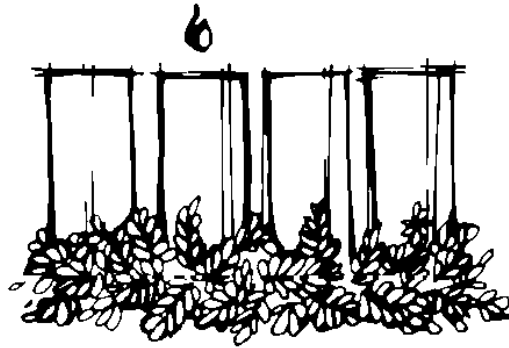


St. John the Apostle Parish

December 1, 2019 * 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 (the week before publication)

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:30pm & Sunday 10:00am

Weekday Masses: Monday thru Thursday 8:00am

Devotional Opportunities: Rosary is prayed for Vocations on Saturday's at 4:05 pm and Sunday's at 9:35 am

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

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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.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Preparation is required, 3rd Saturday of the month at 5:45pm, 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, 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 2

Day:	Time:	Intention:
Monday	8:00 a.m..	Sister Rosalba Gatt
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	All Souls
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family
Saturday	4:30p.m.	Rita Thompson Joe Mills
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Gene Hardesty

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



ISAIAH 11:1-10
 PSALM 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
 ROMANS 15:4-9
 MATTHEW 3:1-12

Christmas Flower offering

Anyone wishing to donate for Christmas flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, must have their donation turned into the office by **12noon on Wednesday, Dec. 11th.**

Adult Faith Formation

Dec. 7 Retirement & Jesus has been **CANCELLED**, hope to reschedule for 2020

Thursdays Dec. 5, 12 & 19

Living in the Father's Love – adult bible study

Follow us on Facebook @StJohnAdultEd

Ministers for weekend of Dec. 7 & 8, 2019

	4:30 pm	10:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Mike *Judy Sipes, Debbie Stiff, Sr. Lydia, Jeannine Beck & Volunteers (2)	Deacon Mike *Gina Gregory, Jeff Kendrick, Kelly, Sharon & Anthony Popham, Alex Russ
Lectors	Tom Beck	Bruce Fitzgerald & Gabe Powers
Servers	Mike LaFrance	Isaiah Pierce & Anthony Serrano
Hospitality	Ann Duncan & Jan Helm	Rodney & Charlotte Ford
Ushers	Debbie Stiff & Jan Helm & Volunteers (2)	Andy & Drew Zanone & John & Chip DeVries
Gift Bearers	Ann Duncan & Volunteer (1)	Steve Skaggs Family

If you are unable to minister as scheduled, please call someone on the list to cover for you.

Faith Formation News

Christmas Celebration: 7-8pm on Wednesday, December 11th.

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)	9:00 am	Men's & Women's Bible Study	Education Center
Sunday's	10:00 am	Children's Church (Gather)	Church

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?
 DID YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE?
 ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT NO LONGER IN SCHOOL?

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to Father Kevin & fill out your Welcome packet. For changes, registration forms can be found online at stjohnonline.org or by contacting the parish office. Return them in the collection basket or to the parish office.

Show us, Lord, your love;
 and grant us your salvation.

Psalm 85(84):13

Holiday & Holy Day Mass Schedule

- ◆ the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, Dec. 9 8:00am
- ◆ Christmas Eve Dec. 24 4:30pm
- ◆ Christmas Day Dec. 25 10:00am
- ◆ Solemnity of Mary
Tues., Dec. 31 6:00pm Vigil
Wed., Jan. 1 10:00am



Youth Ministry Meetings: (grades 7-12)
 WEEKLY from 5:45-7pm in rooms C & D.

2019 Youth Masses: Dec. 15

Happy Thanksgiving from Youth Ministry! Please take time to read Colossians Chapter 3:1-15 **with your family** this holiday weekend. Seriously, just do it!! You will be blessed by sharing God's loving Word with each other, "...and let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be THANKFUL."

