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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 7 a.m.  
Saturdays 8 a.m. / 4:30 p.m.  
Sundays 7 a.m. / 9 a.m. / 11 a.m.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED



## *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*

Tuesday - Fridays 6:30 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 12/23/2024** St. John of Kanty, Priest

7:00am Sheila Dishinger

Scripture Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk 1:57-66

**TUES 12/24/2024**

7:00am Zeke Sebastian

Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Lk 1:67-79

4:00pm Patrick Imhoff

6:00pm Henry &amp; Doris Gadke

8:00pm Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Vigil Readings: Is 62:1-5

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Mt 1:1-25

**WED 12/25/2024** The Nativity of the Lord

7:00am Army Staff Sergeant Joseph Altmann

9:00am Jack Lang

Scripture Readings: Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

**THUR 12/26/2024** St. Stephen the First Martyr

7:00am Duane &amp; Betty Guden

Scripture Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Mt 10:17-22

**FRI 12/27/2024** St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

7:00am Charles Hastreiter

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**SAT 12/28/2024** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00am Living &amp; Deceased members of the Ben Lang Family

Scripture Readings: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2

Mt 2:13-18

4:30pm Sylvester &amp; Dorothy Gessert

**SUN 12/29/2024** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

9:00am Gerald &amp; Nancy Bauer

11:00am John &amp; Joyce Zinthefer

Scripture Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:41-52

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**LECTORS**

4:30pm Bryan Pischel

7:00am Ray Housworth

9:00am Al May

11:00am Allyson Mayeux

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Joan Raschke / Tom &amp; Susan Youngwith / Lois Carlson

7:00am Dan Alsides / Ray Housworth

9:00am Dan &amp; Dorothy Flees / Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall

Maureen Karaliunas / Ann Kundinger

11:00am Lori Keller / Argelia Moya / Robert &amp; Ruth Richmond

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Annabelle &amp; Xavier Egle

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / **Open**

9:00am Maverick Hannasch / Jeremiah &amp; Fulton Prusinski

11:00am Nolan Frane / Kofi Yeboah

**MUSIC MINISTER**4:30pm **Open** 7:00am Megan Schirger

9:00am Mary Frey 11:00am Cathy Heuer

**Weekday Mass Servers - December 23<sup>rd</sup> - December 28<sup>th</sup>****Monday** - Glenn Linzmeier**Thursday** Lee Alt**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler**Friday** - Mike Spencer**Wednesday** Christmas Day**Saturday** Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

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 6:30am Tuesday - Friday and on Saturdays after the 8am Mass.



**ADVENT**  
COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES



Confessions will also be available on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> from noon - 1:00pm.

**OUR LADY OF PEACE**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>

12:00pm - 4:00pm

**Christmas Masses at St. John's****Christmas Eve Masses**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm

**Christmas Day Masses**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00am and 9:00am

Our Lady of Peace will have a 4:00pm on Christmas Eve and a Midnight Mass.

Sacred Heart will have an 8:00am Christmas morning Mass.

**CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS**December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**LECTORS**

4:00pm Rita Blenker

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech

6:00pm Judy Garfield

9:00am Rita Blenker

8:00pm Dorothy Flees

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

4:00pm Deacon Austin / Tom &amp; Susan Youngwith / Pat &amp; Marlea Lescynski / Rita Blenker

6:00pm Joe &amp; Clare Fischer / Dale Garfield

8:00pm Argelia Moya / Dan &amp; Dorothy Flees

7:00am Tonya Schlagenhaft / Connie Manlick / Chris Rutschow

9:00am Nancy Immerfall / Dan &amp; Dorothy Flees / Rita Blenker

**Open / Open****SERVERS**

4:00pm Luke Kaiser / Lily, Neil &amp; Dax Adler

6:00pm Maverick, Dakota & Isabella Hannasch / **Open**

8:00pm Kolbe &amp; Dominic Landwehr / Zach Zerrudo

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

9:00am **Open / Open / Open**

Mass Times for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God at St. John the Baptist are as follows:

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00am, Noon and 6:00pm

Sacred Heart will have a vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm.

Our Lady of Peace will have Mass on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am.

**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 Christmas Servers:** Please come into the Sacristy and pick up your Christmas card! We are grateful for your willingness to serve your parish in this way!

**O Come, All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant,... O Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!** Open Adoration Hours: Sundays 8-9am & Wednesdays 11-midnight, & Saturdays 1-2 pm are immediate openings to visit with Jesus at JP II Adoration Chapel. If this fits into your schedule, don't hesitate, please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085. Merry Christmas!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: Christmas is just a few days away! This season brings feelings of great joy and anticipation. The expectation of children returning home, of little ones opening their presents with delight, of loved ones sharing time together. It can also be a season of poignant loss, celebrating despite the absence of a loved one. This is never easy and I offer prayers for you who have lost a loved one.

