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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.

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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 9/1/2025**

8:00am Joseph Lorbiecki

Scripture Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18

Lk 4:16-30

TUES 9/2/2025

7:00am Candace Zondlo

Scripture Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Lk 4:31-37

WED 9/3/2025 St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

7:00am David Stini

Scripture Readings: Col 1:1-8

Lk 4:38-44

THUR 9/4/2025

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Anton Hastreiter family

Scripture Readings: Col 1:9-14

Lk 5:1-1

FRI 9/5/2025

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Stanley & Florence Iwanski family

Scripture Readings: Col 1:15-20

Lk 5:33-39

SAT 9/6/2025

8:00am Clara Lawinger

Scripture Readings: Col 1:21-23

Lk 6:1-5

4:30pm Shirley Tobin

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**SUN 9/7/2025**

7:00am Elaine Fehrenbach

9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

11:00am Zeke Sebastian

Scripture Readings: Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****September 6th & September 7th, 2025****LECTORS**

4:30pm Jeffrey Schultz

7:00am Pam Alt

9:00am Lonny Roberts

11:00am Allyson Mayeux

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Kat Egle / Alayna Egle / Joe & Clare Fischer

7:00am Lee & Pam Alt / Tonya Schlagenhaft

9:00am Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Linda Lewer / Chris Nemitz
Al & Barb May11:00am Pam Hoffarth / Linda Degenhardt / Jane Lamermeier
Argelia Moya**SERVERS**

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan, Eliza & Olivia Schuld

7:00am Derek & Cole Krieg / Joseph Niehaus

9:00am Christina, Jonathan & Maria Nemitz

11:00am Ava & Gianna Rootellis

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson

7:00am Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson

9:00am Suzanne Golden

11:00am Suzanne Golden

Weekday Mass Servers - September 1st - September 6th**Monday** - Glenn Linzmeier**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler**Wednesday** - Dan Flees**Thursday** - Lee Alt**Friday** - Mike Spencer**Saturday** - Kolbe & Dominic

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 August 23rd - August 24th**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$12,911.06
Parish Improvement	51.00
Total	\$13,013.06

Total to Date \$71,806.14

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To have requests for prayer placed on the vine, please call Connie 715-305-6742 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists).

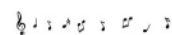
Mass on Monday, September 1st (Labor Day) will be at 8:00am and the parish office will be closed. Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day!

Frassati Young Adult Group: There will be a gathering for all young adults on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 6:30pm. Please join us for a Rosary nature walk at the UW-Marshfield Arboretum (2000 W. 5th Street in Marshfield) in honor of the upcoming canonization of Pier Giorgio Frassati!

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. Newcomers are always welcome!

Join St. John's Children's Choir!

The Children's Choir is for all children ages 8-12. If your child would like to join the Children's Choir, please email Ashley Nikolai at nikolai.ashley@columbusdons.org or call 715-387-1177 ext. 3111 by September 13th.



Attention Choir members! Choir practice will begin on Wed., Sept. 3rd at 6:30pm in the choir loft. New voices are always welcome! Join us on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm!

PCCW Announcement: All ladies of the parish are invited to attend a PCCW meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 6:00pm in the Columbia Room. These meetings are open to all women of the parish. Come and learn what the Parish Council of Catholic Women does for our parish. After the meeting, we will have refreshments and play Bingo. We look forward to seeing you there!

3 Committees (Sacred Worship, Social Justice and Family Life) will meet on Monday, September 8th. Please meet in the rectory at 6:00pm. Finance Council will meet on September 16th. Please meet in St. Francis Hall at 6:30pm.

Attention engaged couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. The next available dates are Oct. 11th, 2025 (St. John's) and Feb. 28th, 2026 (St. John's). Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. To register, call Alanna Hart at 715-650-7310 or register directly at marshfieldmarriageprep@gmail.com

Holy Hours available at JP II Adoration Chapel: Sundays at 9-10am or Saturdays at 5-6pm. Please call Jean, 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085 if you can help us out!

The new playground at St John's Primary school looks great and I thank all of the benefactors who have already contributed. Our bishop has granted us the ability to fundraise up to \$270,000 for the playground. This means that monies raised will not be counted towards our future annual appeal and quota assessments. So in essence donations toward this playground project is a very good way to give to the parish. So far we have raised a total of \$139,010. We are permitted to continue to raise \$130,990 in additional funds and can receive these funds at any time before June 30, 2026. Through other parish accounts we have already paid all the bills for the playground; however, since we have been granted permission to raise a total of \$270,000 and the additional funds raised won't be used in our assessment calculations, please consider donating towards the playground as a good way to assist our parish. **Please make checks payable to St. John's and note Playground Donation on the memo line. Thank you!**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: This weekend we welcome Fr. Anbu to our parish who will be speaking about the needs of the Diocese of Vellore in India. The missions are a key part of our faith. At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus urges us "to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Our faith is always outward looking. We are always engaged in making sacrifices so that the faith may be seeded both near and far.

