

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street,
Bellefonte, PA 16823

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PO Box 159
3503 Penns Valley Rd,
Spring Mills, PA 16875

November 23, 2025/ Feast of Christ the King



MASS SCHEDULE

St. John: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.;
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

St. Kateri: Sunday 12:00 p.m.

Weekday: Varies—see weekly Mass
schedule

CONFESSION

St. John: Saturday: 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

St. Kateri: First Sunday: 1:00 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org

www.stkaterichurch.org

Join us on FlockNote!

Text “SJ814” to the number 84576

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor | Deacon Tom Boldin

Fr. Joshi Narisetti, HGN, Parochial Vicar

Lorraine Fello and Rose Truglio: Office Staff

Kristina Tice: St. John School Principal

Religious Education:

Tony and Paula Roland: Directors-St. John

Millie Turner: Director -St. Kateri

Confirmation Program:

Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin: Directors-St. John

kb Boomer: Director-St. Kateri

David Harry: O.C.I.A. Coordinator

Natalie Stanton: Music Ministry Coordinator

Joe Baummer: Maintenance

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the rectory

O.C.I.A.: Call the rectory

Marriage: Notify pastor 9 months
in advance

St. John Masses for the week

Saturday, November 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, November 23 Christ the King
8:00 AM Caroline Ivicic (The Family)

10:15 AM For the Health of Kaitlyn Fello
 (Deacon Tom & Shirley)

Monday, November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac
9:00 AM Lt. Jonas M. Panik
 (Tom Bender Family)

Tuesday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria
8:00 AM 25th Wedding Anniversary of William
 & Melissa Yahner (Yahner Family)

Wednesday, November 26
8:00 AM James Ficarrp (Ficarro Family)

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving
9:00 AM Haranin, Davis and Ivicic Families
 (Family)

Friday, November 28
8:00 AM Joe & Connie Moseri (Brezler Family)

Saturday, November 29
5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife Genny)

Sunday, November 30
8:00 AM JoAnn Murray (Jim & Jane Eckert)

10:15 Raymond J. Trexler
 (Tom & Rosemary Kasten)

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, November 23
12:00 PM All Priests Living & Deceased
 (Suzanne & Richard)

Sunday, November 30
12:00 PM People of the Parish

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a Communion Service
 this Tuesday, November 25th at 11:00 AM followed by
 Adoration.

The ROSARY is prayed before Mass most Sundays beginning
 at 11:30 am. Why not come a little early to church that day to
 pray the rosary to Our Lady with us! Contact Millie Turner
 (mlt3557@verizon.net) If you would like to lead the rosary on
 occasion.

ST. KATERI MINISTERS

Lector

November 23 Jim Hodgson
 November 30 Gail Anderson

Eucharistic Minister

November 23 Sister Judith
 November 30 Sandy Rockey

Hospitality

November 23: Barb Cole & Susan Slenker
 November 30: Happy Thanksgiving– no Hospitality
 December 7: Susan Slenker and kb & Rick BB

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, November 29 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Fello/Shirley Boldin
 Lector: Marie Lingle
 Servers: Elliott Brezler/Oliver St. Amant
 Music: Jay Zimmerman

Sunday, November 30 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark & Kathy Kresovich
 Lector: Art Ardire
 Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Matt DeRemer
 Music: Traditional

Sunday, November 30 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin King/Janie Provan
 Lector: John Hillard
 Servers: Evelyn Martin/Makenzie Kellogg
 Music: Youth

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
 Monday Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Compan-
 ions, Martyrs
 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday, Weekday
 Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday, Weekday
 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12
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 Thursday, Weekday
 Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28
 Friday, Weekday
 Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday, Weekday
 Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday First Sunday of Advent
 Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Weekly events

Monday Nov. 24 **1:00 PM St. John's in Stitches**
6:30 PM Fr. Joshi Presentation

Saint John's in Stitches sewing group is meeting on Monday 11/24 at 1 pm in the rectory basement. We will be making Christmas cards for our parishioners who reside in care facilities. Please join us. No sewing skills are needed.

