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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.

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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 2/23/2026** St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

6:45am Sterling Bordelon

Scripture Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

TUES 2/24/2026

6:45am Marilyn Eckhart

Scripture Readings: Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

WED 2/25/2026

6:45am Jim & Jeanette Lang

Scripture Readings: Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

THUR 2/26/2026

6:45am Gerald & Nancy Bauer

8:00am Peter Francowiak

Scripture Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Mt 7:7-12

FRI 2/27/2026 St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church6:45am **No Mass**

Scripture Readings: Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

SAT 2/28/2026

8:00am Gerald Schlagenhaft

Scripture Readings: Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

4:30pm Doris Gadke

Second Sunday of Lent**SUN 3/1/2026**

7:00am Randall Meyer

9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

11:00am Albert & Marion Burr

Scripture Readings: Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**February 28th & March 1st, 2026**LECTORS**

4:30pm Brian Kostka

7:00am Ray Housworth

9:00am Al May

11:00am John Salzmann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Alayna Egle / Joe & Clare Fischer / Susan Jahr

7:00am Lori Kieffer / Dan Alsides / Peg Endries

9:00am Pat & Marlea Lescynski / Linda Lewer / Al & Barb May
Chris Nemitz11:00am Michael Clubb / Pam Hoffarth / Jane Lamermayer /
Argelia Moya**SERVERS**

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Griffin Lescynski

7:00am Nathan Scheer / Joseph & Madeline Niehaus /
Paige Schlagenhaft

9:00am Derek Krieg / Graham Bauer / Phinehas & Ben Prusinski

11:00am Savannah Rummells / Gwendolyn Clubb

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cathy Heuer

7:00am Megan Schirger

9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir

11:00am Suzanne Golden

Weekday Mass Servers - February 23rd - February 28th**Monday** David Gouin**Tuesday** Ray Housworth**Wednesday** Lenny K**Thursday****Friday****Saturday**

Lee Alt

No Mass

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 February 14th & 15th**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$11,551.25
Parish Improvement	275.00
Total	\$11,826.25
ACH for February	\$14,352.00
Total to date for February	\$59,882.41

Thank you for your contributions!QR Code
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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).



Thank you to all those that have thus far contributed! We are getting closer! The diocese will be sending out one more letter to encourage anyone who has not responded. Please prayerfully consider helping us finish this year's appeal!

Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2025-2026**We will give weekly updates on our progress. As of 2/17/2026:**

Campaign Goal	\$131,020.00
Amount Received	97.63% \$127,915.00
Under Goal	\$3,105.00
Number of Donors	333!

Stations of the Cross

Father Thelen / Deacon Jeff
will lead the Stations on the
following

**Fridays at 5:15pm:****February 27th** Isabella & Paxton Hannasch**March 6th** Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr**March 13th** Cole & Derek Krieg**March 20th** Open (please call the parish office if you can help)**March 27th** Anabelle & Xavier Egle**Thank you to our Youth Servers for assisting!**

Stations of the Cross on the following
Wednesdays at 1:00pm for our St. John's
students (any one welcome)

February 25th / March 4th / March 11th
March 18th / April 1st



Living Stations of the Cross to
be presented at 6:00pm on
Wednesday, March 4 and
Wednesday, March 11.
Location: Our Lady of Peace

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULESt. John's: February 20th & March 20th at 6:00pm (Fridays)

Every Saturday morning following the 8:00am Mass
(Two priests will be available)

Sacred Heart: Friday, March 6th after the 5:30pm Mass**DEANERY-WIDE CONFESSIONS**

Sunday, March 29th at Our Lady of Peace
(1:00pm - 5:00pm)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners of St John the Baptist!

We each have different experiences with styles of dress and what would be considered normative and what is dressing up. My own experience began with my own upbringing. At our home we had our barn clothes and we had our going-to-town clothes. The barn clothes were just functional and often the worn-out version of our city clothes. The only time I ever remember dressing in a collared shirt was at my First Communion and Confirmation (and also when showing our Holsteins at the County Fair in all-whites).

