

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 23, 2025

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.
He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. — Colossians 1:12-14

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

- Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- After 8:00 AM Mass—Weekdays
- Any time by appointment

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe • November 23, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint John the Baptist Parish Family,
Dear Friends of our Parish,

On this special Sunday, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and “bid farewell” to the liturgical year of the Church, we gather as a community of Jesus’ friends, raising our hearts and voices to the Almighty in “THANKS” and renewing our commitment to love and “GIVING”. Our annual celebration of Christ as our Eternal King makes us reflect on the very central place which our Savior and Redeemer wishes to have in our lives. He descended from God’s Eternal Kingdom, lived among us, died for our salvation, and continues to lead us on our personal journey toward His Kingdom. Through His life-sustaining love, graces and blessings He enlightens our everyday human existence.

During this entire week, so profoundly marked by our Thanksgiving gatherings and celebrations, we will acknowledge - over and over again - how real and visible is His presence. In the two thousand years of Christianity, this constant presence of God, even in the most ordinary circumstances of our everyday lives, has been one of the life-changing discoveries of every man and woman whom we remember and admire as “saints.” As they lived their lives, during very joyful and prosperous, as well as during some of the most distressing and sorrowful moments of the history of humanity, they reached a profound conviction that they are never alone. This is how Saint Paul describes his firm belief in the Second Reading of this Sunday (Letter to Colossians, 1:12-20):

Brothers and Sisters,

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him.

I hope and pray that this Sunday as well as on the day of Thanksgiving we will all live, pray, gather, share, and celebrate with this spirit and faith-filled joy and conviction. Happy, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving to all of you, our dear parishioners and friends, as well as to all your loved ones. Saint John the Baptist, pray for us. All you holy Saints of God, pray for us..

— Fr. Peter

Prayers for Healing and Peace:

Michael Delehanty, Maricarmen Senande, Dash Richards, Theresa Gorman, Rosalind Campos, Joe Wolfe, Pamela Osbourne, Mark Miller, James Carbone, Ramona Suarez-Rose, Joe Seymour, Kim Costa, Rose Lyons, Thomas Tobin, Anthony K., Peter Spaccarotella, Frank Angiolelli

Remembering Those Who Have Passed:

John Ferrandino, John Chambers, Heather Mashini, Doris Wulff, Diane Barbera

Mass Intentions

*We remember our loved ones
and community*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

5:00 PM Deceased Members
of the Susek & Roth
Families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 AM Mary Jane Mackey
10:00 AM Joseph Heiser, Jr.
12:00 PM Richard Fritzký

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 AM Norberto & Ernestina
Gonzalez

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 AM Bob Mackie

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00 AM Bobby Mackie

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 AM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 AM Erminia & Giuseppe
Caldera

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM Nicholas Donato, Sr.
5:00 PM Cheryl Alonso

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 AM John Andrew Henry
10:00 AM Madeline & Edward
Wysocki
12:00 PM Lois Galligan

The **Votive Candle** burns
in memory of

MARGARET DATZ

at the request of The Rosary Society

The **Bread & Wine** are given
in memory of

NICHOLAS DONATO, SR.

at the request of His Loving Wife



Would You Like to Light the Church's Advent Wreath?

Please join those who have had the honor of lighting the church's Advent wreath candles during Mass over the years. Kindly indicate your interest by adding your name and email address to the sign-up board in the vestibule (main entrance of the church). A confirmation with all the details will be sent the week before your selected weekend.

Thank you for helping us mark the season with light and hope.



JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS

8:00AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday, November 26 • 3-6PM

Benediction & Community Prayer
just before 6PM

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AT 8AM

We are looking forward to seeing you as we give thanks and praise to Almighty God for his countless gifts and graces.



**Let us continually pray and give thanks
to our loving and eternal God.**

HAPPY, HEALTHY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING!

There is cause for thanksgiving in our prayers and if we pay a little attention, we see that we receive very many good things from God. He is so good to us that it is right and necessary to say, "thank you". And our prayer should also be a prayer of praise: if our hearts are open, in spite of all the problems, we also see the beauty of his creation, the goodness that is revealed in his creation. Therefore, we must not only ask but also praise and give thanks, only in this way is our prayer complete. In his Letters St. Paul does not only speak of prayer; he also refers to prayers and of course prayers of petition as well, but prayers of praise and blessing for all that God has worked and continues to work in humanity's history. [...]

Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience, Vatican City, June 20, 2012

A PIZZA NIGHT & TAX FRIENDLY CHARITABLE GIVING



Join us for a Pizza Night (some great desserts) AND a discussion regarding the new tax legislation, just signed into law this past July, as it relates to important changes made to the tax code and the deductibility of charitable gifts.

**Wednesday, December 3, 2025
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center**

One of our parishioners, Richard Walsh, who is a retired Certified Financial Planner, will lead this informative discussion and present tax planning and charitable giving strategies now available under the new tax law, particularly for individuals aged 70 and older.

Please let us know if you are planning to join us by contacting Jennifer at the Rectory by calling 201-664-3131x114 or by emailing jencannon@stjohnhillsdale.com.

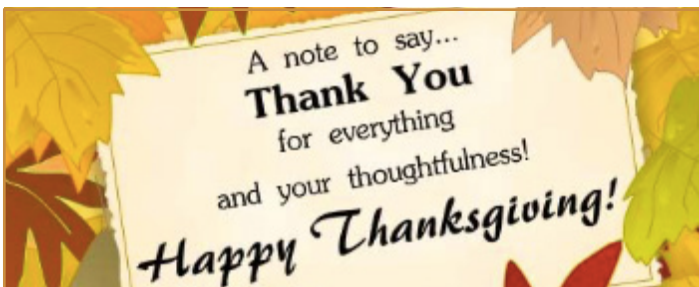
OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

		2024	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$8,916	\$8,065	\$7,900
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	4,876	4,842	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$13,792	\$12,907	\$12,900

*Your financial support enables our parish home to continue the mission of the Church.
Thank you and God bless you!*

The Parish Offices will be
CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 27 & 28
for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
Enjoy your celebrations!



All of us who serve and minister in our Parish Community of Saint John the Baptist would like to “enlarge” the traditional wishes of “Happy Thanksgiving” and “Blessed Thanksgiving,” and say “Thank you many times! Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!”

Thank you for who you are, for your friendship with Christ, your commitment to his Church and to our Parish, and thank you for your stewardship, kindness and generosity towards this precious House of God - Saint John the Baptist Church - which we have inherited from the past generations and continue to maintain, preserve and improve for our young people and all those God-loving brothers and sisters who will come after us. May the One who has created us, sustains us, and showers us with his care and generosity bless you and reward you for all your goodness and generosity!



**WE ARE HIS
WITNESSES**

Visit [WeAreHisWitnesses.org](https://www.WeAreHisWitnesses.org)
for updates, timelines and resources.



**TICKETS
AVAILABLE NOW!**

December 14, 2025 - 4:00pm

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code
above with your phone or visit:
ChristmasConcert.StJohnHillsdale.org

HILLSDALE BSA TROOP 108 2025 WREATH SALE

The Scouts will be selling fresh evergreen wreaths and centerpieces after all Masses next weekend (Nov. 29 & 30). Prices are: \$35 for a 22” wreath, \$45 for an 28” wreath, \$25 for a 12” centerpiece, and \$25 for a 10” tall Holiday Reindeer Set.



*“In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God,
and in all things give Him thanks.” — St. Teresa of Avila (1515 - 1582)*