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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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- 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.



### *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 3/30/2026**

6:45am Living & deceased members of the John & Phyllis Kollross family  
 Scripture Readings: Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11

**TUES 3/31/2026**

6:45am Jeanette Kollross  
 Scripture Readings: Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**WED 4/1/2026**

6:45am Father Daniel Thelen  
 Scripture Readings: Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25

**THUR 4/2/2026 Mass of the Last Supper**

6:45am **No Mass**  
 6:00pm Geraldine Altmann  
 Scripture Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26  
 Jn 13:1-15

**FRI 4/3/2026 Passion of the Lord**

6:45am **No Mass**  
 12:15pm Good Friday Service

**SAT 4/4/2026 Holy Saturday**

8:00am **No Mass**  
 Scripture Readings: Easter Vigil Readings  
 8:30pm Living & deceased members of the John & Cathryn Marx family

**SUN 4/5/2026 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

7:00am Dennis Hanneman  
 9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 11:00am Norbert & Rosella Specht  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 5:6b-8  
 Mt 28:1-10



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Easter Sunday - April 5<sup>th</sup>

**LECTORS**

7:00am Dan Alsides  
 9:00am Rita Blenker  
 11:00am **Open**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

7:00am Fr. Sakowski / Dan Alsides / Al May / Barb May  
 9:00am Fr. Thelen / Rita Blenker / Dorothy & Dan Flees  
 Jill Hiller / Pat & Marlea Lescynski  
 11:00am Argelia Moya / Kim Rybicki / **Open / Open**

**SERVERS**

7:00am Cole & Derek Krieg  
 9:00am Griffin Lescynski / **Open / Open**  
 11:00am **Open / Open**

**MUSIC MINISTER**

7:00am Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson  
 9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir  
 11:00am Cathy Heuer

**Weekday Mass Servers - March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 4<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	Glenn Linzmeier	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Marty Draxler	<b>Friday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dan Flees	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>

To help reduce wait times, please come at the suggested times according to your last name:

- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm A to H
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm I to M
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm N to Sg
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sh to Z

If these times do not work for you, you may come at any time.

The Marshfield Deanery is hosting

**Palm Sunday CONFESSIONS**

March 29 • Our Lady of Peace Church  
 1410 West 5th Street, Marshfield

1:00 pm until 5:00 pm

Four priests will be available throughout the afternoon.

**STEWARDSHIP for March 21<sup>st</sup> & March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$14,646.00
Parish Improvement	209.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,855.00</b>
Total to date for March \$68,259.13	



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**Thank you for your contributions!**

**\*Due to equipment issues at the Corporation that prints our envelopes, April envelopes could be late. Thank you for your patience. You may tithe using a regular envelope. Please include your name and envelope number if you know it.**

**This will be our final report for the Diocesan 2025-2026 Appeal. Of our 1079 registered members, 345 families contributed to help us reach our goal. While contributions continue to come in, this is the report as of March 23, 2026.**

Campaign Goal		\$131,020.00
Amount Received	<b>100.86%</b>	\$132,147.68
Over Goal		\$1,127.68
<b>Number of Donors</b>	<b>345!</b>	

**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).



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Holy Thursday Mass - 6:00pm**

**LECTOR:** Ann Kundinger  
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Fr. Thelen / Deacon Austin / Jeff Sternberg / Judy Garfield / Lonny Roberts / Mike Gonerig  
**SERVERS:** Luke Kaiser / Maverick Hannasch / Dakota Hannasch Dan Flees / Marty Draxler  
**Music Minister:** Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson  
**Washing of Feet:** Dale Garfield / Jeff Sternberg / Lee Alt / Dan Alsides / Joe Fischer / Pat Lescynski / **Open / Open / Open / Open / Open / Open**

**Good Friday Service - 12:15pm**

**LECTOR:** Deacon Jeff Austin / Laurel Rudolph-Kniech  
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Fr. Thelen / Deacon Austin / Jeff Sternberg / Lonny Roberts / Dorothy Flees  
**SERVERS:** Luke Kaiser / Nathan Nemitz / Dan Flees / Marty Draxler  
**MUSIC MINISTER:** Kris Herr / Adult Choir

**Easter Vigil Mass - 8:30pm**

**LECTORS:** Judy Garfield / Lonny Roberts / Jeff Sternberg Dale Garfield / Rita Austin  
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Fr. Thelen / Deacon Austin / Lonny Roberts / Dan Alsides / Argelia Moya / Joe Fischer  
**SERVERS:** Luke Kaiser / Kolbe Landwehr / Nick Landwehr / Nathan Scheer / Dan / Flees / Marty Draxler  
**MUSIC MINISTER:** Kris Herr / Adult Choir



**Divine Mercy Sunday - April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

**The La Crosse Diocese of Catholic women will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Divine Mercy Sunday. Proceeds of this collection goes for many things such as, Casa Hogar, Vocation Purse Club, Scholarships and grants and many other Diocesan works. Thank you for your contribution!**



**Confession times for the week of March 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Deanery Confessions at Our Lady of Peace. 1:00pm - 5:00pm**  
**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: 6:15am - 6:40am**  
**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: 6:15am - 6:40am**  
**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>: 6:15am - 6:40am**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Baptist!

