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## 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*

Fr. Dan Thelen, Pastor .....	715-384-3252 ext. 2
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St. John School Office .....	715-384-4989
David Eaton, CCS President .....	715-387-1177
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 1/12/2026**

6:45am Ila Seidl

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 1-8

Mk 1:14-20

**TUES 1/13/2026** St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

6:45am Kenneth Kraimer

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

**WED 1/14/2026**

6:45am Catherine Vogt

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

**THUR 1/15/2026**

6:45am Neil &amp; Pat Jirschele

8:00am Shirley Kaiser

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

**FRI 1/16/2026****No 6:45am Mass at St. John's****Confessions at 6:00pm**

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

**SAT 1/17/2026** St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00am Charles Cherney

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Mk 2:13-17

4:30pm Henry Gadke

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time****SUN 1/18/2026**

7:00am Michael Young

9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

11:00am Peter Franckowiak

Scripture Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**January 17<sup>th</sup> & January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**LECTORS**

4:30pm Bryan Pischel  
 7:00am Caryn Alsides  
 9:00am Ann Kundinger  
 11:00am John Salzmann

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Joan Raschke / Joe & Clare Fischer / Lois Carlson  
 7:00am Tonya Schlagenhaft / Dan Alsides / Peg Endries  
 9:00am David Schliensog / Rita Blenker / Dan & Dorothy Flees  
 Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall  
 11:00am Sharon See / Argelia Moya / John & Melanie Rootellis

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Griffin Lescynski  
 7:00am Cole & Derek Krieg / Ellie Kraus  
 9:00am Jeremiah & Fulton Prusinski / Dakota Hannasch  
 11:00am Ava & Gianna Rootellis

**MUSIC MINISTER**

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

**Weekday Mass Servers - January 12<sup>th</sup> - January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Monday -	David Gouin	Thursday	Lee Alt
Tuesday -	Ray Housworth	Friday	No Mass
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 6:15am Monday - Thursday and on Saturdays after the 8am Mass.

**STEWARSHIP for December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate \$3273.21

**STEWARSHIP for January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate \$17,072.43

Parish Improvement 85.00

Total for January \$17,157.43

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Christmas	\$200.00
Total to date for Christmas	\$22,631.00

**Thank you for you continued support to St. John the Baptist!**

**Our Women and Men Religious Offer Gratitude.** A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

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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).



**Adoration Hour:** Immediate Opening at JP II Adoration Chapel on Sundays from 9-10pm. If this fits into your schedule to adore Jesus please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085. A great way to start your New Year!

**Sacred Worship, Social Justice and Family Life Committees will meet on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Rectory.**

**Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association** will meet on Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 3:00pm at Toeller Hall, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

**Healing Ministry for those Who Have Lost a Baby** Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of losing a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion? Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email [Hope4U@diolc.org](mailto:Hope4U@diolc.org)

**World Day of the Sick 40 Hours of Prayer  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church****February 1 - 2**

The 40 Hours begins on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> with 8am Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing. It ends on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> with a Healing Mass and Evening Prayer followed by a Healing Service. More details to come.



**Sacrament of Anointing at St. John's:**  
 The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick will be offered following the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> as well as following the 7:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am Mass on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**More information coming.****Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2025-2026****We will give weekly updates on our progress. As of 1/6/2026:**

Campaign Goal	\$131,020.00
Amount Received	85.56%
Under Goal	\$112,096.32
Number of Donors	\$18,923.68
	300!

As we begin this new year, we thank all who have helped us get as close to our goal as we have! We hope to cross the finish line soon. Many hands make light work. Please send in your donation today!

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners of St John the Baptist!

St. Martin of Tours was one of those saints that fascinated the earliest Christians of the first millennia. He was St. Francis before there was a St. Francis. On an extremely cold winter night there was a beggar outside the city of Amiens in France. The beggar was described as being "destitute of clothing" and was beseeching everyone who passed by to have compassion on him, but nobody did.

St. Martin saw the poor beggar and was moved with pity to help. Yet, what should he do? St. Martin had nothing except the cloak in which he was clad, for he had already parted with the rest of his garments for similar purposes. Taking, therefore, his sword with which he was girt, he divided his cloak into two equal parts, and gave one part to the poor man, while he again clothed himself with the remainder. Some of the bystanders laughed, because St. Martin was now an unsightly object, and stood out as only partly dressed.

