



“I am the voice of one crying
out in the desert.” John 1:23

ST JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

315 N. Main Street Woodstock, Virginia 22664

DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm
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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE / MISAS

Saturday

Vigil at 5:00pm

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

En Español a las 12:00, mediodía

Weekday Masses:

6:00pm Mondays & Wednesdays
8:30am Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday at 9:00am - Thursday 8:30am

ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Immediately following Daily Mass

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday at 6:30pm

Saturday at 3:30pm

Or by Appointment - contact the Parish Office

Our Lady of The Shenandoah Mission

Parochial Vicar

Father Robert Ruskamp
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Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass for Sunday:	Saturday at 5:00pm
Confessions:	Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Sunday Mass:	8:30am
Daily Mass:	Mon, Wed & Friday at 8:30am
	Tues & Thurs at 6:00pm
Adoration:	Wednesdays 3:00pm-7:00pm
Community Holy Hour:	Wednesdays 7:00pm
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Thurs 6:30pm



The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. It's origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. The Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in play until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing. Parishioners can find a blessing for their Christmas trees at www.usccb.org under *Sacramental (Blessings) - Objects*.

There will be **no** Adoration Tuesday December 26th, 2023 through Thursday, December 28th, 2023
There will be **no** adoration Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 through Thursday, January 4th, 2024.

A **Community Advent Worship Service** will be held each Wednesday during Advent at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 127 E. High St, Woodstock. Lunch is served at 12:00pm (noon) followed by the Community Advent Worship Service at 12:30pm. **SJB is hosting on Wednesday, December 20th, please join us and if you can, contact Annerose Clifford if you are willing to help with food and serving.**



Mass Intentions:

Parishioners may visit the Office and request Mass intentions for the months of **January February and March**. It is MOST helpful for fiscal record keeping if stipends are given at time of request. Stipends can be cash, check, or credit card. Mass Intentions are scheduled on a first come first serve basis. **As a reminder: Families may request 1 Intention per week and 3 per month.**



Prayer Requests for/Oremos Por

Cindy Seal



Military & Their Families Prayer Request

Capt. Stephen Dillon

Please keep all our military in prayer.

Tabernacle Candle

Joseph & Jenna Carlson

By donating \$10, the Tabernacle Candle will be lit for an entire week in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.



Thank you for your contributions!

If you want credit for your 2023 contributions, all donations need to be postmarked by December 31st. To facilitate an easier processing for staff, we ask that you please hand them in as soon as possible.

End-of-year statements that are over the amount of \$250 will be prepared by Parish Giving this year. Details and instructions will follow in the near future. Please be aware that no statements will be prepared for contributions totaling under \$250.

Announcing SJB's Annual "Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play"

December 17th, 2023 at 6:00pm

Rehearsals:

Sunday, December 17th 4:00pm—Costume Call



Come and celebrate the
Reason for the Season at our
"Keep Christ in Christmas

Nativity Play" at **6:00pm TODAY** in
Hanley Hall.

There is a **Potluck Dessert** directly following.
Please bring something to share!

Advent Resources!

This Advent, prepare your hearts for Christ's Nativity with 2minutes2virtue (2m2v) and Searching for More (SFM)! Stay tuned for short and inspiring video reflections led by our diocesan priests and lay faithful during each week of Advent. Stay up-to-date on new releases by subscribing to the diocesan email newsletter, the diocesan YouTube channel. You can also find 2m2v and SFM wherever you subscribe to podcast. You can also find the videos on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter as they release. Receive the weekly 2m2v challenge straight to your phone by texting "2m2v" to 84576, and join our public Facebook Group for further inspiration!

Votive & Vigil Candles

recommended offering

\$5.00 large candles & .50 small candles

Please help us defray the cost of the candles with your donation.



On Campus Meeting during Holidays

Ministries are reminded that when the office is closed and/or Mass will not be celebrated—on-campus-activities are also cancelled, unless prior arrangements have been made, *for that specific date*, through the Parish Office and approved by Father Tran.



Christmas Masses

Sunday morning Masses on December 24th do NOT count toward your Christmas Mass obligation.

Sun, Dec 24th, Children's Vigil Mass at 5:00pm in *English*

Sun, Dec 24th, Vigil Mass at 7:00pm in *Spanish*

Sun, Dec 24th, Candlelight Vigil Mass at 10:00pm in *English*

Mon, Dec 25th, Christmas Day Mass at 9:30am in *English*

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year

There will be no Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1st, Holy Mass at 8:30am in *English*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT MASS

December 24th

9:30pm—Prelude

10:00pm—Holy Mass

Coffee & Creed

Free Coffee!! Free Cookies!!

AND a chance to learn about the Catholic Faith!



**MEETS ON SUNDAYS 10:45a-11:45a
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST HALL.**

Open to all—parishioners and visitors!

**Join us as we explore the
Catechism of the Catholic Church.**

Today's Topic: No Class Today.

