



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.

**December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent**



LITURGY December 14 – December 22

SATURDAY

5:30 PM

December 14

All Members of the Parish

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

December 15

Mary Regina Miller
by Family

MONDAY

8:30 AM

December 16

Eugene & Delores Burkhardt
by Estate

TUESDAY

8:30 AM

December 17

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM

December 18

Therese Karns
by Terry & Marty Runion

THURSDAY

8:30 AM

December 19

Patricia Waltman
by Paula Clingerman

FRIDAY

8:30 AM

December 20

Ben & Loni Braman
by Family

3:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

SATURDAY

5:30 PM

December 21

All Members of the Parish

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

December 22

Sr. Angela Wood, OP
by Fred & Margaret Grover

PRAYER LIST: Richard Heming, Harvey Bennett, Melissa Edsall, Kathy Arnold, Lorne Fyfe, Kyle Foust, James McDonnell, Wendy Isaac, Debbie Soloweigh, Adam Wright, Jim Buchanan, Jim Macy, Tim Kiser, Bob Myers, Ron and Sally Perrin, Mitch Durst, Jessica Gray, Gary Schetrompf, Judy Mardis, Janice Heming, Bill Wigfield, Dianne Hush, Danielle Henry, Loyd Johnson, Suzanne Porsch, Chaddie Kidd, Nancy Pennel, Doreen Spargo, Mary Belle Zelanko, Rose Marie Stoeffler, James Bernarding, Shirley Smith, Linda Stubler, James Ford, Janine Anna, Calvin Amick, Caden Davis, Jane Cunard, Peggy Scritchfield, Bob Will, Kathleen Yingling, Shirley Hoffman, Tara Musselman, River Troutman, Sue Durr, Richard Koontz, Anne and Casmir Majcher, Joette Reid, Hope Burkett, J.B. Whisker, Pat Young, Rose and Ben 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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectations." They believe John the Baptist might be the Messiah for whom they've been waiting. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?"*

The Messiah's coming requires every man and woman to repent. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too. This means a radical life change. That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice.

Each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear John's good news. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts: "What should we do?" The answer should spring from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: 814-979-0272

In the Gospel, John the Baptist says "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving . . . please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that Bedford County families in need can share in the blessings of Christmas.

This weekend presents an opportunity to make Christmas brighter for local families suffering food insufficiency. The large jar is in the vestibule for donations toward Christmas food vouchers.

ADVENT SOCIAL: After the 9 a.m. Mass this weekend there will be a parish social in the hall including children's activities and refreshments. All are welcome!

LADIES OF ST. JOHN: After a winter break, meetings will resume in March.

ST. MONICA CLUB: Next meeting – Jan. 8 2025 at 1 p.m. New members are always welcome.

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES: Envelopes are in the vestibule for pickup. Please let us know if we missed you or if you have not had envelopes and would now use them.

SUNDAY OFFERING

December 8, 2024

Weekly:	\$1,494.00
Retired Religious:	\$1,475.00
Local Needs:	\$25.00
Misc. Donations:	\$15.00

Thank You!!

WELCOME: We welcome Brooke Martin and her son, Porter, to our parish.

NOTES FROM FR. FAIRMAN:

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Mass at 7 p.m.

Midnight Mass at 12 a.m.

Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2024: As of Oct. 31, we have received \$11,725.00 in cash and pledges to the diocese and \$4,018.00 to us for our Project.

THE ANGEL TREE: We again have the Angel Tree in the vestibule to help make Christmas joyful for local children and our parish shut-ins. **PLEASE RETURN UNWRAPPED GIFTS BY THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 15, WITH ANGEL TAG ATTACHED.** Thank you for your generosity.

RAFFLE NEWS: The Northern Deanery Raffle is about to begin and we have signed up to participate again. We will have 6 months to sell another lucky ticket. Tickets will soon be available once each month in the church gathering area – first distribution is **this weekend**, Dec. 14/15. Additional tickets can always be obtained by notifying Pat via text or phone at 717-679-2081 or emailing WINTERS3089@gmail.com. We are looking forward to another great season of easy fundraising and good luck.

THIS IS CHRISTMAS: Monday, Dec. 30, at 6 PM. The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto invites you to a night of Christmas music by the Basilica Choir and the St. Michael Children's Choir. Enjoy the beauty of our basilica and the joy of Christmas.

ADVENT JOY: *The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. Jubilee joy comes from our journey toward the fullness of God's Kingdom. The upcoming Holy Year offers occasions for this through opportunities for pilgrimage and through communal liturgies. On December 29, 2024, Bishop Mark will open the Jubilee here in the diocese with a special Mass at 2 PM in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come and celebrate "tidings of great Joy."*

