon Schuster

The Ascension of the Lord

SUN 6/1/2025

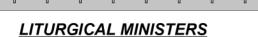
7:00am Ron Maurer

9:00am John & Betty Hartl

11:00am Shirley Kaiser

Scripture Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23

Lk 24:46-53



May 31st & June 1st, 2025

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel 7:00am Jan Altmann 9:00am Ann Kundinger 11:00am Akosua Yeboah

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Tom & Susan Youngwith / Joe & Clare Fischer 7:00am Peg Endries / Brian Kostka / Hope Kuehner 9:00am Natalie Ridder / Jill Hiller / David Schlinsog

Rita Blenker / Dan & Dorothy Flees

11:00am John Salzmann / Sharon See / Pam Hoffarth / Audrey Ably

SERVERS

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Griffin Lescynski

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Ava & Gianna Rootellis

9:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr / Jeremiah & Fulton Prusinski

11:00am Elliott Alcott / Zach Zerrudo

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson

7:00am Megan Schirger 9:00am Megan Schirger 11:00am Suzanne Golden

Weekday Mass Servers - May 26th - May 31th

Monday -
Tuesday -
WednesdayGlenn Linzmeier
Marty DraxlerThursday
Friday -
SaturdayLee Alt
Mike Spencer
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Saturday

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 May 17th - 18th

 Adult / Youth / Plate
 \$16,278.92

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 302.00

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 \$16,580.92

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Thank you for your generous contributions!

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).

Please remember in your daily prayers our Pastor, Father Thelen, as he heads off for a summer of study! God Bless your travels Father and your time in Washington D. C.!

Mass time change: Please note that on Monday, May 26th, Mass will be at 8:00am. Also, the parish office will be closed. The parish staff wishes everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day!

Communion Services: For the months of June and July, St. John's will offer a Communion service rather than Mass on Mondays. Mass intentions that were scheduled for that day will be transferred to one of the weekend Masses.

A message from the Social Justice Committee: Due to the generous response from our Parish family during the St. Joseph's Table collection, we were able to serve the following organizations: Mary's Place, Shirley's House of Hope, Hannah Center, Respite Center, Orenda Center, Soup or Socks, First Choice Pregnancy Center. This was in addition to serving our parish families. Thank you St. John's for your wonderful outpouring of support!

Catholic Kidz Camp - If you have not yet registered, please do so soon so that enough materials can be prepared. Teachers and helpers are appreciated! This is a wonderful opportunity for a service project for those about to be confirmed! Supplies are needed and if you would like to help out, please choose one of the sports balls on the table in the entryway of the church, buy the item listed and return to the provided box! Thank you!

Date: Mon.-Fri. June 23rd- 27th - 8 am -11:30am - 4K-5th grade

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Knights of Columbus Brat Fry! Kick off summer with a tasty brat cooked by our own Knights of Columbus. Come to the Sacred Heart (parking lot) on Wednesday, June 11th from 10am - 4pm! The Knights will be happy to fix you a nice lunch!

Novena to the Holy Spirit starts May 30 - June 7, 2025

A nine-day Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost is available on the table in the vestibule. The focus of each day of the Novena is to pray for an increase of one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These supernatural gifts are necessary to live the Christian life. It will be powerful if all are encouraged to join in as a parish to pray the Novena.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: This coming Tuesday I depart for my studies in Washington D.C. I will be gone for about nine weeks and will return on July 29th. I wanted to share a brief history of the university where I will attend.

The Catholic University of America (CUA), located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States and the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. bishops with papal approval. It was established in 1887 and formally opened its doors to students in 1889, with a mission to provide graduate-level education grounded in Catholic intellectual tradition.

The idea for a national Catholic university emerged in the post-Civil War era, driven by the desire of American bishops to create an institution that would train clergy and lay leaders while advancing theological and philosophical scholarship. Pope Leo XIII (not our current pope, but his predecessor) approved the founding of the university, and it began with programs in theology and philosophy. Over time, CUA expanded to include undergraduate education in 1904 and developed various schools including law, engineering, music, nursing, and social work.

CUA played a central role in shaping Catholic thought in the United States throughout the 20th century, becoming a hub for theologians, philosophers, and scholars engaged with both Church teaching and modern intellectual movements. The university's close relationship with the Vatican and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to shape its direction.

Located adjacent to the beautiful Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, CUA has grown into a prominent institution combining rigorous academics with a commitment to faith and service. Today, The Catholic University of America continues to serve as a leading center of Catholic education and research, preparing students for leadership in both Church and society while upholding the traditions of Catholic intellectual life.

During my time away, I will miss our parish greatly. I will also miss the good June and July weather here in Wisconsin. I will be sending updates every now-and-then throughout the summer! Looking forward to seeing you all when I return!

