

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ October 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

(FIRST) Saturday October 4 ~ St. Francis of Assisi		
SJ	9:00am	Ken Kerr ~ Brian Brosso
SJ	5:00pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ Allida Rubino
SVDP	5:00pm	Fr. Donsteve Nnagha ~
Sunday October 5		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Florence Flouffe ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Int. of Jean McShane ~ St. Bridget's CWL
SJ	11:00am	Loretta McGuire ~ Jim & Fran McGuire
Monday October 6		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday October 7 ~ Our Lady of the Rosary		
SB	9:00am	Chris Riopelle ~ Kim Baker
SJ	4:30pm	Sir Knight John Brown ~ K of C Assembly 2783, 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree
Wednesday October 8		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Fr. Anthony Dim ~ Brian Brosso
LL	10:00am	Lanark Lodge Mass
SJ	10:00am	St. John's Elementary School Mass Gerri Conlon ~ Steve Bridson
Thursday October 9		
SHP	10:15am	Combined Daily/Sacred Heart Elementary School Mass Orval Adam ~ Don & Dianne Adam
SJ	12:00pm	Int. of Chris & Maureen Rivers ~ Frank & Jane Nitschmann
Friday October 10		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJHS	9:30am	St. John's High School Mass
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Fr. Charles Enyinnia ~ Brian Brosso
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday October 11		
SJ	5:00pm	Jack Byrne ~ Theo Byrne & Family
SVDP	5:00pm	The living & deceased members of the DeWitt family ~ Butler Family
Sunday October 12		
SJ	9:00am	Paul Nagle ~ Ann Buchanan & Publow Family
SHP	9:00am	Joan Comfort ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Des McKenna ~ St. Bridget's CWL
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2908.

NOTICE

To ensure that what is shared in our parish truly reflects the guidance of the Church and the Archdiocese of Kingston, we kindly ask that no posters, flyers, or notices be placed in the church or Parish buildings without the pastor's permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

“Even a little faith can move mountains, when placed in God’s hands.”

In today’s gospel, the apostles ask Jesus, “Increase our faith!” And His response is striking: “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

A young girl was given a tiny packet of seeds. She planted them in a pot and watered them each day. For weeks, nothing seemed to happen. But she kept at it, trusting something was happening beneath the soil. One morning, she woke to see the first green sprout pushing through. That little seed, almost invisible at first, had been alive with possibility all along.

Faith is like that. It often looks small, like a whispered prayer, an act of kindness, a choice to forgive. But when nurtured and placed in God’s hands, faith grows strong enough to sustain us through trials and even inspire others.

The Prophet Habakkuk reminds us, “The just one, because of faith, shall live.” St. Paul in the second reading urges Timothy to “rekindle the gift of God” and to hold firm with courage. Jesus tells us not to worry about the size of our faith, but to trust in the One who makes it fruitful.

This week, let us water the “mustard seeds” of our lives, prayer, patience, and love. God will take even the smallest act of faith and make it grow.

Prayer: “Lord, strengthen our trust in You, and take our small seeds of faith to bear fruit for Your Kingdom.”



Jubilee Celebration!

Thank you to everyone who expressed enthusiasm for our upcoming Jubilee Celebration announced last week. The Parish of St.

John the Baptist, together with our entire Deanery, invites you to this special celebration, now rescheduled to Sunday, October 19th at 3:00pm.

We are still planning to gather at St. John’s Cemetery for this occasion. As the weather will be cooler in mid-October, please dress appropriately and bring a lawn chair. If conditions are too chilly, the celebration will be moved into the church (a decision we will make closer to the day).

Highlights of the afternoon include the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction, and all who participate will receive a Jubilee Indulgence. This promises to be a beautiful time of prayer and thanksgiving for our parish and deanery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

† THIS WEEKEND! Foy Hall Garage Sale: The Foy Hall Garage Sale is open every Friday and Saturday throughout the fall, 10am-2:30pm! Come check out the great deals!

† THIS WEEKEND! Life Chain: A reminder that the Life Chains are happening this Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm in Perth and 10:15-11:15am in Lanark. See posters for details. We hope you can join us.

† Rosary Rally: Join the Rosary Rally to honour the Mother of God, as we celebrate the October 13 Fatima Miracle, Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 11:50 a.m. @ the Gazebo/band stand, (Beckwick N & Elmsley), Smith Falls. (BYO Chair). Please see posters or Flocknote for more details.

† You are Invited to a Birthday Celebration for Theresa Kirkham!: 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Theresa Kirkham. Open invitation for all to come out and wish Theresa a happy birthday. Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 1-5pm at the Burgess Community Hall @ 4174 Narrows Lock Rd, Perth On. (County Rd 14 by Stanleyville).

SACRAMENTS

Catechism Classes for First Communion and Confirmation

Our new cohort of First Communion and Confirmation candidates will begin catechism classes in October. Mandatory parent meetings will take place prior to the start of classes:

First Communion parents: Completed. If you missed this meeting, please reach out to the parish office ASAP.

Confirmation parents: Completed. If you missed this meeting, please reach out to the parish office ASAP.

Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Individuals seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Church, including its teachings and practices, are warmly invited to participate in a dedicated series of sessions.

Session Details...Tuesday evenings, starting September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at 15 Church St. What to Expect? OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation – formerly RCIA) sessions offer an engaging experience that includes viewing videos, participating in thoughtful conversations, and reflecting on various aspects of the Catholic faith. Open Invitation! Everyone is welcome to attend and explore this journey of faith.

Baptismal Congratulations!

We welcome Charlotte Daisy Clement into the Catholic Church through Baptism. We congratulate her parents and commend them for their commitment to raising their child in the Catholic faith. May God abundantly bless their family!

NOTICE OF MASS CHANGE

St. Vincent de Paul Church will celebrate its final mass of 2025 on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 5pm evening masses will resume at Sacred Heart Parish.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Heather Luft, Susan MacLellan, Claudette Timmerman, Theresa Irvin, Deborah La Riccia, Gary & Georgette Whyte, Demetrie Laming, Edith Lepine, Nellie Pajackowski, & Marg Trombley. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Seta De Francesco, Mary Moore, & Des McKenna. Jesus, I trust in You.

In need of prayer? Connect with our strong prayer warriors, Father Charles, Father Anthony, or one of our Parish Prayer teams through the Parish Office (for St John’s Pastoral Care, CWL, or KOC Prayer group). Jesus, I trust in You.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

[St John Parish Meeting Place, 15 Church St, Perth]

\*Notice: 15 Church Street will be cleaned every Wednesday between 1-3pm. Please do not book any meetings during this time.

CWL Monthly Meeting ***October meeting changed to Monday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month @ 7pm October 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 10am
Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 7pm
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting	Thursday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> after the noon Mass
Wednesday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Wednesdays @ 7pm
St. John's Holy Face Group Monthly Meeting	Last Thursday of each month, after the noon Mass
Thursday Bible Study Group – Contact Evelyn Goodfellow for details.	Thursdays @ 1pm
Sunday Mass 11am Choir	Thursdays @ 7pm & Sundays @ 10:15am
St. John's Movie Club	Friday, October 17 <sup>th</sup> @7pm
Life Matters Men's Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

St. John's Movie Club Update

The Saint John's Movie Club will be holding its next meeting on Friday, October 17th at 7:00 PM, at 15 Church St. We will watch a short film and there will be a group discussion following. For more information, contact Anthony: adellazazzera@gmail.com.