The season is fundamentally about Jesus. We remember his birth in a special way on December 25<sup>th</sup> each year. Our joys and our sorrows all find meaning in Jesus.

*O little town of Bethlehem. How still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth. The everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years. Are met in thee tonight.*

Nations come and go. But the story that happened in Bethlehem so many years ago, this story never ceases to be told. This story, the story of our salvation, the babe born in a manger. This story gives meaning to our every joy and our every sorrow.

Blessings and Merry Christmas to each of you this holy season! May Jesus fill you with his joy and blessing!

Fr. Thelen



### Bible Study - Now in our 20th year

Sundays 8:15am - 10:30am

From January 12th - March 2nd, 2025

Deadline to Register December 31st

Columbia Room of St. John's Primary School

\$30 per person for materials

For questions or to register contact Judy Garfield  
(715)305-2261

**Pre-Christmas Church Cleaning: Help is Appreciated** Monday, December 23, immediately following the 7:00am Mass. Meet at the Blodgett St. entrance. All cleaning supplies provided except gloves. If able to help, please contact Dorothy at 715-387-8224

**Pilgrimage for Life bus trip to Washington DC** - January 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We have 10 students interested in attending, but do not yet have a female chaperone, if you would be willing to chaperone please contact David Alcott at [dalcott@mff.diolcparish.org](mailto:dalcott@mff.diolcparish.org)

**Please keep in mind the Christmas holiday office hours:**

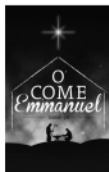
Monday, December 23rd - 9am - 5:00pm

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 9am - 11:30am

Christmas Day - closed

Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> - 9am - 11:30am

Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> - 9am - 11:00am



## STEWARDSHIP for December 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Adult / Youth / Plate | \$14,534.05 |
| Parish Improvement    | 56.00       |
| Total                 | \$14,590.05 |



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| ACH for December           | \$14,750.00 |
| Total to date for December | \$61,179.37 |

**Any donations you wish to have included on your December 2024 statement must be dated no later than December 29, 2024 and into the parish office by Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> to allow ample amount of time for the finance office to process/deposit into the bank. Thank you!**

### Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2024-2025

By this time everyone should have received their Diocesan Annual Appeal mailing. Please call the parish office if you have not received your letter and pledge card! **We have reached over 300 families contributing but we still have a ways to go!** Let's wrap this up quicker than we ever have! Please send in your pledge card and payment soon. Below is the update through Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Campaign Goal       | \$129,070.00 |
| Amount Received     | \$99,518.00  |
| Under Goal          | \$29,552.00  |
| Percentage Received | 77.10%       |
| Number of Donors    | = 310        |



**You are invited -- January 11<sup>th</sup> Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner**  
Each year, Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, a mission to Ukraine (now suffering so much), hosts a

Ukrainian Christmas Dinner at the Lillydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. All proceeds from this amazing, multicourse meal served by young people in full Ukrainian garb, go to benefit the work of the mission. To learn more, or to donate to Chalice of Mercy, visit [diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy](http://diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy). More information can be found on the flyer on the kiosk as you enter church.

**A parishioner has stepped forward to coordinate the parish picnic.** If you would like to be a part of the team, please call the parish office. We will also be celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish in 2027. Fr. Thelen is hoping that the person or team of persons who steps up to take on this role of picnic coordinator can also plan our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration in the summer of 2027.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Volunteers placed 1,920 wreaths Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, National Wreath Across America Day, on veterans' headstones throughout Hillside Cemetery in about 60 minutes.

**On Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am, the Marshfield Veterans Council invites you, your family and friends to remove all the red flag markers and wreaths from each Veterans' grave.**



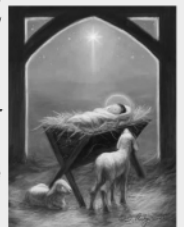
*Encounter Jesus  
in the Eucharist.  
He waits for you!*

**Jesus came into the world to save us.** Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which means "house of bread." Because there was no room in the inn (motel) Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger, which is

significant because it is a feeding trough for animals. This was all part of God's plan for His birth on earth, to point to the fact that Jesus came to save us. This is really the whole meaning of Christmas. Jesus came to give us Himself as food – He literally is the Bread of Life – supernatural bread (this is Jesus Himself) that saves us, that spiritually nourishes and strengthens us with His grace.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:  
*Jesus, thank You for coming into the world as our Savior.*

This week, read how the birth of Jesus took place in Luke 2: 1-7.



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