That night Jesus appeared to St. Martin in a vision. In the vision he saw Christ arrayed in the part of the cloak with which he had clothed the poor man. He contemplated the Lord with the greatest attention. Before long, he heard Jesus saying with a clear voice to the multitude of angels surrounding him — 'Martin, who is still but a catechumen, clothed me with this robe.' The Lord, truly mindful of his own words, declared that he himself had been clothed in that poor man. This being a reference to Matthew 25:40.

This weekend we had our annual Ukrainian Christmas fundraiser. Bishop Vitaly of Kiev, Ukraine came to be with us just as he had done last year. Bishop Vitaly continues to faithfully lead his flock in Ukraine despite the challenges and terrors of war. I remember vividly his homily last year at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. During his Mass, construction was happening outside the shrine and large booms could be heard. For me it was just the sound of construction, for him it was the sound of explosions. Please pray for Bishop's safety and all of his flock. Please also pray for Chalice of Mercy and all who bring to the suffering the living Christ.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us.

Fr. Thelen



**Mass Intentions - Mass stipends are paid to the parish and not the priest directly. The stipend for a Mass is \$20.00.**

Please note the following guidelines on scheduling a Mass:

- ◊ Only one scheduled intention can be booked per Mass. This one scheduled intention can have no more than three names within the intention.
- ◊ A family can book no more than four scheduled Masses per person in a calendar year and only two of those can be weekend Masses.
- ◊ Mass intentions can be made for the 8:00am school Masses
- ◊ The calendar for Mass Intentions for 2027 are now open. Please call or drop in during business hours to schedule. Please know that some dates might not be available as we honored first the recently deceased.
- ◊ Masses on Fridays will only happen on the First Friday of the month. Any Mass intention previously scheduled on a Friday in 2026 will be moved to a Private Mass. Father will say these Masses this summer when he is away at school.

**Rebuild My Church: Celebrating Growth:** The 156 parishes of our diocese have been taking Mass counts for over two decades. Average Mass attendance in 2025 was 42,952 - an increase of 1.5% from 2024. Even with a large number of deaths, our Mass attendance has increased each year for five straight years.

**Sunday Mass & Healing Service** St. Matthew Catholic Church in Wausau will celebrate Sunday Mass followed by communal and individual prayer for health and healing on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 3:30pm. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available prior to Mass from 2pm until 3:25pm.

**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>. Contact JaNae at 715-384-9414 to sign up. \*These classes will begin after the 8am Sacred Heart Mass (around 9:15am) and held at Sacred Heart Church.



Join us for an engaging and practical workshop with Emily Geiger of the Equal Rights Institute, designed to help Catholics communicate the truth about the dignity of human life with clarity, charity, and confidence. Emily's proven approach to pro-life dialogue has been tested on college campuses across the country. A dynamic and thoughtful speaker, she has appeared on MSNBC, EWTN, Relevant Radio, Focus on the Family, Christianity Today and more. This workshop will equip participants with concrete tools for meaningful, respectful conversations—especially in challenging or emotionally charged situations.



Visit: [diolc.org/respect-life](http://diolc.org/respect-life) for complete details and to register.

Date: Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> / Time: 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM (includes lunch)

Location: Our Lady of Peace Parish, 1414 W 5<sup>th</sup> St., Marshfield.

**Vocation Event!** Are you being called to be a handmaiden of Jesus? This could be you! Come learn more about Religious Life and Discernment!

**When:** February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 **For:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls through College and beyond.

**Schedule:**

4:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Peace, Marshfield

5:00pm Pizza Dinner at OLP Rectory

5:30pm Q+A with Mother Veronica and Sister Lucia (Franciscan Sisters of Divine Mercy), Sister Adorers, Fr. Steven Weller (Director of Vocations) and priests.

6:30pm Decorating Cookies Activity

RSVP by going to <https://forms.gle/4uL1xdGZocdy2ZXg6>

## Columbus Corner

**Christmas card collection:** Please don't discard your Christmas cards! This past Advent students from Our Lady of Peace used the top part of Christmas Cards for a fundraiser. They successfully raised over \$200 (selling the "postcards" at \$0.25 each) for a local charity. They would like to do the same next year. Please drop your cards off in the box located in the vestibule or drop them off at Our Lady of Peace school office. Thank you!

## Open House – St. John the Baptist Primary School

Families are invited to an Open House on Tue., Jan. 28, from 4:00 – 6:30pm. Tour the school, meet teachers, and learn about our faith-centered programs for preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Families may arrive anytime.

For more information, contact Nicki Kitchner, Admissions Director, at 715-387-1177 ext. 3323 or [admissions@columbusdons.org](mailto:admissions@columbusdons.org). Please scan the QR code below to learn more.



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