Welcome to
St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish
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Pastoral Team
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Deacons Manny Torres & Nicholas Williams
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Pastoral Minister
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Parish Trustees
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Council & Committee Chairpersons
Pastoral Council- First Thursday of the Month
Chair: Jeff Taylor
Finance Council- Third Monday of the Month
Chair: John Style
Social Concerns-Lori Janowski
Site Advisory Council-Kelly Williams
Board of Faith Formation-Molly Huben
Stewardship Committee-Roseann Mader
Welcoming Committee-Vern Ruhland

Committee Meetings are open to all Parishioners

Schedule of Worship
Eucharist
Tuesday 8:30am - Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wednesday thru Friday 8:30am – Mass
Saturday 4:30pm – Mass
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am – Masses
Holy Days As Announced
Reconciliation
Saturday 9:30am – 10:30am (Or by appointment)
Baptism
Baptism Class is held the last Thursday of each month.
Please call the Parish Office Center at 434-2145 to register.
Baptism will be celebrated on Baptism Sunday at any Mass.
Marriage
By arrangement eight months in advance.
Sacrament of the Sick
Individually, by appointment – Communally, as announced

Love is our mission:

The Family fully alive!
Welcome to Saint John the Baptist Catholic Parish – Howard, Wisconsin

O God, Hear Our Prayer

This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, March 20, 2016
Athletic Club BOOYAH & Catholic Women’s Bake Sale Today!
Boy Scout Troop 1113 – 6:30pm, Ministry Center

Monday, March 21, 2016
Women’s Bible Study – 6:00pm, Fireplace Room
Finance Council – 6:30pm, Conference Room

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Lenten Vespers – 6:00pm, Church
Men’s Bible Study – 6:30pm, Conference Room
AA – 8:00pm, Corner Room

Thursday, March 24, 2016
That Man is You is not meeting today!

Friday, March 25, 2016
The Parish Office Center is closed today!

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Breaking Open the Word

During this sacred Holy Week, there will be no Breaking Open the Scriptures on Wednesday morning or evening.

Shelter Meal

On Monday, March 14, St. John the Baptist Parish served a hot chili dinner to 175 people (plus seconds) at the New Community Shelter on Mather Street in downtown Green Bay. Special thanks to the 10 families who provided chili, the 9 families who baked desserts and the 10 families who donated fruit. Thanks to all involved for their generosity! If you are interested in helping cook, bake, or serve, please call and let us know. We would be happy to add you to our list of volunteers! Call Hal Tust at 434-1351 or Ken Sikora at 434-0240.

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The Nature Ministry is looking for donations of 3-4 foot tall trees to plant in our church/school forest, from parishioners, who might have woods or relatives/friends with woods. Otherwise we need to purchase them for $7 each. If you would like to help us, please send your donation to St. John the Baptist Church, 2597 Glendale Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313, or call Judy @ 434-0240 and tell her what you will have available. You can get the tree list from Judy too.

Ministry of the Week:

Knights of Columbus Council 6279

The Knights of Columbus Council 6279, based out of St. John the Baptist, is a fraternal group of 150 Catholic men who give of their time and talent to better the community. Some of their efforts include high school scholarships, donations to the handicapped and disabled, numerous youth contests, Bingo at parish gatherings, highway cleanup, and participation in the Howard Christmas parade. The group’s mission is Charity, Community, and Fraternity. For more information, contact Dick Lemmens (434-1926).

Before you leave Church today…

✓ Pick up SCRIP from the Sunday Office!
✓ Take home some Athletic Club BOOYAH & Catholic Women’s Bake Sale on Sunday!
March 20, 2016

Good Morning Families of SJB,

At this time, we wish to gather input from stakeholders and are asking you to participate and share your views by completing an electronic survey. The survey is designed to solicit feedback from the school and parish communities in regards to this hire. We would ask that you complete the survey by Friday, April 8, 2016. (Survey letter is on the web page or copies are in the parish office)

If you have any questions about the survey or about the search process, feel free to contact one of the Search Team members listed in the letter attached.

Thank you sincerely in advance and please keep this important transition in your prayers.

Blessings to all,
Kim Desotell
(and the St. John the Baptist Principal Search Team)

Green Bay Area Catholic Education (GRACE) enrollment for Fall 2016 opened January 31 with reduced fees when you enroll early. Join us as we prepare students spiritually and academically for the future. We offer Early Childhood through grades 8 at 10 schools. For more information visit the GRACE website at www.gracesystem.org.

