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September 27th

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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 9/22/2025**

7:00am Otto & Carol Schecklman
Scripture Readings: Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

TUES 9/23/2025 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00am Richard Herr
Scripture Readings: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21

WED 9/24/2025

7:00am Special Intention
8:00am Candida Reriani
Scripture Readings: Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

THUR 9/25/2025

7:00am Richard DeJarlais, Sr.
Scripture Readings: Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9

FRI 9/26/2025 Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

7:00am Gordon Schuster
Scripture Readings: Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22

SAT 9/27/2025 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00am Elaine Fehrenbach
Scripture Readings: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45
4:30pm John Latourell

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times**SUN 9/28/2025**

7:00am Dave Affholder
9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
11:00am Charles & Mary Rentmeester
Scripture Readings: Am 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16
Lk 16:19-31

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****September 27th & September 28th, 2025****LECTORS**

4:30pm Jonathan Rootellis
7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech
9:00am Dorothy Flees
11:00am Sharon See

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Kay Kmiec / Mary Saba / Jeff Sternberg / Alayna Egle
7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech / Brian Kostka / Connie Manlick
9:00am Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Al & Barb May / Ray Langreck
Christina Nemitz
11:00am Michael Clubb / Linda Degenhardt / Jane Lamermayer
Argelia Moya

SERVERS

4:30pm Ava & Gianna Rootellis
7:00am Open
9:00am Lily, Neil & Dax Adler
11:00am Kofi Yeboah / Matthew Dums

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm **Open**
7:00am Megan Schirger
9:00am Megan Schirger
11:00am **Open**

Weekday Mass Servers - September 22nd - September 27th

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| Monday - David Gouin | Thursday Lee Alt |
| Tuesday - Ray Housworth | Friday Dennis Spencer |
| Wednesday Lenny K | 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 September 13th - 14th**

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| Adult / Youth / Plate | \$11,823.20 |
| Parish Improvement | 207.00 |
| Total | \$12,030.20 |
| ACH deposit for September | \$14,797.00 |
| Total to date for September | \$51,467.70 |
| Total to date for Mission Co-Op | \$15,339.00 |



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Pastoral Council will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 23rd in the Columbia Room.

Cherubs: Beginning September 21st at the 9am Mass, children from the ages of 4 - 6 are invited to join in a special lesson designed just for them. They will process to the Bride's Room just before the Readings and remain there through the homily. They will hear the readings from the Children's Lectionary and do an activity that goes along with the Gospel. To be able to offer Cherubs, we need teachers and teacher helpers! This would be an excellent opportunity for Confirmation students! If you have a gift for working with our little ones, please contact Heather Adler at 715-897-1941. Cherubs runs from September 21st through May 10th with no lessons on Palm and Easter Sundays.

That Man is You!: Men, it's not too late to join *That Man is You!* This year is a powerful call to authentic male leadership. Try it out, at 6:00am Tuesday mornings at Dillenberg Hall at Our Lady of Peace.

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

Our Lady's Rosary Makers: Our Lady's Rosary Makers is a national organization providing simple to make handmade rosaries for worldwide organizations who request them. 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. All supplies are provided. For more information, contact Kerry at 715-351-0630.

Charly's Fall Cleanup Need help with fall clean-up? Call 715-828-7611 for a free estimate and to find out all the services provided.

Columbus Corner for September 20-21, 2025**Virtues of the Month**

This month, Columbus Catholic students are focusing on **Love of God** (PreK-2), **Respect** (3-5), and **Faith** (6-12), learning practical ways to live out these virtues each day.

46th Annual Alpine Holiday — Nov. 14-15

Join us for this beloved fundraiser featuring raffles, dinners, entertainment, vendors, kids' games, trivia, and more — all in support of Catholic education!

**Need Hope?**

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

Jesus made a promise to us: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29). Jesus promised us that if we believe in Him, if trust in His goodness and love, if we allow Him to take into His precious hands the burdens of our lives and ask our Lord to guide us in all of our ways, we will find rest and peace in Him, which will last for all of eternity. During this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, let us ask Jesus to increase the gift of hope in us so that we will trust Him, and trust that He will always fulfill His promises.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear St. John the Baptist Parish Family:

One of the things that often strikes me is how Scripture readings are sometimes so timely on a particular day and with events happening. September 10, 2025 and September 11, 2001 are two days that will forever be on the minds of the American people. September 11, 2001 terrorists struck our country when two planes crashed into the World Trade Center. There were also plane crashes at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. September 10, 2025, conservative commentator Charlie Kirk was shot and killed while giving a speech at a university in Utah. Both of these events have shaken the hearts of many Americans.