Follow us on Facebook @STJYouthandFaithFormation, Instagram @saintjohnyouth, and Twitter SJA_Youth.

PARISH NEWS

2020 Calendars: are available at the doors of Church, compliments of Tony Brown Chevrolet & Hager Funeral Home.

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.

Church Ministries: if you minister during the week-end Masses & have any days you will be unavailable or other changes for the upcoming schedule (Jan. - March) please contact Kris at the office or sjsecretary@bbtel.com, **no later than Tuesday, Dec. 10**

Coat Drive: sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Please take a paper coat off the tree & return your purchased coat to the tree by **December 15th**.

Mr. Crafton & MCHS Madrigals Concert: Please join us in welcoming the MCHS Madrigals & Mr. Crafton who will performing a few holiday selections Sunday, **Dec. 15th** at 6:30pm at Church.

Best Advent Ever: Join Matthew Kelly & the Dynamic Catholic team for a free email program that will help you enjoy a few minutes of peace & prayer each day during the hectic holidays! go to www.bestadventever.com

Meade Co. Catholic Radio "Discussions" 95.3FM: airs Mondays/Fridays @ 5pm; Tuesdays/Thursdays @ 9am & Wednesdays/ Saturdays @ 11am. December will feature Karen & Tom Benock from St. Mary's as they recount how they have relied on their faith through many life, death & new life experiences.

December Happenings

Dec. 9	7pm	Advent Reconciliation	Church
Dec. 11	7pm	Religious Ed Christmas Celebration	
Dec. 15	6:30pm	Mr. Crafton & Madrigals Music	Church

Tuesday's	12:30pm	Senior Citizen Game Day	Cafeteria
Wednesday's	5:30pm	Pray the Rosary	Room B

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

First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24:42

"Keep awake therefore, for you don't know on which day your Lord will come."

One of the key themes of the Advent season is readiness. If God were to ask at this moment, could you provide an accounting of how you used the gifts that God has entrusted to you?



Pray for the sick of our Parish

Archbishop Kurtz, John Allgeier, Peter Allgor Jr., Mildred Barr, Patricia Baskins, Bennie Bruner, Herbie Chism, Joe Cook, Clay Fackler, David H. Fackler, Larry & Joan Gagel, Carol Kuster, Rose LaTondress, Mildred Mattingly, Vance Menefee, Marie Padgett, Kathleen Powell, Diann Shireman, Becky Stiff, Lucy Tate Stupak, Charles Thompson & Mary West

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

Community News

Bridal Announcement: *The Record* will publish a Bridal Issue Jan. 9. If you are planning your wedding between Jan. 11 & July 25, 2020 & would like your announcement in *The Record*, fill out the form appearing in the paper or online www.theRecordnewspaper.org. For additional info contact Rachel Rauh 502-471-2125 or rrauh@archlou.org. **Deadline is Dec. 2 at 12 noon.**

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. 20 at 10am, sing carols & spend time with the residents. Your gift is 100% tax deductible. **Deadline is Dec. 10.** Call Charlene Lawson 422-2087

Meade Co. Clothes Closet & Food Pantry: we will be collecting the **weekend of Dec. 14/15**. 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 this ministry.

Catechesis - About Liturgy

"The Urgency of the Gospel"

In his last public address before succumbing to cancer, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago said: "A dying person does not have time for the peripheral or the accidental... To say it quite boldly, it is wrong to waste the precious gift of time given to us, as God's chosen servants, on acrimony and division." (A MORAL VISION FOR AMERICA, ed. John P. Langan). This is the urgency we get from today's reading as well.

At its beginning, Advent insists we look to the end. Advent prepares us not only for the first coming but also the second coming of Jesus Christ at the end of time. Therefore, let us make Advent less like a sentimentalized Christmas card and more like a dying person's call to action, for those suffering on the brink of death have precious little time. We must act now to live the gospel on their behalf.

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