Save the Date
Vacation Bible School here at St. John the Baptist is planned for July 11-15 in the mornings. Registration forms will be available in May.

Mrs. Nelson’s 2nd grade Faith Formation Class was asked to write a letter to someone who may not know Jesus, and explain who Jesus was.

In the following weeks, we will publish one letter per week.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus is a man who sacrificed himself. He sacrificed himself for people that was alive then to the end of the world. And he sacrificed himself for are sins! Do you think he was a nice person? Yes he was nisest person in the lands! He dide on the cross. That’s why we go to church. He cares very much you should love him to. And that’s why we say the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit Amen.

Blessings in Christ,
Lennon

SJB Youth Ministry
Jody Engebos Youth Minister for grades 6-12 (920)737-7357
@stjohn_youth @GreenBayLuvsGod

27 SJB youth attended the 6th Annual Winter Lock In at the Kroc Center. 150+ young Catholics – attending Mass by Fr Ryan Starks, eating, sharing, crafting, being sportsman like and laughing all over the place! What a GREAT night!!!

$250 St. Pope John Paul II Scholarships won by SJB people!!! 10 scholarships were awarded to high school youth in our Green Bay Diocese. 4 of them were from SJB!! Congratulations Alexis A, Anna G, Mikala B, and Hannah G!!

Are you or will you be studying ‘Rural Life’?
--soil, seeds, planting, animals etc.--

Are you active in your catholic faith?

There is a scholarship for you! Due March 18

Contact Jody ASAP!! “scholarships for students pursuing a degree in a field supporting rural life.”

Should I add your name to the list?
Each SJB person will be awarded 10% of their trip funded by “Fill the Bus” investments!!
Youth and Chaperones – speaking of chaperones, we could use a few... (SHINE and EFC)


And Chaperones Kristin L, Peggy M, Tori D, Jody E

There is still room for you to join SHINE or EFC!!

Extreme Faith Camp
Held at Camp Tekawitha in Shawano WI
June 13 – 17 Monday – Friday for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

2016 SHINE Catholic Work Camp!
Our next High School summer service trip is all set!
July 17-23
Farmington, MI (Detroit area) HERE WE COME!!
Week 11: DID YOU KNOW…?

“From the moment of our creation and throughout biblical history, God has desired to enter into an intimate communion with humanity.” Edward Sri

As Catholics, the Mass is the center of our Faith. We know the responses, we know the gestures. But do we know what it means? For the next several months, short explanations of what we do and say from the beginning of Mass to the end of Mass will appear in the bulletin. Based on A Biblical Walk through the Mass, by Edward Sri, we can come to understand and experience the Liturgy in a more deeply profound way.

The letters written by St. Paul and the Apostles that we find in the New Testament are used for the second reading. These letters were written to the early Church to help advise and guide the early Christians on the meaning of Christ’s mission on earth. Through these readings we are encouraged “to put on Christ and turn away from sin.”

40 Days for Life
Forty Days for Life continues during Lent through March 20th. We have just one more week left to join other Christians in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Our parishioners have been assigned to Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. Please call Paula for more information and to volunteer to help—920-857-8265.

Adult Confirmation Program

Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Confirmation are available for adults through the Department of Evangelization in the Green Bay Diocese. The Confirmation program will consist of seven weekly sessions beginning the week of April 4, 2016 and running through the week of May 16, 2016. These sessions will prepare individuals to be confirmed at the Diocesan Confirmation Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016. Each session will use the framework of prayer, discipleship and mission. If you are an adult who has never been confirmed and would like to receive this sacrament, see the announcement on the kiosks in the Narthex for the closest location. If you have questions and/or would like to sign up, please contact Joe Tremblay, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, (920)-272-8313 or email: jtremlay@gbdioc.org

Catholic Women/Christian Mothers Spring Get-A-Way
It’s that time of year again and we are looking for new items to put together baskets for the Silent Auction. Any questions, call Sandy at 434-2373 to drop off or to arrange pick-up.

We are in need of the following new and in good condition items for the Spring Get-A-Way Mini Boutique!

- New or vintage jewelry, hand made craft items, lotions, perfumes, scarves, small household and spring décor, crystal ware, fiction or non-fiction books, and patio or back yard trinkets.

