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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.

### *Parish Personnel*

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Mass Times..... 715-384-3252 ext. 1

### *Masses*

Weekdays 6:45 a.m.  
Saturdays 8 a.m. / 4:30 p.m.  
Sundays 7 a.m. / 9 a.m. / 11 a.m.



### *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*

Monday - Thursdays 6:15 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 11/24/2025** St. Anthony Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
**6:45am** Margaret Weigel  
 Scripture Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4

**TUES 11/25/2025** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr  
**6:45am** Irv & Mary Ann Heyer  
 Scripture Readings: Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11

**WED 11/26/2025**  
**6:45am** Otto & Carol Schecklman  
 Scripture Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19

**THUR 11/27/2025** Thanksgiving  
**8:00am** Sheila Dishinger  
 Scripture Readings: Dn 6:12-28 Lk 21:20-28

**FRI 11/28/2025**  
**No Mass at St. John's**  
 Scripture Readings: Dn 7: 15-17 Lk 21:34-36

**SAT 11/29/2025**  
 8:00am For the poor souls in Purgatory  
 Scripture Readings: Dn 7:15-17 Lk 21:34-36  
 4:30pm Marge Bredl

**First Sunday of Advent**

**SUN 11/30/2025**  
 7:00am Richard Hansen  
 9:00am Ron & Agnes Rehlinger  
 11:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 Scripture Readings: Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14  
 Mt 24:37-44



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

November 29<sup>th</sup> & November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz  
 7:00am Jan Altmann  
 9:00am Rita Blenker  
 11:00am Danielle Rummells

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Tom & Susan Youngwith / Lois Carlson / Marty Draxler  
 7:00am Tiffany Scheer / Hope Kuehner / Brian Kostka  
 9:00am Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Al & Barb May  
 Chris Nemitz / Christina Nemitz  
 11:00am Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis / John Salzman  
 Audrey Aply

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan, Eliza & Olivia Schuld  
 7:00am Nathan Scheer / Griffin Lescynski / Cole Krieg  
 9:00am Jonathan & Maria Nemitz  
 11:00am Evelyn & Eleanor Leschke

**MUSIC MINISTER**

4:30pm Cathy Heuer  
 7:00am Megan Schirger  
 9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir  
 11:00am Open

**Weekday Mass Servers - November 24<sup>th</sup> - November 29<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b> - Glenn Linzmeier	<b>Thursday</b> Lee Alt
<b>Tuesday</b> - Marty Draxler	<b>Friday</b> No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> Lenny K	<b>Saturday</b> 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 6:15am Monday - Thursday and on Saturdays after the 8am Mass.



STEWARDSHIP for November 15 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Adult / Youth / Plate	\$14,058.22
Parish Improvement	252.00
Total	\$14,310.22
ACH for November	\$14,877.00
Total to date for November	\$59,578.98



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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).



The Parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. The parish staff wishes everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Mass time change! Mass on Thanksgiving day, November 27<sup>th</sup> will be at 8:00am.

The next Holy Day of obligation is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass schedule is:

**St. John:** December 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30am / 8:00am  
 12:00pm and 6:00pm

Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Mass servers are needed. The sign-up sheet is in the sacristy. Please volunteer as soon as possible.



Our Lady of Peace will have a Mass on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. Sacred Heart will have a Mass at 5:30pm.

Christ the King, Spencer will have Mass on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am and 6:00pm

**2025 - 2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:**

Steady progress is being made in reaching our Annual Appeal goal! We thank the 142 families that have sent in their donation. There are a total of 1083 families in our parish. If you have not yet sent in your donation, please consider doing so. It would be wonderful to reach our goal by Christmas! Thank you! All mailings get sent directly back to the Diocese in the envelope they provide. If you do not receive a mailing from the Diocese, please call the parish office at 715-384-3252.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2025-2026**  
 We will give weekly updates on our progress. As of 11/18/2025:

Campaign Goal		\$131,020.00
Amount Received	46.18%	\$60,511.32
Under Goal		\$70,508.68
Number of Donors	159	

Pastoral Council next meets on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Columbia room.

At this time, we are opening up the opportunity for new Eucharistic Ministers to be trained. Please call the parish office by November 24<sup>th</sup> if you would like to assist in this way at Mass. We are also in need of Lectors. If you feel called to participate in this way, please call the office. We welcome all new volunteers!

Address for Fr. MIsna! Father is settling in to his new assignment. He would love to hear from you!

