

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

January 5th, 2025/ Epiphany of the Lord



## 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

(814) 355-3134 | [saintjohnsoff@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnsoff@gmail.com)

[www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org](http://www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org)

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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, January 4** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
**5:00 PM** Pat Luther (The Luther Family)

**Sunday, January 5** The Epiphany  
**8:00 AM** Marian & Felix Albarano  
(Joe & Toni Beigle)  
**10:15 AM** People of the Parish

**Monday, January 6**  
**9:00 AM** Les & Betty Shaw  
(Deacon Tom and Shirley Boldin)

**Tuesday, January 7**  
**8:00 AM** William Auman (Nagel Family)

**Wednesday, January 8**  
**8:00 AM** Deacon Alex Dyakiw (Ed & Erin Burke)

**Thursday, January 9**  
**6:00 PM** Ruth & Jack Cunningham  
(Harford Family)

**Friday, January 10**  
**8:00 AM** Susan DiLembo (Sandy Rogus)

**Saturday, January 11**  
**5:00 PM** People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 12** Baptism of the Lord  
**8:00 AM** Joseph T. Phelan (Harford Family)  
**10:15 AM** Anna & Ambrose Piski  
(Oesterling Family)

# Religious Education

## CCD grades k-10

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school  
January 5th—CCD  
January 12th—CCD  
January 19th—Class & CCD Mass 7th & 8th grade  
January 26th—No CCD Catholic Schools Week

## 11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the school auditorium  
Sunday, January 5—Class  
Sunday, January 12 Class  
Saturday, January 18 Confirmation Retreat  
Sunday, January 19—No Class  
Sunday, January 26—No 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)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Monday, Christmas Weekday**  
1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, Christmas Weekday**  
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday, Christmas Weekday**  
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday, Christmas Weekday**  
1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

**Friday, Christmas Weekday**  
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday, Christmas Weekday**  
1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday, Baptism of the Lord**  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

**Saturday, January 11 5:00 pm**  
Eucharistic Ministers: Stephanie Mullin/Volunteer  
Lector: Stephanie Mullin  
Servers: Henry & Oliver St. Amant  
Music: Stephen St. Amant

**Sunday, January 12 8:00 am**  
Eucharistic Ministers: Art Ardire/Volunteer  
Lector: Jeff Drapcho  
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti  
Music: Folk

**Sunday, January 12 10:15 pm**  
Eucharistic Ministers: Janie Provan/Volunteer  
Lector: Michael Jurewicz  
Servers: Grayson Evans/Braxton Hosterman  
Music: Youth

**BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2024:** Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. 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

**TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM:** The Traveling Vocation Crucifix will begin 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

Monday Jan. 6	9:30 AM Adoration
	7:00 PM Flame of Love Rosary
Wednesday Jan. 8	9:00 AM Healing through Faith
Thursday Jan. 9	6:30 PM CDA Meeting and KOC Meeting

**MANY THANKS:** On behalf Deacon Tom, Father Joshi, and myself, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the cards and treats this Christmas. Everyone's kindness is so greatly appreciated by us all.

## **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.

# Knights of Columbus

Klub Columbo 2025: The Annual Meeting of Klub Columbo (the home association of our Knights of Columbus Council) will be on Thursday, February 13th, 2025 at 6pm at the Council Home. Expenses of the past year will be presented, projects and goals for 2025 and election of officers will take place. Klub Columbo has 2 positions to elect for 3 year terms and 1 position to elect for a 2 year term. All Knights of Columbus members of Council 1314 are invited to attend and run for the open positions to help keep our building functioning for our community. Questions Email: [bellefonteknightsofcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:bellefonteknightsofcolumbus@gmail.com)

## **JOB OPENING**

Good Shepherd Church in Port Matilda, PA has an immediate need for a Facility Manager. This position will be Flex Time averaging 30 hours per week and is benefits-eligible. The schedule will include some early morning, evening and weekend time, based on specific needs. The Facility Manager oversees and guarantees the safety and functionality of the facility. If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact the Parish Office at 814-238-2110 or email [jkovacic@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jkovacic@dioceseaj.org)

# Weekly Financial Report

## For the Weekend of December 22nd, 2024

### **ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:**

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 8,020.35
Loose Offertory:	\$ 3,590.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 10.50
Special Monthly:	\$ 00.00
Christmas	\$ 2,658.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 177.00
<b>ORDINARY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,278.85</b>

