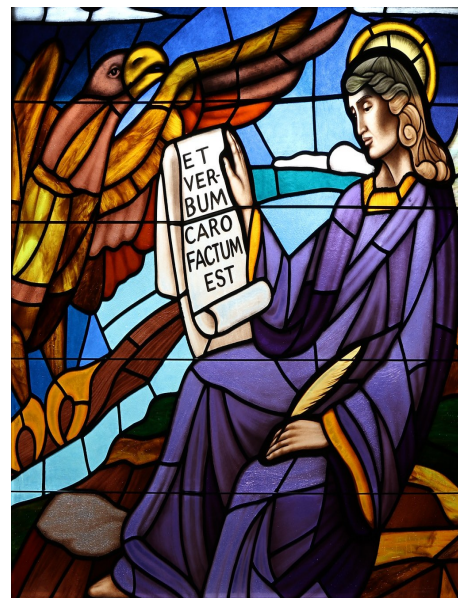


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

December 8th, 2024/ Second Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Weekday: Varies—see weekly

Mass schedule

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

Sunday

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

CONTACT US

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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

Tony and Paula Roland: Directors of Rel. Ed.

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

Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin:

Confirmation Directors

Natalie Stanton: Music Ministry Coordinator

Joe Baummer: Maintenance

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Baptism: Call the rectory

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

**Marriage: Notify pastor 9 months
in advance**

Masses for the week

Saturday, December 7 St. Ambrose
5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (wife Genny)

Sunday, December 8
8:00 AM All Priests Living & Deceased
(A Friend)
10:15 AM Nancy Palfey (The Files Family)

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception
IT IS A HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION THIS YEAR
9:00 AM Ann Marie Sanders (Mariah Lucas)
6:00 PM Daniel Taddei (Fr. Brian)

Tuesday, December 10 Our Lady of Loretto
8:00 AM For the Unborn (CDA Court #448)

Wednesday, December 11 St. Damascus
8:00 AM Steve Keller (Richard & Linda Struble)

Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:00 PM Michael & Anna Drapcho
(Jim & Nancy)

Friday, December 13 St. Lucy
8:00 AM Parish Family (David Files)

Saturday, December 14 St. John of the Cross
5:00 PM Alice Buttenschon
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)

Sunday, December 15
8:00 AM Michael Kushwara
(Rose Marie Kushwara)
10:15 AM Reba Files (Rosemary Truglio)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector Altar Server/Music

Saturday, December 14 5:00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Pavone/Volunteer
Lector: Angela Basalla
Servers: Henry & Oliver St. Amant
Music: David Harry

Sunday, December 15 8:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Rawding/Volunteer
Lector: Jeff Drapcho
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti
Music: Folk

Sunday, December 15 10:15 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin King/Volunteer
Lector: Michael Jurewicz
Servers: Evelyn Martin/Alexis Fisher
Music: Youth

Religious Education

CCD grades k-10

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school
December 8th– Class, 2nd grade first Reconciliation,
3rd—6th grade Reconciliation
December 15th– Class 7th-10th grade Reconciliation
December 22nd–No Class-Merry Christmas
December 29th– No Class-Happy New Year

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the school auditorium
Sunday, December 8-Class
Sunday, December 15– No Class
Sunday, December 22– 5:00 PM Christmas Party
Sunday, December 29-No Class-Christmas Break

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

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2024: Families who would like
their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The
remaining class for 2024 is December 8. Class dates for
2025 are March 9, June 8, September 14, 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
Monday, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-
38
Tuesday, Weekday
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday, Weekday
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday, Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday, Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor
of the Church
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM: The
Traveling Vocation Crucifix will began traveling the First
Sunday of Advent! 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.

Weekly events

Sunday December 8 12:00 PM Latin Mass
 3:00 PM Christmas Pageant
 6:00 PM Penance Service

Monday December 9 6:00 PM BINGO

Thursday December 12 6:30 PM Knights of
 Columbus

ST. JOHN'S GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree gifts need to be returned to the back of church no later than 11:30 on Sunday December 8th. If you feel you may be unable to get your gifts to the church by this time, please contact Patty Correll at 814-571-8718 as soon as possible to make other arrangements. All gifts need to be delivered to various agencies the week of December 8th so they can be distributed to their clients before Christmas. *If you are unable to get to church on Sunday, drop your gift off at the church on Saturday.* If that is not possible, return the gift on Monday or as soon as possible to the church or rectory. **It is important to call the number above to let us know that that gift is accounted for.**

In case of inclement weather on Sunday Dec. 8th, please drop off your gift on Monday at the rectory during the day or at the church in the evening. You may also call the number above to make other arrangements.

Reminder: If your gift is a gift certificate in a card or envelope, please do not leave it in the back of church with all the other packages. Consider wrapping it in a larger box or bag or drop it off at the rectory. Also, if you are unable to purchase the gifts for your angel, please call to let us know as soon as possible, so someone else can provide gifts for that person. Each year, we usually have about 4-6 angels 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 Patty Correll or drop off your donation to the rectory. Thank you!

Volunteers are needed to sort gifts and load vans on Sunday December 8th. If you can give an hour or 2 of your Sunday morning to help out, contact Patty Correll at 814-571-8718.

Knights of Columbus will be collecting **Toys For Tots** the next few weeks for the annual toy drive. If interested, please bring in a new, unwrapped toy and deposit it in the boxes located at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Dec 8th will be the last day for collection.

