



# 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 29, 2024 The Feast of the Holy Family



### LITURGY December 28 – January 5

**SATURDAY** December 28  
5:30 PM All Members of the Parish

**SUNDAY** December 29  
9:00 AM Ben & Loni Braman  
by Family

**MONDAY** December 30  
8:30 AM Joseph Dampf  
by Carol Harclerode

**TUESDAY** December 31  
7:00 PM All Members of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY** January 1  
9:00 AM Jackie Verdiglione  
by Her Children

**THURSDAY** January 2  
8:30 AM NO MASS

**FRIDAY** January 3  
8:30 AM Bob Harclerode  
by Carol Harclerode

3:00 PM EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

**SATURDAY** January 4  
5:30 PM All Members of the Parish

**SUNDAY** January 5  
9:00 AM C. Fred Grover, Sr.  
by Fred & Margaret Grover

**PRAYER LIST: Bob Will, 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 Pannel, 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, 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.

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**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:** *Today's Gospel starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom."*

This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully. We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** **814-979-0272**  
*Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. We can celebrate belonging to the Holy Family of God through which we are made brothers and sisters to each other.*

Through the continued generosity and support of St. John's parish members and the faithful anonymous donor, St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide 15 Christmas food vouchers to the families of our brothers and sisters in need in Bedford County. Thank you and God Bless You.

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

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

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**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.

| <b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>   |            |
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| <b>December 22, 2024</b> |            |
| Weekly:                  | \$1,703.00 |
| Retired Religious:       | \$15.00    |
| Local Needs:             | \$1,000.00 |
| CMD Return:              | \$260.00   |
| Misc. Donations:         | \$1,000.00 |
| Catholic Charities:      | \$15.00    |
| Holy Days:               | \$30.00    |
| <b>Thank You!!</b>       |            |

**NOTES FROM FR. FAIRMAN:**  
**FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,**  
**THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
Mass Schedule  
**Tuesday, December 31, at 7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, January 1, at 9 a.m.**

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**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.

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**THE RAFFLE NEWS:** The Northern Deanery Raffle ticket sales are underway. We have 6 months to sell another lucky ticket. Tickets will be available once each month in the vestibule and those dates will be announced in advance. Also, tickets can always be obtained by notifying Pat via text or phone at 717-679-2081 or emailing [WINTERS3089@gmail.com](mailto:WINTERS3089@gmail.com). We are looking forward to another great season of easy fundraising and good luck.

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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** *by Bud Ozar*  
 The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't 'perfect' parents. If you have ever been 'amazed' and 'astounded' at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you 'didn't understand' your children or felt 'anxious' about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

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**PLI GRIMS OF HOPE – JUBILEE 2025:** To officially begin the momentous observance of the Jubilee 2025, the Holy Father opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. Pope Francis further decreed that masses should be celebrated at cathedrals around the world this Sunday, as a solemn opening of the Jubilee Year on local levels. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass today at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are encouraged to attend!

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**EVERETT ELEMENTARY BACKPACK PROGRAM:** Our parish continues to support this program that provides supplemental food for families in need. The donation bin is in the vestibule and a list of suggested food items needed is on the bulletin board above it.