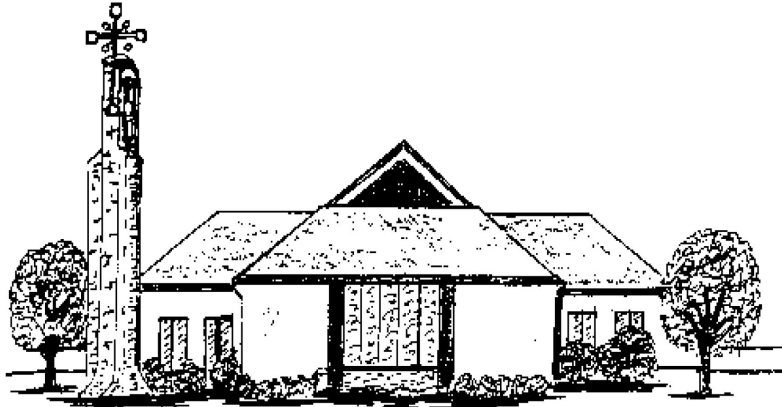


# St. John the Apostle Parish

December 3, 2017 \* First Sunday of Advent



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Office Hours 8:00am - 4:30pm Monday through Thursday; Closed on Friday

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday's 4:00pm (9 days prior to publication)

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil 4:30pm & Sunday 11:00am

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

## Parish Staff

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## Welcome Visitors!

We hope you enjoy your visit with us.  
If you are looking for a home church,  
we want you to know you are most welcome.  
If you would like to join, please call or  
come into the parish office.

## DEVOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The **Rosary** will be prayed for Vocations on Saturday's at 4:05 pm and Sunday's at 10:35 am.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Saturday's 3:30 - 4:00 pm; **Monday's** 7 -9pm

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms:** Preparation is required, 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:15pm, call the office to register.

**Confirmation:** Preparation is required, please call the office for more information.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday's 3:30pm or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you are sick, homebound or in the hospital & would like Father to visit, please call the office.

**Marriage:** 6 month preparation required, please call the office.

## Parish Pastoral Council

Ed Kopp - Chairperson ([elk868890@gmail.com](mailto:elk868890@gmail.com))  
Mike LaFrance - Vice-Chair ([lafrancem@pga.com](mailto:lafrancem@pga.com))  
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If you wish to address any concerns in regards to the parish,  
please speak to one of the council members.



## Mass Intentions for the week of December 3

Day:	Time:	Intention:
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased Priest of the Archdiocese
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Barr
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Vigil Our Parish Family
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Gene Hardesty
<b>The Immaculate Conception</b>		
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Georgina Hubbard
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Daniel & Stephen Zanone

**Altar Flowers:** Remember or honor a loved one, family member or soldier. Call the parish office to schedule your weekend (\$50.00 donation)

### \*\* PLEASE NOTE MASS CHANGES \*\* per Father Kevin

- ◆ starting Sunday, December 31st there will be a 9:00am Mass in addition to our 11:00am Mass
- ◆ Saturdays Mass will stay at 4:30pm

**MINISTERS:** You should have received an email or letter regarding the new Sunday Mass time. If you did not, please contact the office. If you have dates you will not be available next quarter (Jan-March) please let us know.

**Christmas Flower offering:** anyone wishing to donate for flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, must have their donation turned into the office **by 12noon on Dec 13th.**

### Ministers for weekend of Dec. 9 & 10, 2017

	4:30 pm <i>Medco— Gina Gregory</i>	11:00 am <i>Gather Teachers— Iris &amp; Amy</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Mike *Debbie Jones, Clara Nall, Diane O'Connell, Rodney Pickering, Andrea Pike-Goff, Anthony Popham	Deacon Mike *Jennifer Shelton, Gery Whelan, John & Madeline Beavin, Andy & Amanda Zanone
Lectors	Mike & Beth LaFrance	Anna Roberts & Shannon Slack
Servers	Frank Lucas	Anthony Flick & Paul Slack
Hospitality	Lloyd & Paula McCollum	The Shelton Family
Ushers	Leslie Jenkins, Gary Knott, Volunteer & Volunteer	Colton Nevitt, Scott & Jack Parker, John Proctor
Gift Bearers	The Tom Beck Family	The John DeVries Family

If you are unable to minister as scheduled, please call someone on the list (list is available in the vestibule) to cover for you.



**Youth Ministry:** (grades 7-12) WEEKLY meetings from 5:45-6:45pm in room A.  
**2017 Youth Masses:** December 17



Please contact Monica Lucas, at the parish office, for more information regarding Religious Education opportunities.

**New Socks Program:** All of our religious education classes will be collecting new socks (*men, women, children*) to distribute the homeless shelters. If you'd like to donate, give to any RE student to take to class or drop off at the parish office.

**Christmas Program:** Everyone is invited to our Christmas program at 7pm on December 13th in the gym. Presented by our children's choir.