The Knights of Columbus FREE Thanksgiving dinner was a huge success. We had approximately 60 businesses and individuals who donated food or money towards the dinner and we served approximately 375 meals. We also had over 30 volunteers to help make the day possible for those who came to eat. A big Thank you goes out to those parishioners who donated their time or money to help make this a great success.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of November 24th, 2024

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 7,206.05
Loose Offertory	\$ 2,169.60
Children's Offertory	\$ 18.00
Special Monthly	\$ 341.00
Christmas	\$ 200.00
Votive Candles	\$ 160.41
ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$10,095.06

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance	\$ 430.00
Local Family Assistance	\$ 50.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 480.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 10,575.06

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 454.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities	\$ 280.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 620.00

For the Weekend of December 1st, 2024

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 11,015.15
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,824.63
Children's Offertory:	\$ 9.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 1,138.00
Christmas	\$ 365.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 138.01
ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 14,489.79

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance:	\$ 910.00
Local Family Assistance	\$ 255.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 1,165.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 15,654.79

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 375.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 255.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 155.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 150.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church

P.O. Box 159, 3503 Penns Valley Rd Spring Mills, PA 16875 | www.stkaterichurch.org | Rev. Brian Saylor, Pastor

Mass is celebrated Sunday at 12:00 Noon | Confession: 1st Sunday after Mass (1:00 pm)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday December 8

12:00 PM Francis LaNasa
(Jan & Millie Turner)

Monday December 9

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday December 15

12:00 PM Joseph & Pauline Bosak
(Phil & Kathy Bosak)

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

November 24, 2024 \$ 626.00
December 1, 2024 \$1,403.00

HOSPITALITY

December 8 kb & Rick BB and Adam Bowser
December 15 Christmas Pageant & Church Dinner
December 22 No Hospitality- Merry Christmas

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 8 Jim Hodgson
December 15 Shelly Ash

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 8 kb Boomer
December 15 Deb Cusatis

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal
St. Kateri \$8,770.00
\$24,270.00 as of September 30, 2024

ROSARY at St. Kateri 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.

COMMUNION SERVICE

There will be a Communion Service this Tuesday, December 10 at 11:00AM. followed by Adoration.

CCD SCHEDULE

December 8-No CCD
December 15-CCD-Christmas pageant during Mass/
dinner afterward

ST. KATERI CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CHUCH DINNER: On Sunday December 15, during Mass, the CCD students will be performing their annual Christmas pageant. After Mass there will be a Christmas dinner. The church provides the meat and drinks. Bring a dish to pass that goes with turkey and ham. Or bring some Christmas cookies for dessert. All are welcome! Let's celebrate Christ's birth together!!

The Knights of Columbus Annual Frank and Judy Densevich Memorial Soup and Salad Dinner was a success once again. In all we sold over 180 quarts of soup and many people enjoyed Soup, Salad and Dessert at our hall. We would like to thank everyone who donated, volunteered and helped make it a success. A special thanks to the TravelCenters of America for their donation of Chicken Rice Soup. This year it was decided the Soup of the Year Award would be named in Honor of Samuel Brezler for his years of dedicated service to our council. The 2024 Soup of the Year was awarded to Mark Leskovansky's Cheeseburger Soup. As Frank would say, when we work together GOOD THINGS HAPPEN! See everyone in 2025.

The Catholic Daughters of Court Rev. Patrick McArdle would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our Annual Holiday Yard Sale, Bake Sale and Basket Raffle. The money we raise from this fundraiser helps us help the parish, school and community. The winners of the two food baskets were Stacy Burns and Karen Pipta.

ST. JOHN'S CASH BINGO: Monday, December 9th at St. John's School Auditorium. Paying out \$850 each evening. Doors will open to the public for food and Games of Chance at 6PM, and the first BINGO will begin at 7PM. \$20 for 20 Games. Walk-ins welcome! Smoke Free Facility. See Facebook for this month's menu!

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST on Sunday, Dec. 15th hosted by the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus. Open to the public from 8:30 am until Noon. Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and free for children under 7. The menu includes orange juice, bacon, sausage, potatoes, eggs, French toast, pancakes, sausage gravy, oatmeal, hot syrup, peaches, waffles, coffee and hot chocolate. We make specialty eggs and Blueberry or Chocolate chip pancakes upon request. Please come enjoy a great breakfast at the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus Home at 315 Stoney Batter (up the hill from Dollar General). Eat in and Take out is available.



MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

Donation in honor of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Doug & Kristina Tice from Jim & Christine Surovec.

Thank you to all of our benefactors and God bless your generosity to and support of our school!

TWINKLE TUESDAYS

This Advent season, our students are excited to again spread joy throughout the community with our Twinkle Tuesdays initiative. Through donations, we aim to support Children and Youth Services, Out of the Cold - Centre County, as well as a member of our school family who is bravely battling cancer. In line with our school-wide theme of being "Saints in the Making", we strive to live out the spirit of compassion, kindness, and service, bringing light and hope to those in need. Together, we can make a difference and reflect Christ's love to the world.

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

EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit)

Let your PA tax dollars help Saint John School! We have partnered with RedefinED Advisors to help local businesses and individuals direct 90% of their already owed tax dollars to help Saint John School through the Educational Improvement Credit (EITC). Please contact Hayley Wounkin if you are interested in learning more or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested.

- Redefiningeducation.org
- 814-505-9835
- hayley@redefiningeducation.org

GIFT SUGGESTION

Are you at a loss for gift suggestions for the relative who has everything? Saint John Catholic School would be so grateful if you'd consider giving a donation to our school in honor or memory of a loved one. This can be done into the general budget or as a donation to the Angel Fund. Money given to the Angel Fund is used to assist with the tuition of a student(s) or request that the school administration choose the recipient(s). To make a donation, please call the school office.



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. 8, 2024, at 3 pm
Join Saint John students grades PreK4-5 as they tell the story of Jesus' birth.

Victorian Christmas Concert - Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at 11:00 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. 15, 2024, at 6 pm

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

