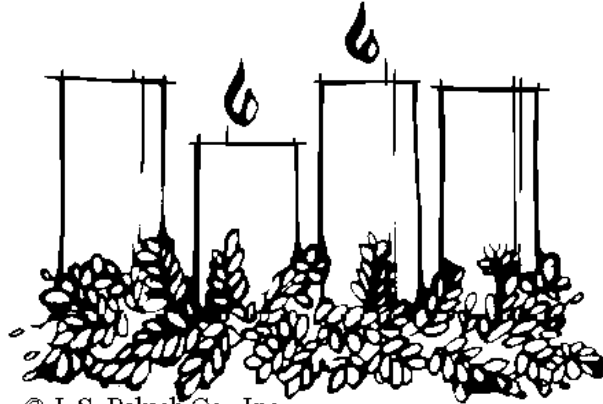


St. John the Apostle Parish

December 10, 2017 * Second Sunday of Advent



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

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

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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

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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 11

Day:	Time:	Intention:
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Corbett
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Faithfully Departed
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	The Keller Family
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Robert Whelan & Red Lucas
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Amanda Belle Thomas & Wade Kullman Sr.



Altar Flowers in Memory of Stephen Zanone

Please call the parish office if you would like to donate \$50.00 for flowers to be placed on the altar in memory/honor of a loved one.

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.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3:4-6

** 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 for weekend of Dec. 16 & 17, 2017

	4:30 pm	Medco— Sr. Lydia	11:00 am	Gather Teachers— Denice
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Mike *Bea Ann Reesor, David Smith, Judy Sipes, Amanda Brown, Leslie Jenkins, Volunteer		Deacon Mike YOUTH	
Lectors	Rosalie Whelan & Ann Duncan		YOUTH	
Servers	Garrett & Grant Wilkins		Lucas Hail & Marshall Jackson	
Hospitality	Frank & Monica Lucas		YOUTH	
Ushers	Jimmy Medley, Anthony Popham, Volunteer & Volunteer		YOUTH	
Gift Bearers	Marlene Cook & Ann Duncan		YOUTH	

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.

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

Religious Ed: There is NO Religious Ed December 20 or 27. Enjoy your break! We will resume January 3.

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. 25 & 26, 2017

\$5,407.31

Envelopes \$4,734.00 / EFT \$250.00 / Loose \$423.31

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

Total collection needed to make expenses for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 \$200,217.44

Holiday & Holy Day Mass Schedule

- ◆ Christmas Eve (Sunday) Dec. 24 4:30pm
- ◆ Christmas Day (Monday) Dec. 25 9:00am AND 11:00am

Parenting Pointers:

What does it mean to conceive a child? Whether you are the mother or father, it means your life is forever changed. It's the start of enduring love & sacrifice for another being put in your care. Pause today & ponder your creative role.

Second Sunday of Advent

2 Peter 3:13

"But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."

Advent is not a passive waiting, but an active preparation for a new heaven and a new earth. Like John the Baptist, we must prepare the way of the Lord. In their pastoral letter on stewardship, the U.S. Bishops emphasize that we are active co-workers in God's creative plan..

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

ISAIAH 61:1-2a, 10-11

PSALM Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28



PARISH NEWS

**500 Club Winner for
Dec. 4, 2017 - #193 Beverly King**

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 kb matt@bbtel.com, **no later than Tuesday, Dec. 12th.**

Mr. Crafton & MCHS Madrigals Concert: Please join us in welcoming the MCHS Madrigals & Mr. Crafton who will be performing a few holiday selections Sunday, Dec. 17th at 6:30pm at Church.

Church Decorating Help Needed: anyone willing to help decorate Church for Christmas please joins us on Wed., Dec. 20th beginning after the 8am Mass. Questions call Beth LaFrance at 270-206-8489

Rosary: Beginning Dec. 31st the Rosary will be prayed before the 9am Mass instead of the 11am Mass. We will start the rosary at 8:35am. We will continue to pray the Rosary on Saturdays at 4:05pm.

Catholic Service Appeal 2017- goal for St. John's is \$14,200.00. As of Dec. 4 we have raised \$12,900.00. 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

December Happenings

Dec. 13	7:00pm	Christmas Program	Gym
Dec. 17	6:30pm	Mr. Crafton & Madrigals Music	Church
Dec. 18	7:00pm	Advent Reconciliation	Church
Tuesday's 12:30pm		Senior Citizen Game Day	Cafeteria

Advent Morning Prayer

With the dawning day, I rise to praise you, O Lord.
As I watch and wait for the coming of your Son, our Savior, help me to be a faithful servant in these Advent days. Amen

Advent Nighttime Prayer

On this Advent night, hear my prayer, O God. Forgive me for my failings and strengthen me to serve you in the days to come. Amen

Practice Makes Catholic - Did you know?

We are now, one week into Advent.

We wait in joyful anticipation for our savior. As for thousands of years the faithful prayed for the tree of David to bear fruit; let us continue to pray, that we are ready to receive such a wondrous gift.

Pause during the hustle and bustle of this season of getting presents. Prepare and meditate on the reason for the upcoming season. The greatest gift of all.

A savior, sent to this lonely Earth, so that we might have a chance for eternal glory.



Pray for the sick of our Parish

Mildred 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.

Adopt a Grandparent for Christmas/A Community Service Project:

Did you know that over 40% of residents in nursing homes never get a visitor? YOU can change that! For a \$30 donation we deliver a beautiful gift of cream & lotion to help with dry skin & help prevent bed sores for an elderly resident, your name can be placed on the name tag. We will visit B-burg Nursing & Rehab Fri., Dec. 22 at 10am, sing carols & spend time with the residents. Your gift is 100% tax deductible. **Deadline is Dec. 21.** Call Charlene Lawson 422-2087

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 or contact 502-895-5959 krla@bellsouth.net. The **deadline for signatures is January 9th.**



With Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers & condolences to the family & friends of

Ralph Barr

father of Lloyd McCollum, Dennis, Kenneth, Rick & Kurt Barr, Donna Foushee & Susan Fackler

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

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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