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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 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.
 First Fridays 6:15 a.m.
 Third Fridays 6:00 p.m.

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 8/24/2026** St. Bartholomew, Apostle**6:45am** Carol Sirko

Scripture Readings: Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

TUES 8/25/2026 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest**6:45am** Reinhold & Eleanore Panske

Scripture Readings: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17

Mt 23:23-26

WED 8/26/2026**6:45am** Peggy Ackerman

Scripture Readings: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18

Mt 23:27-32

THUR 8/27/2026 St. Monica**6:45am** William & Sheila Wengert

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 1:1-9

Mt 24:42-51

FRI 8/28/2026 St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**No Mass at St. John's**

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 17-25

Mt 25:1-13

SAT 8/29/2026 The Passion of St. John the Baptist**No Mass at St. John's** (Mass at OLP at 8:00am)

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 1:26-31

Mk 6:17-29

4:30pm Chester & Bernice Jablonski

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**SUN 8/30/2026**

7:00am Betty Zeidler

9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

11:00am Darrell & Ruby Brantner

Scripture Readings: Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****August 29th & 30th****LECTORS**

4:30pm Brian Kostka

7:00am Dale & Judy Garfield

9:00am Dorothy Flees

11:00am John Salzmann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Tom & Susan Youngwith / Brian & Karyn Kostka

7:00am Lori Greenwald / Dale & Judy Garfield

9:00am Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall / Ron & Patty Kraus

Ann Kundering / David Schlinsog

11:00am Linda Degenhardt / Pam Hoffarth / John Salzmann
Jonathan Rootellis**SERVERS**

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan, Olivia & Eliza Schuld

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Joseph & Madeline Niehaus

9:00am Lily, Neil & Dax Adler

11:00am Eleanor, Evelyn & Leo Leschke

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson

7:00am Megan Schirger

9:00am Megan Schirger

11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - August 24th - August 28th**Monday** David Gouin**Tuesday** Ray Housworth**Wednesday** Lenny K**Thursday** Lee Alt**Friday** No Mass**Saturday** No Mass

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 Monday - Thursdays and on First Fridays before the morning Mass.

STEWARDSHIP for AUGUST 15th & 16th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$10,405.71
Parish Improvement	40.00
Total	\$10,445.71

ACH for August \$14,747.00

Total to date for August \$62,465.48

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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).



Saturday Mass Change: 8:00am Saturday morning Mass and Confessions will now be held at Our Lady of Peace. The change will better accommodate Father's schedule and allow him to be at more of the weekend Masses. Our Lady of Peace also has four confessionals, thus aiding in Saturday morning Confessions. Therefore, there will no longer be Saturday morning Masses at St John's. Any Mass intentions that were scheduled for the 8am Saturday morning Mass will be rescheduled in 2027 as soon as possible.

Mass time change: Weekday Masses will go back to 6:45am beginning on Monday, August 24th. Confessions will start at 6:15am. This helps with an easier flow with school traffic.

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Youth Server schedules for September through December are ready. They are in the Sacristy and ready to be picked up. Thank you!



Celebrate 150 years of our parish by being part of our new Church Directory!

Every household is invited to enjoy a free 20-minute professional photo session and receive a complimentary 5x7 or 8x10 portrait. Help us put names to faces, strengthen our parish family, and create a lasting keepsake of this special milestone. Use the QR-code to sign-up and join us in making our directory complete.



The Social Justice Committee will be serving the St. Vincent de Paul Friendship meal on Wednesday, August 26th. 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.

*Family Life Committee***NATIVITY FLOWERS FOR MOTHER MARY**

On Saturdays in September we will honor Our Lady's birth with flowers at Her outdoor statue on the east side of the church. Please use the QR code to sign your family up to bring flowers and pray at the feet of our Blessed Mother.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

It is interesting how God works. Just yesterday we celebrated the Queenship of Our Lady. I want to share a very interesting sequence of events that happened to me regarding the saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary. I took my vacation in Marquette, MI. On the vigil of the Feast of the Assumption, I decided to walk to the house where Bishop Baraga passed away. He was the Bishop who was pivotal in the founding of the Marquette Diocese. As I walked to his resting place I prayed a Rosary. During this walk a man drove by and cussed at me.

