



# *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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## *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 &amp; deceased members of the Duane &amp; 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 24<sup>th</sup> & January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**LECTORS**

4:30pm Brian Kostka

7:00am Pam Alt

9:00am Al May

11:00am Gayle Specht

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Brian &amp; Karyn Kostka / Mindy Schuld / Jeff Sternberg

7:00am Lee &amp; Pam Alt / Lori Greenwald

9:00am Ron &amp; Patty Kraus / Ann Kundinger / Linda Lewer

Pat &amp; Marlea Lescynski

11:00am Michael Clubb / Danielle Rummells / Chris Rutschow

Kim Rybicki

**SERVERS**

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

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Joseph &amp; Madeline Niehaus

9:00am Lily, Neil &amp; 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 19<sup>th</sup> - January 24<sup>th</sup>****Monday -** Glenn Linzmeier**Tuesday -** Marty Draxler**Wednesday -** Lenny K**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 January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate \$15,756.09

Parish Improvement 120.00

Total \$15,876.09

Total to date for January \$33,033.52

**Christmas** \$725.00**Total to date for Christmas** \$23,356.00QR Code  
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**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% \$113,581.32

Under Goal \$17,438.68

Number of Donors 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall in the school. Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 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 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/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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| 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 2<sup>nd</sup>

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 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 alone. 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 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.

#### Monthly Gathering for Prayer Shawl Ministry! Knitters or Crocheters.

Where: Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library

When: Monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Bee Bee Room) of the library on January 21<sup>st</sup>. 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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