

December 26, 2021 Christmas & The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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MASS SCHEDULE

(December 24—January 2, 2022)

St. John the Apostle

Christmas Vigil 4:00 p.m. +Mary Ann & Kim Benson

Christmas Midnight For the People

Christmas Day 9:15 a.m. Special Intention

Sunday 7:30 a.m. For the People

9:15 a.m. + Alice Noblitt

Monday *Feast Day* 8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. All Priests

Thursday 5:30 p.m. All Priests

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Grace Dauby

Sunday 7:30 a.m. For the People

9:15 a.m. + Alice Noblitt

Latin Mass 1st Saturdays at 7:30 am Blessed Mother's Intention

St. Jude the Apostle

Friday, Christmas Eve 6:00pm For the People

Saturday, Christmas 11:00am Ben, Kaitlyn &
+Patrick Owens

Sunday 11:00am Marion & Vedia Baker Family

Wednesday 6:00pm Special Intention

Thursday 9:00am + Jean Slavich

Pray the Rosary

St. John Parish: 30 minutes before every Mass

St. Jude Parish: Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Sacraments

Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Reconciliation:

St. John: Saturday 4:30 p.m., 30 minutes before all other Masses, or by appointment.

St. Jude: Sunday after Mass, 30 minutes before Wednesday Mass, or by appointment

Marriage: Contact Parish Office.

(The Church requires 6 months preparation)

Anointing of the Sick:

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Life-threatening call Fr. Dennis at
(812) 578-8596

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Interest in priesthood or religious life, contact
Archdiocesan Vocations Office:
(800) 382-9836.



St. John the Apostle

SAVE THE DATE... All are welcome to the SJA Christmas party! It will take place Saturday, January 8th, 2022 in the gymnasium, starting at 6pm. Dinner and drinks will be provided, please bring a side and/or dessert. There will also be trivia for adults and games/movie for the kids. Please RSVP so we know how much dinner to order! We also need MANY VOLUNTEERS to help during/after this event!! Contact Grace.lechner05@gmail.com or 502-595-7441.

Christmas Flower Donations

We certainly appreciate the beauty of our parish this Christmas season. Thank you one and all for donating to our decorations.



Angel Tree Success!
So much appreciation to the parish for stepping up big for our Angel Tree project. There was an abundance of baby items received and delivered to the Women's Care Center in Bloomington. They were blown away by the

generosity of St. John's. We also gave items to some young families in our parish. So thank you, thank you, thank you for helping our little children. Much gratitude to our coordinator of this project, Lana Stanford. She is planning on sending a detailed account of your gifts in an upcoming bulletin.

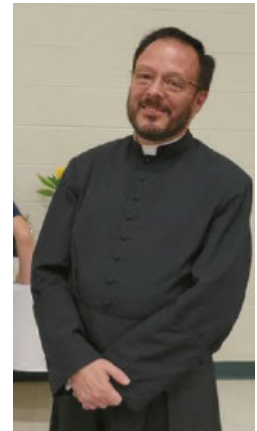
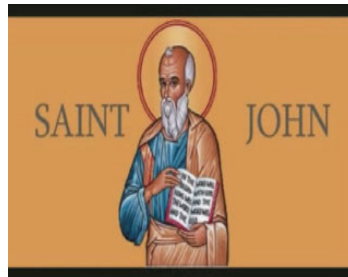


HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 26
10:30 am Apologetics
Monday, December 27—Feast of St. John the Apostle
Tuesday, December 28
NO Religious Education
Wednesday, December 29
6:00 pm—7:30pm King's Men

Merry and blessed Christmas to you and yours on this great feast of Our Lord's birth! God bless you for your faithfulness to Him, and thank you for all you do for St. John's and the community, especially the poor and most vulnerable! This Monday is the feast of St. John the Apostle. As the patronal feast of our parish, it's a solemnity for us (the highest rank of feast.) Since we'll all still be pooped from celebrating Our Lord's birth in grand style, we'll have a simple (no singing) morning Mass at 8:30 on Monday, but we'll still celebrate it with great love in our hearts for our heavenly patron.

