

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Cooks Valley Township – 4540 State Hwy. 40, Bloomer, WI

Web Site: <http://stjohns.bloomertel.net> – Mailing Address: 4540 State Hwy. 40, Bloomer, WI 54724

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. John The Baptist, Cooks Valley

Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's, Bloomer

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. John The Baptist, Cooks Valley

Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
First Friday Mass, 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul's, Bloomer

School Year:
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday – School Mass 8 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration begins immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass Thursday and ends with the 10:30 a.m. First Friday Mass.

To sign up for an hour with our Lord, contact Andy or Rita Shakal at 715-568-5243.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please check bulletin

ROSARY

Recited every Sunday morning at 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples should contact the pastor **before** the wedding date is set. Allow eight months for preparation before the wedding date.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents must receive baptismal preparation prior to the baptism of their first child. Please contact the parish office.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor – Fr. Victor Feltes

(715) 568-3255 – email: victorfeltes@gmail.com
For emergency needs please call: (715) 299-9556

Associate Pastor – Fr. Arokiaraj “Aro” Paristham
(608) 484-4867

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Candyce Sarauer

TELEPHONE

St. John's – Cooks Valley 715-568-3778

Email stjohs@bloomer.net

St. Paul's – Bloomer 715-568-3255

PARISH COUNCIL

Finance

Not Yet Assigned

Liturgy

Kevin Butek 715-962-3433

Family Life/Social Justice

Jean Schindler-Family Life 715-962-3026

Christine Hall – Social Justice 715-568-4397

Buildings and Grounds

Ken Schmitt 715-568-5508

Education

Becky Paulson 715-568-5111

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

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Laurie Schmitt 715-568-5508

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Organist

James Willi 715-864-5450

Choir Director

Christi Larson 715-829-9269

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all new parishioners! Please contact the parish office for registration.

BULLETIN DEADLINE is Wednesday 9:00 am. Call the parish office with bulletin information, 568-3778 or e-mail:

stjohns@bloomer.net

FREE CATHOLIC MINISTRY NATIONWIDE

1-800-627-7846 or www.masstimes.org to find out Mass times at a church near your travel destination.



Sat, Aug 31 Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 pm St. John's and St. Paul's Parish Families
Sun, Sept 1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 am +Del Lynch
Mon, Sept 2 Weekday
8:30 am +Bill Le Cleir
Thurs, Sept 5 Weekday
8:30 am +Ron Jepson
Fri, Sept 6 First Friday/Weekday
10:30 am +Rose Derks
Sat, Sept 7 Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 pm +Henry Ruff
Sun, Sept 8 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 am +Eunice Steinmetz

Rosary is Recited Every Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

Easter candle is in memory of Harry Prince

Liturgy Schedule at St. John's

Saturday, Sept 7 - 8:00 pm

Servers: Michael and Tony Sonnentag, Tim Schmitt

Lector: Allison Schmitt

Ushers: Darwin Helgeson and Doug Zwiefelhofer

Sunday, Sept 8 - 9:30 am

Servers: Gregory, Connor, and Isaac Quinn

Lector: David Paulson

Ushers: Brian Mitchell and Steve Eder

Rosary Leader: Jane Sonnentag

Collection Counters: Carol Clements & Sandy Sarauer

Thank You

Christian Giving - Aug 25

Adults	\$ 945.00
Offertory	238.00
Youth	0.00
Total	\$1,183.00

CCD Registration

CCD Registration letters for the 2024-25 session were mailed out in early August. If your child is new to the CCD Program this year, please contact Becky Paulson to be added to the mailing list: (715-829-2176) or stjohnsccd@bloomer.net

Scam Reminder

Recently, texts claiming to be from Fr. Feltes were asking people to purchase Apple gift cards "for some women battling cancer in the hospital." Those texts were from a scammer. Remember: your priests will not text or email you asking you to urgently send them gift certificates.

Yours truly, Fr. Feltes

Altar and Rosary Society to Meet

Next meeting is on Monday, September 16th. Rosary at 6:30 pm, meeting to follow. Mark your calendar, plan to attend!

St. Paul's Retreat Evenings

Join St. Paul's Parish retreat at 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday (September 9th & 10th). Fr. Tim Odenhoven will present the vital message of Our Lady of Guadalupe for our troubled times, teaching us how to live for Jesus in our daily lives that all may come to believe and follow Christ. All are welcome - bring your friends and family.



St. Barbara to Clean Church Sept. 4th

St. Barbara Circle will clean the church on Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:30 pm. Please come to help, many hands make light work.

Fall Festival is Next Sunday, Sept. 8th!

Extra Kitchen Help Needed!

Saturday Morning: The kitchen could use more help peeling potatoes on Saturday morning starting at 8:00 am. Tomatoes should be brought on Saturday morning.

Sunday: More help is needed in the kitchen from Noon until all is done. Contact Wendy Loew or Erin Lemler.

Silent Auction Donations Wanted: If you do not have anything to donate to the live auction, consider donating to the Silent auction. Contact Jean Schindler at 715-962-3026 if you have any questions.

Keep Selling! Keep selling raffle tickets. There are more in the church entryway if you need them.

Live Auction. If you have something you would like to donate to the live auction, please call Ken Schmitt at 715-568-5508.

