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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*

Fr. Dan Thelen, Pastor .....715-384-3252 ext. 2  
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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.

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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*

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 12/15/2025**

7:00am Jerold Bohman

Scripture Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Mt 21:23-27

**TUES 12/16/2025**

7:00am Charles &amp; Mary Rentmeester

Scripture Readings: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Mt 21:28-32

**WED 12/17/2025**

7:00am David Schlagenhaft

8:00am William Stauber

Scripture Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17

**THUR 12/18/2025**

7:00am Donald &amp; Tom Eilers

Scripture Readings: Jer 23:5-8

Mt 1:18-25

**FRI 12/19/2025****No Mass at St. John's**

Scripture Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Lk 1:5-25

**SAT 12/20/2025**

8:00am Deceased members of the Harold &amp; Dorothy Hellenbrand family

Scripture Readings: Is 7:10-14

Lk 1:26-38

4:30pm Sheila Dishinger

**Fourth Sunday of Advent****SUN 12/21/2025**

7:00am Living &amp; deceased members of the William &amp; Philomene Schneider family

9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

11:00am Danielle Sternberg

Scripture Readings: Is 7:10-14

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****December 20<sup>th</sup> & December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025****LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Ben Lang

9:00am Ann Kundinger

11:00am Sharon See

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**4:30pm Louise Kobylinski / Joan Raschke / Jeff Sternberg / **Open**

7:00am Dale &amp; Judy Garfield / Tiffany Scheer

9:00am Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Al & Barb May / Christina Nemitz  
Jill Hiller

11:00am Jonathan &amp; Melanie Rootellis / Sharon See / Audrey Ably

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Anabelle &amp; Xavier Egle

7:00am Derek &amp; Cole Krieg / Nathan Scheer

9:00am Kolbe &amp; Dominic Landwehr / Graham Bauer

11:00am Kofi Yeboah / Matthew Dums

**MUSIC MINISTER**

4:30pm Suzanne Golden

7:00am Megan Schirger

9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir

11:00am Cathy Heuer

**Weekday Mass Servers - December 15<sup>th</sup> - December 20<sup>th</sup>****Monday** - David Gouin**Tuesday** - Ray Housworth**Wednesday** - Dan Flees**Thursday** - Lee Alt**Friday** - No Mass**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 6:15am Monday - Thursday and on Saturdays after the 8am Mass.

**STEWARDSHIP for December 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate

\$19,199.17

Parish Improvement

287.00

Total

\$19,486.17



Any donations you wish to have included on your December 2025 statement must be dated no later than December 28, 2025 and into the parish office by Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to allow ample amount of time for the finance office to process/deposit into the bank. Thank you!

**Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2025-2026****We will give weekly updates on our progress. As of 12/9/2025:**

Campaign Goal		\$131,020.00
Amount Received	57.18%	\$74,911.32
Under Goal		\$56,108.68
Number of Donors	202	

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES****OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> -****12:30pm - 5:00pm**

Take this opportunity to prepare your heart for Christmas.

Area priests will be available during these hours.

**Christmas Masses at St. John's****Christmas Eve Masses****Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>****4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm****Christmas Day Masses****Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>****7:00am and 9:00am**

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Mass Server, please sign up to assist at one of our Christmas Masses. The sign-up sheet is in the Sacristy. Usher sign-up can be found in the usher's closet.

Our Lady of Peace will have a 4:00pm on Christmas Eve and a Midnight Mass.

Sacred Heart will have an 9:00am Christmas morning Mass. Christ the King, Spencer will have a 4:00pm and 10:00pm on Christmas Eve and a 10:00am on Christmas day.

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

Barbara & Mark Ross / Tom & Necita Wagner  
Kakki Nutta & family

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

McKenzie Ann Ladd -  
daughter of Daniel & Melissa Ladd

***Our sympathy to the families of:***

Richard Kaczmarowski Caroline Neuman

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





## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners of St John the Baptist!

As we approach Christmas and the Nativity of Our Lord, I reflect on the many Baptisms celebrated and how each are such special moments for our families. Few things bring more joy than Baptisms. The joy and hope offered to us by every newborn, however, is only a glimpse of the supernatural wonders that occur during each Baptism.

