

**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

March 15, 2026/Fourth Sunday of Lent



**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.

**CONTACT US**

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Text "SJ814" to the number 84576

**PARISH STAFF**

Fr. Brian Saylor, VF, 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, March 14

**5:00 PM** Ivicic Sisters (Anspauch, Neidigh & Kowalski Families)

### Sunday, March 15

**8:00 AM** Mary Jane Davidson  
(Phil & Karen Pipta)

**10:15 AM** People of the Parish

### Monday, March 16

**9:00 AM** Hazel Hight  
(Daniel & Barbara Materna)

### Tuesday, March 17 St. Patrick

**8:00 AM** Deceased members of Suelter family  
(Daniel & Barbara Materna)

### Wednesday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**8:00 AM** Barb Surovec (Donna & Terry Neidigh)

### Thursday, March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin

**6:00 PM** Kathleen Costello (Jay Desjardins)

### Friday, March 20

**8:00 AM** Joe & Connie Moseri (Brezler Family)

### Saturday, March 21

**5:00 PM** Catherine & Fred Viland  
(Gingher Family)

### Sunday, March 22

**8:00 AM** Charlotte Burcin (Rose Truglio)

**10:15 AM** Sophie Mazurkiewicz  
(Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

#### Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

##### Saturday, March 21 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Kowalski/Barry Pearce  
Lector: Angela Basalla  
Servers: Elliott Brezler/Kamdyn Brungard  
Music: Folk

##### Sunday, March 22 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan/Dave Files  
Lector: Dave Files  
Servers: Blaire Lewis/Josie DeRemer  
Music: Traditional

##### Sunday, March 22 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Paula & Tony Roland  
Lector: 11th Grade Confirmation Students  
Servers: Peter Levandoski/Lilly Weiser  
Music: Youth

## St. Kateri Masses for the week

### Sunday, March 15

**12:00 PM** David Surkosky (Cathy Surkosky)

### Sunday, March 22

**12:00 PM** People of the Parish

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held every Friday at 7:00 PM during Lent

**COMMUNION SERVICE** There will be a communion service this Tuesday, March 17th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

#### ST. KATERI MINISTERS

##### Lector

March 15 Gail Anderson  
March 22 kb Boomer

##### Eucharistic Minister

March 15 Deb Cusatis  
March 22 Millie Turner

##### Hospitality

March 15: Soup Fundraiser—CCD Students & Parents  
March 22: Diane Brown and kb & Rick BB  
March 29: Palm Sunday— No Hospitality

#### AREA PENANCE SERVICES

##### ST. JOHN, BELLEFONTE: MARCH 15, 3:00 PM

Mar. 24 7:00 PM Good Shepherd, Port Matilda  
Mar. 25 6:30 PM Queen of Archangels, Clarence  
Mar. 29 6:00 PM Our Lady of Victory, State College

**BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2026:** Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The class dates for 2026 are June 14, September 13, and December 13. 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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)

**PRAY FOR AMERICA & ALL THAT IS GOOD:** The initial meeting of the prayer group was held on Sunday, 03/08/26. There was a wonderful turnout of twelve participants! Everyone expressed their joy and appreciation for the chance to unite and pray for America, as well as numerous other requests. The prayer group will be meeting again after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, April 12th, in the rectory basement. Copies of the Pray for America prayer booklet are available in the entryway of the church. Please email Stan and Tanya at [tsechrist260@comcast.net](mailto:tsechrist260@comcast.net) if you have any questions and/or to let us know that you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

# Weekly events

|                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Sun. March 15   | 8:30 AM KOC Breakfast         |
| Sun. March 15   | 1:00 PM Baby Shower BINGO     |
| Sun. March 15   | 3:00 PM Penance Service       |
| Mon. March 16   | 9:30 AM Adoration             |
| Thurs. March 19 | 6:30 PM Healing Through Faith |
| Fri. March 20   | 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM Stations    |
| Fri. March 20   | 4:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry         |

## FISH FRY 2026

Bellefonte Friday Night Fish Fry at St. John's Catholic School (116 East Bishop Street) will be on the following Fridays of Lent: **March 20th, March 27th.** We will be open to the public from **4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** The menu will consist of Baked Lemon Pepper Cod (GF) or Yuengling Beer Battered Haddock or Panko Crusted Fried Shrimp, Choice of 3 Sides: French Fries, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce and a homemade dessert. Ala Carte items including Haluski and Pierogies with butter and onions will also be available. Eat in or Take Out; CASH ONLY. The cost is only \$15.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for children under 12, under 6 eat for free. Come experience Centre County's Largest Fish Fry prepared and served by the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

