



OCTOBER

Month of the *Holy Rosary*

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 10/27/2025**

7:00am Geraldine Altmann

Scripture Readings: Rom 8:12-17

Lk 13:10-17

TUES 10/28/2025 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

7:00am Jerry & Jean Kraus

Scripture Readings: Eph 2:19-22

Lk 6:12-16

WED 10/29/2025

7:00am Hal Bahlinger

8:00am Norman & Sharon Wittman

Scripture Readings: Rom 8:26-30

Lk 13:22-30

THUR 10/30/2025

7:00am Allen & Maria Sternitzky

Scripture Readings: Rom 8:31b-39

Lk 13:31-35

FRI 10/31/2025

7:00am Richard Meyer

Scripture Readings: Rom 9:1-5

Lk 14:1-6

SAT 11/1/2025 All Saints Day

8:00am Ben Schar

Scripture Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

4:30pm Lindsay Dick Zuelke

6:30pm Deceased members of St. John the Baptist parish

All Souls Day**SUN 11/2/2025**

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

9:00am Living & deceased members of the Schuld & Straka family

11:00am John & Monica Carlson

Scripture Readings: Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11

Jn 6:37-40

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****November 1st & November 2nd, 2025****LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

6:30pm Ann & Laurel

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am John Salzmann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Tom & Susan Youngwith / Lois Carlson / Marty Draxler

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech / Brian Kostka / Connie Manlick

9:00am Dan & Dorothy Flees / Nancy Immerfall / Ann Kunding
Ron & Patty Kraus11:00am Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis / Danielle Rummells
Christine Rutschow**SERVERS**

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

7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

9:00am Dakota, Isabella & Paxton Hannasch

11:00am Kofi Yeboah / Matthew Dums / Derek Krieg

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Kris Herr / Adult Choir

6:30pm Kris Herr / Adult Choir

7:00am Megan Schirger

9:00am Megan Schirger

11:00am Megan Schirger

Weekday Mass Servers - October 27th - November 1st**Monday** - Glenn Linzmeier**Thursday** - Lee Alt**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler**Friday** - Mike Spencer**Wednesday** - Dan Flees**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 October 18th - 19th**

Adult / Youth / Plate

\$11,993.50

Parish Improvement

160.00

Total

\$12,153.50

ACH for October

\$14,797.00

Total to date for October

\$68,054.45

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Join our Pastoral leadership and the Bereavement Ministry in honoring the deceased of the parish at an All Souls' Day Mass.

Date: Saturday, November 1st**Time: 6:30pm**

This Mass does fulfill your Sunday obligation.

We will be remembering in a special way, all parishioners that we have lost in this past year.

2025 CANDLELIGHT DINNER FOR WOMEN: The Men of Corpus Christi are once again inviting women to a special evening of dining and entertainment on Sunday Nov. 30th at 6pm at the Remb's Celebration Center. Proceeds will go to the First Choice Pregnancy Center. Tickets will be available by calling Deacon Ray Draeger beginning Monday, Oct. 27th at 8am. Tickets: \$25. 715-650-1522.

PCCW Christmas Raffle: Our Parish Council of Catholic Women will once again be holding their Christmas Raffle Basket giveaway. The proceeds for this raffle go to benefit the parish in a myriad of ways. Please consider donating an item such as a theme basket, handmade item, or gift cards for groceries or restaurants. The raffle tickets will be sent out in early Nov. If you would like to donate an item for this raffle, please contact Cheri Imhoff at 507-993-8740.

PCCW Funeral Luncheons: The Columbia room remodeling project is complete and the ladies of the parish are now ready to resume funeral lunches for parish members. Family members are responsible to pay for the food plus \$2.00 per plate served as well as a small stipend to the Cooks. Watch for an opening blessing of the new and improved Columbia room and kitchen coming soon!

Attention High School parents: Knights of Columbus Fr. John Eisen Council 1799 is offering the annual Catholic Citizenship essay contest to young Catholics in 8th through 12th grade. Essay to be 500-750 words; double spaced with Times New Roman 12 point font. **Essays are due by December 1, 2025.**

2025-2026 Topic: "Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?"

To obtain the entry form, see the following link to print out:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest/4208-essay-entry-form.pdf>

**THANKSGIVING COLLECTION****Saturday, Nov. 1st - Sunday, Nov. 16th**

The annual Thanksgiving "food drive" will be held this year as it was last year. St. John's will continue to help our parish families as well as St. Vincent de Paul. We are grateful for the success

of last year's collection. Money received will be used to purchase gift cards for groceries and delivered to families before Thanksgiving. St. Vincent de Paul will purchase the items needed to fill their shelves for the community assuring that the needs of many will be met. **If you would like to help, please pick up a Thanksgiving envelope on the table as you enter church or put in an envelope clearly marked Thanksgiving Collection.** Checks should be written out to St. John's. You may also mail it into the office no later than November 17th.

