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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

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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 1/19/2026**

6:45am Mary Ann Brinkman
Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22

TUES 1/20/2026 St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr: St. Sebastian, Martyr

6:45am Ralph Lang
Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28

WED 1/21/2026 St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

6:45am Herbert Schneider
Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6

THUR 1/22/2026

6:45am John Pritzl
8:00am Living & deceased members of the Duane & Betty Guden family
Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12

FRI 1/23/2026 St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

No 6:45am Mass
Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19

SAT 1/24/2026 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00am Tim Hasenorhl
Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21
4:30pm Patrick Imhoff

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**SUN 1/25/2026**

7:00am Robert Schiferl, Sr.
9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
11:00am Richard DeJarlais
Scripture Readings: Is 8:23—9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13,17
Mt 4:12-23

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**January 24th & January 25th, 2026**LECTORS**

4:30pm Brian Kostka
7:00am Pam Alt
9:00am Al May
11:00am Gayle Specht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Brian & Karyn Kostka / Mindy Schuld / Jeff Sternberg
7:00am Lee & Pam Alt / Lori Greenwald
9:00am Ron & Patty Kraus / Ann Kundinger / Linda Lewer
Pat & Marlea Lescynski
11:00am Michael Clubb / Danielle Rummells / Chris Rutschow
Kim Rybicki

SERVERS

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan, Olivia & Eliza Schuld
7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Joseph & Madeline Niehaus
9:00am Lily, Neil & Dax Adler
11:00am Savannah Rummells / Gwen Clubb

MUSIC MINISTER

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

Weekday Mass Servers - January 19th - January 24th

Monday -	Glenn Linzmeier	Thursday	Lee Alt
Tuesday -	Marty Draxler	Friday	No Mass
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 6:15am Monday - Thursday and on Saturdays after the 8am Mass.

**STEWARSHIP for January 10th & 11th**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$15,756.09
Parish Improvement	120.00
Total	\$15,876.09
Total to date for January	\$33,033.52



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Christmas	\$725.00
Total to date for Christmas	\$23,356.00

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

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).



We are pleased to see that the number of donors continues to rise. Please, if you have not, send in your donation to the Annual Appeal which helps our diocese in so many ways. Let's reach our goal as soon as we can!

Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2025-2026

We will give weekly updates on our progress. As of 1/12/2026:

Campaign Goal	\$131,020.00
Amount Received	86.69%
Under Goal	\$113,581.32
Number of Donors	\$17,438.68
	304!

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!

The finance council will meet on Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall in the school. Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, January 27th at 6:30pm in the Columbia Room.

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.

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 21st, 2026 **For:** 6th 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/4uL1xdGZocdy2ZXq6>

That Man Is You: Join men from the Marshfield Deanery on Tuesday, January 20th to grow together in faith and brotherhood through engaging, practical Catholic teaching and dialogue. We meet regularly on Tuesdays at 7:00am in Dillenburg Hall at OLP. All men are welcome!

**MARCH FOR LIFE - JANUARY 22 - 25**

Please keep in prayer Fr. Clements, Dave Alcott, our 3 chaperones and 16 students as they travel to Washington D.C. for the March For Life. This year's theme is *Life is a Gift* which emphasizes the value and dignity of every human life! The March will take place on Friday, January 23rd.

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Dear Parishioners of St John the Baptist!

The past semester in seminary revealed itself as a gift. Life settled into a rhythm that brought stability and joy: prayer, study, fraternity, and service all woven together with purpose. This structure created space for focused prayer and formation, even on days crowded with responsibilities. Reading St. Thomas Aquinas challenged me to think differently about the world and human nature, and about how we recognize what is true, good, and beautiful. It opened new ways of noticing God's presence in daily life—small details I might have overlooked before.

Most memorable moments arrived unplanned. Every Wednesday, St. Mary's Place, a shelter for people experiencing homelessness, welcomed me to tutor and spend time with the kids. They brought energy, curiosity, and humor that brightened the day. Questions, stories about school, and favorite activities flowed freely, showing how joy and hope can shine even in difficult circumstances. I realized clearly that the Heart of Jesus appears most vividly in the midst of life's messiness.

Ordinary moments with classmates and brother seminarians brought quiet treasures: sharing Scripture, trading jokes, or reflecting on the day's challenges and joys. Simple activities—hiking, playing board games, running turkey trots—filled hearts with delight and reminded me that God works constantly in subtle ways.

Prayer anchored everything. Rooting the day in the Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary, Mass, and Adoration shaped perspective on every responsibility and opportunity. Bringing joys, struggles, hopes, and questions to Christ revealed His presence guiding, sustaining, and encouraging me. Balancing study, service, fraternity, and prayer created a semester full of growth, reflection, and gratitude. Each day offered new ways to see God at work quietly, steadily, and powerfully, shaping life and faith.

Luke Kaiser
Seminarian for the Diocese of La Crosse

Please pray for Luke and all of our seminarians. If you would like to send a card to Luke, it can be sent to the following address:

St. Paul Seminary
Attn. Luke Kaiser
2260 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105



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

Greg & Mikayla Korth and family
John Kaiser



Our sympathy to the family of:

Mary Lou Nennig

*May the Soul of Mary Lou
and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.*



World Day of the Sick 40 Hours of Prayer

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Sunday, February 1st

Mass with Sacrament of Anointing	8:00am
Exposition Following Mass	
Midday Prayer	12:00pm
Midafternoon Prayer	3:00pm
Evening Prayer	6:00pm
Night Prayer	9:00pm

Monday, February 2nd

Morning Prayer	6:00am
Rosary - Joyful Mysteries	7:30am
Midmorning Prayer	9:30am
Rosary - Luminous Mysteries	10:30am
Midday Prayer	12:00 noon
Rosary - Glorious Mysteries	4:30pm
Confessions	4:00pm - 6:00pm
Mass with Evening Prayer	6:00pm

Healing Service Following Mass

Confessions	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Night Prayer	9:00pm
Benediction	12:00 midnight

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend any of these events and to come before the blessed sacrament to pray for the sick at anytime during the 40 Hours of Prayer for the sick.

We can't leave Jesus along. While anyone can come to pray at anytime during the 40 Hours, it is necessary that at least one person always be present for Adoration. There are 59 half blocks that need to be filled. To sign up call JaNae in the Pastoral Office at 715-384-3213.

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 31st as well as following the 7:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am Mass on Sunday, February 1st.

More information coming.



Monthly Gathering for Prayer Shawl Ministry! Knitters or Crocheters.

Where: Everette Roehl Marshfield Public Library

When: Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday from 1 - 3pm

Purpose: Prayerfully knit or crochet prayer shawls to be donated to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

You are invited to join us on the 2nd floor (Bee Bee Room) of the library on January 21st. Questions? Please call Lori at 715-305-6322.

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.

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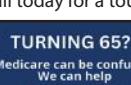

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