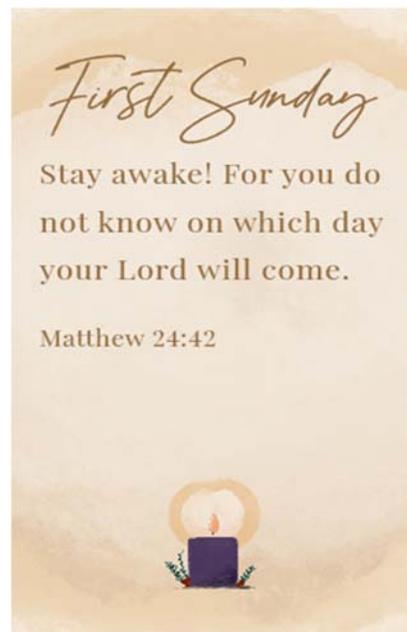


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

December 3, 2023 / 1st Sunday in Advent



## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**Saturday: 5:00 p.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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Join us on FlockNote!

Text "SJ814" to the number 84576

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor | Deacon Tom Boldin  
Barbara Materna 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 2

**5:00 PM** Ivicic, Haranin & Davis family  
(Family)

## Sunday, December 3

**8:00 AM** Robert Uncapher (The family)

**10:15 AM** Caroline Hagelgans  
(Paul & Collette Carlson)

## Monday, December 4

**9:00 AM** John Napoli  
(Richard & Linda Struble)

## Tuesday, December 5

**8:00 AM** Edith Modis (Art & Deb Ardire)

## Wednesday, December 6

**8:00 AM** Michelle Hoy (Jim & Jane Hoy)

## Thursday, December 7—Vigil Mass

**6:00PM** John Rose (The Rose Family)

## Friday, December 8—Immaculate Conception

**9:00 AM** Nancy Palfey (David Files)

## Saturday, December 9

**5:00 PM** Carol Repasky (Nicole Niemi)

## Sunday, December 10

**8:00 AM** Paul Proper (Mother & Father)

**10:15 AM** Anna & Ambrose Piski  
(Paul & Janet Oesterling)

## Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

### Saturday, December 9 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers Pam Callahan/Volunteer  
Lectors: Stephanie Mullin  
Servers: Megan & Trey Weiser  
Music: Natalie

### Sunday, December 10 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers Adam Rawding/Volunteer  
Lector: Marie Lingle  
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti  
Music: Folk

### Sunday, December 10 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers Lorraine Fello/Volunteer  
Lector: Michael Jurewicz  
Servers: Blaire Lewis  
Music: Youth

# Weekly events

## Monday, December 4

**9:30AM** Adoration  
**7:00PM** Flame of Love rosary

## Tuesday, December 5

**Happy Birthday Deacon Tom**

## Thursday, December 7

**6:30PM** Catholic Daughters meeting



## CCD classes

Dec 3rd - Class

Dec 10th—Class

Please contact Tony & Paula Roland for with any questions.

## 11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15-12:30 pm in the school auditorium

Sunday, December 3 - Class

Sunday, December 10- Class

Sunday, December 17- Christmas Party

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

## Advent Penance Services

Multiple priests will be joining us to assist with confessions for the Advent Penance Service. Please plan to join us to begin Advent off on the right foot.

**St. John the Evangelist** – Sunday, December 10 @ 3PM

St. Agnes, Lock Haven – Sunday, December 3 @ 3PM

Penn State – Monday, December 4 @ 6:30PM

St. Joseph, Renovo – Wednesday, December 6 @ 6PM

Our Lady of Victory – Monday, December 18 @ 6PM

Good Shepherd - Tuesday, December 19 @ 7PM

Queen of Archangels, Clarence – Wednesday,

December 20 @ 6:30PM

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday / First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday / Weekday

Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday / Weekday

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 / Saint Ambrose

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday / 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

Saturday / Weekday

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

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

# Parish News

## St. John's Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree gifts need to be returned to the back of church no later than 11:30 on Sunday, December 10th. 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 10th 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. 10th, 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. **Volunteers are needed to sort gifts and load vans on Sunday December 10th . If you can give an hour or 2 of your Sunday morning to help out, contact Patty Correll at 814-571-8718. Thank you!**



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.

**Victorian Christmas Concert** - Saturday, December 9, 2023, 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, December 10, 2023, at 6 pm - A beautiful evening of music with all the music ministers from the parish. Cookie reception to follow in the school auditorium.

**2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal-\$55,970  
\$36,970.00 as of October 31, 2023**

# Weekly Financial Report

For Weekend of November 19, 2023

## ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 6,029.85
Loose Offertory:	\$ 851.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 6.75
Special Monthly:	\$ 150.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 145.02

**ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 7,182.62**

## EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance:	\$ 235.00
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**EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 235.00**

**ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 7,417.62**

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**SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 927.00**

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## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities	\$ 530.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 285.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

For Weekend of November 26, 2023

## ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 7,446.90
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,155.40
Children's Offertory:	\$ 2.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 185.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 137.30

**ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 8,926.60**

## EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance:	\$ 430.00
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**EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 430.00**

**ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 9,356.60**

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**SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 750.00**

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## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities	\$ 140.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 330.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church

P.O. Box 159, 3503 Penns Valley Rd Spring Mills, PA 16875 | [www.stkaterichurch.org](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 3, 2023

12:00 PM Deceased members of St. Kateri  
(Bill & Sandy Rockey)

### Tuesday, December 5, 2023

11:00 AM Daniel J. Niemi (Family)

### Friday, December 8, 2023—Immaculate Conception

7:00 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 10, 2023

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

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 3 Deb Cusatis

December 10 Shelly Ash

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 3 Shelly Ash

December 10 Jim Hodgson

## WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

November 19 \$ 1,208.00

November 26 \$ 1,358.00

Donation envelopes for poinsettias will be available on the bookshelf in the back of the church December 3rd, 10th & 17th. Envelopes can be placed in the Navajo crock or collection basket.

