

December 19, 2021
**Fourth Sunday of
Advent**

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MASS SCHEDULE

M-F: 7:20 a.m. St. John's

Tuesday: 5:45 p.m. St. John's

1st, 3rd, 5th Wed: 7:20 a.m. St. John's

2nd & 4th Wed: 6:00 p.m. St. Anthony's

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. St. John's

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Anthony's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. John's

10:00 a.m. St. John's

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact Pastor at least 6 months in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 5:15-5:40 PM St. John Church

Saturday: 3:15-3:45 PM St. Anthony Church

Sunday: 7:20-7:50 AM and 9:30-9:50 AM
at St. John Church.

By appointment, contact the pastor.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms available in the office or church entrance.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send all bulletin announcements to Jennifer at sjsabulletin@gmail.com
Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday by NOON.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

After hours, on weekends, and on holidays call Fr. at 238-3300 ext. 2.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the church office.

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St. Anthony Gifts 12/12/20

Collection totals not available at time of printing.

St. John Gifts 12/12/20

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The Bulletin and Monthly Mass Assignments are Online! Go to www.parishesonline.com and search by church name and/or zip code then follow the links to St. John/St. Anthony's bulletin.

Online giving is now available.

<https://osvhub.com/stjohnchurchleopold/funds>

Liturgical Roles

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Friday, December 24, 4 PM (SA)

Server: Josh & Caroline Horrell
Lector: Jennifer Rosanna
Extraordinary Min. *Gina Bueter
Ushers: Glen Horrell, Joe Horrell

Friday, Dec. 24, 11:30 PM (SJ)

Servers: Connor Lincoln, Brady Halter
Lector: Nick Elfrink
Extraordinary Min.: *Daniel Dunn
Ushers: Butch Bueter, Joe Bohnsack
Sacristan: Daniel Dunn

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Saturday, December 25, 9 AM (SJ)

Servers: Jansen Booth, James Engelen
Lector: Polly Mungle
Extraordinary Min.: *Daniel Dunn
Ushers: Chuck Forrester, Ted Eftink
Sacristan: Daniel Dunn

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday, December 26, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Tommy & Jacob Beussink
Lector: Daniel Dunn
Extraordinary Min.: *Daniel Dunn
Ushers: Roy Van de Ven, Joe Seiler
Sacristan: Polly Mungle
Rosary: PCCW- Jenny Nenninger

Sunday, December 26, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Scarlet Horrell, Luciana Horrell
Lector: Daniel Dunn
Extraordinary Min.: *Daniel Dunn
Ushers: Paul Landewee, Donnie Landewee
Sacristan: Sheryl Eftink
Rosary: volunteer

Sunday, December 26, 4 PM (SA)

Mass assignments TBD

St. John & St. Anthony Sacrament Schedule and Mass Intentions

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, December 20 7:20 AM MASS (SJ)

**Tuesday, December 21 5:15-5:40 PM CONFESSIONS (SJ)
5:45 PM MASS (SJ)**

Wednesday, December 22 7:20 AM MASS (SJ)

Thursday, December 23 8:30 AM MASS (SJ)

**Friday, December 24 7:20 AM MASS - (SJ)
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - 4:00 PM (SA)
CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS - 11:30 PM (SJ)**

Saturday, December 25 CHRISTMAS MASS 9 AM (SJ)

**Sunday, December 26 7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:00 AM MASS (SJ)
10:00 AM MASS (SJ)
4:00 PM MASS - (SA)**

Mass intentions will be announced at a later date via Flocknote.

A Look Ahead

Friday, December 17—Friday, December 24 CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Sunday, December 19 - Community Breakfast - 7:30-11:30 AM - KC Hall

Monday, December 20 - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - 8:00 AM - 7:30 AM - St. John

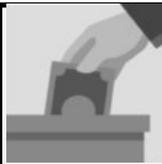
Thursday, December 16 - Community Rosary - 6:30 PM - St. John

Thursday, December 23—Tuesday, January 4 - Church Office Closed

**Friday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 4 PM - ST. ANTHONY
- CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 11:30 PM - ST. JOHN**

Saturday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS MASS 9 AM - ST. JOHN

Sunday, December 26 - St. John Feast Day Celebration



SECOND COLLECTION NOTICE:

During all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses there will be a second collection for the Seminarians and Retired Clergy. Thank you for your generosity!

