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Saint John the Baptist

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.

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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 8/31/2026**

6:45am Robert Schiferl, Sr.

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5

Lk 4:16-30

TUES 9/1/2026

6:45am Dennis Juncer

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

WED 9/2/2026

6:45am Father Daniel Thelen

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

THUR 9/3/2026 St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

6:45am Roman & Virginia Stauber

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

FRI 9/4/2026

6:45am Living & deceased members of the Roman Schaefer family

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

SAT 9/5/2026 St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin**No 8:00am Mass** at St. John's (8:00am Mass & Confessions at OLP)

Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5

4:30pm Stanley & Florence Iwanski

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**SUN 9/6/2026**

7:00am Geraldine Altmann

9:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

11:00am Gerald & Elizabeth Heiring

Scripture Readings: Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****September 5th & 6th****LECTORS**

4:30pm Bryan Pischel

7:00am Ray Housworth

9:00am Al May

11:00am Jonathan Rootellis / Ava Rootellis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Renee Wagner / Marty Draxler / Joe & Clare Fischer

7:00am Ray & Pam Housworth / Peg Endries

9:00am Rita Blenker / Dan & Dorothy Flees / Linda Lewer

Al & Barb May

11:00am Jonathan & Melanie Rootellis / Audrey Ably

Michael Clubb

SERVERS

4:30pm Emmett Luther / Griffin Lescynski

7:00am Joseph & Madeline Niehaus

9:00am Phinehas, Benjamin & Isaac Prusinski

11:00am Ellie Kraus / Gianna Rootellis

MUSIC MINISTER4:30pm **Open**

7:00am Megan Schirger

9:00am Megan Schirger

11:00am Cathy Heuer

Weekday Mass Servers - August 31st - September 4th**Monday** Glenn Linzmeier**Tuesday** Marty Draxler**Wednesday** Dan Flees**Thursday** Lee Alt**Friday** Mike Spencer**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 22nd & 23rd

Adult / Youth / Plate \$19,575.81

Parish Improvement 100.00

Total \$19,675.81

Total to date for August \$82,141.29

Total to date for Mission COOP **\$14,641.00**QR Code
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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 have gone back to 6:45am beginning on Monday, August 24th. Confessions will start at 6:15am. This helps with an easier flow with school traffic.

*** Mass on Monday, September 7th (Labor Day) will begin at 8:00am.**

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!

Save the Date For These Events!

Sept. 8 - PCCW meeting at 6pm in the Columbia Room. All women invited to come and hear all about what the PCCW does. Meeting followed by Bingo and refreshments.

Sept. 9 - Faith Formation begins at OLP.

Sept. 13 - Confirmation Mass at Our Lady of Peace

Sept. 13 - St. Mary's, Colby Fall Festival. Mass at 8am & 10:30am.

Dinner 10:30am - 1pm. Church Auction, cash raffle and more!

Sept. 14 - Social Justice & Sacred Worship Committees meet at 6pm in the rectory.

Sept. 15 - Finance Council meets at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall.

Sept. 22 - Pastoral Council meets at 6:30pm in the Columbia Room

Sept. 23 - Rural Life Day Celebration. Creamery Creek, Bangor, WI. Mass at 10am with Bishop Battersby. Blessing of animals and lunch, fellowship and support for Project Milk.

October 17 - Given Retreat St. Joseph's Parish, Stevens Point, WI. 8am - 2:30pm See flyer on the kiosk for more information.

Attention engaged couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. The next available dates are Oct. 3rd, 2026 (Session at Toeller Hall. Mass and dinner at St. John's) and Feb. 27th, 2027 (Session at Toeller Hall. Mass and dinner at Our Lady of Peace) Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. To register, call Alanna Hart at 715-650-7310 or register directly at marshfieldmarriageprep@gmail.com



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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Baptist.

We celebrate the Holy Mass as Catholics, this miracle. It becomes so normative that we can actually become bored by it. Yet at every Holy Mass Jesus appears, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

I was pondering how the liturgy is sanitized. Now let me explain. I wear my best vestments, we have sacred chalices, esteemed music, we wear our Sunday best. All this is good and proper. For instance, the sacred vessels are kept clean and made of precious metals because they will hold the most precious gift of Christ's Body and Blood.

However, this cleanliness of liturgy sometimes (in my opinion) can put us to sleep. We forget what is really happening. There was one death. It was perfect and complete. Jesus died one time and his one death is sufficient to save the world. Every Mass is a representation in an unbloody manner of Christ's perfect sacrifice.

But this death of Jesus was not clean, it was not sanitized. It was bloody, it stunk, flies buzzed around, flesh hung from our Lord's ribs. We would be aghast in utter horror. Thankfully God permits us to celebrate Mass in an unbloody manner. But we should never forget what we are actually doing. And if we remember this, we would never get bored, we would never fall asleep, we would never complain, we would never consider skipping.

Last week I was talking with a person who went to Mass in Zaporyzhye, Ukraine. Right during the homily a bomb exploded nearby. The priest kept preaching. He acknowledged the situation. But he kept going. The people could be seen weeping.

Intellectually we can know the truth of the Eucharist. But we also must know the pain of Christ's sacrifice. Our emotions are engaged when we truly meditate on what Jesus truly did to save the world.

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

Fr. Thelen



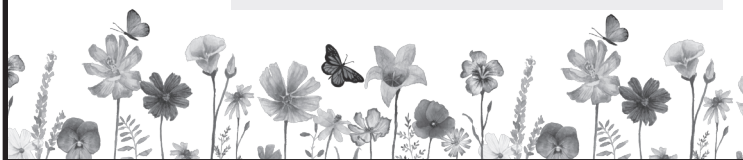
Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association will meet on Wednesday September 9th, 2026 at 3:00pm in Toeller Hall at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

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.



Congratulations to this couple celebrating An Anniversary Milestone

70 Years - Jerald & Annette Manlick - September 1, 1956



Congratulations to this couple

Rylie & Katie Boushach

Married August 29, 2026

Cherubs: A new season of Cherubs is about to begin in September. Cherubs is a special time at Mass where children from the ages of 4 - 6 are invited to a lesson designed just for them. To be able to offer Cherubs, we need teachers and teacher helpers! It would be nice to have 4 or more willing adults to teach on a rotating basis. This is also an excellent opportunity for Confirmation students! If you have a gift for working with our little ones, please contact Heather Adler at 715-897-1941. Cherubs runs from September (beginning date not yet determined) through May.



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will be beginning soon with full entrance into the church occurring at Easter of 2027. 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. Those already signed up will be contacted.

Please call the parish office to be part of this next class!
Classes will begin early in September. More information coming.

"That Man is You!" will begin on Tuesday, September 15th at 6 am in Dillenberg Hall at Our Lady of Peace. We will meet every Tuesday morning through December 8th. All men are encouraged to join us for a powerful new program "The Revelation of the Father".



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.

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.

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