## HOSPITALITY

December 3 KB & Rick BB & Stephanie Perrot

December 10 Shelly Ash & Millie Turner

December 17 Christmas Pageant & Church dinner

## WEEKDAY MASS

Fr. Brian will be celebrate Mass this Tuesday, December 5th at 11:00AM.

## Thank you from New Hope Food Pantry

Many thanks go all of your folks who so willingly support our food pantry. Gifts like groceries, gift cards and cash are always much appreciated. The pantry clientele numbers have steadily increased the last year and a half, so all gifts mean so much.

*Please pray for those serving in  
the military*

LTC Jason Meier, US Army  
LTC William Smith, US Army  
MAJ Michael R. Kranch, US Army  
CPT Everett K. Benson, US Army  
CPT Alexis Franks, US Army  
CPT Peter J. Muto, US Army  
CPT Nicholas Taylor, US Army  
2LT Caleb Eyster, US Army  
SFC Eric Callahan, US Army  
SSG Matthew Bickle, US Army  
LtCol Tim Jackson, USMC  
LtCol T.J. Valley, USMC  
Maj Jared Swancer, USMC  
Maj Alaina Valley, USMC  
CPT Andrew Malia, USMC  
LCDR Jared T. Hallahan, US Navy  
LT Joshua Malia, US Navy  
LT Patricia Wilson, US Navy  
LT Steven Wright, US Navy  
ENS Matthew Goodpaster, US Navy  
CWO James Decker, US Navy  
PO2 Andrew Kaschalk, US Navy  
1st L Olivia Hale, US Air Force  
2d Lt Caleb Gindhart, US Air Force  
2d LT Jacob Nieto, US Air Force  
MSgt Joseph Trimpey, US Air Force  
SrA Shane Kaschalk, US Air Force  
A1C Ethan Scicchitano, US Air Force  
SFC Patricia Markle, Army Nat'l Guard  
SGT Toby Dugal, Army Nat'l Guard  
PFC Kaleb Weaver, Army Nat'l Guard  
CPT James Bickle, US Army Reserve  
Col Gordon Frankenfield, Air Nat'l Guard  
SSgt Eric Roberts, Air Nat'l Guard

## *St. Joseph's Catholic Academy*

### Santa, Two Bounce Houses, Crafts, and More!

Families are invited to Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy to celebrate the Christmas season with the Saint Joseph's WolfPack on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 12 - 5PM at the Saint Joseph's gymnasium. Frosty Fest includes pictures with Santa, two bounce houses, food, crafts, games, carols, and more! \$5 admission. Supports SJCA Student Activities. More information at [www.stjoeacad.org](http://www.stjoeacad.org).

## *Around the Diocese*

### Good Shepherd Parish

867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, Port Matilda, PA 16870 sincerely invites you to join us as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave us our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and calls us to surrender our lives to Him. The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, will take place on Tuesday, December 12th. It will begin at 4:30 with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, then at 5:00 PM the music and singing will be offered by a professional band from Washington D.C. area called "Mariachi Esmeralda". The band will also lead the congregation in singing during the mass that will begin at 5:30 PM. After the celebration of the Eucharist a reception will take place in the parish hall.



**PRINCIPAL:** Mrs. Kristina V. Tice  
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**MEMORIALS & DONATIONS**

Alumni: J. Ronald Hughes  
 General Donation: Nick and Benita St. Amant

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

**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) attending Saint John School. The donor may remain anonymous, and may designate a particular student(s) or request that the school administration choose the recipient(s). To make a donation, please call the school office.

**WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL?**

Choosing the right school for your child is a pivotal decision, and Saint John School offers a harmonious blend of faith, academics, and service, setting us apart as an ideal choice for your child's education and personal growth.

**Faith:** At the heart of our community is a strong spiritual foundation. We believe in nurturing not just the mind, but also the soul, providing a safe and supportive environment where your child can explore and strengthen their faith.

**Academics:** Our academic curriculum is rigorous and designed to challenge and inspire. Our dedicated educators are committed to fostering a love of learning, ensuring each student reaches their full academic potential and is well-prepared for the future.

**Service:** We emphasize the importance of service, instilling in our students the values of empathy, community, and giving back. Through various service projects, your child will learn the joy of helping others and the importance of being an active, compassionate member of society.

We invite you to witness this unique combination firsthand. Contact us to schedule a tour and see how our school can provide your child with an enriching and holistic education. Join us in shaping not just a student, but a well-rounded individual ready to thrive in all aspects of life.