K C Corner



The Council contributed about \$500 for two cases of new coats for children in need through the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program.

The recent Tootsie Roll Drive for the Developmentally Disabled raised close to \$1,500 of which 50% will return to the Bollinger County VIP Sheltered Workshop with the other 50% going to the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

For the summer Totus Tuus program, the Council was happy to pay registration fees for a number of participants amounting to around \$700.

From the Council, a very happy Christmas season to everyone and please be safe through this second holiday season with COVID in our midst.

Notes from Fr. Antony:

Praise the Lord!

Family Day

This year the Feast of the Holy Family falls on Sunday, December 26 and the following day is the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, our patron. We celebrate both the feasts together on December 26th.

For both Masses in St. John and the evening Mass in St. Anthony there will be special prayers for husband & wife, Marriage vows renewal, husband & wife praying for each other, parents praying for the children and children in their turn praying for their parents. Let us celebrate it as our parish's Family Day and continue to pray and work for the renewal of families. A holy and happy family is the strength of a parish and the Church and the society at large.

"Today's feast is very important! The family is a natural society, instituted by God and ratified by Jesus Christ. It is also a Christian institution, blessed at the wedding feast of Cana. It is a religious institution. So pray a great deal for the family in the natural, Christian religious sense, because society will be what it's families are, and also will the Church".

(Blessed James Alberione).

HAPPY FEAST!

For details, please see the bulletin insert.

Adult Education Notes

- ✚ After the Angel Gabriel left Mary, she traveled in haste to be with Elizabeth. In haste. She just had a visit from a messenger from God and she thinks of someone else's situation rather than hers. She goes to Elizabeth with the reason of charity in her heart. Then when she arrives she is honored by her cousin and the baby. John was the first adorer of Christ leaping in Elizabeth's womb and she is one of the first to recognize Mary as the Mother of God.
- ✚ Mary knew the scriptures she studied and the prophecies of the coming Messiah. She knew her role and what God asked of her and she had to share it with Elizabeth who also had a miracle of her own to tell about. Mary's humility comes full bloom as she is ready to help her cousin with her needs first. They were meant to share their joy together.
- ✚ So are you sharing your Advent joy? Giving charity to your neighbor first? How's your journey to Bethlehem going? Struggling? Still trying to get into the rhythm of Advent? Walk with Mary. Experience her joy. Anticipation. Excitement. Courage. Hope.
- ✚ The graces of the Visitation can be yours if you pray along with Mary and ask her for them. Then she will gladly guide you along the way to Bethlehem later too.

Hospitality

Don't forget next Sunday, Dec 26, to bring your Holy Family from your Nativity set, or your statue or icon picture of the Holy Family for Father to bless at either Mass. Then join the Parish for fellowship and a FREE Breakfast 7:30 to 11:30 at the KC Hall. Attendance prizes will be given out each hour.

Vocation Ministry

*4th Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021*

That the faithful response, "Behold, I come to do your will, O Lord." will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. If you are discerning a calling to a vocation as a Priest, Deacon, or in the Consecrated life contact Fr. Antony at 238-3300, ext. 2.

**Vocation Crucifix Dec. 12th - 25th:
Jerene Lowell**

Parish Traveling Crucifix Schedule for the 2021-2022 season is behind Mary's side of church behind the last pew,
(beside the Holy water font)

Early Bulletin Deadlines

- **Sunday, December 26 Bulletin** announcements are due no later than Thursday, December 16 by 5 pm
- **Sunday, January 2 Bulletin** announcements are due no later than Thursday, December 23 by 5 pm

St. Anthony's mass time will change effective January 8, 2022. The new mass time will be 5pm year around.

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