**If you would like to volunteer your time or a dessert, please contact: Pam Callahan at 814-571-0207 or pcallahan487@gmail.com**

## 21-31 SOCIAL GROUP

Is one of your goals this year to become more engaged in our community? Have you been desiring to be more involved and meet other young adults in the parish? If you are between the ages of 21-31 years old, there will be an initial meeting on Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30pm to get to know one another. Bring a mug and your favorite tea! Please email Abigael Fisher ([abigael.f.20@gmail.com](mailto:abigael.f.20@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST** on Sunday, March 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.

# Weekly Financial Report

## For the Weekend of March 8, 2026

### ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Adult Offertory (regular & online): | \$ 7,907.45 |
| Loose Offertory:                    | \$ 1,482.00 |
| Latin Mass                          | \$ 90.00    |
| Children's Offertory:               | \$ 7.00     |
| Special Monthly:                    | \$ 1,260.00 |
| Votive Candles:                     | \$ 179.56   |

**ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 10,926.01**

### EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Local Family | \$ 50.00  |
| Cemetery     | \$ 100.00 |
| Maintenance: | \$ 180.00 |

**EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 330.00**

**ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 11,256.01**

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**SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 250.00**

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### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Black & Indian Mission | \$ 25.00    |
| Jesus Calls            | \$ 2,425.00 |
| Holy Name of Mary      | \$ 125.00   |
| Immaculate Conception  | \$ 20.00    |

### ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| March 1, 2026 | \$ 1,188.00 |
| March 8, 2026 | \$ 1,712.25 |

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

St. John Parish: \$55,600.00

St. Kateri Parish: \$7,700.00

**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.

# Religious Education

## St. John

### CCD GRADES K-8

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

Please note the following class schedule

March 15th—CCD Reconciliation Grades 5-6

March 22—CCD Reconciliation Grades 7-8

March 29—CCD Stations of the Cross Grades 5-8

April 5—No CCD Easter

### 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, March 15, Parents Meeting Following Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Tues., March 17 Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 22 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, March 29 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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)

## St. Kateri

March 15—CCD

March 22—No CCD

March 29—CCD Palm Sunday-teacher appreciation  
Dinner

April 5—No CCD Happy Easter

### ST. KATERI SOUP & COOKIE FUNDRAISER

After Mass on March 15th there will be a Soup and Cookie fundraiser in support of Sr Judith's food pantry in Nigeria. Stay and eat or take home. Please join us at St Kateri.

### St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: March Specials

- It's time for March Madness – Winter Apparel available at discounted prices.

We have a Wonderful Variety of DIY Jewelry Supplies: Beads, Findings, Tools and more.

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity but have limited time available? Our volunteers help a few hours a month or a week, whatever can work into your schedule. For more information, please call 814-867-3131 or stop by the Thrift Store. The Thrift Store is open Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. Donations are accepted Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 3:30 pm and Friday and Saturday, 10 am – 1 pm ONLY.

### GREETERS WANTED: at St. John and St. Kateri

We are interested in setting up a system where parishioners greet other parishioners and guests as they enter the church before the scheduled Masses. The commitment would be for a half hour before the scheduled Mass time on the day and time that you normally attend. Frequency would be once every other month. Individuals, couples and families are invited to participate. Contact the Parish office if interested.

Grace Lutheran Church (205 S. Garner Street, State College) invites you to the 13th annual ecumenical Lenten Musical Meditation on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 PM. The free program, "I Believe: Songs of Faith, Hope, and Joy," focuses on the 1700th year of the Nicene Creed. It features Vivaldi's Credo with string orchestra; a jazz mass; Afro-Caribbean creed; and handbell choir. Dinner is available at 5:00; prelude at 6:40 (Nittany Brass). Free-will offerings defray costs. Call 814-238-2478 for info

### PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

The contact person for our parish prayer chain is Sara Nagel. For any prayer requests please email Sara at: [donaldnagel@verizon.net](mailto:donaldnagel@verizon.net), or you may call her at 814-353-1010.