Fr. Dennis



The Church Calendars are in. You may pick one up for your family in the narthex (back of church.)



PARISH TITHING

November 28, 2021 Offering (57) \$4,144.
Budgeted YTD (22 week) \$135,206.
Actual YTD (22 week) \$127,353.
Budget YTD: **-\$7,853.** *God bless you!*

Come join the youth group for laser tag at LaserLite!
When: Tuesday Dec 28



6:00-8:30
Cost: \$13
Who: all youth

For more information contact Dean at 812-360-5716 or Youthgroup@sjabloomngton.org



A Christmas Blessing

O God, whose Son was born in Bethlehem, on that wondrous night, lead us to that same place, where Mary laid her tiny child.

As we look on in wonder and praise, make us welcome Him and all new life, and care for His handiwork; the earth, the sky and the sea.

O God, bless us again in Your great love. We pray for this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The United Catholic Appeal is ongoing. You may place your card in the Collection please mark your check and envelopes to UCA.



If you misplaced your envelope, we have extras in the back of church.

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY

December 27

St. John the Apostle & Evangelist

1 Jn 1: 1-4

Jn 20: 1a, 2-8

TUESDAY

December 28

The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1: 5—2: 2

Mt 2: 13-18

Wednesday

December 29

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop

1 Jn 2: 3-11

Lk 2: 22-35

THURSDAY

December 30

1 Jn 2: 12-17

Lk 2: 36-40

FRIDAY

December 31

St. Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2: 18-21

Jn 1: 1-18

SATURDAY

January 1, 2022

Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God

Nm 6: 22-27

Gal 4: 4-7

Lk 2: 16-21

SUNDAY

January 2, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60: 1-6

Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2: 1-12



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Registration forms may be put in the collection basket or given to the office.

There is Power in Your Prayers!

Let's pray for: Suzanne Sullivan, Rosemary & Jon Lowe, Sue Hawthorne, Betty Garst, Charlotte Sweet, Shirley Schooley, Velma Carie, Loretta and Art Sims, Dolores McClure, Sidney Sullivan, Stephanie Worland, John Worland, Jeff Taber, Jimmy Withem, Adele Williams, Paul Heerdink, Sandy Lively, Chris Craney's father, Pat Kollman, Teresa Lookatch, Ellen Ross, Marilyn McDaniel, Ana Mildred Freeman, and a very **Special Intention**. Let us remember all the sick in our prayers. You may also go to: prayer@sjabloomington.org to request prayers. To be put on St. Jude's prayer list email the office at stjudespencer@sbcglobal.net or smariasullivan304@att.net

Pro-Life and Justice Commission

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**“And the Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us...”**

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all of the creatures that crawl on the ground.’ God created man in His image, in the divine image He created him, male and female He created them.” (Genesis 1: 26-27)

We were created by God, the last of all of the living creatures that He created. We were not an afterthought; we were always in the mind of God. What distinguishes us from the amazing and beautiful animals who were created before us is that we alone are created in the image of God.

What does that mean? After all, we cannot literally see God. However, we can “see” Him in the beauty of the created world around us. We can “feel” Him in our hearts and in our relationships with families and friends, and we can learn more about Him through our minds, through both reason and faith.

Before the physical universe was created, God had created us in His divine mind. He knew us. Unlike the animals who rely on instinct to guide their lives, man alone was given the power of reason, the ability to think for himself, to make his own decisions. With that gift came the power to either love God or to deny Him, to do good in the world or to choose to do evil. From the beginning, God knew the temptations that this created world would bring. He knew that man would be tempted by a natural tendency toward sin.

God knew all of this before He even began creating the physical world. He knew that we could not do it alone, that we would need a savior. That savior had been with God from the beginning for that savior was God, the Word of God. And so, for the sake of man, “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

This is the miracle of Christmas, the moment when God entered our world. He did not appear in a blaze of glory so that every creature on earth could see Him and bow down to Him. No, He chose to come as a newborn infant, nurtured in His mother’s womb for nine months, just like every other human being. He did not appear as the son of a nobleman or a

great king, destined for a life of luxury. Instead, He was born to a poor Hebrew couple living in the backwaters of the Roman Empire. He was born in a manger in the small town of Bethlehem of Judea, and He was and is the son of God.