In these moments God seems to give us the needed and sometimes challenging words which as followers of Christ we all need to hear. On Thursday, September 11 in the gospel of Saint Luke Jesus says to us these words. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly." This sounds like a radical teaching considering the events mentioned above. However, I believe God is calling all of us to be radicals for Christ. To be a radical for Christ means we love our enemies and we pray for our persecutors. St. Paul in his first letter to Timothy which we read for Sunday of the 25th week in ordinary time tells us how we can live our call to be radicals for Christ. "My advice is that first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone petitions, intercessions, and thanksgiving." Do we thank God enough for the gift of our free speech and the right to be able to engage in healthy debate? It seems that we live in a time when many don't want that to happen. It is okay to disagree. We don't have to end the life of someone that we don't agree with. Instead, God wants us to pray for them and to dialogue with them. Perhaps there is a little bit of something we might be able to understand from the other side's argument. Every day I ask myself the question: Do I pray for those I disagree with? Are we willing to pray for the person who shot Charlie Kirk? I hope and pray that we will all lift up to the Lord in prayer those whom we disagree with. This is how we can live the call to be a radical for Christ. We need RFC in our midst because we have plenty of RFS to go around. RFS stands for radicals for Satan. What will help us in these difficult times in which we live is to unite ourselves in the love of God that comes to us through Christ Jesus our Lord.

I must admit that I've had to pray hard not to get angry at the events that have taken place as of late. Yes, anger is a real human emotion but if taken too far it certainly can become sinful. Is it easy to get angry with those to whom we disagree? Certainly. Perhaps a bit more prayer will help us to not allow our anger to turn us to violence. Lord, open our hearts to your love and help us to one day put an end to all violence in our country and in our world. May your peace and your love be in the hearts of us all.

This week I would like to do a shout out to all of those who put so much time and effort into the music ministry here at St. John's. To all of our members of the choir, our cantors, and musicians the parish thanks you for your hard work in the gift of your talent which helps us to uplift our hearts and voices to the Lord in praise of him. Through the intercession of St. Cecelia May God richly bless you for the gift of your talent that you share with us through the gift of music.

St. Cecelia and St. John the Baptist pray for us.

Fr. Mlsna

Associate Pastor St. John the Baptist Parish

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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).



"If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts."

St. Vincent de Paul

Alive on Mission Having seen both the signs of a thriving parish and the new context in which we live, we now turn to how the Church responds through prayerful and Spirit-led pastoral planning.

What Is Pastoral Planning and Why Does It Matter?

Pastoral planning is the Church's way of listening to the Holy Spirit and discerning how best to live out the mission of Christ today. It is more than an organizational exercise—it is a prayerful process of renewal, rooted in faith and guided by the Gospel.

The Church faces new challenges: changing demographics, fewer priests, financial pressures, and cultural shifts that no longer automatically support Christian life. Without planning, parishes risk slipping into survival mode. With planning, we can look forward with confidence, asking: How can Sunday Mass be more vibrant? How do we form disciples and strengthen families? How do we serve the poor and welcome those who are searching?

Pastoral planning is usually described in three steps: consultation, education, and implementation. First, the Church listens—hearing from the People of God about their experiences, hopes, and needs. Then, through prayer and study, the Church offers education and discernment about where the Spirit is leading. Finally, plans are put into action, always with the goal of building up the Body of Christ.

Pastoral planning matters because the mission of the Church is far too important to leave to chance. It helps us use our resources wisely, encourages healthy leadership, and focuses on what truly matters: leading people to encounter Jesus Christ and become His disciples. We are called to engage in bold, brave, and Spirit-led pastoral planning—not simply to maintain what has been, but to move forward with hope. Like the apostles in the early Church, we are invited to trust the Holy Spirit and rediscover the joy of the Gospel in our own time.

Evening of Hope - Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church Sunday, October 12, 2025

Please join His Excellency Bishop Gerard William Battersby at the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church in Wausau for the final Jubilee event for the Diocese of La Crosse. This final event coincides with the Jubilee of Marian Devotion, which will be celebrated in Rome. At this event, Fr. James Kurzynski will offer a reflection on the virtue of hope.



Schedule - Sunday, October 12, 2025

2:00 PM – Holy Hour with Jubilee Reflection by: Fr. James Kurzynski – Main Church

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Confessions – Main Church

4:00 PM – Benediction – Main Church

For the Jubilee year, the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church in Wausau has been designated as a pilgrimage site. By completing a pilgrimage to the this church the Jubilee plenary indulgence may be obtained under the usual conditions.

"Despite the rule that only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day, the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day, applicable only to the deceased".

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!

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