Every child, upon conception, is already made in God's image and likeness. At Baptism a child is gifted with something more, something so unspeakably incredible, that if we did not have faith we would never believe is true. At each Baptism a child becomes adopted as a son or daughter of God, a true adoption into the life of our Lord occurs. Thus, everything that God has is now the child's by inheritance. It is the parent's mission then to share the faith with the child so that which was seeded at Baptism matures into a living faith. There is no greater gift that a parent can give to a child, than the gift of Baptism.

One of the unique rites of Baptism comes near the end of the celebration. This part of the rite is called the Ephphatha prayer and it is when the celebrant touches the ears and the mouth of the baby being baptized, praying that the child will be able to hear the word of God and proclaim His holy word. This rite is derived from the Gospel of Mark, where Jesus says "Ephphatha!" ("Be opened!") to a man who was deaf and mute. As the priest or deacon touches the ears and the mouth of the child being baptized with his thumb, the celebrant then recites the prayer, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He soon touch your ears to receive His word, and your mouth to proclaim His faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father". This gesture symbolizes the spiritual opening of the person to God's word, a transformation from being unable to hear and speak God's truth to being able to receive it and share it.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us.

Fr. Thelen



OCIA Are you—or is someone you know—seeking a deeper relationship with God or interested in becoming Catholic? The Marshfield Deanery will offer OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) beginning in the New Year. This journey in faith includes 10 Sunday morning sessions from January 18<sup>th</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Palm Sunday retreat on March 29<sup>th</sup>, and the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by four classes from April 12<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome! Contact JaNae at 715-384-9414 to sign up.



The Deanery Festival of Advent / Christmas Lessons & Carols

The third annual Deanery Festival of Advent - Christmas Lessons & Carols will be presented on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00pm at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

This hour long celebration is structured somewhat like the Easter Vigil's Liturgy of the Word. There are 9 lessons (Readings) in which 9 candles are lit and 9 carols that reflect upon what has been read are sung by the Deanery Festival singers and Deanery Youth Singers.

Save the Date:

Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00pm

Columbia Room

St. John the Baptist School

Join Father Thelen in a prayerful reading of the first chapter of the Gospel of John. Father Thelen will draw upon the Latin vulgate to explain the meaning of each verse.

We will encounter rich texts of our faith that will prepare our hearts for Christmas, the incarnation of our Lord.



The PCCW thanks all parishioners for their generous support in the December 2025 sweepstakes raffle. We also wish to thank all the ladies who donated their time and talent in creating such beautiful baskets for this fundraiser. The winners

of this raffle are: Colleen DeJarlais, Anne Iwanski, Monica Trussoni, Kathy Leick, Cindy Penker, Guy Boucher, Ann Bohnert, Catherine Somerville, Mary Gouin, Carol Ress, Michele Plath, Matthew Ford, Christy Kitzhaber, Donna Fahey, Bernice Mercer, Brandi Sparks-Luther, Leone Aumann, Richard Slark, Ann Hamus, Lillian Heinze, Robert Apfel, Marilyn Lezotte, Mary Pongratz, Marilyn Eckes, Nancy Young, Janet Petcher, Shirley Weber, Abby Woller, Luke Kaiser / Fran Schlagenhaft, Gail Snorheim, Roberta Jevaltas, Nicole Forst, Lisa Kipp, Shirley Gust, Paula Bisek and Kathleen Zeidler

Thank you is also due to all the women in the PCCW who put on this beautiful event! A wonderful time was had by all!

**Bringing Christ to the Sick** The Marshfield Deanery is seeking volunteers to bring Holy Communion to patients at the Marshfield Medical Center. This ministry offers comfort, prayer, and the Holy Eucharist to those who cannot come to church. Volunteers are offering explanations of this ministry in every Deanery parish and inviting those who might feel called to join them in this important work. If you are interested, please contact Allyson Mayeux at 715-305-5453 or scan the QR code here to sign up.



## Advent Evening of Recollection

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. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 7:45pm.

## MARRIAGE BANNS III

Laura Weiler & Jordan Wolf

December 20, 2025



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fund-raising Pancake Breakfast in the Our Lady of Peace Cafeteria on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am - noon. Proceeds will be given to the CCS choir/band department. Enjoy regular and potato pancakes, scrambled eggs, maple sausages and ham along with milk, juice and coffee. There will also be a bake sale! Come and meet Santa & Mrs. Claus!



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