Label your donation “Mini-Boutique” and drop off on office porch. Contact Jackie Walker at 434-1057 if needed.

Stewardship of Service Commitment forms

With our hands opened, and as stewards of all gifts received from God, we give thanks.

Grateful for each of you who serve in so many ways within your families, jobs and church.

Evolving in service is evolving in your faith.

Taking steps and growing into service is saying YES and AMEN to the desire that is on our minds and in our hearts.

Desire of what God is calling you and me to do.

Please return your Stewardship of Service commitment form to the Parish Office. Extra forms are available.

The complete Service booklet is available in the kiosks or online at www.sjbh.org

What is God calling you to do?

Scip News

We will NOT be selling SCRIP next weekend. Have a blessed Easter.

Volunteers for:

March 26 & 27
April 2 & 3
April 9 & 10

EASTER – No SCRIP
Theresa Drevs & Pat White
Jean Payette & Vicki Torres

Current Food Pantry Needs

Thanks to all who responded to our Lenten Giving Trees. Besides helping over 20 needy families, you helped us FULLY STOCK our food pantry. At this time, we are not in need of anything! Please continue to watch the bulletin for future needs. Thanks to all who helped pack the boxes and transport them to the Parish office last Sunday.

New M.O.M.S Group Forming

M.O.M.S, which stands for Ministry of Mothers Sharing, is a ministry for mothers where they are able to take time to focus on enhancing their own spiritual needs. Members of M.O.M.S groups gather together to form a network of mutual spiritual support and to offer members the experience of learning, praying and ministering to each other. M.O.M.S also introduces mothers to opportunities for personal and spiritual growth.

The structure of the group is:

- The group meets weekly for 8 weeks on Sundays evenings, beginning April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 15, 22; June 5
- A personal journal, group activities, and social outings are used to help establish the strong foundation of the group.
- After the initial 8 week session, the group then meets independently once or twice a month

For more information, call Krista Murphy at (920) 370-3402 or email kristadmurphy@gmail.com.

A & A Alexandrina-- M.O.M's Home Annual Spring Gala

Friday, April 22, 2016 Tundra lodge Resort. Green Bay Doors open at 5, dinner at 6:30 Scheduled Keynote Speaker: Coach Joe Lombardi Raffle items, silent auction items, and oral auction

TICKETS: $30. Call Mary at: 920-532-4740 or email marypauly48@yahoo.com
March 20, 2016

Inviting Catholics Home for Easter
It’s not too early to invite friends and relatives back to Church for Easter. We probably all know someone who has been away from the Church for awhile. It is our responsibility as a parish community to reach out and invite people back. Consider inviting family members, friends, and co-workers to come to Mass with you and be a part of our worshipping community during Holy Week, Easter and throughout the Easter Season. Your invitation could be one of the most important ones someone could receive on his/her spiritual journey.

The Lenten Giving Trees
Thanks to everyone who participated in this special collection! Because of your generosity, we were able to provide boxes of food and paper products to 25 local families plus donations of diapers to the Love Life Ministry. A big thank you goes to Sue Rennells, Sister Amanda, Sister John, Sister Micheline, and all the volunteers who helped pack the boxes and transport them to the Parish Office. “Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed . . . then your light shall break forth like the dawn.” Isaiah 58:7-8

LENTEN REGULATIONS
1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.

2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may only eat one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

3. These minimal penitential practices should not be lightly excused.

“Life in the Spirit Seminar is an opportunity to grow in awareness and openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.” stated Reverend David L Ricken, DD, JCL, Bishop of Green Bay.

It is the Holy Spirit who calls, leads, awakens, empowers, and brings about change. If we learn to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit we can be a light in the darkness. Come join us for a 7 week course that is being offered at St. John the Baptist Parish, in Howard, on Thursday nights from 7-9 pm starting April 14 through May 26, being sponsored by the Diocesan Charismatic Renewal (920-405-1960). This seminar is designed to bring about a personal and spiritual transformation through a fuller release of the power of the Holy Spirit in your daily life. A free-will offering will be taken. Explanation sessions will be on April 3 or April 10 at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Church. An explanation session is necessary to attend the seminar. (Check for brochures in the back of church or on the bulletin board) For more information call Karen Lepp 920-468-7481, Terry Rennells 920-494-3248, or Carol Abts 920-468-8607.