St. John's in Stitches is in need of Girl, baby blankets which can be knitted, crocheted or quilted. There is yarn available in the storage bins in the supply room. Thank you for all of your support as we appreciate all your help providing for these newly baptized babies.

St. John's Christmas Giving Tree - 30 years of Giving!
 St. John's will be having the annual Giving Tree project for the 30th year. This program helps to provide gifts for area residents who may not be able to provide Christmas presents for their families due to financial, medical, or other hardships. It also provides gifts for the elderly and disabled in area nursing homes.

Beginning on November 28th, the Giving Trees will be in the back of the church with "angels" displayed on them. Each angel will contain a name of a child, adult, or family along with some items they may need. Please consider taking an angel or two to help make this holiday a little brighter for someone in need.

If you know of a family or person who may benefit from this program, please contact Patty Correll at 814-571-8718 as soon as possible.

Each year, we usually have about 4-6 angel gifts that are not returned. Gifts still need to be bought for these angels. If you would like to give a financial donation to help with the cost of providing gifts for the ones that are not returned, please call the number above or drop off your donation to the rectory. Thank you!



The Catholic Daughters annual Holiday Yard Sale, Advent Sale, Raffle & Bake Sale will be held in our school auditorium Nov. 22 (9 till after 5 PM Mass) and Nov. 23, after both Sunday Masses. Christmas items only, in very fine shape, & baked goods may be dropped off at the school on Friday, Nov. 21 after 6 PM. This is the court's annual fundraiser and we welcome all to visit, donate & BUY in order to help us support our many charities. In Unity & Charity, May God Bless you.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of November 16, 2025

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 6,061.90
Loose Offertory:	\$ 889.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 5.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 325.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 151.76

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 7,432.66

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance:	\$ 205.00
Local Family Assistance	\$ 500.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 705.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 8,137.66

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 1,173.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

All Souls	\$ 2.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,000.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 250.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 100.00
World Mission	\$ 5.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

November 9, 2025	\$ 2,020.00
World Mission	\$ 100.00
November 16, 2025	\$ 1,212.00

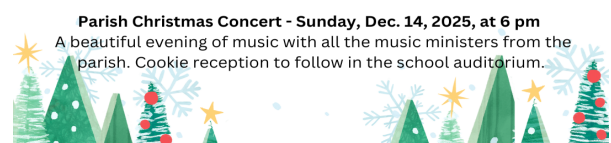
Thank you for your generosity!



The Saint John School students and the Music Ministers of Saint John have been busily preparing for a number of upcoming concerts. Please consider joining us as we spread the good news of the season through song. All concerts will be held in the Church.

Saint John School Christmas Nativity - Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, at 3 pm
Join Saint John students in grades PreK4-5th grade as they tell the story of Jesus' birth.

Victorian Christmas Concert - Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, at 10:00 am,
 featuring the students from Saint John School in grades K-5, in addition to the school's Bell Choir.



Parish Christmas Concert - Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025, at 6 pm

A beautiful evening of music with all the music ministers from the parish. Cookie reception to follow in the school auditorium.

Religious Education

St. John

CCD GRADES K-8

CCD classes have resumed! Grades K-8th class times are Sunday 9:00-10:00 in St. John School. Please contact Tony (tcroland@hotmail.com) or Paula Roland (proland@dioceseaj.org) for new student registration or with any questions.

Please note the following class schedule

Nov. 23rd—Class

Nov. 30th—No Class

Dec. 7th—Class (First Reconciliation 2nd Grade, 3rd & 4th grade Reconciliation)

9th , 10th , 11th Grade Confirmation Class

Mass at 10:15 am - Followed by Class from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the School Auditorium.

