



Sunday, December 10, 2023

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“One mightier than I is coming after me.”  
- Mk 1:7a

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# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Adoration and Confessions  
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prior to Mass



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, December 12, 5:45 PM: †Oliver and Helen  
Schueller  
By Cathy Adamski

SATURDAY, December 16, 7:00 PM: For Our Parish Families  
of St. John's and Holy Family

SUNDAY, December 17, 10:30 AM: †Frank Lemmer  
By Jenni, Cody, and Erica Lemmer

Normal Confession Times:  
Saturday at 6:30 PM  
Tuesday 4:30 PM  
or anytime by appointment

## Sanctuary Candle Offering

SANCTUARY CANDLE: for Dec. 9—Dec. 15, 2023

- 1) For Successful Cancer Treatment
- 2) †In Loving Memory of Clarence and Nancy Schreiner  
By Randy and Linda Kraft

## Grateful Giving

HOLY FAMILY — November 26, 2023 — Receipts

Adults.....	\$3,492.00
Offertory .....	\$542.00
Thanksgiving Offertory.....	\$152.00
Mission Co-op.....	\$100.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$30.00
Christmas .....	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception .....	\$50.00
St Hubert Medals.....	\$3.00
Vigil Lights .....	\$21.01
TOTAL .....	\$4,440.01

Thank you for sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure  
in Building God's Kingdom!

Communal Reconciliation for Advent is Sunday, December  
10th at the following parishes:

St. Anthony's in Athens at 1 pm  
St. Mary's in Marathon at 6:30 pm

## Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY, December 16, 7:00 PM:

Cross-Bearer: Erica Socha  
Candle-Bearers: Isaac and Lucas Socha  
Minister of Word: Tracy Paul  
Eucharistic Minister: Betty Urmanski  
Eucharistic Minister-Choir: Tracy Paul  
Offertory Gifts: Gary and Betty Urmanski Family  
Ushers: Duane and Barb Rauen

SUNDAY, December 17, 10:30 AM:

Cross-Bearer: Jackson Miller  
Candle-Bearers: Abby Miller  
Minister of Word: Lori Daul  
Eucharistic Minister: Joanne Berens  
Offertory Gifts: Tim and Sara Lemmer Family  
Ushers: Richard Daul and Johnathon Daul

## Holy Family News

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING:**

Volunteers are needed to decorate the church after the  
10:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 17th.  
Your help is greatly appreciated. A light lunch will  
be provided.



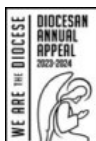
**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE:**

Monday, December 18th at 7:30 pm  
New members are welcome.

**TOYS FOR TOTS**—The CCD students are now collecting NEW  
UNWRAPPED toys for the Salvation Army  
of Marathon County. Please drop the toys  
off at either entrance of the church by DE-  
CEMBER 13TH. Cash/check donations are  
also accepted, made payable to Toys for  
Tots of Marathon County and put in the  
collection basket.



**HOLY FAMILY DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: (12/4/23)**



Goal: \$22,250.00  
Total Received: \$ 7,275.00  
Over/(Under) Goal: (\$14,975.00)

Thank you for your donation to the parish's appeal.

There will be a second collection at the weekend Masses on  
December 9/10th for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday, December 11, 8:00 AM:** †Helen Strasser  
by The Johnson Family