### Dear Parishioners of St John's and St Kateri,

With a grateful heart, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your generous support towards our seminarians through "JESUS CALLS". Your prayers, encouragement and financial assistance have been a great blessing in their seminary life. Because of your kindness, these young men are able to continue their journey of discernment and formation, responding to God's call to serve the Church as priest. Please be assured that the seminarians remember you in their daily prayers, and we ask the Lord to bless you abundantly for your goodness and sacrifice.

With gratitude and prayers,  
Fr Joshi

### NOTARY SERVICES

Michael Levandoski, a local attorney and parishioner at St. John's, is offering free notary services to St. John's parishioners as a service to the parish. He is in Bellefonte every Wednesday, and can be reached at [mlevandoski@mkclaw.com](mailto:mlevandoski@mkclaw.com) to schedule an appointment.

### PALM COLLECTION

A basket will be available in the foyer throughout Lent to collect your palm from past years.

# St. John School News

## MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

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

## SAINT JOHN DRAMA CLUB

Kudos to the Saint John School Drama Club for their recent performance of Dorothy in Wonderland! Our talented cast included: Sadie Brown, Isiah Diehl, Audrey Hallman, Peter Levandoski, Ali Nasoni, Nathan Snyder, Owen Watson, Lilly Weiser, Crew Cunningham, Aiden Fisher, Bill Gerber, Jane Jennings, Michael Maney, Evelyn Martin, Cameron Niemann, Alec Rudella, Luke Russell, Oliver St. Amant, Karina Turco, and Leo Wedlake. Audiences were swept away on a whimsical adventure as Dorothy found herself in a curious mashup of Oz and Wonderland. Along the way, she encountered unforgettable characters, unexpected twists, and plenty of laughter as two beloved storybook worlds collided in this imaginative and high-spirited production. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Packer, and Mrs. Tice for their dedication in planning and rehearsing, to our wonderful parents and guardians for their unwavering support, and most of all, to our amazing students for their hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Parishioners are invited to join Saint John School as we pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1:00 pm during lent. During Holy Week, our 4th graders will present two Live Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 31st at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

## SAINT JOHN SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

At this time, both our 3-Year-Old and 4-Year-Old Pre-K classes are full, and we have begun a waiting list. Our Kindergarten class is filling quickly, and limited spaces remain in Grades 1-5. The online Registration link can be found on our website. To complete the application process, the following items must be submitted to the school office:

- Completed Registration Form
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of the most recent Immunization Records
- \$100 Registration Fee

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit. We would love to welcome you into our Saint John School family - where small seeds grow into great things!

## THANK YOU FOR ORDERING GARDENERS CANDY:

Thank you to everyone who turned in their Gardeners Candies Easter orders. Please note that the delivery date had to be adjusted and is now Friday, March 27th. You can order online and still support Saint John School! Visit [gardenerscandiesfundraising.com](http://gardenerscandiesfundraising.com), select "Order Now," enter our Group ID #10-0987, and start shopping. Online orders ship directly to the buyer. Thank you for your continued support of this school fundraiser!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Correction to previous bulletin: We are extremely grateful for the Knights of Columbus for their \$2100 donation that will be awarded in six \$350 scholarships for the 2026 school year. This scholarship is not based on financial need or academic excellence, but chosen randomly. One student from each grade will receive this scholarship to aid their family in fulfilling their tuition obligation for next year. The 2026-2027 recipients are: Attila Bakish, K; Waylon Fisher, 1; Madison Neely, 2; Wyatt Nasoni, 3; Zachary Hillard, 4; and Nathan Snyder, 5. God bless the Knights for their generosity and continued support of our school and Catholic education.

## 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 Brooke Sheesley if you are interested in learning more, or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested. 814-270-1871 | [brooke@redefinineducation.org](mailto:brooke@redefinineducation.org) | [redefinineducation.org](http://redefinineducation.org)



## VOCATION CORNER

### Fourth Sunday Lent

This Laetare Sunday reminds us that even in the midst of Lent, God gives us reason to rejoice—because His light is breaking into our darkness. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a man born blind, revealing that true sight comes from faith.



Like the blind man, we are all invited to let Christ open our eyes—not just to see the world differently, but to see ourselves and others as God sees us. Our vocation, whatever form it takes, begins with this encounter: allowing His light to guide our steps and shape our choices.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we ask the Lord to heal our blindness, deepen our trust, and give us the courage to follow Him wherever He calls. "Lord, help me to see as You see, and to walk in the light of Your love."

If you sense an invitation to consider the priesthood or religious life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at email: [vocations@dioceseaj.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org).