



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Mass Times:** M, W, Th, F 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Friday: 3:00 p.m.

\*We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary before Mass at 5:00 PM Saturday and 8:25 AM Sunday. The Rosary and Chaplet is also prayed after weekday Masses.

**Confessions:** Saturday: 12:00 noon, Sunday: 8:00 a.m., after Holy Hour, after Mass, or any time by appointment.

**Religious Education:** grades 1-11 on Sunday: 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. –Contact Fr. Fairman

**Catholic Charities:** (814) 944-9388, call Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**New Parishioners:** Please fill out a yellow card, found on the bulletin table, put it in the collection basket, and introduce yourself to Father Fairman.

April 6, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Lent



## LITURGY April 5 – April 13

### SATURDAY

5:30 PM

April 5

Holy Vocations to the Priesthood  
by Elaine Wilt

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM

April 6

All Members of the Parish

### MONDAY

8:30 AM

April 7

Our Cousins Lee and Marie  
by Bryan & Pam Wilt

### TUESDAY

8:30 AM

April 8

NO MASS

### WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM

April 9

Meghan Lucas & Renee Williams  
by Harvey & Rosalind Bennett

### THURSDAY

8:30 AM

April 10

Teo Bulic  
by Bryan, Pam & Matthew Wilt

### FRIDAY

8:30 AM

April 11

Monte Smith  
by Judy Plummer

3:15 PM

**EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

4:30 PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### SATURDAY

5:30 PM

April 12

All Members of the Parish

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM

April 6

Angeline Grover  
by Fred & Margaret Grover

**PRAYER LIST: Joseph Batenga, Judy Lowry, Anne Jones, Don Hoenstine, Billy Clapper, Bob Marko, Bob Will, Richard Heming, Harvey Bennett, Kyle Foust, James McDonnell, Adam Wright, Jim Buchanan, Jim Macy, Tim Kiser, Bob Myers, Ron and Sally Perrin, Mitch Durst, Judy Mardis, Janice Heming, Bill Wigfield, Dianne Hush, Danielle Henry, Suzanne Porsch, Chaddie Kidd, Nancy Pennel, Doreen Spargo, Mary Belle Zelanko, Rose Marie Stoeffler, James Bernarding, Shirley Smith, Linda Stubler, James Ford, Janine Anna, Caden Davis, Jane Cunard, Peggy Scritchfield, Kathleen Yingling, River Troutman, Richard Koontz, Anne and Casmir Majcher, Joette Reid, Hope Burkett, J.B. Whisker, Pat Young, Rose Feight, Helen Snyder, and Nancy Stolarski .**

\* Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: 814-979-0272**  
**In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.**

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty. Through your gifts during the month of March you enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist 46 families in the following ways: utilities (heat, water, electric, etc.) – 28, food – 1, rent/mortgage – 9, home repairs – 2, motor vehicle needs – 3, overnight housing – 2, trash collection – 1.

Thank you and God bless you for your continuing generosity!

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR EASTER MEALS: This weekend, April 5/6, there will be an opportunity to share the joy of the celebration of Easter with Bedford County families in need. The "big jar" will be available in the vestibule for donations to provide Easter meal vouchers. Your generosity is always appreciated!**

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**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: The passage from the Gospel of John in today's readings is very familiar to us. A woman caught in adultery is brought to Jesus by the elders for judgement. We are told that they were trying to trap Jesus by hoping that he would make some pronouncement that would go against "the law of Moses." Keep in mind – Jesus did not ignore the sin in the adulterous woman. Recall his words: "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." However, the words preceding these are the key to this whole passage: "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you." The only person in the history of humanity qualified to throw a stone.... did not throw a stone. He showed compassion. And that is precisely what we are supposed to do. Rather than stand in judgment of others, love them. Do not preach at them or berate them for their faults, bring them to God by the way you live your life – a life of loving God and others as yourself. St. Teresa of Calcutta said it best: "If you judge people, you have no time to love them."**

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**LADIES OF ST. JOHN: will meet this Wednesday, April 9, at 4:00 pm in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are invited. Please note the new time for meetings.**

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	
<b>March 30, 2025</b>	
Weekly:	\$1,660.00
Donation, Misc.:	\$1,200.00
Catholic Relief Service:	\$350.00
<b>Thank You!!</b>	

**APRIL LOCAL NEEDS COLLECTION:** since the theme of Holy Thursday is charity, we will be combining the Apr. Local Needs and **HOLY THURS** collections to go St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please use your Monthly envelope for both of these.

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**2025 CMD:** Begins this week. This year's theme is "**Follow Me.**" This fund supports 10 Ministries throughout the diocese, which fall into 3 categories: evangelization, serving those in need, and formation of our priests and deacons.

You should receive a letter with a donation card this week. This year's goal for our parish is **\$10,600**. Everything over this goal is returned to us.

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**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:** will be **this Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m.** At least four priests will be present.

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**RAFFLE NEWS:** Tickets will be available before mass on April 12/13. You can buy or take tickets to sell, returning stubs, money and unsold tickets by Memorial Day weekend. We have already sold 50% of our allotted tickets. We are hoping for a sellout. Thank you for your support.

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**JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

Pope Francis has cast the Jubilee as an opportunity for conversion, reconciliation with God through the Sacrament of penance, obtaining indulgences for ourselves and the faithfully departed, through God's mercy, renewing our faith and love through hope, proclaiming God's love to the many people suffering in today's world. Seize the opportunity!

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**RELIGIOUS ITEMS: This Friday, April 11, Sr. Valeria from St. Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus, will be selling religious goods in the vestibule after the 8:30 am Mass in order to support the works of her convent, including a psychiatric hospital, an orphanage for children with disabilities, and a rehabilitation shelter for the homeless. We welcome Sr. Valeria and I thank you for your generosity.**

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**ST. MONICA CLUB:** The next meeting will be **this Wednesday, April 9, at 1 p.m.** in the social hall. New members are welcome.

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**RETIRING OLD PALMS:** On Palm Sunday, there will be a receptacle in the vestibule to collect old blessed palms. Since they are blessed they must be buried or burned, not just discarded.