**Wednesday, December 13, 8:00 AM:** †Joanne Schaetzel  
Kreig by Sandy Durr

**Thursday, December 14, 8:00 AM:** Communion Service

**Friday, December 15, 8:00 AM:** †Frank Feltz  
by Family

**SATURDAY, December 16, 4:00 PM:** For the health of  
Chintara Chemak Richard by Ralph Lemmer

**SUNDAY, December 17, 9:00 AM:** †Clarence and †Vangie  
Wilichowski by The Wilichowski Family

Adoration and Confession  
Mondays from 4:30 –5:30 PM



## Ministry Schedule

**SATURDAY, December 16, 4:00 PM**

**Cross-Bearer:** Libby Woller

**Candle-Bearers:** Alex Woller

**Minister Of The Word:** Grace Wirkus

**Minister Of Song:** Sally Bargender and Judy Trawicki

**Minister Of The Eucharist:** Brenda Werner and Juan Martinez

**Offertory Gifts:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Ken Schara, Chuck Mroczenski, Jerry Mroczenski

**SUNDAY, December 17, 9:00 AM**

**Cross-Bearer:** Parker Albrecht

**Candle-Bearers:** Marshall and Evie Albrecht

**Minister Of The Word:** Andrew Lukasko

**Minister Of Song:** Marisa Doll and Rose Leffel

**Minister Of The Eucharist:** Randy Myszyka and Joe Burke

**Offertory Gifts:** Eric and Lexie Gajewski Family

**Ushers:** Richard and Lisa Nowak and volunteers

## Candle Offerings

**SANCTUARY:** for Dec. 9—Dec. 15, 2023

1) In memory of Stacie Guralski by Randall and Patty Myszyka

2) In memory of Theresa Burish by Children and Families

**BLESSED MOTHER:**

In memory of Theresa Burish by Children and Families

**ST. JOSEPH:**

In memory of Theresa Burish by Children and Families

## Grateful Giving

**Deposits: November 21—27, 2023**

Adult.....	\$2,262.76
Offertory .....	733.75
Online Sunday envelopes .....	720.00
Christmas envelopes .....	25.00
Christmas flowers .....	120.00
Candles .....	119.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,981.01</b>

**Deposits: November 28—December 3, 2023**

Adult.....	\$4,002.00
Offertory .....	671.85
Online Sunday envelopes .....	860.00
Christmas Flower donations .....	395.00
Parish Memorial for Charles Lang Sr. ....	1,000.00
School Support .....	400.00
Online School Support .....	100.00
Candles .....	60.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,488.85</b>

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**Weekly Need for envelope giving: \$8,500.00**

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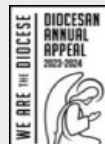
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**St. John's Diocesan Annual Appeal: (11/20/23)**

**Goal:** \$36,615.00

**Total Pledged/Received:** \$18,885.00

**Over/(Under) Goal:** (\$17,730.00)

Thank you for your donation to the parish's appeal.

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## St. John the Baptist News



Saint John the Baptist Parish is a growing Catholic faith community whose members seek to live and share a Eucharistic love of Jesus Christ that is centered in prayer, Adoration, Reconciliation, education and community service.

There will be a second collection at the weekend Masses on December 9/10th for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

## BIRTHDAYS

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to Those 65+:**

December 10 —Diann Schilling

December 12—Richard Schroeder

December 13—Carol Griesmer

December 14—Deacon Gregory Kaiser

December 15—Paul Berg and Sharon Ross

December 16—Marcia Finke and Laurie Zietlow

### **Wedding Anniversary Correction:**

Richard and Irene Guenther will celebrate 62 years of marriage on December 30th

### **PCCW Christmas Benefit and Fish Fry**

A BIG shoutout to all those who worked to make our PCCW Christmas Benefit and Fish/Shrimp Fry a huge success! We served 655 meals and 163 desserts. Thank you also to those who came and supported our efforts and enjoyed a good meal. We hope to see all of you in 2024 for our Lenten Fish Fries!!

### **PCCW NEWS:**

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will be December 13th from 8:45 am - noon. We will need help getting all the Christmas trees, crèche, and decorations moved from the rectory basement to the church on December 12 at 9-10:30 am. Everyone is welcome to help with the decorating. Please contact Linda Mroczewski (715-370-2183) or Patty Myszka (715-897-8810) with any questions.

### **PRAYER CORNER**

Let us pray for healing and comfort at this time for our parishioners:



#### **ST. JOHN'S:**

Baby Easton Hafferman, Sally Bargender, Ben Hack, Dennis Kaiser, Elaine Petrowski, Marilyn Sonnentag, Lorraine Springer, Pam Stencil, Tim Werner

#### **HOLY FAMILY:**

Gordon and Carol Baeseman, Mary Brodziski, Judy Brewster, Gertie Gurski, Jim and Lucille Klepanski, Lorraine Myszka, Marvin Reuter

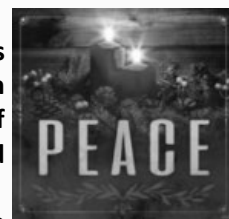
## General Information

### **Prepare the way! Luke 3:1-4**

The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming.

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we faithfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.