I continued on and visited some of the shoreline and then after some time returned another way. Soon I passed by a Greek Orthodox church. This church was dedicated to Our Lady under the title of the Assumption. It was a small church and I decided to pray Night prayer on the steps of the church, as the church was locked. Directly across from the church were two young people. They were quite loud and were swearing frequently as they discussed broken relationships. I decided to pray out loud a bit louder and then sang the Salve Regina in honor of Our Lady. It was a powerful prayer trying to offer reparation for sin that wounds Our Father. Once I was done, I walked over and announced to the young people that it was the Vigil of the Assumption. Their mood completely shifted and they seemed full of joy to hear this news and we all said blessings to one another.

Then I walked back to my lodging and a young Muslim couple entered with me. I thought I would be bold and decided I would ask them about Our Lady. I knew already that Muslims honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Well this began a great conversation where we talked about many other aspects of theology that we share. Muslims also honor St. John the Baptist and they believe that Jesus will come back to earth at the Second Coming. We have differences too. For instance, they do not believe Jesus is God. However, Bishop Sheen has put forward a sort of prophecy stating that in God's Providence it may be Our Lady who will unite us, drawing Muslims to believe in Jesus through our shared love of the Mother of Our Lord.

This too is the town where one of my childhood pastors is buried. I've been on a quest to find his tomb and was asking all kinds of sextons in the city his whereabouts but so far no luck.

May St. John the Baptist pray for us and bless each of you.
Fr. Thelen



*Congratulations to this couple celebrating
An Anniversary Milestone*

65 Years - Karl & Cathy Zimmerman - August, 26, 1961



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

Faustina Benedicta Coombs - daughter of
Shane & Natalie Coombs

*We welcome these new members
to St. John's*

Carol Ystad / Jacquelyn Guldán
Michael & Laura Rudolph



St. John's Parish Picnic!
Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

Noon until 4:00pm

Lunch served from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Burgers ~ Brats ~ Hot dogs ~ Salads ~ Desserts

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon!



Secular Carmelite Discernment: Are you attracted to Carmelite spirituality or the writings of Ss. Teresa of Jesus, John of the Cross, or Therese, the Little Flower? Do you desire to deepen your prayer life, to seek the face of God? Do you desire the support of a Community? The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites in the La Crosse Diocese meets once a month in Marshfield and will begin a new formation cycle in October. Please call Dave Ecke at 715-213-2732 for more information.



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will be beginning soon with full entrance into the church occurring at Easter of 2027. OCIA is the process whereby a person learns about the beautiful Catholic faith that we sometimes take for granted. Please contact the parish office if you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or if you just want to deepen your understanding of the faith. More details on when these lessons will begin are forthcoming. This will be an excellent way to grow closer to God by learning about Catholicism and how it promotes heroic goodness!
Please call the parish office to be part of this next class!
Classes will begin early in September. More information coming.

SJB Kid's Choir

Our parish's Kid's Choir will be starting up again and will now be under the direction of Ms. Schirger.

If your child is entering 2nd-8th grade, we would love to have them come be a part of the music ministry at our parish.



The kid's choir will sing once a month, the 3rd Sunday of each month, at the 9am Mass. There will also be two rehearsals each month, which will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. The rehearsals will be from 10:10am-10:50am on those Sunday mornings and will be held in Ms. Schirger's classroom at the school. Bring your kids to rehearsal after the 9am Mass or come early for practice before the 11am Mass.

For any students who are interested, they are welcome to join Ms. Schirger in the choir loft on Sunday, September 20 for the 9am Mass. Come see what it will be like! Rehearsals will then begin on Sunday, September 27.

If you are interested in your child being a part of the kids' choir, please email Megan Schirger (schirger.megan@columbusdons.org). She will send you more information as well as can answer any questions you may have.

Matthew
The King and His Kingdom



St. John the Baptist is now in its 21st year of bible studies! We will begin *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* on Sunday September

13th from 8:15am to 10:30am. We will meet in the Columbia room of St. John's primary school. Participants will meet every week for a lively group discussion, followed by an engaging video presentation and fellowship. Early Bird registration is \$36 per person. After August 26th the cost will increase to \$46 per person. Materials will be ordered August 25th. For more information or to register, contact Judy Garfield (715)305-2261 or Becky Hennes at (715)650-1014.

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