

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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MARCH 9, 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 – Preface

The Preface Dialogue is a three-part exchange between the celebrant and the congregation. It follows this structure:

Priest: "The Lord be with you."

People: "And with your spirit."

Priest: "Lift up your hearts." (Literally "Hearts up!")

People: "We lift them up to the Lord."

Priest: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

People: "It is right and just."

Following this dialogue, the priest begins the Preface, a prayer of thanksgiving that leads into the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy"). This moment in the liturgy serves as an invitation to enter into the most solemn and sacred part of the Mass, preparing the hearts and minds of the faithful for the Eucharistic sacrifice.

The Preface Dialogue signals a shift from the earthly to the heavenly, inviting the faithful into deeper communion with God. The phrase "The Lord be with you" (*Dominus vobiscum*) recalls biblical encounters where God's presence is invoked before a significant act of worship, as seen in Luke 1:28 and 2 Timothy 4:22. The response "And with your spirit" (*Et cum spiritu tuo*) acknowledges the priest's role in acting *in persona Christi capitis*, emphasizing the Holy Spirit's presence in the celebrant.

The phrase "Lift up your hearts" (*Sursum corda*) expresses a movement of the soul toward God, echoing Lamentations 3:41, which states, "Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven." This moment calls the faithful to detach from worldly concerns and direct their minds toward the divine mysteries about to unfold. The dialogue culminates in the call to give thanks: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The congregation affirms this with "It is right and just," reinforcing the Church's role in offering perpetual thanksgiving to God, as emphasized in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. The word Eucharist itself comes from the Greek *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving, underscoring the central theme of the Mass as an offering of gratitude.

The structure of the Preface Dialogue dates back to early Jewish prayers of thanksgiving offered in the Temple and synagogue. Early Christian liturgical texts, such as the Didache (1st century) and Apostolic Tradition (3rd century), contain similar calls to prayer and thanksgiving. The dialogue was a standard feature in 4th-century liturgies,

including those of St. Ambrose and St. John Chrysostom.

In the Tridentine Mass (16th century), the Preface Dialogue was recited in Latin and remained largely unchanged. The response "It is right and just" (*Dignum et iustum est*) introduced a series of variable Prefaces, allowing the prayer to reflect the liturgical season or feast day.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) emphasized the active participation of the faithful, ensuring that the Preface Dialogue was spoken aloud. The *Novus Ordo Missae* (1970) maintained the traditional dialogue but translated it into vernacular languages, making it more accessible to the congregation. The Missal of Pope Paul VI introduced an expanded selection of Prefaces, deepening the Church's reflection on the mysteries of salvation.

This exchange is not a mere formality but a call to full, conscious, and active participation in the Eucharistic mystery, as stated in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 14. It invites the faithful to join in the great prayer of thanksgiving, recognizing their role in the Church's liturgical worship.

The Preface Dialogue unites the earthly Church with the heavenly liturgy, echoing the eternal praise of the angels and saints in Revelation 4:8-11. It prepares the faithful for the Sanctus, which mirrors the angelic hymn of praise before God's throne.

The call to "lift up your hearts" reminds Christians of their baptismal identity, calling them to a life of holiness and worship. This moment serves as an opportunity for spiritual renewal, refocusing the faithful on Christ as they prepare to enter the mystery of the Eucharist.

The Preface Dialogue is a theologically rich and liturgically significant moment in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, serving as the gateway to the Eucharistic Prayer. Through its call to worship, thanksgiving, and spiritual elevation, it embodies the core of Catholic liturgical theology. Its historical continuity from early Christian worship to the present day reflects the Church's unchanging mission: to offer praise and thanksgiving to God. By deepening understanding and reverence for this brief yet powerful dialogue, the faithful can more fully engage in the mystery of the Eucharist, recognizing it as the Church's highest act of worship, where heaven and earth meet in divine praise.

Next week, we will begin our journey through the Roman Canon. - Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Mario Ficca +

Sun 8:00 am Robert Stuckey +

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Mon 8:30 am William and Lola Bell +

Tue 8:30 am David Jackson +

Wed 5:30 pm Priests of the DWC

Thur 8:30 am Sister Salvinette, M.C.