### **EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:**

Maintenance:	\$ 30.00
Local Family Assistance	\$ 300.00
<b>EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 330.00</b>

**ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 14,608.85**

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**SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 2,260.00**

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### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** (Diocesan or Other)

Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 700.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 130.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 85.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## **2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal**

**\$54,443.00**

**41,416.00 as of November 30, 2024**

### **Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM in**

**2025!** We would like to express our gratitude to all of those who supported our ministry in 2024 with recordings, financial contributions, prayers, and listenership. Donation letters will be sent to our year-end supporters and our sustaining pledge donors by January 31st. If you do not receive the summary or require a duplicate from an earlier one-time gift, please contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or [voiceofdivinemercury@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofdivinemercury@gmail.com). Remember, just \$100/day keeps our Catholic voice on the air. Our 501(c)3 organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers throughout the winter.

# St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church

P.O. Box 159, 3503 Penns Valley Rd Spring Mills, PA 16875 | [www.stkaterichurch.org](http://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, January 5

12:00 PM

Walter Johnson  
(The Johnson Family)

Tuesday, January 7

11:00 AM

Sisters, Servants of the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, January 12

12:00 PM

Patrick Soika  
(Stephanie Gover)

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 5

Jim Hodgson

January 12

Gail Anderson

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

January 5

Jim Hodgson

January 12

kb Boomer

## WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

(regular & online)

December 22, 2024 \$1,689.00

## HOSPITALITY

January 5, 2025 Susan Slenker & Shelly Houser

January 12, 2025 Diane Brown & Mary Conklin

January 19, 2025 Millie Turner and kb & Rick BB

**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](mailto:mlt3557@verizon.net)) if you would like to lead the rosary on occasion.

**WEEKDAY MASS** There will be Mass this Tuesday, January 7 at 11:00 AM.

## CCD SCHEDULE

January 5—CCD

January 12—No CCD

**2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal**  
**St. Kateri \$8,770.00**  
**\$ 28,045.00 as of November 30, 2024**

## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:

January Specials

- 50% off framed wall art.
- Brand New Work Boots & Footwear at reduced prices.
- Fabulous Furs Blow Out Sale! All Priced to sell! Never underestimate the luxury and warmth of a fur or fake fur coat—conquer the cold of January with a lovely, warm, cuddly coat from the many available at SVdP at incredibly reasonable prices.
- Cold weather here. We have lots of warm Winter Coats, Vests, Blazers & Snow/Ski Apparel.

Please consider volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Visit the Store at 1300 Benner Pike, normally open Monday thru Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm, and speak to the Day Manager if you would like more information about volunteering.

## JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

**The Jubilee will open with a special Mass at the Altoona Cathedral, December 29th at 2:00 PM. All are invited.**





### **MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:**

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

### **A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Dear Saint John Parish Family,**

**As we enter the New Year, I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a blessed and healthy year ahead.**

**We are truly grateful for your continued support of our school and students. Your prayers, encouragement, and partnership help us to grow in faith and knowledge each day. May God bless you abundantly in 2025 and always.**

**With gratitude and blessings,**

**Kristina Tice**

**Principal**

### **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](mailto:sjadmin@saintjohnsch.net).

Previous Distinguished Graduate Awardees:

- 1995 - Mary Kathryn Zong Badger
- 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 E. 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](http://Redefiningeducation.org)
  - 814-505-9835
- [hayley@redefiningeducation.org](mailto:hayley@redefiningeducation.org)

### **A Prayer for the New Year**

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, receive our humble petitions for this new year. We offer our prayers for the pope and for those who shepherd Your Church. Bestow Your grace upon all the faithful. Illuminate the paths of those who have not yet found You. Touch the hearts of those who have strayed, that they might find their way back to Your loving embrace. Grant our world prosperity and let peace reign among all peoples. We ask for Your abundant blessings to be upon those dear to us – family, friends, and companions – and yes, even upon those who may stand against us. Extend Your loving hand to those suffering in poverty or illness. Remember in Your mercy the souls of our departed who left us this past year and be gentle with those who will be called to stand before You in the year to come. May Your divine inspiration guide the beginning of all our endeavors in this new year, and Your loving presence sustain them to completion, so that all we do might begin and end in You. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.