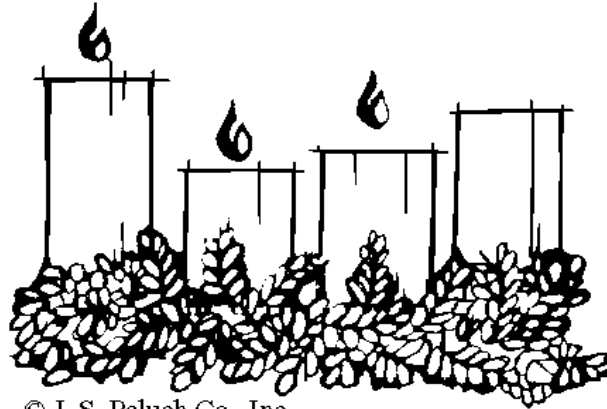


St. John the Apostle Parish

December 16, 2018 * Third Sunday of Advent



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Bulletin Deadline: Thursday's 4:00pm (the week before publication)

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:30pm & Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses: Monday thru 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** is prayed for Vocations on Saturday's at 4:05 pm and Sunday's at 8:35 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 17

Day:	Time:	Intention:
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Rita Klem
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Dalton Staples Family
Thursday	8:00a.m.	Deceased Augustinian Sisters
Saturday	4:30p.m.	Wade Kullman Sr. & Amanda Belle Thomas
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Maria Paulus
	11:00 a.m.	Ed Turner



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



MICAH 5:1-4a
PSALM 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
HEBREWS 10:5-10
LUKE 1:39-45

Marriage Moment

"Rejoice in the Lord always...The Lord is near."
 (Philippians 4:4-5)

Sometimes pressure preparing for Christmas can blind us to what's really important. Start by remember that Christ lives in your beloved. Pause. Take time to rejoice in each other today.



Youth Ministry: (grades 7-12) WEEKLY meetings from 5:45-6:45pm in room A.

Ministers for weekend of Dec. 22 & 23, 2018

	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am <i>Gather Teachers-Iris</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Mike *Mike & Beth LaFrance, Leslie Jenkins, Amanda Brown, Volunteer & Volunteer	Deacon Mike *Ed Kopp, Jeff Kendrick, Rodney Pickering, Andrea Pike-Goff Volunteer & Volunteer	Deacon Mike *John Beavin, Kim DeVries, Tabitha Folden, Gina Gregory, Volunteer & Volunteer
Lectors	Judy Sipes & Rosalie Whelan	Jenny Kendrick & Lisa Babb	Roman Whelan & Stephen Spohn
Servers	Garrett, Grant & Gavin Wilkins	Annabelle Babb & Volunteer	Braden & Case Compton
Hospitality	Gayle Deuser & Donna Fellmy	Jodie Babb Family	Todd Shelton Family
Ushers	Jimmy Medley, Debbie Stiff, Volunteer & Volunteer	Marshall Jackson & Jeremy Stull, Volunteer & Volunteer	Jim DeVries, John & Chip DeVries, Brian Hobbs
Gift Bearers	Donna Fellmy & Leslie Jenkins	Marshall & Ben Jackson	Todd Shelton Family

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

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

Tithing Weekend of December 8 & 9, 2018

\$7,022.06

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

Immaculate Conception Collection \$498.90

Retired Religious Collection \$1,531.84

Tithing If you would like to contribute through electronic funds or are not receiving your envelopes, please call the parish office or e-mail (kbmatt@bbtel.com). Thanks!

Holiday & Holy Day Mass Schedule

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

Stay connected to your parish

Check out our website at www.stjohnonline.org

& join our Religious Ed Facebook page, [Saint John the Apostle Religious Ed](#)

Upcoming formation/education activities and events: Contact Monica Lucas

Religious Ed on Wednesday night will not meet Dec. 19, 26 or Jan. 2. Have a safe & blessed Christmas break.

Gather the Children: Children grades K-4 are welcome to attend our Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 11 o'clock Mass. The children hear the same readings and prayers as their parents do. Discussion is age appropriate. Children join the teacher at the piano at the beginning of Mass and return during the offertory. No registration required.

Advent Bible Study: Sunday's at 10am room B of the gym

PARISH NEWS

500 Club Winners for Dec. 10, 2018
\$100.00 Winner - #216 Vicky Davis
\$1,500.00 Winner - #166 Mary Bullock

Tickets are still available, contact the parish office.

Church Decorating Help Needed: anyone willing to help decorate Church for Christmas on Sunday **Dec. 23rd** please call or text Beth LaFrance at 270-206-8489.

Adoration: due to the holidays, there will be NO Monday Eucharistic Adoration on Dec. 24 or 31. It will resume Jan. 7

2019 Calendars: are available at the doors of Church, compliments of Tony Brown Chevrolet & Hager Funeral Home.

Closed: the Parish office will be closed Dec. 24 – Jan. 1 for the Christmas & New Year Holidays.

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.

Sew & Sews (Quilters): will resume Monday, Jan. 7th. 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. 8th . 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!

Prayer Chain: As prayer requests come into the parish office they are sent out by email. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain or if you have a prayer request please call or email Monica mlucas@bbtel.com

Catholic Service Appeal 2018– goal for St. John's is \$14,200.00. As of Dec. 7, 2018 we have raised \$14,552.00. Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2018 CSA. To donate or for more info www.archlou.org

Parenting Pointers:

Last Sunday we heard the apostle John say "Prepare the way of the Lord." (Luke 3:4) There are usually many preparations to make for Christmas. Help your child focus on preparing and wait for the celebration.

Practice Makes Catholic - Did you know?

This third week of Advent we light the rose colored candle.

The Advent wreath is a perfect circle representing the eternity of God. The 1st candle represents expectation, the 2nd hope, 3rd Joy and 4th purity.

All of these lead us to Christmas with the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus.

We are getting closer. Prepare the way.



Pray for the sick of our Parish

Marcella Barger, Mildred Barr, Phyllis Baskins, Bennie Bruner, Clay Fackler, David H. Fackler, Larry & Joan Gagel, Linda King, Rose LaTondress, Diane Lowther, Marvin & Mildred Mattingly, Paul Mattingly, Vance Menefee, Marie Padgett, Kathleen Powell, Becky Stiff, Lucy Tate Stupak & Charles Thompson

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

Surviving Divorce Ministry: Are you or someone you know struggling with the pain of divorce? Would you like to talk about it with folks who have been through what you have in an attempt to find hope & healing? The Surviving Divorce program is a proven program that works to bring that very thing to those in need through the teachings & sacrament of the Catholic Church. The **1st Session begins January 10th** at St. Joe in Bardstown. For more info contact Henry at 502-349-2922 or family@archlou.org Register online at <https://bit.ly/2PnbuuY>

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. 20th 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 14th.**

Help & Hope for Struggling Marriages: Do you have little or no communication in your marriage? Are you actively thinking about separation or divorce but want to try again? Retrouvaille, a proven effective, peer ministry for hurting marriages consists of a week-end experience & 6 additional 4 hour long post Weekend sessions. **February 15-17.** For more info or to register call 800-470-2230 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org!

Third Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:10-11

"The crowds asked John the Baptist, 'What should we do?' He said to them in reply, 'Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.'"

The answer to the question, "what should we do?" is simple—SHARE. Sharing from the abundances we are given from God is the bottom line for all good stewards and is especially meaningful in the Holy Year of Mercy.

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

Quarterly - will resume in 2019

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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