Fri 5:30 pm Alumni of the PUG

Sat 4:00 pm Jerry Cassandra +

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am Alfred and Virginia Staffileno and

their Deceased Decedents +

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Isaiah 58:9b-14, Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Ezekiel 33:11, Luke 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, Romans 10:8-13, Matthew 4:4b, Luke 4:1-13

**Monday:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18, Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15, 2 Corinthians 6:2b, Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 55:10-11, Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19, Matthew 4:4b, Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jonah 3:1-10, Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Joel 2:12-13, Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Psalm 51:12a, 14a, Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ezekiel 18:21-28, Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, Ezekiel 18:31, Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19, Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, 2 Corinthians 6:2b, Matthew 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14., Philippians 3:17-4:1, Matthew 17:5, Luke 9:28b-36



**March 15, 4:00 PM**

**Gre:** Rob and Marcie

**Ser:** Avery and Liam

**Lec:** Marcie Morris

**March 16, 8:00 AM**

**Gre:** Toot and Joanie

**Ser:** Theresa Kowcheck

**Lec:** Fred Casale

**March 16, 10:30 AM**

**Gre:** Susie Mullenbach

**Ser:** Will and Stothard

**Lec:** Monica Biery

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

The Altar and Rosary Society invites everyone to join them in praying the Rosary at 8 a.m. every Monday before 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 page 885.

On **Fridays of Lent**, we will have the **Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m.** before Mass which is at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays.

On Friday's during Lent we will be offering **Meager Meals** in the parish hall. If you would be willing to help please call the parish office.

| <u>March 2, 2025 Collection</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Envelopes                | 144               | \$4012.00     |
| Candles                         |                   | \$92.00       |
| Easter Flowers                  |                   | \$10.00       |
| Building and Maintenance        |                   | \$832.00      |
| Elevator                        |                   | \$25.00       |
| Disaster Relief                 |                   | \$558.00      |
| Registered Parishioners/Budget  | 249               | \$2900        |

Lenten News



With the beginning of Lent, it is important to keep in mind our obligations during this privileged season.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means that you are permitted to have one full meal and two snacks which, if combined, are smaller than a full meal.

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

On Fridays of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m. which will be followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. Confessions are heard from 6—6:30 p.m. every Friday (6-7 p.m. on First Fridays).

Meager Meals will follow Mass at 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed to provide the meal!



**Sat:** Patty Elcesser, Marie Kostur, and Krista Cox

**Sun:** James Casinelli and Raymond Shaffer

**Mon:** Melissa Michel and Sharon Sperlazza

**Tues:**

**Wed:**

**Thur:** Gene Cipoletti

**Fri:** Stephen Marino and Theresa Kowcheck

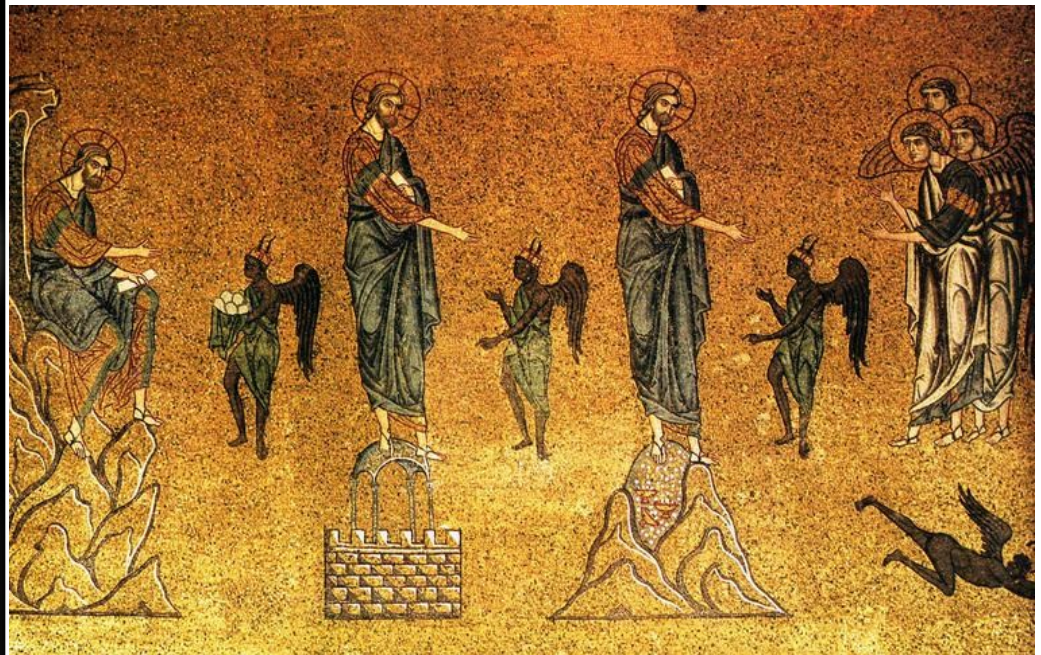
**Sat:**

**Sun:**



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of  
**Kristian White**  
From February 28, 2025 to  
March 13, 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, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC, JOSIE NEWTON, DEBBIE, RICK MERCER, PATTY WATERS, MADELINE BROZTEK, JAMES BAKER, GARY ANTIGO.