Sunday, November 23 No Class

Sunday, November 30 No Class

Sunday, December 7 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, December 14 Group Mass & Class

Questions - please contact Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin at 814-355-4234(H) or text to 814-883-8123 or email at stboldin@verizon.net

Exclusive Film Screening: *Triumph of the Heart*

Our parish is thrilled to host a special screening of *Triumph of the Heart* – the moving true story of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Franciscan priest who offered his life in exchange for another prisoner at Auschwitz during World War II.

When: December 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Where: St. John the Evangelist Church, 134 E. Bishop St., Bellefonte

Come and be inspired by this powerful witness of faith, courage, and sacrificial love. This screening is open to all parishioners, families, and friends.

Admission: Free Will Donation will be accepted

Join us for this unique opportunity to encounter the heroic story of St. Maximilian Kolbe on the big screen! More about the movie at triumphoftheheart.com

Dear Parishioners, You are warmly invited to a special presentation on Pope Leo XIV's The First Apostolic Exhortation "Delexi Te" (You are Loved). Join us as we explore the key themes, insights, and the challenges the Holy Father offers to us, the Church, today.

Date: 11/24/2025 Time: 6:30pm

Location: St. John's School Auditorium.

Presenter: Fr. Joshi Narisetti.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Come and be inspired by the Pope's message of love for the poor.

St. Kateri

Nov. 23—No CCD

Nov. 30—No CCD-Happy Thanksgiving

Dec. 7—CCD

Dec. 14—No CCD

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2025: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The final class date for 2025 is December 14. For additional information or questions contact Deacon Tom Boldin at 814-355-4234(H) or text to 814-883-8123 or email stboldin@verizon.net

TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM: The Vocation Crucifix will be available to travel from home to home for one-week intervals. During that week the host family will be asked to make a special effort to pray together with emphasis on an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as a clear understanding as to the vocation Christ is calling each family member. A booklet of prayers will accompany the chalice. Sign-up by calling or emailing the Church Office.

Dear Fellow Knights and Parish Members:

The Bellefonte Knights of Columbus, Council 1314, is proud to once again be sponsoring our FREE Thanksgiving Dinner for the community. This dinner has been held annually for more than 25 years. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, November 27, 2025 at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 315 Stoney Batter St., Bellefonte from 11AM to 2PM. The dinner is free to all, whether you do not wish to cook or do not want to eat alone at home. The Knights will also be collecting "TOYS FOR TOTS" donations.

The dinner will feature many of the traditional Thanksgiving favorites such as roasted turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, yams, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, as well as desserts and drinks. This meal would not be possible without the support of Parishioners, Knights and local businesses. Last year we served approximately 375 meals, dine in and take outs.

Should you be interested in donating any items or a monetary donation, please contact Co-chairmen Doug Moerschbacher at dougrugcare@gmail.com or Scott Burkett at rotzeus@aol.com. Donations will be used towards the Thanksgiving meal and any additional monies collected will be used for future Knights of Columbus projects. Thanks for your consideration.

We are looking for Volunteers to help with the Thanksgiving dinner. Please contact Scott Burkett at rotzeus@aol.com if interested.

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS: Thank you to all of our benefactors and God bless your generosity to and support of our school.

THANK YOU FOR A MEANINGFUL FIELD OF FLAGS:

Service to others is a core value we strive to instill in our students, and Veterans Day provides a meaningful opportunity to reflect on serving our country and to express our deep gratitude to those who have done so. Our day included attending the community Veterans Day service at the Courthouse. It was followed by our third annual Field of Flags ceremony, where we were led in prayer by Father Brian and Father Joshi. During the ceremony, our guest speaker, Mrs. Barbara Materna, a Navy veteran, shared inspiring words while over 640 flags waved in our courtyard—each one honoring a veteran connected to our school and parish family. We also extend a special thank you to Dave Strouse for playing the trumpet, adding a moving musical tribute to the ceremony. We would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Natalie Stanton for planning such a beautiful and meaningful day, and to all who contributed to making this tribute to our veterans so memorable.