Father Todd MIsna  
 St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
 401 Mansion St.  
 Mauston, WI 53948



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: I have been pastor here at St. John the Baptist now for a little over three years. This past Sunday as I was celebrating Mass I was just thinking about every detail of our church and how I know the hand of almost every parishioner who has touched and cared for each of the small yet significant parts of our church. Much like the body of Christ where St. Paul highlights the importance of every part of the body. The ear and the nose cannot say, "I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," (1 Cor 12). We are all one in Christ, blessing and serving one another.

I know the hands of the individual who has added the extra padding to all the chairs, the individual who helped stabilize the confessional kneeler so that it does not rock so much, the individuals who set every candle in the church, the persons who put up every flower and decoration, the individual who cleans the carpets between Masses, the person who adds new grout to the sanctuary floor, the helper who put in extra coat racks for the ushers, the individuals who lock and unlock the church, the person who organizes every book in the pews. Over my three years I have come to know every spot where moisture has dripped in, where the concrete in our sidewalks has moved an inch or two, where and when the doors blow open when the wind blows just right – and all the many ways we have fixed each of these issues.

Then to the Body of Christ, the souls of our faithful. I have come to know the people who visit our homebound, the ones who assist a grieving family in the time of death, the children who come with their families to adoration, the individuals seeking the blessing of their love in marriage, the persons preparing food for our children and for funerals, the catechizing of our youth and the continuing formation of our adults.

Though I have come to know so much, I also know so little. But the Lord knows all. He meets you here in this parish and in any parish where the sacraments, the real presence of Jesus is to be found.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us.

Fr. Thelen



*"Let us always pray for one another."  
Pope Francis*

*Would you like to offer prayers for someone special?*

*This year we have 20 students from St. John's parish preparing for Confirmation.*

*In these times, our young people need our prayers. If you can offer up one simple prayer a day asking the Holy Spirit to open the heart of one student so that he/she can fully receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit please call the parish office.*

*At their Baptism, God made a promise to them to never lose sight of them. It is our hope that your simple prayer will help draw them closer in friendship with Jesus.*

*As Confirmation day draws closer, we ask that you prepare a Confirmation card telling the student that you have kept them in daily prayer. You can choose to sign it or not. These cards will be given to the students just before their Confirmation day.*

*Please call the parish office at 715-384-3252 if you would like to pray for one of our Confirmation students. You will receive a "prayer card" with the first name of the student.*



## Note from Father Thelen

It has been now a few weeks since Fr. Mlsna was asked to take on the responsibility of Parochial Administrator at St. Patrick's in Mauston. With his absence, I reluctantly had to make several weekday Mass time changes. The Masses on Monday through Thursday will begin at 6:45am. This will allow me time to login to my Canon Law classes which begin at 7:30pm. Confessions will be available Monday through Thursday beginning at 6:15am until just before Mass begins. Confessions are also available after the 8:00am Saturday Mass and on the third Friday of the month beginning at 6:00pm.

Because my classes in January will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, Fridays seem to be the best option for my day off going forward. This will allow those who wish to attend Mass every day the continued option of doing so by attending Sacred Heart at 8am or one of the other local parishes in our Deanery. We will continue to offer First Friday Mass here at St. John the Baptist; however, Mass will be cancelled on the other Fridays. On Fridays St. John the Baptist will be opened at 6am as usual for anyone who would like to spend time in prayer before work. If you have a Mass intention scheduled for a Friday, it will be said in a private Mass by me unless you call the parish office and request a change. I appreciate everyone's understanding during this time of change! It is difficult for me to make these changes and I appreciate your understanding. With Prayer, Fr. Thelen



*We welcome this child through the  
Living Waters of Baptism:*

Arthur Michael Moen - son of  
Garrett & Sophia Moen  
Baptized on November 16, 2025

*Congratulations to*

*Ron & Karleen Derfus  
Celebrating 60 years of Marriage!  
November 20, 1965 - November  
20, 2025*



**MARRIAGE BANNS III**

Courtney Samplawski & Blain Schmidt December 27, 2025

**MARRIAGE BANNS I**

## Advent Evenings of Recollection

Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Father Thelen

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Father Weller  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

*Come join us for a mini-retreat this advent season to  
prepare your heart for the Christ-Child!*



Evenings will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a short advent meditation.

Following the meditation will be a time for adoration with Praise and Worship music and periods of silence.

Confessions will be available during adoration.

Evenings will conclude with Benediction at 7:45pm.

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