

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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JANUARY 2025

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.  
**Bookkeeper**.....Steph Russell  
**Parish Secretary**.....Amanda Manner  
**Dir. Of Music/ Organist**.....Zac Gordon  
**Dir. of Religious Education**.....Monica Biery  
**Parish Council**.....John Alvarez  
**Finance Council**.....Bill Garvey

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** For Infants: Parents make arrangements with the pastor/office. For Adults: Baptism will be given on Easter Vigil after completing the RCIA program. For details, please contact Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE:** Please make arrangements with the pastor. Six months minimum notice is required for the celebration of marriage.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish office for arrangements.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
**Mon, Tuesday and Thursday:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday and Friday:** 5:30 p.m.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:** 8:00 - 8:25 a.m.  
**Wednesday and Friday:** 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

## ADORATION

**Wednesday:** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. John the Evangelist Parish commit ourselves to the call of Baptism: To Listen, To Learn, To Live and To Share the Word of God through our lives.

## Pastor's Perusings – Four Marks of the Church

Every time we recite the Nicene Creed during Mass, we profess our faith in “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” These four marks define the Church and connect us to its divine origin and mission. Let’s delve into what this means and how it shapes our faith.

**One:** The Church is one because it is united in faith, worship, and leadership under Christ, who is its head. Despite cultural, linguistic, and geographical diversity, the Church remains unified in its mission to bring the Gospel to all people. This unity is not a human achievement but a gift from God, sustained by the Holy Spirit. As members of the Church, we are called to work for unity and reconciliation in a divided world, reflecting the oneness of Christ’s body. Unity does not mean uniformity, however. The diversity within the Church enriches its expression of faith. Through various traditions, devotions, and liturgies, the Church celebrates the same truths in ways that resonate with different communities. This unity in diversity is a powerful sign of God’s kingdom.

Jesus established only one Church, not a collection of differing churches (Lutheran, Baptist, Anglican, and so on). The Bible says the Church is the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:23-32). Jesus can have but one spouse, and his spouse is the Catholic Church. His Church also teaches just one set of doctrines, which must be the same as those taught by the apostles (Jude 3). This is the unity of belief to which Scripture calls us (Philippians 1:27, 2:2). Although some Catholics dissent from officially-taught doctrines, the Church’s official teachers - the pope and the bishops united with him - have never changed any doctrine. Over the centuries, as doctrines are examined more fully, the Church comes to understand them more deeply (John 16:12-13), but it never understands them to mean the opposite of what they once meant. Being one is not a loose collection of parts; it’s an organic whole. It has a head, voice, heart, hands, and feet. The head is the Holy Father, who guides the Church with the mind of Christ. The voice is the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. At the heart of the Church are the Sacraments, which nourish the body of the Church. The hands and feet are each of us, who reach out to the world and take with us the love of God. The bounds of unity are faith and love. Heresy violates faith; Schism violates love.

**Holy:** The Church is holy because it is set apart by God to be His instrument of salvation. Though made up of imperfect human beings, the Church’s holiness comes from its divine founder, Jesus Christ, and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. The sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession, nourish this holiness and enable us to grow in the life of grace. We are each called to personal holiness, striving to reflect God’s love and mercy in our lives. Holiness does not mean perfection but a commitment to follow Christ and seek His will. When we fail, God’s mercy is always available to lift us back

up and restore us. The saints are models of holiness who inspire us to live with courage, faith, and love. Their lives show us that holiness is possible for everyone, regardless of their state in life or circumstances.

**Catholic:** The word “catholic” means “universal.” The word “catholic” was first used in reference to the Church by St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch in the year AD 108. Around the year AD 175, Irenaeus of Lyons used this term in disputing with the Gnostics (who claimed that their teaching was the “real Gospel”). The Gnostics believed that Christ had two messages: The 1st (Exoteric Christianity) was the message preached to ordinary men who could only understand a very simple message; the 2nd (Esoteric Christianity) was told only to a chosen few who had shown themselves worthy of the message. Irenaeus replied that Christians have never had a secret doctrine in the Gnostic sense. He argued that Christ had no secrets from the twelve, the twelve accepted Paul as one of themselves and that Paul and the twelve were under strict command to pass on all they had received.

