

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

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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

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For emergency needs please call: (715) 299-9556

Associate Pastor – Fr. Arokiaraj “Aro” Paristham
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TELEPHONE

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St. Paul's – Bloomer 715-568-3255

PARISH COUNCIL

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Not Yet Assigned

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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, Nov 2 Vigil: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 pm +Judy Sarauer
Sun, Nov 3 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 am St. John's and St. Paul's Parish Families
Mon, Nov 4 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
8:30 am +Denis, Doris, and Terry Prince
Thurs, Nov 7 Weekday
8:30 am Special Intention of Sonia and Jeff Mashak
Sat, Nov 9 Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 pm +Bernadette Anderson
Sun, Nov 10 Thirty-Second 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, Nov 9 – 8:00 pm

Servers: Cooper and Logan Rubenzer, Tim Schmitt
Lector: Allison Schmitt
Ushers: Junior and Mark Sonnentag

Sunday, Nov 10 – 9:30 am

Servers: Henry and Jack Leavens, Isaac Quinn
Lector: David Paulson
Ushers: Nick Quinn and Steve Eder
Rosary Leader: Cheryl Helgeson
Collection Counters: Carol Clements & Sandy Sarauer



Christian Giving – Oct 27

Adults	\$1,159.00
Offertory	259.00
Youth	0.00
Total	\$1,418.00

CCD Fall Session

For questions or concerns, please contact Becky Paulson at: (715-829-2176) or stjohnsccd@bloomer.net

“TMIY” – November 9th

Please Join us on Nov. 9th, 6:30 to 8 am for *Whatever it Takes*. Fellowship, coffee, juice, Bloomer Bakery donuts, and deepen your faith! Direct any questions or concerns to Mark Anderson-markjmjanderson@gmail.com or text or call 715-933-0481.

Advent/Christmas Choir Rehearsals Begin

This Monday, Nov 4th

The choir will rehearse for the Advent and Christmas seasons on Monday evenings at 6:30 beginning November 4th. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Thank You! Thank You!
Thank You!

A heartfelt “Thank You” to all of our fantastic help before, during, and after our Pork Steak, Sauerkraut, and Dumpling Dinner. It could not have been another successful year without your help. Thank you, also, for all those who came to enjoy our dinner. God Bless you all!

Altar and Rosary Society to Meet Nov. 5th

The St. John's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, November 5th. Rosary at 6:30 pm, meeting to follow.

Catholic Voting

This Tuesday is Election Day and voting well is a Christian duty. To read the United States Bishops' document on Catholic voting (“*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility*”) visit tinyurl.com/2024FaithfulCitizenship

St. Paul's Adoration

St. Paul's Eucharistic adoration is this Thursday, November 7th from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. benediction, with confessions offered at the start of each hour. To sign-up to become a regular adorer (particularly for the 2 PM or 5 PM hours) please contact Fr. Feltes. Come spend some prayer time with our Lord.



Parish Councils to Meet

The St. John's Pastoral and Finance Councils will meet on Tuesday, November 12. Pastoral at 6:45 pm with the Finance to follow at 8:00 pm.

Sexton Still Needed

Our parish seeks a sexton for our beautiful parish cemetery. Duties include locating/marketing graves/headstones, maintaining burial records, etc. We will train. This is a volunteer position, some fees paid are passed on to the sexton for services rendered. Please contact our parish office, Fr. Feltes, or Ken Schmitt if interested.

Geothermal Donations Being Accepted

If you would like to donate towards the geothermal project, you can submit your donation at any time by dropping it in the collection, in a separate envelope marked “Geothermal”, and memo “Geothermal” on the check. All checks should be made payable to St. John the Baptist Parish. You may also send it via USPS to: St. John the Baptist Parish, 4540 State Highway 40, Bloomer WI 54724. Your donation is appreciated!

Q&A on Indulgences

By Fr. Victor Feltes

Christ’s Church grants that visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead on any day between November 1st and 8th can gain a plenary indulgence for a soul in Purgatory. So what are indulgences all about?

