November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

Voice of the Evangelist

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NORMAL MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:30 p.m.
Sunday ... 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Monday–Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ..... 3:00–4:00 p.m. & weekdays at 8: 15 a.m. or by appointment (225.673.8307)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call the church office, preferably in early pregnancy, to register for the pre-Baptism program prior to scheduling the ceremony itself.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls are made as soon as the priest is available (225.673.5532). Weekly Holy Communion, when requested, may be brought to the home-bound by a Communion Minister. Families are asked to contact the Church Office to make arrangements. Please contact the Church Office (225)-673-8307, in regards to those who are seriously ill or hospitalized.

In Need of Prayer?
Be certain to visit the Prayer Line on our website: **stjohnchurch.org or call the parish office.**

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We the people of St. John the Evangelist parish commit ourselves to being a warm and welcoming community. We believe it is our mission to: *proclaim* the gospel of Jesus Christ; *celebrate* our faith through worship, prayer and the sacraments: and *serve* the needs of our brothers and sisters in the parish, community and world.

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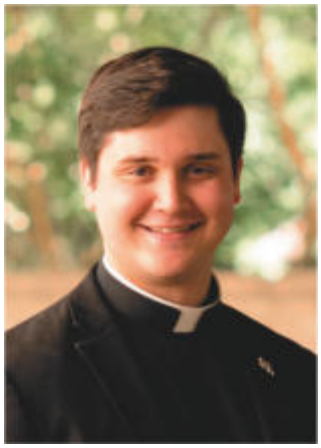
Collections November 22, 2020

General Fund	$	35,573.63
Building Fund	$	5,455.95

Clergy Corner



Dear St. John Family,

Happy New Year! As we begin the season of Advent this Sunday, we enter into a new *liturgical* year in the Church. This important time of the Church calendar is a time of anticipation as we prepare for the birth of the Savior.

You'll notice a little change of scenery in the sanctuary of the church. The green of Ordinary Time is put away as the purple of Advent reminds us of this time of preparation and anticipation. The plants which are normally around the sanctuary are replaced by the Advent wreath. The candles in the wreath wait to be lit to signal that the Light of the World is drawing closer to us. Before we see Christmas trees, wreaths, lights, or the Nativity scene, we have to take some time to put ourselves in a position to prepare for those things.

The closer we get to the great celebration of Christmas, it's only fitting and appropriate that we get more and more ready to celebrate Christmas--to see all those decorations, sing all those joyful songs, and of course, eat all that good home-cooked food. But most importantly, Advent is the perfect time to remind ourselves why all those traditions exist—to celebrate that God humbled himself to take on flesh and be born into this world of sin so as to redeem us! That's something to celebrate!

I invite you to enter into the expectation and preparation of this unique season. Open yourself to the blessings God has to give you. Let your heart be reoriented to the true reason we do anything and everything in the Church—Jesus Christ! Know of my prayers for each of you during this Advent season, and may the coming weeks bring with them much joy and peace.

-Fr. Mat

Mass Intentions Week of November 29, 2020		
Mon., November 30th	8:30 a.m.	†Winnfield Jeansonne; †Richard Clark; †Andre Dugas †Louise & Lionel Roche'
Tues., December 1st	8:30 a.m.	The Joseph Arceneaux Family; † Vinetta Dokey; † Dale, Linda, Shawn & Laura Riche'
Wed., December 2nd	8:30 a.m.	† Lynne Millet; †Mr. & Mrs. David Holker; † Donna Gugler; †Logan Dragna
Thurs., December 3rd	8:30 a.m.	† Mary Ann Vigil; † Philip Lanclos; † Hiram Arnold; Special Intention of Jason & Cathleen Achord
Fri., December 4th	8:30 a.m.	†Tony Rodriguez; † Holy Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention of Jean & Lannie Achord
Sat., December 5th	4:30 p.m.	† Alonia Blanchard; Special Intention of Lynette Anders; †John Conti
Sun., December 6th	7:30 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. John
	9:30 a.m.	† Kandice Molliere; † Audrey Kroeper; †Una Caballero
	11:30 a.m.	† Marie Braud; † Dale, Linda, Shawn & Laura Riche'
(†= deceased)	6:00 p.m.	† Bryant Hunt

Sanctuary Flower Memorial for the weekend of November 29, 2020

Shirlyn & Janet McCrory

To schedule for any available weekend please contact Lisa at the church office (673-8307).

Spiritual Communion

**Most Holy Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and
desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive
You sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if
You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
May I never be parted from You.
Amen.**