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD

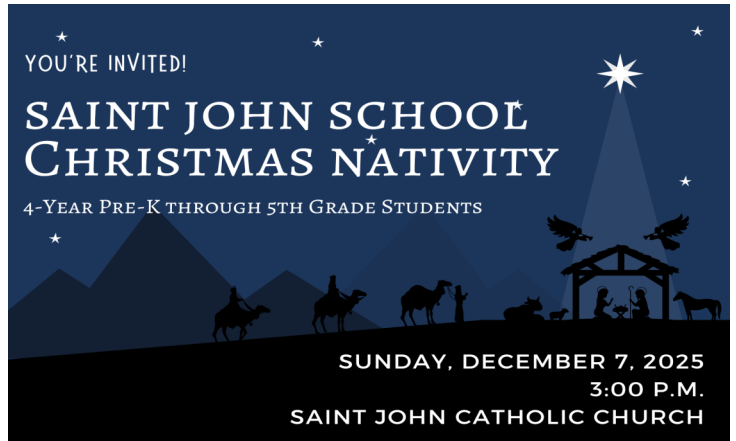
Each year during Catholic Schools Week, we honor an alum of Saint John School with the National Catholic Educational Association Distinguished Graduate Award. This award, that honors the achievements of Catholic elementary school graduates, was created as “a means of highlighting the people, who as adults, put into practice the values and ideals they learned in their Catholic elementary school.” We are currently accepting nominations for this year’s award. If you would like to nominate a former graduate of our school for this recognition, please send your nomination to sjadmin@saintjohnsch.net.

Previous Distinguished Graduate Awardees:

1996 - Patricia J. Kersavage Mauk
1997 - Patricia A. Kohlbecker Mulfinger
1998 - Rose M. Quaranta Miles
1999 - Helen M. Brosky Jabco
2000 - Richard A. Fornicola
2001 - Tanya N. Lidgett Packer
2002 - Joseph R. Hartle, Jr.
2003 - Francis J. Bonfatto
2004 - Carol M. Luckovich Fisher
2005 - Regina E. Hartle Zellars
2006 - John H. McCulley
2007 - Deacon Thomas E. Boldin
2008 - Sr. Lila M. Sciabica
2009 - Francis G. Plozner
2010 - Marian E. Rider Wayne
2012 - Helene A. Allen Sheckler
2013 - Barbara L. Waite Carver
2014 - Edward A. Mulfinger
2015 - Captain Granger K. Benson, USMC
2016 - Carl R. Capparelle
2017 - Patricia A. Coder Hillard
2018 - Anthony C. Roland
2019 - Francis G. Clemson
2020 - John T. Saylor
2021 - John M. Luckovich
2022 - Steven J. McCulley
2023 - Thomas G. Brezler
2024 - Aaron W. Cleaver
2025 - Jennifer Gill

SUPPORT SAINT JOHN HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Saint John Home and School Association is once again holding a Gift Card Lotto! Tickets are \$10 each and will be available for purchase from a St. John student, Church Rectory or the School. Don't miss your chance to win some great prizes!



VOCATION CORNER

The Solemnity of Christ the King, celebrated at the end of the liturgical year, is a powerful reminder that our deepest calling is to live under the lordship of Christ, whose reign is marked not by domination but by sacrificial love.



Jesus reigns from the cross, not a throne. His crown is of thorns, and His power is shown in forgiveness and humility (Luke 23:35–43). This challenges us to rethink leadership and success. True vocation is not about climbing ladders but descending into service, just as Christ did. Whether you're called to priesthood, diaconate, religious life, marriage, or single life, the feast reminds us that every vocation is a response to Christ's invitation to build His kingdom. We are not just followers—we are ambassadors of His reign. That means living lives of justice, peace, and mercy in our families, workplaces, and communities. Christ's kingdom is not distant or abstract. It is here and now, wherever love triumphs over hate, truth over lies, and hope over despair. Our vocation is to make that kingdom visible, through daily acts of kindness, courage, and faithfulness. Is God calling you to a life of prayer and contemplation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at email: vocations@dioceseaj.org.