## Upcoming Events

All are welcome to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 12th at St. Bronislava Catholic Church, 3200 Plover Road, Plover, WI, and venerate the sacred relic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe! The day will begin with 6:00 AM Las Mañanitas, later followed by 4:00 PM Confessions offered in both English and Spanish, and a 5:30 PM Spanish Mass. The celebration will continue with a potluck meal and entertainment provided by Mariachi musicians. For more information: 715-424-6279 or email [mariancenterforpeace.org](mailto:mariancenterforpeace.org) ; find us on Facebook.



**Cantata 2023** at the Nativity of the BVM Parish, Marathon will be holding their annual cantata on Sunday, December 17 at 11:30am, following the 10:00 am Mass. This year's theme is The Road to Bethlehem, A Journey to the Newborn King. Concert is free and held in the church at 712 Market Street, Marathon.

Sunday, December 10th at 1:00 pm, come see Santa and his reindeer glide down Main Street in Edgar and turn on the Christmas Tree lights by the log cabin at Oak Street Park. Come meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus as they light the tree at the Edgar Oak Park Shelter. Volunteers needed, please call Karen at Stark's Floral 715-352-2577



## Faith and Family

### A MINUTE WITH JESUS

#### Does Jesus understand everything about me?

Jesus knows exactly what you are feeling and understands. Where you are, Jesus has been; He shares every joy and every pain with you.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: If you have something painful in your heart, speak with Jesus about it and give it to Him. This week, read from Scripture how the angel appears to Joseph and guides him to take his wife Mary into his home in **Matthew 1: 18-25**.

Parents, do your children like to draw or would like to learn,



join Ms. Kim this Advent on [formed.org](https://formed.org) and each week of Advent Ms. Kim will show how to make drawings and "draw" them closer to God this Advent.



Families, the parish is once again offering a Family Consecration to St. Joseph. The group will meet four Sundays beginning January 7th, 2024. The cost is \$20.00/family.

This unique family consecration brings in movies and books enjoyed by young and old and ties it all into St. Joseph. Call the parish office to register at 715-352-3011.

Advent Communal Reconciliation is Sunday, December 10th:  
St. Anthony's in Athens at 1 pm  
St. Mary's in Marathon at 6:30 pm

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**MONDAY:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9AB & 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-2

**TUESDAY:** Zec 2:14-17 OR RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB/JDT 13:18BCDE, 19/LK 1:26-38 OR LK 1:39-47

**WEDNESDAY:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10/Mt 11:28-30

**THURSDAY:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13AB/Mt 11:11-1

**FRIDAY:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6/Mt 11:16-1

**SATURDAY:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2AC & 3B, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9A, 10-1

**Next SUNDAY:** Is 61:1-2A, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10B)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## School News

The mission of Saint John the Baptist Catholic School is to educate God's children and promote Catholic values through academic excellence and service to others.

<https://edgarcatholic.org/stj/school/>

**HUGE Thank You** to the families who donated to the new playground! The students are enjoying it! Thank you to families for donating the funds in memory of Frank and Jolanta Jagodzinski, Sue Ballerstein, Lawrence & Winifred Brzezinski, and Kurt Brzezinski to purchase the playground equipment, Justin Kunze Family for donating the excavation services, Gary and Kathy Schueller for donating the timbers, and Gordy Steiber at Morgan Sand and Gravel for donating the pea rock. We greatly appreciate it and wouldn't have been able to complete this project without you!

### Reminder to Save The Date



**Sunday, December 17th:** School Christmas Pageant at 1pm in the church.



## Youth Group

**Monday, December 11, 5:30—7:00 pm:** Youth Night for all in Gr 5—12. Meet at St. John's Youth Room.

### ST. JOHN'S CCD CALENDAR

**Wed, Dec. 13:** Class for grades 2, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Grades K-1, 3-6 encouraged to come.

**Wed, Dec. 20:** Caroling for the M.S. and H.S. youth, card making for the younger grades.

### HOLY FAMILY CCD CALENDAR

**Wed, Dec. 13:** Practice for Christmas performance.

**Wed, Dec. 20:** Christmas performance and Christmas party.



Thank you to all who joined us on Saturday, December 2nd for Christmas Caroling and bringing smiles to the residents' faces at The Athenian in Athens and The Waterford in Colby. A fun time was had by all. A special thank you to Holy Family PCCW for providing lunch for everyone and Fishers Bus Service for providing transportation.

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