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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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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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Switch
hearing aid
to T-coil

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 1/5/2026** St. John Neumann, Bishop

6:45am Paul & Rosie Schlagenhaf

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUES 1/6/2026 St. André Bessette, Religious

6:45am Jake Dick

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

WED 1/7/2026 St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

6:45am Jeff Theurer

8:00am Margaret Weigel

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

THUR 1/8/2026

6:45am Donald & Margaret Kraus

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4

Lk 4:14-22a

FRI 1/9/2026**No 6:45am Mass**

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

SAT 1/10/2026

8:00am Jerome & Mary Lou Kirsch

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

4:30pm Lauretta Heiting

The Baptism of the Lord**SUN 1/11/2026**

7:00am Geraldine Altmann

9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

11:00am Jane Seifert

Scripture Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**January 10th & January 11th, 2026**LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Luke Schlagenhaf

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am Gayle Specht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Susan Jahr / Becky Kaiser / Louise Kobylinski / Joe Fischer

7:00am Brian & Karyn Kostka / Tiffany Scheer

9:00am Linda Lewer / Al & Barb May / Chris Nemitz /

Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Christina Nemitz

11:00am Jane Lamermayer / Audrey Ably / Linda Degenhardt

Pam Hoffarth

SERVERS

4:30pm Sullivan, Olivia & Eliza Schuld

7:00am Kolbe Landwehr / Dominic Landwehr

9:00am Dakota, Isabella & Paxton Hannasch

11:00am Ava & Gianna Rootellis

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am Megan Schirger

9:00am Megan Schirger

11:00am Auriel Prusinski

Weekday Mass Servers - January 5th - January 10th**Monday** - Glenn Linzmeier**Thursday** Lee Alt - 8:00am**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler**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.

**STEWARDSHIP for December 20th - 21st**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$24,222.75
Parish Improvement	<u>1120.00</u>
Total	\$25,342.75
Total to date	\$82,355.77

**STEWARDSHIP for December 24th - 25th**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$6,048.50
Total to date	\$88,404.27

STEWARDSHIP for December 27th - 28th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$18,678.91
Parish Improvement	<u>125.00</u>
Total	\$18,803.91
Total to date	\$107,208.18

Christmas Envelopes for December 24th - 25th \$10,900.00
Total to date for Christmas Giving \$22,531.00

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).



Youth Servers - Christmas cards are in the Sacristy. Please pick your card up when you come to Mass and thank you for serving Mass at St. John's!

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!

Blessing of Homes and Chalk on Epiphany: A common tradition on Epiphany is the blessing of homes. Why on Epiphany? This is the traditional date when the Three Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem to see the Christ Child. Guided by the star these three foreigners presented their gifts to Our Lord. Though their names are not found in Scripture, tradition has identified them as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Thus, when a home is blessed on Epiphany, some blessed chalk is used to mark the trim above the entrance door with the initials of these Three Kings. For instance, the current year would read 20 + C + M + B + 26. The three letters may also stand for Christus Mansionem Benedic which in Latin means *May Christ Bless this House*. Please take a piece of chalk and the prayer card located in the vestibule as you enter church.

**Need Hope?**

Take a Minute to Get to Know

Jesus is our hope.

(see 1 Timothy 1:1)

The New Year 2026: Jesus is Our Hope

Moving forward in this New Year, we are called to be beacons of hope in the world, as called for in Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Let us continue to ask the Lord to increase our faith and hope in Him so that as beacons, we will help others to encounter Jesus through acts of love and mercy.

Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2025-2026

We will give weekly updates on our progress. As of 12/29/2025:

Campaign Goal	\$131,020.00
Amount Received	78.71%
Under Goal	\$103,121.32
Number of Donors	\$27,898.68
	283

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!

THE DEACON IS SPEAKIN'

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! The earth has completed another orbit of the sun. The year 2025 is behind us with 2026 stretched out before us with all its hopes and promises. For many of us the past year was a difficult one with loved ones lost, health issues and other difficulties. For others last year was a year of new beginnings, graduations, new jobs, families getting started and new life being brought into the world.

Like every January 2026 offers us the opportunity to start all over again. One of the great traditions of our culture is the New Year's Resolutions. Usually people make resolutions based on their health, diet, weight loss or physical appearance. Such resolutions rarely last into February. I know this from personal experience.

Perhaps our problem has been we do not set our goals high enough. I believe that the most important thing in our lives is our relationships; with God; with family; with each other!

We all need to work on our relationship with God. This is done through the sacraments, through prayer and through the imitation of Christ. When we practice frequent reconciliation / confession / penance, we grow in the humility we need to grow in our relationship with God. Prayer would include spending quiet time listening to Him who speaks to us in the very depths of our souls while active participation at Mass, the greatest prayer of the Church, opens our hearts and our minds to a greater understanding of who we are and who God is.

Finally we must act in deliberate imitation of Jesus Christ. Jesus was compassionate and we must be compassionate. Jesus was generous and we too must give freely. Jesus was merciful and forgiving and we too must be merciful and forgiving. Jesus was holy and we too must strive to be holy. All of this will be difficult but it is essential if we are to become the people He calls us to be. The joy is that with His help and each others we can do it!!

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
St. John the Baptist, pray for us.
All Holy men and women, pray for us.

Deacon Jeff Austin

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

Brinlee Marie Kuehl -
daughter of Melissa Bauer
Baptized December 28, 2025



Our sympathy to the family of:

Carol Ress

*May the soul of Carol
and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.*



*We welcome this new family
to St. John's*

Randy & Irene Ellis

Rebuild My Church: What did people say at the 40 listening sessions this fall? Those comments are now available for viewing, along with a summary of the top trends. You can also check out a brief video from Fr. Derek Sakowski sharing a Christmas story illustrating what it means to "pivot from maintenance to mission" at <http://www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch>

Attention engaged couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. The next available date is Feb. 28th, 2026 (St. John's). Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. To register, call Alanna Hart at 715-650-7310 or register directly at marshfieldmarriageprep@gmail.com

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 11th, 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 18th to March 22nd, a Palm Sunday retreat on March 29th, and the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 4th, followed by four classes from April 12th to May 3rd. 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.



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

Location: Our Lady of Peace Parish, 1414 W 5th St., Marshfield.



10th Ukrainian Christmas Dinner

Join Valentina Pavlyukova, who founded Chalice of Mercy in Chippewa Falls in 2007, for a special evening on Jan. 10, 2026 at the Lilydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. Valentina will share the extraordinary mission of her organization, which has delivered more than \$180 million in emergency and medical supplies to Ukraine during a time of profound suffering. Guests will enjoy authentic Ukrainian food and atmosphere, with young servers and musicians dressed in traditional garb. All proceeds from the evening will support Chalice of Mercy's ongoing relief efforts in Ukraine, making this a truly unique and meaningful experience. Visit the website chaliceofmercy.org/donate for more information and to register. Please check out the flyer located on the kiosk!

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!

Sacred Worship and Social Justice Committees will meet on Monday, January 12th at 6:00pm in the Rectory.

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

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