Children's Prizes. With summer sales going on now is a good time to pick up your children's prizes: ten \$1 prizes or twenty 50¢ prizes or \$10 in the collection labeled "Kids Games".

Cake Walk. Each family is asked to bring two decorated cakes or certificates of equal value for the cake walk. We always look forward to all the cakes that come in!

Grocery Game. We no longer accept bags of groceries. We ask that you donate a \$10.00 gift card (or 2-\$5.00) from any store where groceries can be purchased.

Crafters and Bakers. The Country Store asks that you bring a craft item and two baked goods. And if you have any extra garden produce, bring it to the store!

Sexton Still Needed

Our parish seeks a sexton for our beautiful parish cemetery. Duties include locating/marketing graves/headstones, maintaining burial records, etc. Certain tasks include fees paid to sexton. Please contact our parish office, Fr. Feltes, or Ken Schmitt if interested.

Journeying With Jesus

Funeral Homily for James "Jim" Eder, 73
August 26, 2024 at St. Paul's Church
By Fr. Victor Feltes



Of all the Old Testament Psalms, the most famous is Psalm 23 by King David. King David writes, "*The Lord is my shepherd,*" and describes himself as a cared-for sheep in God's flock. King David's greatest descendant, Jesus Christ our Lord, goes on to declare, "*I am the good shepherd.*" However, St. John the Baptist proclaims on more than one occasion that Jesus is "*the Lamb of*

God." The presiding priest proclaims the same at every Mass. So Jesus Christ is both a sheep and our shepherd.

Amongst the New Testament Gospels, the most famous section may be Jesus teaching his Sermon on the Mount. And the most famous portion of the Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' opening: the Beatitudes. "*Blessed are the poor in spirit... those who mourn... [and] the meek... those who hunger and thirst for righteousness... the merciful... the clean of heart... the peacemakers... those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.*" In these blessed statements, Jesus presents a portrait of people in this world who are well-aligned with the Kingdom of God. Christ's Beatitudes describe his Christian saints, but they also describe Jesus Christ himself.

Jesus Christ is not only our teacher and Lord; he is also our Christian role-model. And Jesus is not only our shepherd, but also a lamb who understands us. So even as we walk through sad valleys in the shadow of death, like this passing of our brother Jim, we are not afraid. Jesus is at our side, guiding us and giving us courage; he has walked this path before us.

Jesus has become one of us; was born and lived among us. St. Paul notes "*it is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who is also at the right hand of God and [now] indeed intercedes for us.*" Jesus is that much on our side; so much in our favor. Such is his goodness and kindness. Such is "*the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*"

He spreads a table before us. He anoints our heads with oil. His blessing cup overflows all the days of our lives. He invites us to dwell in this his house for years to come – until the day he calls each of us by name, just as he has called Jim before us. Let us pray for Jim and one another, that following our Lord we may be led to the place where we will journey no more and restful peace never ends.

Sick Calls

Realize that if you or a loved one are in the hospital, healthcare staff (because of HIPAA laws) cannot inform the parish of your hospitalization unless you direct them to. Be sure to call or have us contacted if there is any need of sacraments or a hospital visit.

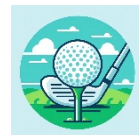


St. John's Adoration

St. John's Church hosts Eucharistic Adoration this Thursday, September 5th at St. John's Church following 8:30 a.m. Mass until Friday's 10:30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Aro plans to hear confessions at St. John's on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the start of each hour. The Lord Jesus awaits your visit.

Golf Scramble Cancelled

The September 7th golf scramble has been cancelled. There was a lot of interest, but many families were either out of town or had other plans for that day. St. Paul's Booster Club hopes to host a golf scramble fundraiser in 2025.



Register at our Parish

Would you like to become a formal member of our parish? (Realize that children upon reaching eighteen need to register themselves anew as adults.) Contact our parish secretary to join.



St. Paul's Catholic School News

Happy Labor Day! We pray for those who work tirelessly to support our Catholic schools and parishes. Please know that you are in our daily prayers, as we also guide our students to give back to others. Wishing you many of God's Blessings!

September 2nd Labor Day Vacation! School will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for our Labor Day vacation. School will resume on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Booster Golf Fundraiser. Sadly, the Booster Golf Fundraiser is cancelled. The Booster Club is hopeful that it may be rescheduled in May of 2025.

Save the Date! Please mark your calendars to attend the **fun-filled Derby Fundraiser on October 12th**. Watch for more details coming soon!

Mark Your Calendars – St. Paul's Fall Festival!

Plan to attend the St. Paul's Fall Festival on Sunday, September 22nd. Pickleball Tournament Saturday, call 715-828-0871 by Sept. 18th. Sunday: Chicken dinner served 10:30-1:30 pm, Bingo starts at 1 pm, Kan Jam Disc Tournament at 12:30, Free Throw Tournament 1:30 pm, silent auction, kids' games, food stand, cake walk, raffle, beer garden and prize wheel at 1 pm. Thrift sale starts on Thursday and runs through the festival on Sunday.

Miscarriage, Infant or Child Loss Memorial Service

At St. Peter's Church in Tilden on Sunday, September 15th at 2 pm. We will pray with and for those who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or loss of a child. Open to everyone. A reception will follow the service. Feel free to invite relatives and friends. Register online at: <https://bit.ly/SPMemorialService>. For questions call the central parish office at 715.723.4088 or text message at 715.944.3404.

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