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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.

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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 9/8/2025** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am Donald & Margaret Kraus

Scripture Readings: Mi 5:1-4a

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

TUES 9/9/2025 St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:00am Walter & Josephine Manlick

Scripture Readings: Col 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19

WED 9/10/2025

7:00am Irv & Mary Ann Heyer

8:00am Tracy Zimmerman

Scripture Readings: Col 3:1-11

Lk 6:20-26

THUR 9/11/2025

7:00am Jane Seifert

Scripture Readings: Col 3:12-17

Lk 6:27-38

FRI 9/12/2025 The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Willam & Philomene Schneider family

Scripture Readings: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Lk 6:39-42

SAT 9/13/2025 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00am Caroline Stini

Scripture Readings: 1 Tm 1:15-17

Lk 6:43-49

4:30pm Lorraine Kemp

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**SUN 9/14/2025**

7:00am David Kundinger

9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

11:00am Harold & Dorothy Faust

Scripture Readings: Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****September 13th & September 14th, 2025****LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz
 7:00am Caren Alsides
 9:00am Natalie Ridder
 11:00am Danielle Rummells

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Lois Carlson / Marty Draxler / Mike Gonerig / Marcy Gotz
 7:00am Tiffany Scheer / Ray & Pam Housworth
 9:00am Christina Nemitz / Natalie Ridder / Lonny Roberts
 David Schlinsog / Rita Blenker / Jill Hiller
 11:00am Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis / Danielle Rummells
 Chris Rutschow

SERVERS

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Griffin Lescynski
 7:00am Nathan Scheer / Paige Schlagenhaft
 9:00am Graham Bauer / Ellie Kraus
 11:00am Evelyn & Eleanor Leschke / Gwendolyn Clubb

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Mary Frey / Ann Kundinger
 7:00am Megan Schirger
 9:00am Megan Schirger
 11:00am **Open**

Weekday Mass Servers - September 8th - September 13th

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 August 30th - August 31st**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$12,517.50
Parish Improvement	25.00
Total	\$12,542.50

Total to date for August \$71,335.58

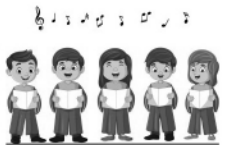
Total to date for Mission Co-Op \$5,854.00

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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).

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.



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.

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

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.

Our sympathy to the families of:

Pius Joseph Landwehr / Thomas Knauf

*May the souls of Pius & Thomas
 and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,
 through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.*

**Need Hope?**

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



Another promise that God made to Abraham was that He would make his name great. (Genesis 12:2) This promise was kept through King David who was a man after God's own heart. David faithfully submitted to the will of God, was fervent in his prayer, including the writing of the Psalms and humbly repented when his sin was pointed out to Him. His prayer was a faithful adherence to the divine promise and expressed a loving and joyful trust in God, the only King and Lord. God fulfilled His promise as He blessed David's efforts to unite the Holy Land to be a great nation while making David's name great.

Let us ask Jesus to deepen our loving and joyful trust in God, during this Jubilee Year of Hope.

THE DEACON IS SPEAKIN'

As summer draws to a close we look forward to the most colorful of the seasons, Autumn or fall. Soon the leaves will turn bright colors, reds, oranges and gold. The days will grow noticeably shorter, the mornings crisp and cold and the farmers busier than ever as they work harder to gather in their crops to feed us.

School has already begun with buses stopping to pick the kids up or drop them off so be extra careful as you drive our city and rural streets. Please, please, please be alert for the kids and be sure to stop for all school buses. Slow down!!

Liturgically speaking we remain in ordinary time. We will celebrate Mary's birthday, the Triumph of the Cross and the Archangels.

On the corner of N. Central Ave. and Arnold St. is an older four story building that most people think of as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It isn't! It is the Thrift Store and Outreach of the Society but the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is actually a group of lay people from St. John the Baptist Church in Marshfield. These people, your fellow parishioners, work together through the store and the outreach as well as through home visits, to help the poor and those in need in our community.

If you ask most people "What is the purpose of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?", you will get many good answers. "Feed the hungry", "serve the poor", "help people at Thanksgiving and Christmas"; and other such answers all good all wrong. Simply put the purpose of the Society is to help its members grow in holiness. All those "good" answers are how we grow in holiness.

I think it is important to remind everyone that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a lay apostolate. It is run strictly by members of the laity. While priests, deacons and bishops can and should support the society, we are prevented by rule from holding any position of authority within the organization. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an organization of the laity run by the laity. In other words it is your apostolate.

Anyone interested in growing in holiness (as Jesus calls us to grow in holiness) or anyone interested in the mission of the Church (as Bishop Battersby invites us to be) or anyone interested in working for the poor in a community of believers (as Father Thelen calls us to do) should contact Connie Manlick or Lonny Roberts.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

Blessed Frederic Ozanam (founder), pray for us.

Blessed Rosalie Rendu (founder), pray for us.

Deacon Jeff Austin

Alive on Mission Over the next three weeks, we'll be exploring what it means for our parishes to be fully alive in Christ's mission today—looking at the signs of thriving parish life, the changing context of our times, and how the Church responds with wisdom and hope.

Seven Indicators of a Parish Fully Alive on Mission

What makes a parish thrive and bear lasting fruit? In 2020, the Vatican released the instruction *The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelizing Mission of the Church*, which highlights the qualities of parishes truly alive in Christ's mission. From this teaching come seven key indicators that give us a vision of parish life renewed by the Holy Spirit.

1. Vibrant Sunday Mass – Reverent worship, beautiful music, and a spirit of welcome.
2. Stable & Healthy Leadership – Collaboration among clergy, staff, and volunteers.
3. A Culture of Discipleship – Prayer, witness, and discernment of God's call.
4. A Culture of Accompaniment – Hospitality and guidance for seekers and newcomers.
5. Missionary Outreach – Care for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized.
6. Faith Formation – Lifelong opportunities for children, youth, and adults.
7. Stewardship – Generous sharing of time, talent, and treasure.

These indicators are not a checklist but a picture of what happens when a parish is truly alive in Christ. They help us recognize the Spirit's presence and identify areas where we can grow.

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!**

Last week, Fr. Thelen and Fr. Misna gathered with the school children at the new playground. A special blessing was given as this new school year starts. Many happy faces and eager students!



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