The Church is catholic because it is for all people, in all times and in all places. It embraces everyone who seeks the truth and strives to live according to God’s will. The Church’s mission is to share the Good News with the entire world, transcending boundaries of race, nationality, and culture. This universality is a testament to the inclusive love of God. Wherever we go in the world, we find the same faith and sacraments in the Catholic Church. This global presence reflects the Church’s calling to be a light to all nations. The Church’s catholicity also reminds us of our responsibility to care for the needs of others, especially the poor and marginalized. By living out the Gospel’s call to love, we make the Church’s universal mission tangible in our communities.

**Apostolic:** The Church Jesus founded is apostolic because He appointed the apostles to be the first leaders of the Church, and their successors were to be its future leaders. The apostles were the first bishops, and, since the first century, there has been an unbroken line of Catholic bishops faithfully handing on what the apostles taught the first Christians in Scripture and Sacred Tradition (2 Timothy 2:2).

This apostolic succession ensures that the faith we profess today is the same faith entrusted to the apostles by Jesus. It is our responsibility to preserve and share this sacred tradition, living out the Gospel message in our daily lives. The apostles were witnesses to Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, and their testimony forms the foundation of our faith. The Church’s apostolic nature also calls us to be missionary disciples, sharing the Good News with others. By participating in the Church’s teaching and evangelizing mission, we continue the work of the apostles in our time. - Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Mark Kowcheck +  
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 Sun 10:30 am Mark Kowcheck +  
 Mon 8:30 am Fr. John Ledford +  
 Tue 8:30 am Sr. Salvinette, M.C.  
 Wed 5:30 pm George Underwood +  
 Thur 8:30 am Virginia Diserio +  
 Fri 5:30 pm Harry Staffileno, Sr. +  
 Sat 4:00 pm Rockey / Sperlazza Families +  
 Sun 8:00 am Mark Kowcheck +  
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Hebrews 4:12-16, Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Luke 4:18, Mark 2:13-17  
**Sunday:** Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 2 Thessalonians 2:14, John 2:1-11  
**Monday:** Hebrews 5:1-10, Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4, Hebrews 4:12, Mark 2:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Hebrews 6:10-20, Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c, Ephesians 1:17-18, Mark 2:23-28  
**Wednesday:** Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17, Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4, Matthew 4:23, Mark 3:1-6  
**Thursday:** Hebrews 7:25—8:6, Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17, 2 Timothy 1:10, Mark 3:7-12  
**Friday:** Hebrews 8:6-13, Psalm 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14, 2 Corinthians 5:19-21, Mark 3:13-19  
**Saturday:** Acts 22:3-16, Psalm 117:1bc, 2, John 15:16, Mark 16:15-18  
**Next Sunday:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Cf. Luke 4:18, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



**JANUARY 25, 4:00 PM**  
**Gre:** Mark and Shari  
**Ser:** Avery and Liam  
**Lec:** Wendi Mitchell

**JANUARY 26, 8:00 AM**  
**Gre:** Anna and Jeje  
**Ser:** Judith Aracich  
**Lec:** Fred Casale

**JANUARY 26, 10:30 AM**  
**Gre:** Susie Mullenbach  
**Ser:** Will and Stothard  
**Lec:** Gavin Scott

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

Paper copies of the DMI can be dropped off at the parish office by February 6th for us to mail them to CLI.

The Altar and Rosary Society invites everyone to join them in praying the Rosary at 8 a.m. every Monday before the morning Mass.

Coffee and Catechesis occurs every Tuesday following the morning Mass.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament occurs ever Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 933

The FOOD PANTRY will be open on Wednesdays from Noon to 3:00pm to assist Brooke County residents. A valid ID & proof of address required. If you would like to donate any non perishable items please leave them in the red bin located in the vestibule.

Photos that were dropped off for the 100 year celebration are available for pick up in the parish office.