*Required for those interested in joining the church or
completing their sacraments.*

For more information: Caroline Haydu 540-335-0053



Join us to pray for our priests and for vocations. Our **Praise and Worship Holy Hour** has moved to Wednesdays, 5pm to 5:45pm. Come worship Our Lord, join in songs of praise and in specific prayers for priests and for vocations. Contact John or Nan Alcott at kata@shentel.net for information.



DIVINE MERCY SAID: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this Image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (St. Faustina's Diary,

48)

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Please join us on Thursdays in the St. Francis Room after Daily Mass and the Rosary.



Needles & Threads will begin meeting the 2nd & 4th THURSDAYS of the month from 2-4p in St. John the Evangelist Hall starting September

14. We make prayer shawls & quilts for the sick,

homebound & grieving. Attendance is not required.

Projects may be done at home & brought to the Office or to the N&T Thursday meeting. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Kathy Chunta @ jazkat36@gmail.com.

Could you not spend
one hour with me?
Matthew 23:40



St John Bosco has Eucharistic Adoration

in the Main Church

Tuesdays at 9:00am -Thursdays 8:30am

Please contact Peggy & Lee Santos at 540-933-6777

Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program

Because not everyone can go to Fatima, Our Most Gracious Mother comes to you.

The Legion of Mary offers individuals and families a beautiful way to draw closer to God through the prayers of Our Mother. Two members of the Legion of Mary will bring Our Lady of Fatima statue to your home and the statue will stay with you one week. Contact Lee Santos 540-335-4800.

Email leeandpeg@gmail.com



Diocesan News

Day of Prayer and Healing

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

WE NEED YOU! SJB Outreach is in desperate need for volunteers on Saturdays to work the shop, help move furniture and/or collect items from households. Please contact Vicki Schmitt at outreach@sjbwoodstock.org.

PARISH LIFE



Knights of Columbus Council #9002

Join the Knights at: www.kofc.org/joinus

Agent code: DEVANS First year of membership Free!

Upcoming Dates:

Every Wednesday 12:30-4p Senior Games in SJEH
Keep Christ in Christmas Card sales going on now!

Dec 19 6:30pm Social, 7pm Rosary,
7:30pm Regular Meeting

Jan 02 7:30pm Officers' Planning Meeting

Jan 16 6:30pm Social, 7pm Rosary,
7:30pm Regular Meeting

Until Dec 16th purchase a Feast Day Calendar and have a chance at winning cash every day between Christmas and Easter!

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Únite a los caballeros: www.kofc.org/Agenté Code:
DEVANS membresía primer año!!

Todos los miércoles de 12:30-4p juegos de cartas para ancianos (SJEH)

Nov 4 y 5 mantener a Cristo Ventas de tarjetas de Navidad

Dic 19 6:30pm tiempo social, 7:00 rezar el
rosario seguido por la reunión regular

Enero 02 7:30 pm Reunión de planificación de
oficiales

Enero 16 6:30pm tiempo social, 7:00 rezar el
rosario seguido por la reunión regular

¡Hasta el 16 de diciembre compre un calendario de días festivos y tenga la oportunidad de ganar dinero en efectivo todos los días entre Navidad y Pascua!

Grand Knight: Tom Drinkwater, 540-933-6856

Drinkwat1@earthlink.net

Feast Day Prize Calendar Fundraiser

The Knights are selling Feast Day Prize Calendars for \$20 this weekend through 12/17 after all Masses in the Narthex. There will be 98 potential daily prizes between Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. Contestants select their lucky 3-digit number (no duplicates). Winning numbers are drawn from each afternoon's Pick3 Virginia Lottery. You can win more than once!

THESE FEAST DAY PRIZE CALENDARS MAKE
EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND STOCKING
STUFFERS!

Catholic Charities Mobile Response Van

The Mobile Van will be at Catholic Outreach in Woodstock on the Tuesday of the 3rd full week of the month—

Tuesday, December 19th. They distribute items like cleaning products, diapers, and hygiene products. Please pass on this Information to those in need.



Elizabeth Parente Youth Minister
youthminister@sjbwoodstock.org

The
Upper Room
Squad

All rising 7th-12 graders invited to join URS activities.

Dec 17th Advent Party after Nativity Pageant.

Registration for Life is VERY Good Rally is going on now! \$35. Thursday Jan 18th—Friday, Jan 19th.

Early Bird Sign-Up for Mt 2000 ends soon! If you are interested please contact our Youth Minister! Mount 2000 is at Mt St Mary's Seminary February 2nd-4th, 2024.

Dance-A-Thon Save the Date—January 13th, 2024.

Religious Education

RE Classes will be taking a break for the entire month of December. Please make sure your families participates in Parish Activities. Preparing for our Lord's birth together is very important!

Nativity Pageant

December 17th

Classes will resume January 7th!
Coffee & Creed (RCIA & Adults) will still be meeting in St John Hall!

SJB needs more Rosary Makers!

Anyone interested in learning to make Rosaries, please contact the office or Kathy Chunta @ jazkat36@gmail.com. Supplies will be provided.

Comunidad Española

¿Te gustaría aprender mas Sobre la palabra de Dios?