Easter – a time for change
This Easter, in particular, makes us aware of some changes that will affect our parish greatly.

After 40 years of teaching and being principal in Catholic Schools, Ms. Marotz will be retiring from being principal at St. John’s. There are many things that she would like to do including more time to enjoy being a grandmother and she and her son Jay, to spend time with Kyle, her other son and his family in Arizona.

It is a tribute to her excellent work at St. John’s that we have had about 17 applications. People have confidence in St. John’s School and desire to be part of its future. The search committee will be very active over Easter break.

After five years directing the faith formation program here at St. John’s and 50 years of religious life, Sister Gretchen will be retiring. She and the faith formation staff have built a very sound program. We are hoping that this opening will attract many good applicants as well.

While you are with family and friends this Easter break, mention our open position to them. Let them know that this person would be working with a great faith formation staff and the enthusiasm of a lot of people. Have them give us a call at 1-920-434-2145.

Finally, the greatest change of all – Easter. The change is so great that we devote a full fifty-days for celebration. Lent is about bad habits, sinful ways and God’s grace, about addictions and hope. It is about new people who join the church and long-time members who breathe the fresh air of rejuvenation.

This year is somewhat awkward as school districts have different Easter breaks. Wherever you travel, make sure to attend Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday with family and others there. If you are having guests, make sure to invite them to come with you to St. John’s. We keep our balance in the midst of much change by keeping our eye on Jesus and our hearts open to His love.

Fr. John
March 20, 2016  Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Meet a couple of our catechumens for RCIA

My name is Elizabeth Tauscheck, and I first started attending church around the 6th grade. It was a bit overwhelming at first, but it really just clicked. After that, I started going to church regularly (despite how hard it was to wake up in the morning!). One of the things that brought me to the RCIA was probably the awkwardness of not being able to go up to receive the Eucharist. While I didn’t realize it at the moment, I was being called to a full Catholic life. Then, it felt like frustration at being stuck in the pew alone with my brother. Not that we bickered or anything—OK, maybe a little. He and my mom have helped me through this process a lot. She didn’t have to come to RCIA all the time, because she was raised Catholic; but having your family there helps more than I’m willing to admit. After this, I plan to be a lector and sing in the choir so I can praise God for the ways I was gifted and give back to my parish.

Hello, my name is Riquel Lollis, and I am a catechumen looking to join the faith of being a Catholic at St. John’s. I was born in Chicago, Illinois. I moved to Green Bay and was adopted by my parents Brad and Debbie Lollis. It was one of the best things that happened to me in my life. But, when I got adopted, I started to go to church, and I didn’t understand what they were talking about. So, I started to take RCIA classes to get to know Christ better. I am also hoping to get baptized during the Easter Vigil. I want to get baptized because I have never been, and I think it would be nice to know that I am baptized.

Why Give to the Bishop’s Appeal?

Does the Bishop's Appeal pay the Bishop's salary or any legal settlements?

The Bishop's Appeal is an annual campaign that supports the ministries of the Diocese. It does not pay the Bishop's salary and has never been used to pay any legal settlements. The Appeal does provide support to diocesan ministries reaching out to thousands of people each year. These ministries include Catholic Charities, the diocesan Education Department, the Compass, and the Lay Ministry Formation program, to name a few.

It is our continuing pledge to you to use all the funds received during the 2016 Bishop's Appeal to provide these services and meet the needs described on our web site at www.catholicfoundationgb.org. Thank you for your generous support of the Appeal.

Faces of God's Mercy... found in our Deacons.

Every day, deacons answer Jesus’ call to serve others. Working in parishes and communities, they bring God's mercy to people in prisons, hospitals, youth programs, and to the homebound and homeless.

The Bishop’s Appeal supports deacons in their pre-ordination training and post-ordination continuing education. Gifts to the Appeal truly help deacons be Faces of God’s Mercy!

Please give today!
www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give

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### Notes from the Health & Wellness Committee

March is **National Nutritional Month**. The following is a quick guide to reading the Nutrition Facts Panel.

**Start with the Serving Size:** Look here for both the serving size (the amount for one serving) and the number of servings in the package.

**Total Calories and Fat:** Find out how many calories are in a single serving and the number of calories from fat. It’s smart to cut back on calories and fat if you are watching your weight.

