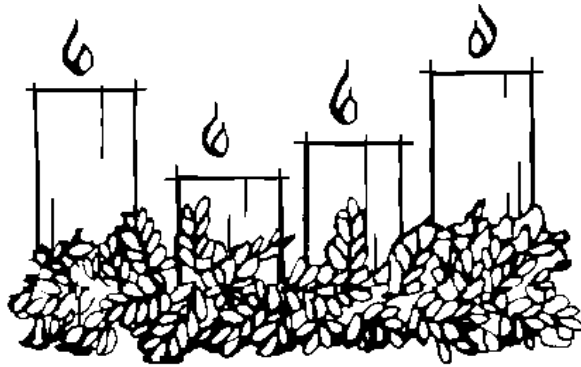


St. John the Apostle Parish

December 24, 2017 * Fourth 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

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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 25

Day:	Time:	Intention:
Monday	9:00 a.m.	the Keller Family
Christmas Day	11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased Priest of the Archdiocese
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	the faithful departed
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Maria Paulus
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Al & Mary Grubb, Tom Stiff & Angela Holtsclaw

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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14
PSALM 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
COLOSSIANS 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
LUKE 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Parenting Pointers:

It's close. The temptation is to hurry Christmas. Although we can't control how our culture celebrates the time before Christmas, we can keep Advent in our own home by teaching our children the value of delayed gratification. Wait to open a present.

Ministers for weekend of Dec. 30 & 31, 2017

	4:30 pm	Medco— Sr. Lydia	11:00 am	Gather Teachers— No Gather today
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Mike *Judy Sipes, Lori Ball, Jeannine & Taylor Beck, Amanda Brown, Leslie Jenkins		Deacon Mike * Emily Parker, Kristine Peters, Kelly Popham Sr., Jennifer Shelton, Anne Marie Warren	
Lectors	Mike & Beth LaFrance		Roman Whelan & Richard Bonn	
Servers	Frank Lucas		Isaiah Pierce & Maggie Quinn	
Hospitality	Tony & Amanda Brown		Maria Williams & John Wooldridge	
Ushers	Jimmy Medley, Anthony Popham, Volunteer & Volunteer		John Wooldridge, Garrett Ammons, Jodie & Zach Babb	
Gift Bearers	The Pike-Goff Family		The Wooldridge 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 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. 9 & 10, 2017

\$4,439.82

Envelopes \$2,905.00 / EFT \$1,265.00 / Loose \$269.82

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

Total collection needed to make expenses for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 \$183,279.26

Immaculate Conception Collection \$443.00
Retired Religious Collection \$1,625.57

** 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

From the Pastor, Parish Staff & Sisters

Dear Friends,

We offer each of you our prayers for a very Blessed and Merry Christmas! For those of you who will be traveling, we pray for your safe return.

God Bless,

Father Kevin, Parish Staff & Augustinian Sisters

Marriage Moment

Christmas. The birth of a baby reminds us of our past. ("Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is 14 generations" Mt. 1) & into our future (what will this child become?) Today, ponder the lives of your ancestors & your unknown future together

PARISH NEWS

**500 Club Winner for
Dec. 18, 2017 - #122 Suzy Ashcraft**

Tickets are still available, contact the parish office.

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.

A Special Christmas gift for you: Who am I? Why am I here? We all grapple with these questions from time to time. When you come to Mass this Christmas, you'll receive a special gift from your parish that will help you find the answers so you can start living the amazing life God created you to live.

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. 15 we have raised \$12,540.00. 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

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!

Christmas Flower Donations

Thanks to all who donated money towards Christmas flowers to decorate.

Flowers were donated in Memory or Honor of:

Gene Hardesty, Doc & Michael Lancaster,
Al & Mary Grubb, Tom Stiff, Angela Holtsclaw,
Jimbo DeVries, Marybeth Calvano, Don Godbey,
Melvin Lawson, Sam, Clara & Eileen Kopp, Jerry, Piling &
Poling Raquinio, Narda, Isabel & Edna Castaneda,
Rex Kilgore, George & Sue Randolph,
Harry Mills, Brian Basham, Donald A. Sullivan,
Lu Foushee, Eugene & Cecelia Winebarger,
Maurice, Ida, Stanley & Danny Spink, Jessie, Leck & Patty
Medley, Sandy Shellner, Tom Gagel,
Cale Brown, Anne Pace, Susan Kinney, Rena Wheatley,
Audrey Broussard, Patsy Foushee, Garland Brown,
Nick Ford, Woody & Dorothy Hesler, Ronnie Buren,
Jenny Rose Sipes, Edwin Lee, Dorothy & Mike Rhodes,
Bill & Dot Medley, Violet Powell, Chris Vitolo,
Ken, Ray, Margaret, Ione & Gene
the deceased O'Connell & Driscoll families
the Medley & Hager families,
the Yates family - Jack, Emma Lou, John & Regina,
Deceased member of Henry Livers & Laurence Brown families



Pray for the sick of our Parish

Mary Ann Lancaster, 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

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.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:38

"Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her

The opposite of stewardship is self-pity & ingratitude.
It is through Mary's "YES" that the promise of the prophets finds fulfillment. Mary serves as a role model for all stewards.

Practice Makes Catholic - Did you know?

Advent is at an end.
Our waiting, longing and preparation for the coming of our Savior is about to reach its fulfillment.
How glorious!

This is the culmination of our longing.
Our hope is being realized. Jesus is coming as one of us, to set us free from our sins and allow us to gain eternal glory. Now we pray... come Jesus... we are ready.

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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