

# Immaculate Conception



## 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.

### *Parish Personnel*

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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 12/8/2025** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 6:30am Albert & Marion Burr  
 8:00am Kathy Wartner  
 12:00pm Jerry DeSmet **6:00pm** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 Scripture Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
 Lk 1:26-38

**TUES 12/9/2025** St. Juan Diego  
 6:45am Gerald & Nancy Bauer  
 Scripture Readings: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

**WED 12/10/2025** Our Lady of Loreto  
 6:45am Lindsay Dick Zuelke  
 Scripture Readings: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

**THUR 12/11/2025** St. Damasus I, Pope  
 6:45am Robert & Joyce Lindner  
 Scripture Readings: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

**FRI 12/12/2025** Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**No Mass at St. John's**  
 Scripture Readings: Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38

**SAT 12/13/2025** St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr  
 8:00am Trai Whetstone  
 Scripture Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 4:30pm Mary Alice Stangl

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**SUN 12/14/2025**  
 7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 9:00am Living & deceased members of the Schuld & Straka family  
 11:00am Cheri Krier  
 Scripture Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10  
 Mt 11:2-11



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

December 13<sup>th</sup> & December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**LECTORS**

4:30pm Jonathan Rootellis **7:00am** Ray Housworth  
 9:00am Dorothy Flees **11:00am** John Salzmann

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz / Susan Jahr / Becky Kaiser / Kaye Kmiec  
 7:00am Dan Alsides / Pam & Lee Alt  
 9:00am Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall / Ron & Patty Kraus  
 Linda Lewer / Dorothy Flees  
 11:00am Danielle Rummells / Chris Rutschow / Kim Rybicki  
 John Salzmann

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Ava & Gianna Rootellis  
 7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr / Griffin Lescynski  
 9:00am Derek & Cole Krieg / Jeremiah & Fulton Prusinski  
 11:00am Emmett Luther / Savannah Rummells

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4:30pm Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson  
 7:00am Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson  
 9:00am Ashley Nikolai / Children's Choir / **11:00am** Cathy Heuer

**Weekday Mass Servers - December 8<sup>th</sup> - December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday** - Glenn Linzmeier **Thursday** Lee Alt  
**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler **Friday** No Mass  
**Wednesday** - Lenny K **Saturday** 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 November 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$17,522.85
Parish Improvement	35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,557.85</b>

**STEWARDSHIP for November 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$7,675.12
Parish Improvement	22.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7697.12</b>

Total to date for November **\$84,833.95**




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**Playground update:**  
 As of November 25<sup>th</sup> a total of \$162,818.65 has been raised. This leaves a balance of \$107,181.35. We thank everyone who has generously given to this fundraiser. We will continue to collect any time before June 30, 2026. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist and note Playground Donation on the memo line. Thank you!

**Any donations you wish to have included on your December 2025 statement must be dated no later than December 28, 2025 and into the parish office by Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to allow ample amount of time for the finance office to process/deposit into the bank. Thank you!**

The next Holy Day of obligation is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass schedule is:

**St. John:** December 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30am / 8:00am  
 12:00pm and 6:00pm



**Our Lady of Peace** will have a Mass on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. Sacred Heart will have a Mass at 5:30pm.

**Christ the King, Spencer** will have Mass on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am and 6:00pm.

*ADVENT*

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**

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 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> -  
 1:00pm - 5:00pm


Take this opportunity to prepare your heart for Christmas.  
 Area priests will be available during these hours.

**Additional Confession Times:**  
 Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Sacred Heart at 6:00pm  
 Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, St. John's at 6:00pm

**Advent Evening of Recollection**

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Father Weller**  
**6:30pm - 8:00pm**

*Come join us for a mini-retreat this advent season to prepare your heart for the Christ-Child!*



Evenings will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a short advent meditation.

Following the meditation will be a time for adoration with Praise and Worship music and periods of silence.

Confessions will be available during adoration. Evenings will conclude with Benediction at 7:45pm.

## THE DEACON IS SPEAKIN'

Ahh December!! The Christmas season has begun...or has it? If you drive around town, you'll see that many houses and yards are decorated for the holiday. Pre-Christmas sales are in full swing and sadly "Black Friday" sales have been going on since at least July. It would seem that the rush to get you to spend your money has been going on since last Christmas!

But for us Catholics there is no rush to celebrate Christmas. Instead we set aside a period called Advent, a time of anticipation, preparation and contemplation. It is a time to open our hearts and our minds to what Christmas really means, not just family and friends but the birth of the greatest friend mankind has ever known, Jesus.

During Advent we are given several opportunities to meditate on God's great love, His great mercy for His people. Two of the most important Marian feasts occur just days apart. On December 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When God created Eve, the mother of mankind, He created her sinless but she did not remain so. Eve, along with Adam, disobeyed God and brought sin into the world and the world has been broken ever since.

God chose to restore the world and us to Original Holiness by creating a new woman conceived without sin; a woman who would say "Yes" to Him; a woman who would always say, "Be it done unto me according to your word"; a new mother for the human race; Mary, our Mother.

During this beautiful season of Advent we are given other opportunities to contemplate God's great love for us. We celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe and we remember St. Juan Diego. Our daily scripture reading reminds us of the longing we as a people felt anticipating the promised Savior.

Remember to take the time during Advent to prepare yourself not only for what is coming but more importantly for who is coming! And remember, you will have plenty of time to celebrate Christmas! For Catholics Christmas is not just one more day on the calendar. Christmas is an octave, eight full days of joyful celebration. Eight days when you can and should wish everyone a "Merry Christmas!"

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, pray for us.

Deacon Jeff Austin



### MARRIAGE BANNS II

Laura Weiler & Jordan Wolf December 20, 2025



### Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2025-2026

We will give weekly updates on our progress. As of 12/2/2025:

Campaign Goal		\$131,020.00
Amount Received	55.04%	\$72,111.32
Under Goal		\$58,908.68
Number of Donors	193	

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Youth Servers is now ready and can be picked up in the entranceway!

## Save the Date:

Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00pm

Columbia Room  
St. John the Baptist  
School



Join Father Thelen in a prayerful reading of the first chapter of the Gospel of John. Father Thelen will draw upon the Latin vulgate to explain the meaning of each verse.

We will encounter rich texts of our faith that will prepare our hearts for Christmas, the incarnation of our Lord.

**Be Part of Something Beautiful** Do you love your Catholic faith and want to help others discover its beauty? The Marshfield Deanery is forming a Deanery OCIA Team to welcome, teach, and accompany people who are exploring the Catholic Church through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)—the process by which people become Catholic. This is a meaningful way to share your faith, grow spiritually, and serve alongside others from our area parishes. If you're interested in joining this inspiring effort, please contact JaNae at 715-384-9414.

**OCIA** Are you—or is someone you know—seeking a deeper relationship with God or interested in becoming Catholic? The Marshfield Deanery will offer OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) beginning in the New Year. This journey in faith includes 10 Sunday morning sessions from January 18<sup>th</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Palm Sunday retreat on March 29<sup>th</sup>, and the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by four classes from April 12<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome! Contact JaNae at 715-384-9414 to sign up.



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