

St. John the Apostle Parish

December 17, 2017 * Third 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)
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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 18

Day:	Time:	Intention:
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased Augustinian Sisters
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	James Wilkins Sr., Virginia Barr, Edwin & Margaret Barr
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Charlie Jenkins
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Lawrence, Joe & Bernadette Pike
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Melvin Lawson
4th Sunday of Advent		
Sunday	4:30 p.m.	Nick Ford
Christmas Eve		
Monday	9:00 a.m.	the Keller Family
Christmas Day	11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family

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

Christmas is always a Holy Day of Obligation regardless of the day it falls on. This year it falls on Monday. This means, you will be obligated to go to Mass twice in a 48 hour period. Once for the 4th Sunday of Advent and once for the Solemnity of Christmas.

** 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. 23 & 24, 2017

	4:30 pm	11:00 am
	<i>Medco— Gina Gregory</i>	<i>Gather Teachers— No Gather today</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Mike *Jeannine & Taylor Beck, Debbie Jones, Mike & Beth LaFrance, Maggie Love	Deacon Mike * Gary Dykhuis, Tabitha Folden, Gina Gregory, Sydney King, Zachary Mofield, Volunteer
Lectors	Judy Sipes & Tom Beck	Maria Williams & Lisa Babb
Servers	Rodney Pickering	Noah Miller & Annabelle Babb
Hospitality	Kevin & Rhonda Roberts	Bill Smith & Gery Whelan
Ushers	Kyle Cook, Danny Love, Volunteer & Volunteer	Jennifer & Lily Shelton, Gery Whelan & Marion Whelan
Gift Bearers	The Kyle Cook Family	The Shelton 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.
2018 Youth Masses: January 21, February 18 & March 17



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

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 Dec. 2 & 3, 2017

\$12,498.36

Envelopes \$11,497.00 / EFT \$655.00 / Loose \$346.36

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

Total collection needed to make expenses for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 \$187,719.08

Holiday & Holy Day Mass Schedule

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

Ministers for Christmas Eve (4:30pm)

Eucharistic - Deacon Mike *Diane O'Connell, Rodney Pickering, Andrea Pike-Goff, Kelly Sr. & Anthony Popham, Volunteer
Lector - Anne Duncan & Leslie Jenkins
Altar Servers - Braden & Caden Collins
Hospitality - Marion & Rosalie Whelan
Ushers - Kyle Cook, Danny Love, Jim DeVries, John Proctor, Andrew Ford, Scott Parker ****please help with seating**
Gift Bearers - Jim DeVries & John DeVries Family

Ministers for Christmas Day (9:00am)

Eucharistic - *Anne Lewis-Russ, Debbie Jones & Volunteers
Lector - Ed & Analyn Kopp
Altar Servers - Volunteers; **Hospitality** - Volunteers;
Ushers - Volunteers; **Gift Bearers** - Ushers

Ministers for Christmas Day (11:00am)

Eucharistic - *Gery Whelan, Lauren Ray & Volunteers
Lector - David Smith
Altar Servers - Braden Compton & Anthony Flick
Hospitality - Jan Helm & Marion Bratcher
Ushers - Volunteers; **Gift Bearers** - Ushers

PARISH NEWS

500 Club Winners for Dec. 11, 2017
\$100.00 Winner - #164 Gary Remmers
\$1,500.00 Winner - #68 Jacob Lancaster

Tickets are still available, contact the parish office.

Church Decorating Help Needed: anyone willing to help decorate Church for Christmas please joins us on Wed., Dec. 20th beginning after the 8am Mass AND after the 11am Mass on Dec. 24th. Questions call Beth LaFrance at 270-206-8489

Closed: the Parish office will be closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 1 in observance of the Christmas & New Year Holidays.

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.

Archdiocesan Charities 2nd Collection: The annual Christmas collection helps support the local services of Catholic Charities, including Sister Visitor, the mother & infant care program, family support services, prison ministry, parish social ministry, senior social services & the migration & refugee program. Please be generous.

Sew & Sews (Quilters): will resume Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. They gather the 1st & 3rd Monday's (except if legal holiday, then meet Tuesday) of the month at 10:00am in the cafeteria. For more info call Judy Butler at 270-668-2585.

Seniors Game Day: will resume Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. All Senior Citizens are invited to join the group for social time on Tuesday's starting at 12:30pm in the cafeteria. Feel free to bring your card or favorite board game. Bring a friend!

Catholic Service Appeal 2017- goal for St. John's is \$14,200.00. As of Dec. 4 we have raised \$12,290.00. 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. 17 6:30pm Mr. Crafton & Madrigals Music Church
Dec. 18 7:00pm Advent Reconciliation Church

Sew & Sews will resume January 2nd

Senior Citizen Game Day will resume January 2nd

Third Sunday of Advent

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

The opposite of stewardship is self-pity & ingratitude. Stewardship is about gratitude, rendering constant thanks & being aware of how much we've received. With that realization, giving from abundance becomes natural.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
PSALM 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
ROMANS 16:25-27
LUKE 1:26-38



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

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 nametag. 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

Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 & 25 years of marriage in 2018 are invited, along with their families, to an Anniversary Mass on Saturday, January 20th at 4:00pm at St. Raphael. Call the parish office to register. **Deadline is Jan. 9th.**

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.**



From the Nick Ford Family

"There are no words to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the support we have experienced during the last few weeks since Nick's death. We want to thank all who helped us celebrate Nick's life. We are so grateful to be a part of such a great Church family."

Rodney & Charlotte Ford, Andrew, Kennetha & Drew Ford, Alicia, Haidyn & Hudson Ford

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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