El grupo Nueva Esperanza te ha- *"Vengan y lo verán"*
ce la invitación cada viernes, en *Jn 1, 39*
el Salón San Juan Evangelista. Se
impartirán temas interesantes que nos, ayudaran a seguir
caminando con Jesús. 7:45p: Todos son bienvenidos

La Legión de Maria Queremos dejar saber a la comunidad hispana que tenemos la legión de María en español en nuestra parroquia. Ahora nos reunimos a las 6:00pm en SFR a la martes. Por favor Venancio si tienen preguntas o si quieren saber de nuestro trabajo.

Legión de Maria Como todos no podemos ir Fátima a visitar a nuestra Madre, Ella puedes ir a visitarte a tu casa. La Legión de Maria ofrece La Virgen visita domiciliar individualmente o a a familia. . Esta es una forma maravillosa para acercarnos a Dios a través de las oraciones a Nuestra Madre. Dos miembros de la legión le llevarán la Virgen a su casa. La virgen se queda en su casa una semana. Para más información pueden contacto ya Miguel Pinales al número (301) 442-3029 mpinales39.mp@gmail.com

**SJB MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 18th-24th 2023**

Monday	6:00pm	+ Paul Can Vu
Tuesday	8:30am	+ Joseph & Geniveve Malenic
Wednesday	6:00pm	+ Joe Collins
Thursday	8:30am	+ Teresa Ortiz Moreno
Friday	8:30am	+ William "Sunny" Mullikin III
Saturday	8:30am	Felicitas Garcia Morales
Saturday	5:00pm	Our Parish Family
Sunday	7:30am	+Eileen Ieda
Sunday	9:30am	Menjivar Family
Sunday	12:00pm	+ Emelda Diaz

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December 18th-24th, 2023**

Monday	8:30am	+ Paul Alexander Ribeiro Rocha
Wednesday	8:30am	Gregory Simmons
Saturday	5:00pm	+ Valdemar Cardoso Rocha
<i>No Mass intentions request for the other days.</i>		

**LIT SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 25TH
CHRISTMAS DAY**

	Lector	Servers	Ushers	EMHCs
9:30am	???	Adam B.	Engelstad	A. Beaune
		Brayden B.	D. Walsh	Clifford
		Bryce B.	////	////

**LIT SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 23RD & 24TH
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

	5:00pm	7:30am	9:30am	Mediodia
Lectors	Korrigan	???	Dan Walsh	Alvarado
				Velasquez
Servers	Andrews	Cammack	Austin B.	Jose
		O. White	Thurston	Joel
	???	Jerry C.	A. Reinitz	Leo
Ushers	J. Granier	L. Tully	R. Schmitt	G. Bautista
	H. Miller	Cammack	C. Stalbird	Perez*
	////	////	////	L. George
EMHCs	McGrath	E. Long	N. Beaune	S. Sediles
			J. Haydu	

**LIT SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE**

	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:00pm
Lectors	R. Stewart	G. Bautista M. Romero	Cammack
Servers	O. White	Jose	Cammack
	???	Joel	Jacob C.
	???	Leo	Jerry C.
	////	////	D. Parente
Ushers	Z. White	C. Caldera	James C.
	Andrews	F. Ortega	Cammack
	???	////	////
EMHCs	V. Stewart	M. Pinales	Jon Carlson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17th

Sunday Bible Study (SJEH)	8:30am-9:30am
Food Sale (Patio)	8:00am-2:00pm
Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play	6:00pm
URS: Advent Party (SJEH)	7:00pm

Monday, December 18th

Martial Arts Group (SJEH)	9:30am-12:00pm
Las Posadas (HH)	6:00pm

Tuesday, December 19th

Catholic Charities Mobile Unit	11:30am-1:00pm
Legión de María (SJEH)	5:30pm-7:15pm
KofC Monthly Regular Meeting (SJEH)	6:00pm-9:00pm
Las Posadas (HH)	6:00pm
Alabanza y Adoración (MC)	7:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, December 20th

Legion of Mary (SJEH)	9:15am-10:45am
Advent Worship Service	12:00pm
Senior Games (SJEH)	12:30pm-4:00pm
Praise & Worship Holy Hour	5:00pm-5:55pm
Las Posadas (HH)	6:00pm

Thursday, December 21st

Divine Mercy Cenacle (SJEH)	9:30am-11:00am
Walking With Purpose (SJEH)	9:30am-11:30am
Las Posadas (HH)	6:00pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal (MC)	7:00pm-9:00pm

Friday, December 22nd

Las Posadas (HH)	6:00pm
RE—Spanish Supplement (MC)	7:30pm-9:00pm
Nueva Esperanza (SJEH)	7:45pm-9:00pm

Saturday, December 23rd

Las Posadas (HH)	6:00pm
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Requests for weekends off for the months
of February, March & April 2024 are due
Friday, January 12th by 4:00pm.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Blurbs for the **January 14th Bulletin** is due January 5th,
send to bulletin@sjbwoodstock.org