**Let the Percent Daily Values Be Your Guide:** Use percent Daily Values (DV) to help evaluate how a particular food fits into your daily meal plan: Daily Values are average levels of nutrients for a person eating 2,000 calories a day.

**The High and Low of Daily Values**
- **5 percent or less is low.** Aim low in total fat, saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol and sodium.
- **20 percent or more is high.** Aim high in vitamins, minerals and fiber.

**Limit Fat, Cholesterol and Sodium:** Eating less fat, cholesterol and sodium may help reduce your risk for heart disease, high blood pressure and cancer. Limit to 10 percent DV or less per day. Saturated fat and trans fat are linked to an increased risk of heart disease. High levels of sodium can add up to high blood pressure.

**Get Enough Vitamins, Minerals and Fiber:** Eat more fiber, vitamins A and C, calcium and iron to maintain good health and help reduce your risk of certain health problems such as osteoporosis and anemia.

**Additional Nutrients**
- **Protein:** Most Americans eat more protein than they need, so a percentage Daily Value is not required on the label.
- **Carbohydrates:** There are three types of carbohydrates: sugars, starches and fiber. Eat whole-grain breads, cereals, rice and pasta plus fruits and vegetables.
- **Sugars:** Simple carbohydrates or sugars occur naturally in foods such as fruit juice (fructose) or come from refined sources such as table sugar or corn syrup.

**Check the Ingredient List** Foods with more than one ingredient must have an ingredient list on the label. Those in the largest amounts are listed first.

*Source: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*

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### Life Losses Grief Support Group

*Grieving can happen at any stage in your life, whether it is the death of a loved one, loss of a job, ending a relationship, etc.*

Join with other adults for three weeks to share and support each other through the grieving process.

**Thursdays, April 14, 21, and 28, 2016 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm**

SS Edward and Isidore Parish

Facilitated by Carol Mueller, RN, Parish Nurse, and Lori Flanagan, Pastoral Associate.

Please call the parish office to register at 865-7844.

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Ss. Edward and Isidore Health and Wellness Committee presents………

**You are the Man**

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. - Cost $5.00/person

*Registration Required - A relaxing evening for men to come together and get inspired.*

**“Men are called to be Leaders and Role Models”**

Presented by: Fr. Tim Shillcox, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in DePere

Fr. Tim will present on how men play a leadership role in the family and community. He will also discuss the importance of caring for your body, mind and spirit.

**“Prostate Health”**

Presented by: Dr. Heather Stefaniak, BayCare Clinic Urological Surgeon

Join Dr. Stefaniak for a discussion on normal prostate function, prostate enlargement and prostate cancer.

Come and have an enjoyable evening and take home some fresh ideas!!

*Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Space is limited, so register today!*
Journeying Together in Faith: The Holiest of Days…

The *Easter Triduum*, the three days beginning the evening of Holy Thursday and ending the evening of Easter Sunday, is the culmination of the entire church year. It is the time when Christians everywhere celebrate the heart of their faith: Jesus’ life of service to all, the long road of his passion and death, the gift of his resurrection, and our acceptance of the call of our baptism to live the good news of the resurrection.

**Holy Thursday March 24, 2016**

- **Morning Prayer** 8:30am
- **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** 7:00pm

Holy Thursday evening we come together to open the solemn three days. This night we welcome the *holy oils* which will be used throughout the upcoming year, wash the feet of our sisters and brothers and *feast on the Eucharist the real presence of Jesus*. Reminder: Please bring a non-perishable food item to help stock our food pantry.

**Good Friday March 25, 2016**

- **Morning Prayer** 8:30am
- **Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion and Death** 1:00pm
- **Vespers** 7:00pm

On this day we gather to focus on the Lord’s Passion and Death – showing reverence and belief in the One who loved us so much he died – only to rise again. This day we also are a church deep in prayer as we remember the many needs of the world, the church, and our community.

**Holy Saturday March 26, 2016**

- **Morning Prayer** 8:30am
- **Easter Vigil** 8:00pm

This celebration is the *first proclamation of the resurrection*. It is the time when we as a Christian community *tell our story* through Light and Word. We *welcome new members* into our Christian story through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This night we also *break the bread* and *drink from the cup of the Risen Christ*. We celebrate the new life in Christ we experience today!

**Easter Sunday March 27, 2016**

- **8:00am**
- **10:00am**