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

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Located next door to Catholic University's campus, the Basilica is the largest Roman Catholic Church in North America and one of the largest churches in the world. It is home to more than 80 chapels and oratories and is open for worship for the community and students of Catholic University.





We welcome these new families to St. John's

Michael & Krystal Clermont family / Karen Lappe / Dustin & Brandee Feltz family

We welcome these children through the Living Waters of Baptism



Luke William Wolf son of Jordan & Laura Wolf

Emma Jean Clermont daughter of Michael & Krystal Clermont Baptized May 25, 2025

Congratulations to

Jarred & Zoey Mandel on their Marriage ~ May 31, 2025



Mission Co-Op Envelopes: For those receiving the monthly packets of tithing envelopes, you will have received the Mission Co-Op envelope in the June packet. Mission Co-Op envelopes can be found in the envelope holders in the entryways for anyone who does not receive the monthly packet. Our Mission priest will be coming to us later in August. As it gets closer, more information will be coming.

Sunday Mass & Healing Service: St. Matthew Catholic Church in Wausau will celebrate Sunday Mass followed by communal and individual prayer for health and healing on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 3:30pm. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available prior to Mass from 2pm until 3:25pm.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers: Would you like an opportunity to make rosaries for hospitals, missions, schools, soldiers, etc.? Our Lady's Rosary Makers is a national organization providing simple to make handmade rosaries for worldwide organizations who request them. All supplies are provided. Please join us, to make rosaries in the Mazza Room at Second St. Community Center in Marshfield from 9:15 to 11:45am on Monday mornings. If you would like to make them at home, feel free to stop by to pick up the materials. For more information, contact Kerry at 715-351-0630.

Wisconsin Bishops' Pastoral Letter on End of Life Decisions

Last fall, Wisconsin's bishops released the 4th edition of their pastoral letter on end of life decisions, *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*. The letter provides guidance on many aspects of end-of-life planning and decisions, and it can be accessed at wisconsincatholic.org/parish-resources/endoflife/, or by scanning the QR code to the right. For questions related to the moral principles for end of life decisions, you may contact Christopher Ruff in the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns (cruff@diolc.org).



Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!

Eucharist means thanksgiving. When we receive Jesus, we want to receive Him sincerely and thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us - the greatest Gift possible. After receiving Holy Communion, we want to give

heartfelt thanks to Jesus for this tremendous blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist our union with Jesus is augmented, our charity toward others is revived and more merciful, and we are strengthened to avoid future mortal sins.

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

Jesus, help me to have a grateful heart,
most especially to our Heavenly Father,
to You, and to the Holy Spirit.

This week read how St. Peter speaks words of thanksgiving for all that God our Father has done for us through Jesus Christ in 1 Peter 1: 3-9



Planted in Prayer, Pruned for Purpose

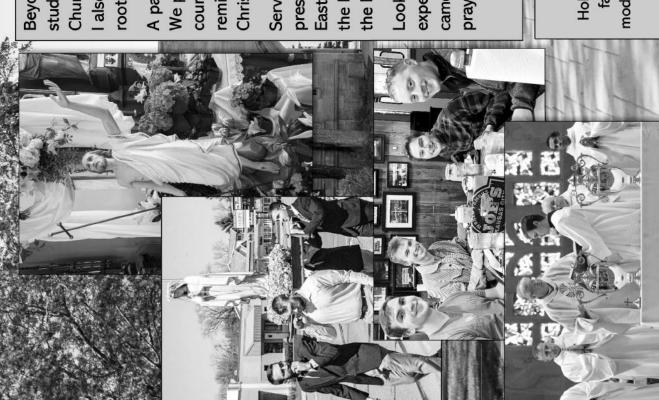
As the semester concludes, I've taken time to reflect on how this season has shaped me—through academic study, community life, and spiritual growth. Each of these areas has been a source of grace, often in unexpected ways.

Academically, the semester has been full of insights. My courses in medieval philosophy, natural philosophy, ethics, and Latin have deepened my understanding of the Church's intellectual tradition. St. Thomas Aquinas' philosophy of the human person, particularly his view of freedom—not as mere choice, but as the ability to choose the good—challenged me to consider grace and responsibility in a new light. This reflection informed my final paper, where I explored human freedom in light of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. Latin has also become a source of discovery, allowing me to read Scripture and Church documents in their original language and uncover a greater depth in both the texts and the Church's language.

Life in community has also been a source of grace. Whether hiking in the hills, swimming, playing in the Priest vs. Seminarian basketball game, or running a half marathon, these moments reminded me how much formation happens through shared effort, friendship, and simply being present with one another. The beauty of nature—the quiet of the trees, the stillness of the mountains—combined with physical challenges, offered an opportunity for spiritual growth. As the summer approaches, I look forward to spending time in La Crosse assisting at the Vocations office, continuing to grow alongside the Church Community.