It is interesting to note how many times 'washing' occurs in liturgy. Our Jewish ancestors incorporated many ritualized washings in their daily life such as 'the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds.' (Mk 7:4) As Catholics we do many of the same ritual acts at Mass. Can you think of some? For instance, at Mass the priest purifies his hands when the servers bring him water and a bowl. Following, Holy Communion the priest often purifies his hands in the ablution cup, the small bowl next to the tabernacle. An important washing occurs on Holy Thursday with the washing of the feet and the most important washing occurs during the baptism of an individual. Why all this washing? Yes, it is very good to be sanitary and clean; however, the real reason for ritualized washing is much deeper.

The law of the church guiding the celebration of the sacraments is referred to as the 'Sanctifying function of the Church.' The use of the word sanctifying is akin to the action of washing. The mission of the church is to separate us from sin. This separation from sin is a sanctifying action of the church and it is visibly seen in the washing of water. This washing, whether physical as in Baptism or spiritual as in the sacrament of Confession, detaches us from sin. A life of prayer and a daily invitation of Christ into one's life further separates (washes) one from sin. All of this centers your life upon Christ.

The salvation of Christ is meant for the whole world. This is accomplished by the sanctifying function of the church – symbolized by the washings and purifications of our liturgy – visible signs made efficacious through the sacraments.

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

Fr. Thelen



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

Thomas & Magdalena family

Roger & Elizabeth Nikolai family

MARRIAGE BANNES II

Rebecca Kaiser & Matthew Hennes

October 4, 2025

Courtney Samplawski & Blain Schmidt

December 27, 2025



Confirmation Sunday On September 7th young people from our parish and surrounding parishes will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This Mass will be held at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church at 2:00pm with Bishop Battersby as main celebrant. Please keep these young people in prayer. If you have been praying for a particular young person and would like to give him/her a card, please drop it off at the rectory with the name of the young person on the outside of the envelope. The cards will be given to them before the day of Confirmation. Thank you for keeping them in daily prayer this past year.

Pilgrimage to Mexico with Fr. Tim - Marian Messengers February 8-13

Come and visit Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fr. Tim Oudenhoven. We will be walking the actual steps of St. Juan Diego and learning firsthand of the incredible message and mission that Mary has for us!

For more information visit:

www.marianmessengers.org or call 800-842-4842

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St. John the Baptist Parish is the grateful recipient of a grant from the Diocese of La Crosse Bishop's Education Endowment Trust. The grant was awarded to the Digital Wellness and Freedom from Pornography Parish Mission. The project period runs through June 30, 2026. As a first step, a parish resource page has been created at: <https://stjohnsmarshfield.org/freedom/> These grants are possible because of your generosity; thank you for supporting our efforts to heal persons, relationships, and families.

Columbus Corner

Prayer Walk: Fr. Clements and Fr. Thelen, gathered with nearly 100 students, faculty/staff, parents, grandparents, retired faculty, and alumni joined together for a Prayer Walk, lifting up Columbus Catholic Schools in prayer as we begin a new school year.

Retreat: The faculty and staff came together for our retreat, centered around the themes of **Unity, Love, and Prayer**. We were blessed to be led by Fr. Robertson, Fr. Clements, and Nicki Kitchner. Fr. Thelen and Fr. Mlsna also joined us in this special time of spiritual growth.

In-Service: As part of our back-to-school preparations, our faculty and staff participated in an in-service day. At the heart of our mission is the call to **instill the love of Jesus in every student.**



Need Hope?

Take a Minute to Get to Know
"the God of all hope." (Romans 15:13)

God our Heavenly Father is a promise keeper! God made a promise to Abraham that He would give him land for the Chosen People. This promise was made in the first Book of the Bible, Genesis 12:1. This promise was kept through Moses as the Israelites were led by God into the "Promised Land" under the leadership of Joshua. (Deuteronomy 34:4) It is important that we know how God has kept every promise as this helps to deepen our hope in God, leading to greater trust in Him.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

St. John's Parish offers CGS to children ages 3-9, end of September through April. The children hear and reflect prayerfully on the biblical and liturgical themes to grow in their knowledge and love of God. This takes place in the atrium, next to the adoration chapel. It is a place to begin to learn and recognize the signs and symbols that speak of Him. A prayerful place to listen and respond to a relationship with Jesus.

Level 1 is offered on Tuesdays for children of 3-6 years of age. Level 2 is offered on Mondays

for children 6 - 9 years of age. For more information call Jean Kaiser at 715-387-0571 or email, saintplus6@frontier.com. Registration forms are in the Kiosk, main entrance to St. John's Church.

Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association will meet on Wednesday September 10, 2025, at 3:00pm at Toeller Hall at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.



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