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



We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family of **Bonnie Lou Camilletti** who passed away on **March 1, 2025**

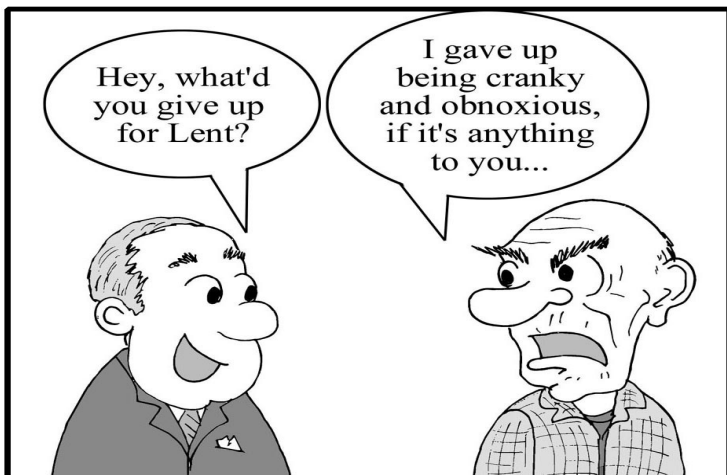


We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family of **Robert Carr Sult Jr.** who passed away on **March 1, 2025**

# March 2025

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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| 2  | 3  | 4<br>Mardi Gras Dinner<br>6 pm    | 5<br>Ash Wednesday<br>Mass :<br>12 pm and 6 pm | 6<br>Altar & Rosary<br>Meeting<br>6:30 pm | 7<br>Stations of the Cross<br>5 pm<br>Meager Meals<br>6pm  | 8  |
| 9  | 10 | 11<br>Coffee & Catechesis<br>9 am | 12<br>Soup & Sandwich<br>11 am                 | 13  | 14<br>Stations of the Cross<br>5 pm<br>Meager Meals<br>6pm | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18<br>Coffee & Catechesis<br>9 am | 19   | 20  | 21<br>Stations of the Cross<br>5 pm<br>Meager Meals<br>6pm | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25<br>Coffee & Catechesis<br>9 am | 26<br>Men's Group<br>7 pm                      | 27  | 28<br>Stations of the Cross<br>5 pm<br>Meager Meals<br>6pm | 29 |
| 30 | 31 |                                   |  |   |  |    |



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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

**Tuesdays: Coffee and Catechesis following Mass**

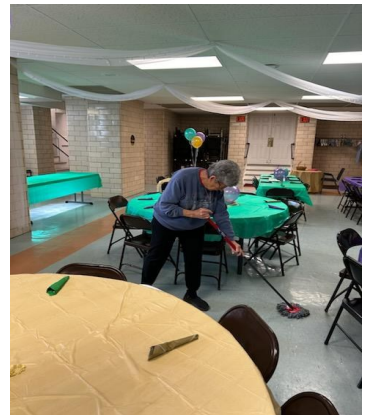
**Wednesdays: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

**Altar and Rosary Soup & Sandwich: March 12th at 11  
a.m.**

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE By Bud Ozar

**Jesus was led by the spirit in the wilderness. What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "Wilderness" with God's work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?**

We would like to thank the hard work and dedication of the group of people who help make the Mardi Gras dinner and game night a wonderful and joyous event.



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**ADORATION SCHEDULE**

|         |               |  |
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| 9 A.M.  |               | We are looking to fill the 2 and 3 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.  | Need 1 Adorer |  |
| 4 P.M.  |               |  |



Our 2025 CSA total raised so far is \$2,260 of our \$18, 200 goal. We would like to thank everyone who has already donated. We would like to give a little information on all the services and projects the CSA contributes to. In 2024 two hundred and fifty faithful from our Diocese were able to attend the National Eucharistic Revival this summer, funds are provided to children who cannot afford to pay for Camp Carlo, and parish leaders have the opportunity to continue their education at the PACE Conference. Other programs consist of the Walking with Moms program, tuition assistance, faculty & staff professional development and much more. For a complete list of ministries, programs and grants supported through the CSA, please visit the website, [dwc.org/csa](http://dwc.org/csa). I invite you all to join me as you have done in the past by supporting the annual **CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL** today.

**Annual Lenten Fish Fry**  
**March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9**  
**11:00a.m-6:00p.m**  
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**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
**March 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**April 4, 11, 16 (Wed)**  
**11:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
**St. Paul School Cafeteria**  
**Fish Fry Order Line:**  
**(304) 797-1182**  
**Take Out and Eat-In Available**

**St Anthony's Parish FISH FRY**

**Fish Dinner Meal \$13.00**  
**Sandwich and Chips \$11.00**  
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 St Anthony's Church Cafeteria  
 1017 Jefferson St, Follansbee

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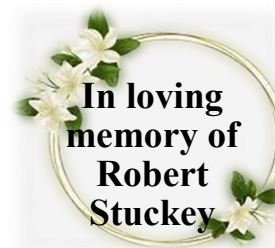
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