Planted in Prayer, Pruned for Purpose



Church's teachings take root in parish life and to engage with others in their faith also visited missionaries from Saint Paul's Outreach, where their simple, prayerstudying the Catechism in small groups. It's been humbling to see how the Beyond academics, I participated in a catechesis institute at a local parish. rooted witness reminded me of how faith shapes lives over time.

A particularly moving experience occurred while praying with another seminarian We prayed for a local woman working through a challenge of forgiveness. Their reminded me how grace enters through small moments of surrender and how courage and openness in embracing forgiveness and receiving Christ's love Christ works powerfully in the Sacrament of Confession.

the blessing of witnessing my goddaughter's First Communion and participating in Serving during the Holy Week liturgies was another grace-filled experience. Being Easter Vigil deepened my understanding of the mystery we celebrate. I also had present for the Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Tenebrae, and the the May Crowning in honor of Mary.

came through small, consistent graces that invited me to grow. Thank you for your experiences, but through study, prayer, relationships, and presence. Formation Looking back, I see how grace shaped this season—not through grand prayers and support. Please know that you are in my prayers as well

May Devotion to Mary

model of spiritual motherhood, and may your love lead us ever closer to your Son, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of Jesus, Draw my heart closer to you. Guide me in your example of faith, humility, and love. May all mothers, and those who aspire to be, find in you a

CGS-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Spring of 2025

Special Thanks to the Catechist this past year, Mrs. Sue Reigel and our helpers: Mrs. Rita Johnson and Luz Elena Torres!

It has been a blessing to listen deeply and enjoy the Word of God with the children. The children work with the material to





Honoring our graduating seniors! Last weekend a special blessing was bestowed on a group of our graduating seniors. These young people have served in many capacities over the last few years as Mass servers, lectors and Communion Ministers. We are proud of all that they have accomplished and keep them in prayer as they move on in their lives.

Congratulations Akosua Yeboah, Maria Elizabeth Garcia, Elliott Alcott, Zach Zerrudo, Brenden Clubb and Isaac Scheer. (Not pictured Brenden Clubb).

This opportunity is open to any student of St. John's. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information on being a Mass server, lector (once you are confirmed) or Eucharistic Minister.

We also welcome three new Mass servers to the ranks! Griffin Lescynski, Olivia Schuld and Savannah Rummells have recently been trained and will be serving at Mass. We are grateful for them in assisting at Mass!

If you are in fourth grade or above, and would like to be a Mass server, contact the parish office at 715-384-3252 for more information.



We are very proud to announce the graduation of the following young people of St. John's. Please keep them in your prayers as they move on.

Elliott Alcott

Brenden Clubb

Sam Dums

Elizabeth Forst

Maria Elizabeth Garcia

Natalie Hebbring

Ashley Jaeger

Jonathan Klumb

Isabel Krueger

Caitlin Kundinger

Drew Lang

Joshua Peters

Christina Rentmeester

Isaac Scheer

Addison Schlagenhaft

Holly Schroeder

Cassondra Staples

Travis Weigel

Ashley Weiler

McKenna Weis

Emma Woller

Akosua Yeboah

Zachary Zerrudo

If we missed the name of any 2025 St. John graduate, please call the parish office: 715-384-3252.

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you ... plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me... and I will change your lot. (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

7 Things Every High School Graduate Should Hear

- 1. Live with intention. College/careers will be full of new opportunities. Think carefully about your priorities for your new start.
- 2. Make the right friends. There will be plenty of new people! Concentrate on the ones who motivate you to be a better person.
- 3. It's a big world! Look for new perspectives, new opportunities, and new ideas that push you to grow.
- 4. Find a mentor. Building relationships with people who have "been there, done that" can be a great help.
- 5. Give yourself away. You may not need to volunteer anymore, but you'll be surprised what you learn, how you grow, and who you meet when you serve.
- 6. Before you go, learn how to do your laundry, address an envelope, schedule a doctor's appointment, use public transportation, and cook basic meals (ramen doesn't count!)
- 7. Remember that God is in control. And that's a good thing!

Summer Youth Opportunities! Stay connected to your faith this summer with Adventure Camp (July 27th - August 1st) and Totus Tuus (June 15th - June 20th). Adventure Camp is open to youth entering Grade 7 through 12th grade. Totus Tuus is a weeklong "parish mission" for Catholic youth entering grades 1-12. Both opportunities are dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith. For more information contact David Alcott at dalcott@mff.diolcparish.org



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