To all of our lovely parishioners that donated gift cards to the food pantry this Holiday season, thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.

**January 12, 2025 Collection Attendance Amount**

Weekly Envelopes	113	\$2067.00
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Building and Maintenance		\$640.00
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Elevator		\$75.00
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Registered Parishioners/Budget	249	\$2900
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# BIRTHDAY Blessings

Sat:

Sun:

Mon: Michael Rasz

Tues: Sue Beall & Jennifer Adler

Wed:

Thur: Michael Petruccioli

Fri:

Sat:

Sun: Toot Lazear, Joe Pettini, & Alina Shaffer



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of  
**Fred and Rose Napa**  
**(Richard and Pam Nester)**  
From January 17, 2025 to January 30, 2025.

## Prayer List

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:  
DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, PAULA HENDERSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE AND FAMILY, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, CHERYL BLAND, LISA CHIODO, DONNA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCKEY, COLLEEN RUSHING, ELEANOR SACRIPANTI, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC, JOSIE NEWTON, DEBBIE, RICK MERCER, AND PATTY WATERS.

Please keep the parish office updated of anyone you have added to the PRAYER LIST every 30 days.

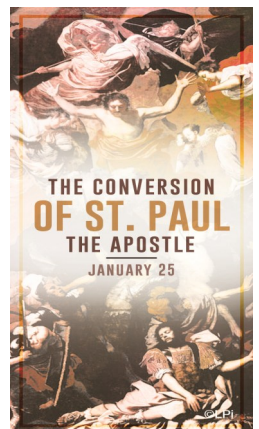
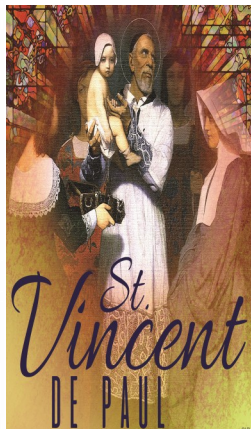
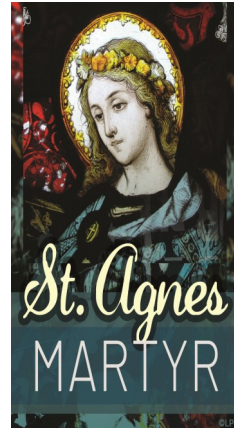
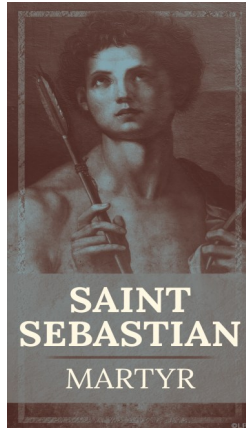
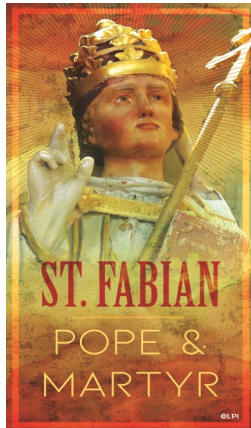


## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."  
- Jn 2:1-3

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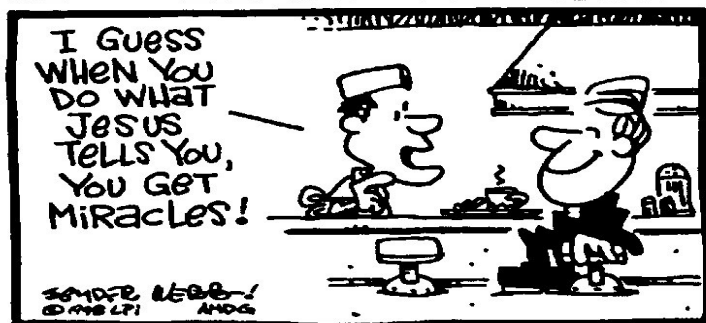


# January 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6	7 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	29 Men's Group 7 p.m.	30	31	

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Mondays: Rosary at 8 a.m. before morning Mass

Tuesdays: Coffee and Catechesis following Mass

Wednesdays: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Holy Land Gifts—Olive Wood Carvings: February 15 and 16

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE  
By Bud Ozar**

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children, or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 304-233-0880 or 888-434-6237: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Father Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for more information.

Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. John the Evangelist Parish.

**Take the DMI survey today at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x184b6>**

**Or pick up a paper survey in the vestibule!**



**Message from the Pastor**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

As we journey together in faith, I am deeply grateful for the many ways you, as parishioners, live out your love for God and His Church. Each of us has been richly blessed by the Lord, and stewardship is our response to His generosity—a way of offering back our time, talents, and treasures for His glory and the good of our community.

Stewardship is not only about supporting the financial needs of the parish but also about sharing our God-given gifts in service to others. Today, I want to speak to two specific needs within our parish: the call to faithful tithing and the urgent need for volunteers to bring Communion to the homebound.

Tithing—offering a portion of our financial resources, commonly understood as 10%, to the Church—is an ancient and biblical practice that reflects our trust in God's providence. It allows our parish to sustain its ministries, support our outreach programs, and maintain our beautiful church. I invite you to prayerfully consider your contribution to the parish. If you are not already tithing, could you take a step toward offering a consistent portion of your income as an act of faith and gratitude? For those already tithing, I thank you for your generosity, which makes our mission to serve the People of God possible.

**We are also in great need of volunteers to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot join us for Mass due to illness or age.** This ministry is a beautiful way to share Christ's presence and strengthen the bond of our parish family. By volunteering your time, you become a tangible expression of God's love to those who may feel isolated or forgotten. No special skills are required and training will be offered to those interested—only a willing heart and a desire to serve.

Stewardship is not merely about what we give but how we live as disciples of Christ. I encourage you to reflect on these questions:

1. **Time:** Can I spend more time in prayer or service, deepening my relationship with God and His Church?
2. **Talent:** What gifts has God given me that I can use to bless others, particularly those in need or at the parish?
3. **Treasure:** Am I sharing my financial resources in a way that reflects my trust in God's generosity?

Our parish is a family, and like any family, we rely on one another to thrive. Your financial contributions, your time in prayer and service, and your talents are all essential to keeping our parish vibrant and fulfilling its mission to bring Christ to the world.

We are preparing to publish to you the 2024 Financial Report and the 2025 Budget based upon the 2024 Financial Report. This is the next step to have financial transparency and to ensure you are aware of the financial position of the parish. I thank the Parish Finance Council and Steph, our bookkeeper, for their work in preparing these reports for you.

Thank you for all you do for our parish community. Please join me in praying for the success of our ministries and for the grace to live as faithful stewards of God's abundant blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Golna

**ADORATION SCHEDULE**

9 A.M.		We are looking to fill the 2 p.m. Adorer spot for our <b>WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</b> on Wednesdays, if anyone is available please call the office, sign up or let Julie Elkinton know.
10 A.M.		
11 A.M.		
12 P.M.		We are currently looking for <b>LECTORS</b> at all Masses and also for <b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b> for our sick and homebound parishioners. If you would be interested in helping please call the office.
1 P.M.		
2 P.M.	Need 1 Adorer	
3 P.M.		
4 P.M.		



It has been brought to our attention that the Sarris Candy Bars are a little hard to sell at \$3 each so we are going to make them 2 for \$5. From what we were told this was the first time that Sarris has raised their prices in several years, they also worked with us to help us get the maximum donation amount. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding with the situation.

*Mullenbach Funeral Home*

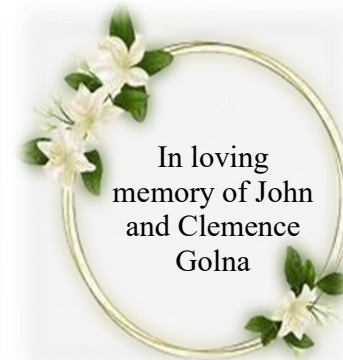
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