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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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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 5/11/2026**

6:45am Donald Bentzler  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 16:11-5 Jn 15:26—16:4a

**TUES 5/12/2026** Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

6:45am Michael Young  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11

**WED 5/13/2026** Our Lady of Fatima

6:45am Lawrence & Marian Van De Loo  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Jn 16:12-15

**THUR 5/14/2026** St. Matthias, Apostle

6:45am Jake Dick  
 8:00am Norman Zahn  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17

**FRI 5/15/2026** St. Isidore

6:45am **No Mass** (Fr. Thelen's private intention the Lawrence & Verna Wartner family)  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23

**SAT 5/16/2026**

8:00am Mary Willman  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28  
 4:30pm Living & deceased members of the James & Jeanette Baltus family

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**SUN 5/17/2026**

7:00am Jim & Jeanette Lang  
 9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 11:00am Lois Lorenz  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23  
 Mt 28:16-20



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

May 16<sup>th</sup> & May 17<sup>th</sup>

LECTORS

4:30pm Bryan Pischel  
 7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield  
 9:00am Rita Blenker  
 11:00am Sharon See

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Laurel Rudolph Kniech / Marty Draxler / Kat Egle / Mike Gonerig  
 7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield / Lori Kieffer  
 9:00am Ron & Patty Kraus / Al & Barb May / Ann Kundinger Rita Blenker  
 11:00am Kim Rybicki / John Salzmann / Sharon See / Audrey Aibly

SERVERS

4:30pm Ava & Gianna Rootellis  
 7:00am Nathan Scheer / Griffin Lescynski  
 9:00am Christina, Jonathan & Maria Nemitz  
 11:00am Gwendolyn Clubb / Savannah Rummells

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm **Open**  
 7:00am Megan Schirger  
 9:00am Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson  
 11:00am **Open**

**Weekday Mass Servers - May 11<sup>th</sup> - May 16<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	Glenn Linzmeier	<b>Thursday</b>	Lee Alt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Marty Draxler	<b>Friday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lenny K	<b>Saturday</b>	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 - Thursdays and on Saturdays after the 8am Mass

**STEWARDSHIP for May 2<sup>nd</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$27,261.69
Parish Improvement	243.00
<b>Total to date for May</b>	<b>\$27,504.69</b>



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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 Opportunities:** Openings for St. John Paul II Perpetual Adoration Chapel are on Sundays, Mondays and Fridays from 9-10am. If your schedule allows to fit one of these hours into your busy schedule please call Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085 or Jean at 715-387-0571. It will be a blessing for you, your family and many others!

**Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association** will meet on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 3:00pm in Toeller Hall at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

**Sacred Worship, Social Justice and Family Life Committees will meet on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Rectory.**

**The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in St. Francis Hall.**

**The Pastoral Council will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in the Columbia room.**

**PCCW will meet on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> for the final time until Fall.** The new officers will be installed. All women of the parish are encouraged to come and take part in the business meeting as well as the social to follow!

**Father Thelen summer send-off!** Join us after the 9 and 11am Masses on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for light refreshments as we spend a little time with our Pastor before he sets off for another summer of study in our capital city! Come and wish Father Thelen the best as he gets ready for another summer of learning!

**Save the Date for these May Events!**

**Footprints of God video series continue!** Join us in the Columbia room at 8:15am on May 17<sup>th</sup> to view the final video, *The Apostolic Fathers*. This is a Bible Study without the reading or studying! Call Judy Garfield at 715-305-2261 for details.

**May 9<sup>th</sup> & May 10<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day Rose Sale**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day Breakfast in Schuh Hall 10:00am**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>: 4:30pm Mass Blessing for our High School Seniors**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Graduation for Columbus and Mfld. Senior High**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>: Send off gathering for Fr. Thelen after the 9:00 & 11:00am Mass.**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day - Morning Mass at 8:00am. Parade up to the Cemetery. Father Thelen will lead the prayer service at the Cemetery.**

**Looking Ahead to June & July!**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Arrival of Father Isaac Pecha. Father Pecha is an Associate Pastor at Holy Family in Arcadia and will be helping out St. John's this summer. We warmly welcome him to St. John's!

**June 7<sup>th</sup>:** Corpus Christi Procession and Pot Luck. More information in this bulletin.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>:** Ordination Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral in La Crosse, WI.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Marshfield Parish Pull

**More information will be given on these events in upcoming bulletins!**

## THE DEACON IS SPEAKIN'

May! What a glorious month!! Plenty of sunshine without the oppressive heat and humidity to come. Yes, I know that some people love the heat, more power to them. Me, I like the beauty that is May. Flowers have sprung up everywhere; the trees have begun to burst forth with their leaves; new life fills God's creation bringing with it the joy and the hope that bring us His peace.

But not all the beauty that surrounds us is physical in nature. May brings with it a spiritual beauty to compliment the beauty of creation. Last week a large group of our children received their First Holy Communion. The group was so large that we had to have two Masses to accommodate them and their families. Please pray for them, they are the future of our Church. Special thanks to their parents and other teachers who have brought them to this important milestone on their faith journey!!

May also finds us paying homage to two of the Giants of our faith. St. Joseph the Worker and Mary the Mother of God. Fathers, workers and indeed all men will find no greater role model than St. Joseph. If we follow his example of faith, trust, humility, strength and love, then we will become the men God calls us to be.

We call Mary the Mother of God and so she is! But she is also our Mother. Jesus gave her to us from the cross. In his Gospel, St. John tells us that "God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son that we might have life." It can also be said that Jesus so loves us that He gave us His only Mother to help us on our faith journey.

This month we also celebrate our own mothers. We thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us through our mothers. They have given us the gift of life; they have nourished our bodies and our spirit, they have comforted us in our pain and wiped away our tears. We owe our mothers a debt of gratitude we cannot repay.

St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us.

Mary our Mother, pray for us

Alleluia, Alleluia

Deacon Jeff Austin



## Graduation Mass

All 2026 High School Graduates are invited to sit in the front rows of church during the 4:30pm Mass and will receive a special blessing.

St. John the Baptist Parish  
Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm  
201 W Blodgett St. Marshfield, WI 54449

Come and celebrate with us!  
Questions? Contact David Alcott  
715-384-3252 ext. 4



### 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:

<http://bit.ly/4e3aj20>



### "Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life."



We are pleased to introduce a new way of celebrating wedding anniversaries in our diocese! Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, or 80<sup>th</sup> will be invited to participate in **Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life**. *This free event will begin with Mass and include pictures with Bishop Battersby followed by a simple reception. Each couple is invited to bring two guests with them.*

Couples can register in any one of three ways:

**Online:** <https://dioceseoflacrosse.regfox.com/legacy-of-love>

**Phone:** Please call Laura Boden at 680.791.2680

**Email:** Please email Laura Boden at [lboden@dioc.org](mailto:lboden@dioc.org).

**Mass and Reception Dates:**

June 21, 2026: 1:00pm at St. Bronislava Catholic Church, Plover

July 19, 2026: 1:00pm at St. Olaf Catholic Church, Eau Claire

August 9, 2026: 1:00pm Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary will also receive a special packet by mail, including a certificate and a letter of congratulations. We look forward to honoring the beautiful witness of married life with you!



### "HONOR OUR VETERANS" PICNIC

Join us for a delightful picnic at Aster Assisted Living!

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 11am - 1pm

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<https://www.totustuusgreenbay.org/about>

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