If you or someone you know could use assistance, please contact the parish office at 715-384-3252. All information shared will be kept confidential. Thank you for your support!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: Last week in my homily I reflected on the first reading (Exodus 17:8-13) which recounted the story from the Old Testament of Moses raising his hands. Whenever his hands remained lifted, the Hebrew people were victorious in battle. The moment his hands grew tired and his hands fell down, the Israelites began to lose. On the surface level this is an odd story. However, in my homily I shared a number of ways that this story perfectly images the Crucifixion of Jesus over a thousand years before Jesus came to save us.

First of all, Moses is on a hill. Jesus was on Mount Calvary a hill on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Secondly, Moses held a staff in his hand. Jesus held in his pierced hands the wooden cross that saved us. Thirdly, in raising his hands Moses would have stretched his arms in the shape of a Cross. Thus, perfectly imaging our Lord nailed to a tree.

Now here is where it gets more interesting. The account in Exodus says that they put a rock in place for Moses to sit upon. Jesus says, "On this rock I will build my Church." (Matt 16:18). The word Golgotha, the Place of the Skull, was a skull shaped rock. The foot of the cross was placed into this rock. This rock, the "Rock of Calvary" can still be touched in the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. There is a tradition that this rock structure was an unused portion of an ancient rock quarry. This may hint at a possible double meaning behind the phrase "the stone the builders rejected" (Psalm 118:22; 1 Pet 2:7, etc).

Both Aaron and Hur supported the hands of Moses. On the Cross it was the nails that supported the arms of the Lord. The hands of Moses remained steady till sunset. When did Jesus die? At 3pm, the Hour of Mercy. Does the sun set at 3pm in Jerusalem? No. Yet it became dark at that time because of an eclipse of the sun.

Finally, Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. On the Cross Jesus fully defeated Satan. The name Jesus is Joshua (Joshua - Yeshua - lesous - Jesus). Joshua does this with the edge of the sword. When does Jesus wield a sword? In the vision on Patmos. One like the Son of Man (Revelation 1:13-16) In his right hand he held seven stars. A sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth and his voice was like the sound of rushing water.

May we fall in love with Scripture and may St. John the Baptist pray for us.

Fr. Thelen



Columbus Corner for October

Alpine Holiday – Save the Date

Alpine Holiday will be held **November 14–15** at Columbus Catholic High School. For more information, call 715-387-1177 x3300, or email giving@columbusdons.org.

Alpine Holiday – NEW! Trivia Competition

All are invited to participate in a Trivia Challenge supporting the 2026 Italy Pilgrimage. Form a team of 2–6 players (ages 11 and older) and enjoy an evening of fellowship and friendly competition. The entry fee is \$50 per team. Register soon—space is limited. Scan the QR code above and click on "Trivia Competition" to register.



Congratulations to

Jordan & Kacie Spatz
on their Marriage ~ October 24, 2025



*We welcome this new family
to St. John's*

Patricia Stewart

Our sympathy to the family of:

Matthew Gregory Sebastian



*Funeral service to be held on Monday, October 27th
at 10:00am. Loved ones are welcome to join.*

Dear Friends,

The Sacred Heart Icon is traveling throughout the state of Wisconsin. It will be in the Marshfield Deanery from Oct. 28th - Nov. 4th.



As part of the time that the Icon is in our deanery, they are asking that we do a Holy Hour to the Sacred Heart provided with the Icon. One Holy Hour will take place at each parish cluster. Below is the schedule of parishes where the Icon will be while in our Deanery.

Wednesday, October 29th: St. Mary's, Auburndale
Thursday, October 30th: St. Joseph, Stratford
Friday, October 31st: Christ the King, Spencer
Sunday, November 2nd: St. John the Baptist
Monday, November 3rd: St John the Baptist 7am Mass

OLP 10-11am - Columbus Chapel 12-3pm
Sacred Heart 6pm Holy Hour

Each parish individually will set up when their Holy Hour will take place. St. John's will be displayed at the weekend Masses Nov. 1st and Nov. 2nd. There will be a Holy Hour after the Monday morning 7am Mass. Please join us!

Come and Be Empowered! Do you long to experience more of God's healing power—in your life and in the lives of others? Are you drawn to pray with people but unsure where to begin?

You're invited to take your first step into the Church's healing ministry through a dynamic formation series designed to equip you with practical tools, deepen your faith, and inspire you for a lifelong mission of praying with others and witnessing God's healing love. Fr. Jared Clements, along with Brian and Sara Clements, will lead four 90-minute sessions on Sundays—November 2, 9, 16, and 23—from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in Toeller Hall at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

Each session includes:

- Solid Catholic teaching rooted in Scripture, Tradition, and the Catechism
- Small group practice in healing prayer
- Encouragement to grow in faith and boldness

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- The theology of healing in the Church from Apostolic times to today
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit and how to use them in prayer
- How to pray with others in a loving, Spirit-led way
- How to overcome obstacles to healing such as unforgiveness, fear, and lies
- How to grow in confidence in God's power working through you

We'll draw from trusted Catholic resources such as *Healing by Mary Healy and Be Healed by Dr. Bob Schuchts*. To register, call 715-384-9414, Ext. 6. Come discover what the Holy Spirit wants to do *in you and through you*.

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