

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

December 1st, 2024/ First 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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[www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org](http://www.bellefontecatholicchurch.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  
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, November 30** St. Andrew, Apostle  
**5:00 PM** Deceased Members of the Houtz, Kelley, & McKinley Families (Marilyn Houtz)

**Sunday, December 1**  
**8:00 AM** Mary Foreso (Father Brian)  
**10:15 AM** Elsie & Sam Nastase (Mary Ann Miller)

**Monday, December 2**  
**9:00 AM** Robert Uncapher (The Family)

**Tuesday, December 3** St. Francis Xavier  
**8:00 AM** John Rose (The Rose Family)

**Wednesday, December 4** St. John Damascene  
**8:00 AM** Emro Drapcho (The Family)

**Thursday, December 5**  
**6:00 PM** Edith Modis (Deb & Art Ardire)

**Friday, December 6** St. Nicholas  
**8:00 AM** Walter Dunn (Suzanne & Richard Egli)

**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)

## Eucharistic Minister/Lector Altar Server/Music

**Saturday, December 7 5:00 pm**  
Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Hallahan/Volunteer  
Lector: Angela Basalla  
Servers: Elizabeth & Elliott Brezler  
Music: Natalie Stanton

**Sunday, December 8 8:00 am**  
Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Trimpey/Volunteer  
Lector: Pam Callahan  
Servers: Alivia Smithmyer/Sara McElhinny  
Music: Traditional

**Sunday, December 8 10:15 am**  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Margaret Gorzelnik/Volunteer  
Lector: Beatriz Korzune Ganda  
Servers: Blaire Lewis/Makenzie Kellogg  
Music: Folk

# Religious Education

## CCD grades k-10

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school  
December 1st –No Class-Happy Thanksgiving  
December 8th– Class, 2nd grade first Reconciliation, 3rd–6th grade Reconciliation  
December 15th– Class 7th-10th grade Reconciliation

## 11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the school auditorium  
Sunday, December 1– No Class– Thanksgiving Break  
Sunday, December 8-Class  
Sunday, December 15– 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)

**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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, First Sunday of Advent  
Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
Monday, Weekday  
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday, Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest  
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday, Weekday  
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday, Weekday  
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday, Weekday  
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday, Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
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

**TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM:** The Traveling Vocation Crucifix will start traveling beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 30/December 1! 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.





# 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 December 1

12:00 PM

Mary Ricciuti Menotti  
(Francis & Ann Menotti)

### Tuesday December 3

11:00 AM

Frances Wroblewski  
(Phil & Kathy Bosak)

### Sunday December 8

12:00 PM

Francis LaNasa  
(Jan & Millie Turner)

## WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

November 17, 2024 \$ 695.00

Due to the Early Bulletin Deadline, November 24th collection will be reported next week.

## HOSPITALITY

December 1 No hospitality-Happy Thanksgiving  
December 8 kb & Rick BB and Adam Bowser  
December 15 Christmas Pageant & Church Dinner

**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, December 3rd at 11:00 AM.

## CCD SCHEDULE

December 1-CCD  
December 8-No CCD

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 1

Millie Turner

December 8

Jim Hodgson

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 1

Gail Anderson

December 8

kb Boomer

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

**JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM:** Saint Francis University, Loretto (start at the SFU Science Center) Friday, December 6th - 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM, 8:00 PM, and 8:30 PM Four performances of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. This new SFU tradition will be performed by members of the SFU community. Come celebrate the nativity with us as Saint Francis may have portrayed it over 800 years ago in Greccio. This is a mix of indoor and outdoor prayer service with live animals, prayer and music. Collections for our friends of the Dorothy Day Center in the form of canned goods/ goodwill offerings will be collected.

## RELIC FROM ST. ANNE de BEAUPRE

Our current relic is from the Basilica of St. Anne. The St. Anne Basilica is the oldest pilgrimage site in North America. The Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, located only 20 minutes from Québec City, welcomes almost a million visitors annually. For over 350 years, people of all ages have been gathering at this Shrine dedicated to Saint Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. The Shrine has in its possession three notable relics: The FIRST RELIC (a portion of the bone of Saint Anne's finger) was obtained by the Carcassonne Chapter, and was brought to the Shrine on March 12, 1670. The first MAJOR RELIC arrived at the Shrine on July 26, 1892, as a gift from Pope Leo XIII. It is a 4-inch portion of the bone of Saint Anne's forearm. Finally, on July 3, 1960, another MAJOR RELIC of Saint Anne (also from her forearm) was brought to the Shrine from The Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, this time, as a gift from Blessed Pope John XXIII.



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

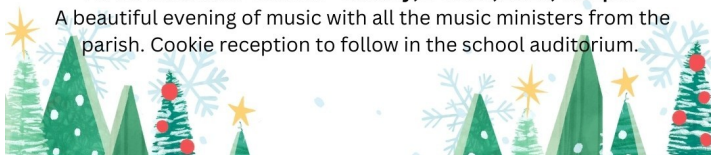
Join Saint John students grades PreK4-5 as they tell the story of Jesus' birth.

### 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.





- 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

**MEMORIALS & DONATIONS**

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

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Saint John School will be presenting our annual Christmas Nativity with 4-year Pre-K through 5th Grade students on December 8th at 3pm at church. Everyone is welcome to attend as our students celebrate the birth of Jesus with this beautiful tradition.

**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

**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.