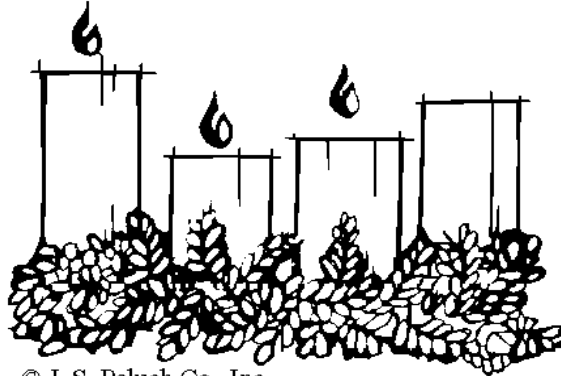


St. John the Apostle Parish

December 15, 2019 * 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 (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 16

Day:	Time:	Intention:
Monday	8:00 a.m..	Our Parish Family
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	All Souls
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Sister Rosalba Gatt
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Weick & Wimpee families
Saturday	4:30p.m.	Ruth, Rudolph, Gary & Donnie Fackler
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Lavona "Bonnie" Szwed



Altar Flowers in Memory of Stephen & Daniel Zanone

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



ISAIAH 7:10-14
PSALM 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
ROMAN 1:1-7
MATTHEW 1:18-24

Adult Faith Formation

Thursdays Dec. 19

Living in the Father's Love – adult bible study

Follow us on Facebook @StJohnAdultEd

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Check out our website at www.stjohnonline.org

Ministers for weekend of Dec. 21 & 22, 2019

	4:30 pm	10:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Mike *Jonathan Mangin, Renee Miller, Rodney Pickering, Sr. Lydia & Volunteers (2)	Deacon Mike *Gabe, Sherri & Abby Powers, Doug Stiff & Jen & Lily Shelton
Lectors	Judy Sipes	Anna Roberts & Shannon Slack
Servers	Isaac Mangin & Volunteer	David Ruiz & Delana Wooldridge
Hospitality	Theresa Mills & Gayle Deuser	Tommy & Mary Jo Hardesty
Ushers	Gary Knott, Danny Love, & Volunteers (2)	Jodie Babb, Grant Beavin, Jim DeVries & Seth Arnold
Gift Bearers	Tom Beck Family	Elizabeth & Seth Arnold

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

Faith Formation News

No Classes on December 18, 25 or January 1

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

Tithing Weekend of Dec. 7 & 8, 2019

\$11,360.00

Weekly offering to make expenses **\$7,086.54**

Retired Religious Collection \$1,478.95

Holiday & Holy Day Mass Schedule

- ◆ 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.

2020 Youth Masses: Jan. 25; Feb. 16; Mar. 15 & Apr. 19

Although there are no Religious Ed classes this Wednesday, (Dec. 18), we will still have Youth Ministry from 5:45 - 8. We are so happy that the most wonderful time of year is upon us & we just can't celebrate enough!! Youth & parents, too, are more than welcome to come to the Youth Room (C/D) for food, fellowship, games & friendship! During this Advent season we are blessed to prepare for the coming of our Lord with joyful hearts. "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:14

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

PARISH NEWS

500 Club Winners for Dec. 9, 2019

\$100.00 Winner - #215 Karen Lambert

\$1,500.00 Winner - #170 Charlene Lawson

Tickets are still available, contact the parish office.

Church Decorating Help Needed: anyone willing to help decorate Church for Christmas please meet in Church immediately following the 8am Mass on Mon., **Dec. 23rd.**

Seniors Game Day: will meet Dec. 17th & then resumes Jan. 7th . 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!

Sew & Sews: will meet Dec. 30th & then resumes Jan. 6th. 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 Amanda Brown 547-8337

Archdiocesan (Catholic) Charities 2nd Collection: is next weekend & helps support the Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Charities, including Sister Visitor Center, the mother & infant care program, Common Earth Gardens, Common Table, the Bakhita Empowerment Initiative to combat human trafficking & Migration & Refugee services.

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

Closed: the Parish office will be closed **Dec. 23-27 & Jan. 1, 2020** in observance of the holidays.

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.

Catholic Service Appeal 2019- goal for St. John's is \$15,700.00. As of Dec. 6, 2019 we have raised \$14,742.00. Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift. To donate or for more info www.archlou.org

December Happenings

Dec. 30 10am Sew & Sews Cafeteria

Tuesday's 12:30pm Senior Citizen Game Day Cafeteria

Wednesday's 5:30pm Pray the Rosary Room B

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:3-4

"Strengthen the feeble hands, make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not!"

Saint Theresa of Avila reminds us that Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. When the weak & fearful come into our lives, it is through our hands & our works that they are healed. God works through us when we accept the challenge.



Pray for the sick of our Parish

Archbishop Kurtz, Joe Whelan, John Allgeier, Peter Allgor Jr., Mildred Barr, Patricia Baskins, Bennie Bruner, Kenny Butler, Herbie Chism, Joe Cook, Clay Fackler, David H. Fackler, Larry & Joan Gagel, Carol Kuster, Rose LaTondress, Mildred Mattingly, Vance Meneffee, Marie Padgett, Kathleen Powell, Diann Shireman, Becky Stiff, Lucy T 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

Meade Co. Clothes Closet & Food Pantry: is collected the **weekend of Dec. 14/15 .** We are asked to supply: cereal, toilet paper & coffee. Items can be left in the Narthex or brought to the office. This is a very worthwhile service in our community. Please help us support this ministry.

The Longest Night A Service of Remembrance: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church invites the community to join them on **Dec. 19** at 7pm at 319 Oaklawn Rd., Brandenburg

Parenting Pointers:

December 21st is the longest night of the year & not only because kids are antsy about Christmas. Celebrate the darkness with candles. Perhaps make a "pilgrimage" through your home carrying a candle & reflecting on the holiness of each room & person.

Marriage Moment

As we approach Christmas, it's easy to become "busy-holics" & race to prepare decorations, presents & food. When feeling stressed with yourself or your spouse, pause, take a deep breath & "Be patient." (James 5:7)

Catechesis - About Liturgy

"Signs of True Worship"

Last Sunday's reading from Isaiah depicted a vision of God's reign in which those who were once enemies dwelt together in peace. This week's vision depicts what true worship looks like when all the earth takes part.

The desert and the dry places "exult; the grasslands "rejoice" and bloom in "joyful song." These are liturgical actions and elements! In God's reign, all creation will be united in praise to God who comes to save us. The church's liturgy is a premier sign of that salvation.

Now take note of the result of true worship: blind eyes are opened; deaf ears hear; stiff legs and backs bend in dance; the silent sing. True worship is not an action done for itself but on behalf of those most in need, for it must result in relationships made right. We recall St. John Paul II's words about what makes the Eucharist authentic: "By our mutual love and, particular, by our concern for those in need we will be recognized as true followers of Christ. This will be the criterion by which the authenticity of our Eucharistic celebrations is judged."

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