This background colored my idea of dressing up and influenced how I thought about church attire. I thought dressing up for church meant newer blue jeans and a plain T-shirt with minimal words on it! I carried this idea all through my 20's. I think the first time I began wearing collared shirts and dress pants was when I entered seminary at the age of 29. These first few years of seminary we had to wear ties too!

The last 16 years have re-shaped my understanding of dressing up and its importance. I am sure we all have different perceptions on this, but in general I appreciate how at St. John's we have a culture of wearing our Sunday best at Mass. What we wear is not perse significant in itself. But what we wear shapes our inner life and communicates (not to others) but to ourselves that God is important. Because our dress helps form our inner faith life, I appreciate the culture at St. John's of people dressing up and I encourage those who may not make the extra effort to dress up on Sundays to consider doing so.

Dressing up is important especially for our ministers, our ushers, and those who assist with collections, etc. But it is also important for each of us who come to worship. I thank everyone who makes the extra effort to dress up. As I shared my story of my own growth in this area, I know that we are all at different stages in this understanding. However, I encourage each of us in this effort to wear our Sunday best at Mass. What we wear shapes our inner life and communicates (not to others) but to ourselves that God is important.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us.

Fr. Thelen



"Called and Gifted" Workshop - March 21, 2026 at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield:

An in-person "Called and Gifted" workshop will be offered on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 9am to 4pm. The Office for Catechesis & Evangelization and the Marshfield parishes will be hosting the workshop.

The "Called & Gifted" discernment process offered by the Catherine of Siena Institute has been used since 1993 by over 200,000 Catholics around the world. It is designed to help Christians discern specific charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit. God calls each of us to (and gifts us for) the work that we most love. We want to know what gifts God has given to us because when we use them, our life is enriched with purpose and joy. The "Called and Gifted" workshop will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield. Registration open now at <https://diolc.org/catechesis/called-and-gifted-workshop/>



Catherine of Siena Institute
Called and Gifted Presenters



Deanery Lenten Mission

Monday & Tuesday, March 2 & 3 - 6pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bobby & Jackie Angel

A Mission for the Whole Family
The Deanery Lenten Mission is open to all—couples, parents, teens and young adults. These two

evenings are designed to inspire, encourage, and strengthen family life through faith. For more information, scan the QR code



Meet & Greet Brunch with Bobby & Jackie Angel

Speakers for the Deanery Lenten Mission

Tuesday, March 3

11:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Marshfield – Toeller Hall



Please RSVP using the QR code or call JaNae at 715-384-9414.

A free-will offering is appreciated.

CHALICE OF MERCY MISSION TO UKRAINE

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Saturday, March 21st

4:30pm – 5-minute presentation following the 4:30pm Holy Mass

6:15 pm – Presentation with video and talk in the Columbia Room.

All are invited to hear Valentyna Pavsyukova share information on the Chalice of Mercy Mission and the hardships faced by the people of Ukraine.

Warmth of Love collection will end Monday, February 23rd.
St. Vincent de Paul's Hygiene Drive begins February 28th.



Lenten Mini-Bible Retreat: Open to Anyone and Everyone who ever considered doing a Bible Study and was afraid because "I don't know anything about the Bible!! No reading! No studying!!

8 beautiful and humorous videos by well-known apologist Steve Ray: *The FOOTPRINTS of God Series*. Perfect for Lent to introduce you to some of the great characters in the Bible. Dates: Mar 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th & Apr 12th, 19th, 26th & May 3rd. Call Judy Garfield 715-305-2261 for more details.

The Social Justice Committee will be serving the St. Vincent de Paul Friendship meal on Wednesday, February 25th. Time commitment 4:30pm—6:30pm. The meal is served at 5pm. If you would like to help serve this meal, please contact the parish office or just show up at St. Vincent de Paul's by 4:30pm. We would love to have you!



Our sympathy to the family of:

Bernadine Baltus

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

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