This Sunday please take advantage of the opportunity to have your Confession heard at the Deanery Penance Service from 1pm-5pm. We will have around 10 priests available for Confessions during these hours.

The English word "Mass" comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means "to be sent." This word appears at the conclusion of the celebration when the priest or deacon proclaims in Latin, *Ite, missa est*. The literal translation of this phrase is, "Go, it has been sent."

Saint Thomas Aquinas reflected on these words in his *Summa Theologiae*. He explains that the Mass receives its name from this dismissal: on feast days, the deacon "dismisses" the people at the end of the Mass by saying *Ite, missa est*—that is, the victim (Jesus) has been sent to God through the angel so that the offering may be accepted by Him.

During the celebration of Mass, I as a priest may choose from several prayers during the consecration of the Eucharist. At times I use the First Eucharistic Prayer, in which I ask the Father to "command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high." In every Holy Mass we not only re-present the sacrifice of Christ, but we also offer the Son to the Father. This perfect offering becomes the perfect expiation for our sins. In this sacramental sense, the word Mass refers to the offering of Jesus to the Father—the sending of the Son to the Father.

Additionally, the Mass also communicates the sense of mission. The English word mission itself derives from the same Latin root, *missa*. During Mass we hear the Word of God and receive the Sacrament. Then, at the conclusion of the celebration, we are sent forth on mission—to bring Jesus to the world.

As we enter into Holy Week, may we encounter Christ more deeply in word and sacrament. May the events of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection shape and transform our daily lives. When we live in this way, we come to understand more fully that the Mass is both the offering of Jesus to the Father and the sending of us into the world on mission.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us and bless each of you during this Holy Week.

Fr. Thelen



**Footprints of God video series continues this Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.** Join us at 8:15am in the Columbia room as we watch the third video of the series, *Elijah/Elisha*. All are welcome!

### Holy Week / Spring Church Cleaning

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00AM. All cleaning supplies provided (bring gloves if desired). Contact Dorothy @ 715-387-8224 if you are able to help.

The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday in observance of the Passion of the Lord.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**Christ the King Parish, Spencer**  
**April 12, 2026**  
**1:30 - 3:30pm**

**Adoration**  
**Confession**  
**Testamomial**  
**Chaplet**

**All are warmly invited to attend!**

## Our sympathy to the family of:

Jerald Weis



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

## MARRIAGE BANS 1

Teresa Hackel & Matthew Dickinson	June 13, 2026
Taylor Purgett & John Bant	August 8, 2026
Jaylee Williams & Joseph Gouin	August 8, 2026
Katie Hall & Rylie Boushack	August 29, 2026
Rebecca Sturgis & Ethan Meissner	September 12, 2026
Sarah Hamus & Weston Schlafke	September 26, 2026
Chloe King & Tristan Argall	October 24, 2026
Chloe Drews & Tanner Kleinschmidt	December 5, 2026

## Evangelization Summits



Our second Evangelization Summit will be held at St. Paul Parish in Mosinee on Tues, May 19, from 9am to 3pm. The theme will be "*Paul as a Model of Discipleship and Accompaniment*." This is another opportunity for parish leaders to unite together around a shared vision of parishes fully alive on mission, and to connect you with more tools and resources. There will be fresh content for those who attended the first summit, but new attendees are welcome! They will gather any Pastors, staff and other involved parishioners who desire a church more fully alive in Mission. You are invited to step aside for a day to:

1. Encounter Jesus and others who share your imagination for more abundant life.
2. Practice praying, listening and discerning together.
3. Gain clarity of vision - *what is "alive in Mission" really about?*

The link for the registration form is:  
<https://forms.gle/eVa9wwMxSGfgUpZf6>



**Would you like to become a Mass Server?** We are now starting a sign-up for new servers. If you are in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above and would like to assist Father at Mass, please call the office to register. A

training session will be scheduled this summer and you will be included on the new Server schedule beginning in September. You can choose the Mass you would like to serve at but we are always in need for Mass servers at the 4:30pm Saturday and 7:00am Mass on Sunday. Please call the parish office by April 30<sup>th</sup> to be put on the list!



"Alter Christus" Are you being called to be an alter Christus (another Christ)? Come learn more about the Priesthood and Seminary!

**When:** April 11<sup>th</sup>

**For:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade boys through College and beyond.

### Schedule:

4:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Peace

5:00pm Pizza Dinner at OLP Rectory

5:30pm Q + A with Fr. Steven Weller (Director of Vocations), priests and seminarians.

7:00pm Dodgeball

RSVP by emailing: [father.celemts@columbusdons.org](mailto:father.celemts@columbusdons.org)

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