We are not an accident of evolution. Jesus showed us through His teachings and through His life that all human life has dignity; every single one of us was created by God. As Catholics, this belief in the dignity of the human person is the foundation of all of our social teachings. As the Catechism says, “Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God. (CCC 2319)

As Catholics, we are at odds with the modern utilitarian and secular view of man, the main principle of which is individual autonomy. The value of the individual is defined in terms of quality of his or her life and their ability to contribute to society. In some countries, people are even considered “consumer units.”

That’s why it is so easy for many people today to accept the aborting of babies who have birth defects, of euthanizing the sick or the handicapped or the elderly, all of whom are deemed to be incapable of contributing to society. Instead they are considered to be burdens that the secular world is unwilling to bear.

The teachings of the Catholic Church have always been contrary to abortion and euthanasia. They will not change to suit the views of the secular world around us because we know that all lives have purpose. We are children of a God who loves us so much that He sent His only son to become man and dwell among us. We have been blessed!

Merry Christmas!

Denise Sawyer, December 26, 2021
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ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Friday 6:00 pm Mass
 Christmas Day, Saturday 11:00 am Mass
 Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 11:00 am regular Sunday Mass

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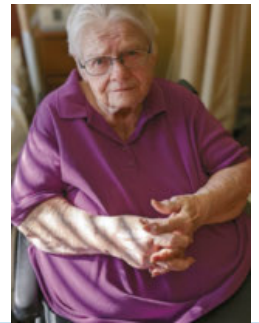
Meditation

"The fullness of wisdom is fear of the Lord, she is present with the faithful in the womb (Sirach 1:14). Fear of the Lord does not mean to be afraid of God. It means to stand in awe and wonder before the greatness of the Lord. When we recognize that God is God and we are creatures, we develop a healthy sense of humility. We acknowledge our need for wisdom and grace, which are both gifts of the Holy Spirit." — Rev. Jude Winkler

Advice from the Saints

"Every pious desire, every good thought, every charitable work inspired by the love of Jesus, contributes to the perfection of the whole body of the faithful. A person who does nothing more than lovingly pray to God for his brethren, participates in the great work of saving souls."

—Bl. Anne Catherine Emmerich



Bruno was helping Fr. Dennis with his Christmas homily.

Prayers for Fr. Dede

No updates on Father, please keep him in your prayers. He was our pastor for 22 years and instrumental in the building of our new church in 2000. May the Good Lord keep him in his loving care.



Christmas blessings for Charlotte Sweet. She is at McCormick's Creek Nursing Facility. Also, Christmas blessings for our other ladies at Owen Valley Health Campus, Donna, Helen, Gloria, and Mary Lou Paurazas photo'd here as she was praying for our needs.



St. Jude the Apostle Stewardship

God Bless Your Generosity!



December 12, 2021

Regular Collection.....	\$2,033.
The Immaculate Conception.....	70.
Capital Improvement.....	10.
Angel Jar.....	66.
Food Ministry.....	500.
Religious Retirement Fund.....	365.
Religious Education.....	20.
Gifts to the Parish.....	272.25

December 19, 2021

Collection information will be given with the next bulletin, due to Christmas publication deadlines.

We appreciate all you do for our beautiful parish of St. Jude. May God bless you abundantly in the new year.

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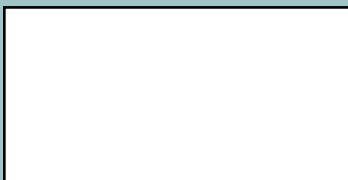
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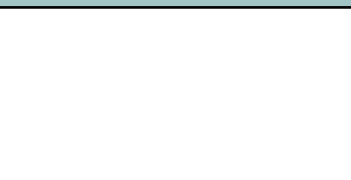




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