What’s an indulgence?

An indulgence cancels before God the temporal punishment due for forgiven sins.

Forgiven sins can have punishments?

The forgiveness of mortal sin absolves its eternal punishment; that is, restores our friendship with God and saves us from Hell. However, “temporal punishment” remains for sin for the purpose of the soul’s rehabilitation and to satisfy justice. This is why the priest in the confessional gives you a penance to do after you leave with all your sins absolved. Note what Nathan told King David after the Lord forgave him. (2nd Samuel 12:9-14) Even after forgiveness, there may be punishments to be paid.

What’s the difference between a “plenary” & “partial” indulgence?

A plenary indulgence remits all temporal punishment due to sin, while a partial indulgence remits some of it. Note that sin’s temporal punishments are not synonymous with all of sin’s consequences. For instance, even after a plenary indulgence, we all still experience the primeval consequence of sin: physical death.

How can the Church do this?

The Church has authority from Christ to loosen and to bind, on earth and in Heaven. (Matthew 18:18) Thus, after sins are forgiven, she can satisfy remaining debts by drawing on and applying before God the superabundant merits won by Christ and his saints.

So the Church still grants indulgences?

In the 1500’s, some indulgences were granted for performing the charitable act of donating to the Church. The way some used the “sale” of indulgences as a fundraising strategy scandalized many (including Martin Luther), so the Church abolished that means of gaining indulgences but other means remain available.

How do I gain a plenary indulgence?

All plenary indulgences require the following: going to confession, receiving the Holy Eucharist, praying for the pope’s intentions (e.g., an Our Father & a Hail Mary), and doing the indulgenced act in a state of grace intending to gain the indulgence and intending to sin no more. A single confession may be utilized for indulgences twenty days before or after, but each plenary indulgence requires a distinct Holy Communion. One plenary indulgence can be gained daily and applied to oneself or to a deceased person. There is no limit for how many partial indulgences you can gain for yourself or a deceased person, and this type does not require the conditions of confession, communion, or prayers for the pope’s intentions.

What acts carry a plenary indulgence?

They include, among others:

- Visiting a cemetery and pray for the dead on any day between November 1st & 8th.
- Visiting the Most Blessed Sacrament for at least 30 minutes.
- Reading the Bible for at least 30 minutes.
- Praying the Stations of the Cross.
- Praying one Rosary (five decades) in a church or as a family group.
- Praying the “Prayer Before a Crucifix” on a Friday in Lent after communion.
- Adoring the crucifix liturgically on Good Friday.
- Worshipping at a First Communion Mass.
- Worshipping at a priest’s Mass of Thanksgiving (aka, “First Mass”)
- Hearing sermons at a parish mission and being present for its solemn close.

Many other acts can also gain partial indulgences.



**This Tuesday,
November 5th
is
Election Day**

Parish Fall Dinner at St. Paul’s

St. Paul’s will serve a Fall Dinner on Sunday, November 10, 2024. Serving from 10:30 – 1 pm. in the St. Paul’s Catholic Church Undercroft, Menu: Homemade meatballs and mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, and assorted bars. Price is \$12.00 per person. Carry outs are Available. Sponsored by St. Anne’s Circle.

Up-Coming Area Bazaars

Fall Bazaar and KC Breakfast, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Cornell, November 3rd, 9:30 am-11:30 am.

All Saints Christmas Bazaar, All Saints Parish Hall and Family Center, Stanley, November 10th, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm.



St. Paul’s Catholic School News

Veterans’ Day Program. All parishioners and families are invited to St. Paul’s Catholic School’s Veterans’ Day Program on **Monday, November 11th, 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.**, in our gymnasium. We will be honored to have veterans from several branches of the military present during this program. We look forward to paying tribute to the dedication and sacrifices of members of our Armed Forces in service to our great nation!

Reminders and Updates!

Student Council Dress-Up Day – November 7th, Jersey Theme.

Healthy Choices Assembly – November 7th, 2:05 p.m.

4K-8th Grade Christmas Program – December 12th, 6:00 p.m.

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