

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 15, 2024

GIVING SEASON IS HERE

As the year draws to a close, we at St. John the Baptist, thank you for all your generous gifts to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$25,608.00 from covering our expenses for the new roof on each of our buildings, as well as new and safer steps for the Church and rectory. This holiday season, we ask you to consider making a year-end donation to St. John's, to bring us even closer to covering our total expenses of \$123,000.00. Remember that your year-end donation is tax-deductible!

With great gratitude, I wish you all a very Blessed Holiday season.

Father Edward J. Golding

COFFEE HOUR

The December coffee hour at *St. John's* will be Dec 15th in conjunction with the children's Christmas pageant at 12:00 pm, that same day. Join us for the pageant with the coffee hour to follow. All are welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday, from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm, Our Lord is exposed for Adoration in the Eucharistic Chapel at St. John's in Walton.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Dale Hart, Teri Macchio, Barbara Cocks, Rick Kean, Roberta Lacey, Will, John Meinke, Al Furrer, Alyson Bruse, Mia Morris, Helen Pratti, Marilyn Olson, Anthony Contello, Ralph, Brian Conway, Jeff Fritz, Loretta O'Brien, Richard Guiles, Tom Morris, Derek, Linda Barr, Ann Chiques, Mike Hodge, William Nagel, Kirstin Alderman, Peggy Haywood, Pat. D., Jim Romaglia

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Dec 16th – 7:00 pm, communal reconciliation at St. Peter's

Dec 17th – 7:00 pm, individual reconciliation at St. Peter's

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th - 4:00 pm at St. John's
6:00 pm at St. Peter's

December 25th - 9:30 am at St. Peter's
11:15 am at St. John's

There are no morning Masses on Dec.24th.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

December 31st – 6:00 pm at St. Peter's
January 1st – 9:30 am at St. John's

12:00 pm at Holy Family

There will be no morning Masses on Dec. 31st.

FAITH FORMATION

The youth group is selling advent candles. A box of 4 candles is \$8. Please contact Brigid at 607-434-5874 if you live in Walton or Downsville, or call Jean at 607-434-0555 if you live in Delhi and would like to purchase a box.

The Christmas pageant is taking place at St. John's in Walton Sunday 12/15, right after the 11:15am Mass. All are welcome to come watch the faith formation group perform this beautiful story. There will also be a coffee hour to add to the celebration. Contact Katherine with questions. 607-437-7474

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-37

Tuesday: Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Congratulations and Welcome to

Adelaide Gross

daughter of

Andrew and Kayte Gross

Adelaide was baptized
into the faith
of the Roman Catholic Church
on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

What makes a marriage happy is often not so much how compatible you are, but how you deal with incompatibility. How are you and your beloved most different?

ROSARY CORNER

Announce each mystery at the beginning of the decade of your Rosary. Pause for a moment or two and contemplate the mystery that you are about to honor in that decade.

ST. PETER'S INVITATION

Volunteers are always welcome to assist in decorating Saint Peter's Church for the Advent/Christmas season. Interested? Contact Laraine at 607 538 9569.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Dec 16 - Mary Lupia

Dec 17 - Timothy Crowley

Dec 19 - Bernard Gagen

Dec 20 - Diana Mathison

Dec 21 - Joseph Tubridy

Dec 22 - Herbert Kuppens, Joseph Tomao,

Anna Trinca, Eleanor Brooks,

Richard Howard

YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

When: next meeting is **Tuesday December 17**

We will meet every other Tuesday, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Where: Father Willis Hall, St. John the Baptist, Walton

Presented and Facilitated by Deacon Mike Freeman
For more information call/text Deacon Freeman at 607-353-0095. *Bible Journey Readings can be found on the parish website*

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.” USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

ST. PETER'S SACRISTANS NEEDED

If you have been considering becoming a Sacristan at St. Peter's, please don't hesitate to come forward. We will train and mentor you. Contact Katherine at the parish office at 607-746-2503 stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com for more information.

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

**ONE GOD IN THREE DIVINE PERSONS.
THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY**

Who is God?

God is the eternal, infinite, all-powerful, all-wise perfect Spirit, Who is Lord of heaven and earth.

“God is Spirit” (Jn 4:24). – “I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me” (Isa 46:9)

That “God is infinitely perfect” means that He possesses every good quality or attribute in the highest degree. He is eternal and unchanging, omnipresent, all-knowing, all-wise, all-powerful, infinitely perfect, holy, and just, infinitely good and merciful, infinitely true and faithful.

Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J..

MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for December 7th & December 8th: Holy Family \$182.00, St. John's \$2,230.00, St. Peter's \$1,748.00. Thank you.