Tuesday's (Sept. - April)	6:30-8:30pm	RCIA	Room B
Wednesday's (Aug. - April)	7:00 pm	Religious Ed (grades 1-12)	Education Center
Sunday's (year round)	10:00 am	Men's & Women's Bible Study	Education Ctr Room A/Cafeteria
Sunday's (Aug. - June)	11:00 am	Children's Church (Gather)	Education Center

Weekend of Nov. 18 & 19, 2017

\$4,789.94

Envelopes \$3,575.00 / EFT \$815.00 / Loose \$399.94

Weekly offering to make expenses **\$6,500.00**

Total collection needed to make expenses for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 \$205,624.75

Campaign for Human Development Collection \$671.87

### Holiday & Holy Day Mass Schedule

- ◆ Immaculate Conception  
Vigil Mass - Dec. 7 6:30pm  
Mass - Dec. 8 8:00am
- ◆ Christmas Eve (Sunday) Dec. 24 4:30pm
- ◆ Christmas Day (Monday) Dec. 25 9:00am AND 11:00am

### Ministers for Immaculate Conception

**6:30pm Vigil Dec. 7** — Volunteers needed for all ministries

**8:00am Dec. 8 - Eucharistic:** Deacon Mike, Clara Nall & Maggie Love; **Lectors:** Rosalie Whelan; **Altar Servers:** Volunteer; **Hospitality:** Volunteers; **Ushers:** Volunteers; **Gift Bearers:** Volunteers

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

PSALM 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2 PETER 3:8-14

MARK 1:1-8

# PARISH NEWS

**500 Club Winner for**  
**Nov. 20, 2017 - #156 Ann Lambert**  
**Nov. 27, 2017 - #88 Jim Nall**

**Tickets are still available, contact the parish office.**

**Church Ministries:** if you minister during the week-end Masses in any way & have changes for the upcoming schedule (Jan. - March) please contact Kris at the office or [kbmatt@bbtel.com](mailto:kbmatt@bbtel.com), **no later than Tuesday, Dec. 12th.**

**Retired Religious 2nd Collection:** is next weekend. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers & religious order priests, worked for many years for little, if any pay. Your gift to this collection helps provided prescription medications, nursing care & more for thousands of elderly religious.

**Catholic Service Appeal 2017**— goal for St. John's is \$14,200.00. As of Nov. 22 we have raised \$11,640.00. Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2017 CSA. There is still time to respond. For more info or to give [www.archlou.org](http://www.archlou.org)

## December Happenings

Dec. 13	7:00pm	Christmas Program	Gym
Dec. 18	7:00pm	Advent Reconciliation	Church
Tuesday's		12:30pm	Senior Citizen Game Day Cafeteria

## With Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers & condolences to the family & friends of

**Nick Ford**

husband of Alicia, father of Haidyn & Hudson,  
son of Rodney & Charlotte, brother of Andrew

May the love of God and the peace of  
the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console you.

## Practice Makes Catholic - Did you know?

Baptismal Font

Prominently placed in our new Narthex is our beautiful Baptismal Font. This water has been blessed as a sacramental. It is to be used for baptisms, blessings on any important occasion, as well as to bless ourselves as we enter the church. We do this in remembrance of our baptism. This holy water has a powerful mission.

There are six things that holy water does automatically.

- #1 erases venial sins; #2-dispels evil powers over people & places; #3 scares away demons
- #4 removes distractions in prayer: #5 it disposes us, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, to greater devotion:
- #6 it disposes us, to receive and administer the sacraments.

We also have a container to the side in the Narthex where we are able to fill a small container & take holy water home with us. When you go to that quiet corner for your daily reflections & prayer, blessing yourself with this water will help to make that time free of distractions.



## Pray for the sick of our Parish

Mildred Barr, Ralph Barr, Bennie Bruner, Mary Crutcher, Clay Fackler, David H. Fackler, Donna Fellmy, Sonny & Claire Frantz, Larry & Joan Gagel, Mary Greenwell, Tommy Hardesty, Linda King, Rita Klem, Rose LaTondress, Marvin & Mildred Mattingly, Paul Mattingly, Vance Menefee, Marie Padgett, Kathleen Powell, Flossie Powell, Becky Stiff, Lucy Tate Stupak, Bonnie Szwed, Charles & Rita Thompson, Rose Whelan



If you know a parishioner who is sick, homebound or in the hospital & would like Father Kevin to visit, please call the Parish Office.

Please remember to call and remove yourself or your loved one when they are no longer ill or in need of prayers. Thank you.

## Community News

**Meade Co. Clothes Closet & Food Pantry:** we will be collecting the **weekend of Dec. 16/17** St. John's is asked to supply the following: cereal, toilet paper & coffee. Items can be left in the Church Narthex or brought to the office. This is a very worthwhile service in our community. Please help us support it.

**Pro-Life Signature Ad:** our parish has been invited to participate in this ad in memory of the more than 60 million babies killed by abortion since January 22, 1973. The ad will run in the Jan. 21st statewide edition of the Courier-Journal. The ad is sponsored by Right to Life of Louisville & suggested donation of \$5 per name or line. Check should be made to RTL of L-ville & mailed to Right to Life 134 Breckinridge Ln., Louisville KY 40207. For additional info visit [www.krla.org](http://www.krla.org) or contact 502-895-5959 [krla@bellsouth.net](mailto:krla@bellsouth.net). The **deadline for signatures is January 9th.**

## Advent Daily Prayer

I lift my soul to you, Prince of Peace, on this day, your gift to me.

I lift my soul to you, Light from Light.

Guide my every word and deed.

I lift my soul to you, God among us.

Bless me today and every day forever and ever. Amen

## Christmas Food Baskets

We will be accepting non-perishable food items (green beans, corn, cranberry sauce (can), boxed stuffing, sweet potatoes (can) & boxed mac-n-cheese) for the Knights of Columbus food baskets from now till the weekend of Dec. 9/10. Please leave in designated boxes in the Narthex or at the Parish office.

If you, or someone you know, are in need of a food basket please contact the Parish office no later than **Dec. 4th.**

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

Monday - Thursday

9-11am & 2-4pm Silent Walkers Gym

Tuesday evening's - September thru April (call if interested)

6:45pm Silent Walkers Gym

Every other month - will resume in 2018

3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive Cafeteria

All parishioners are invited to help make this a dynamic ministry. Please join us for any of these programs.

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