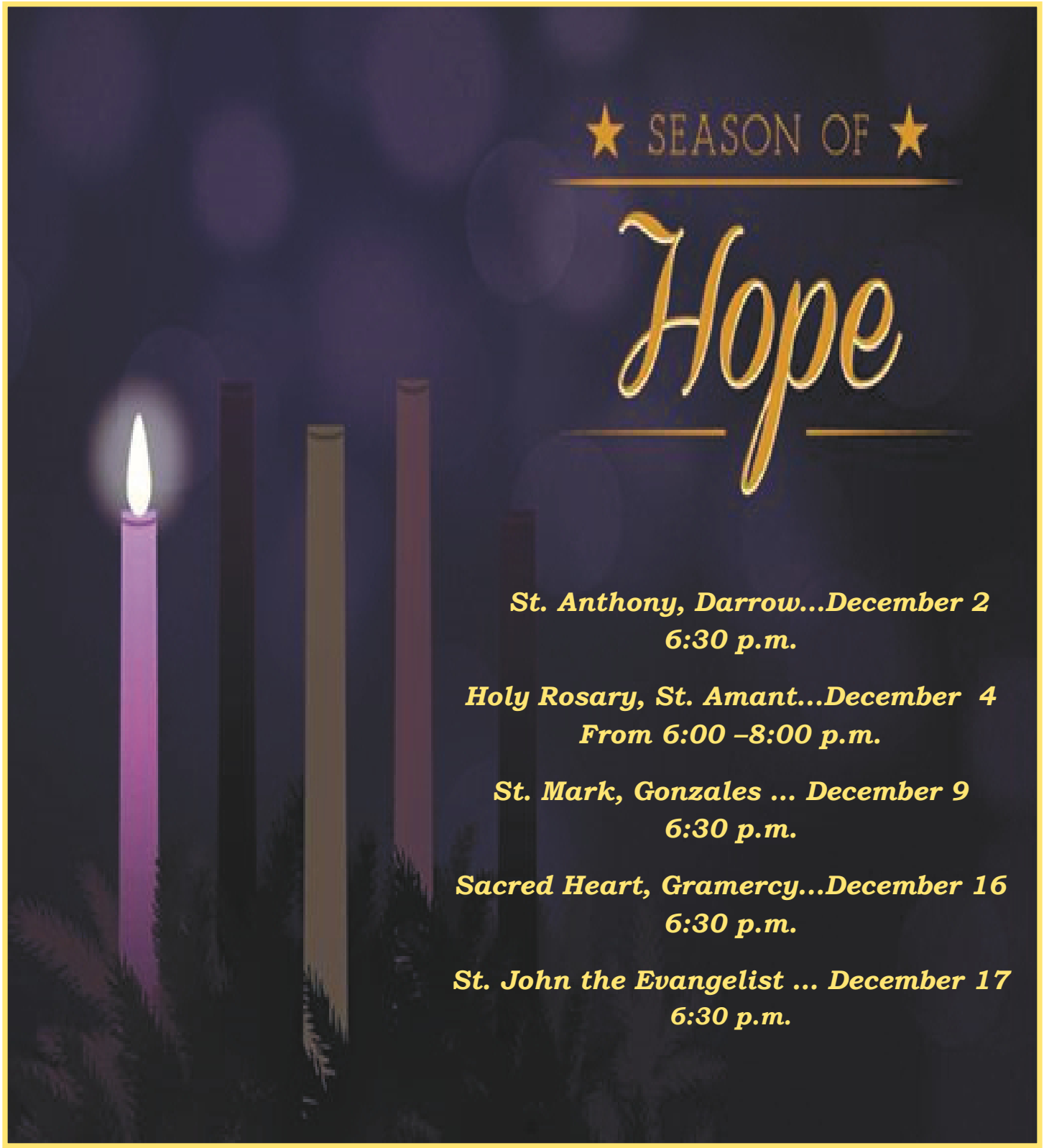
Prayer REQUESTS

Joe Defley	A Trahan	E. Tullier
Healthcare Workers	N. Aldridge	T. Millien, Jr.
First Responders	B. Millien	June W.
COVID –19 patients	B. Gautreaux	Joanie M.
D. Perque	D. Gaynor	M. McGowan

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2020

Monday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/ Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Area Advent Penance Services



St. Anthony, Darrow...December 2
6:30 p.m.

Holy Rosary, St. Amant...December 4
From 6:00 –8:00 p.m.

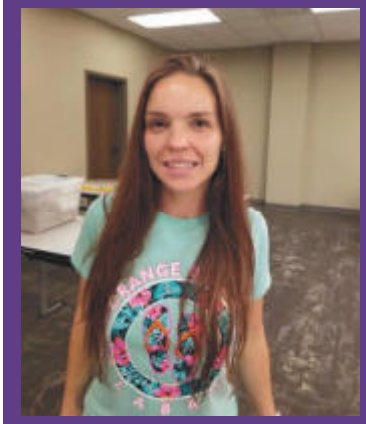
St. Mark, Gonzales ... December 9
6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Gramercy...December 16
6:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist ... December 17
6:30 p.m.

RCIA Candidates Celebrate Rite of Acceptance

The Candidates



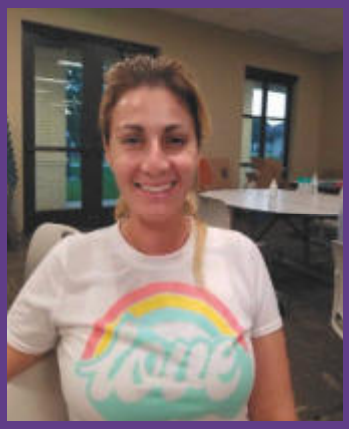
Jennifer Miranda

Kyle Arnold

Ann Booth

Jonathan Adkins

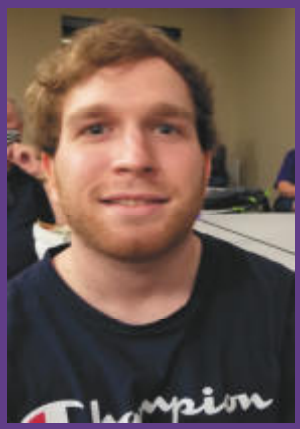
Macy Delaune



Rachel Davidson

Leslie Davidson

Jacob Heintze



Sean Clotieaux

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This weekend we have the pleasure of welcoming these nine candidates into the order of catechumens. In this rite the candidates who have completed the period of pre-catechumenate declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become members of the Catholic Church. God showers his grace on them. This celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the church.

RCIC Candidates Celebrate Rite of Acceptance

The RCIC Candidates

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

Juan Briceno

Thanh "Celine" Bui

Noah Rubio

Manuel Miranda

Nicholas Booth

Aden Merritt

Mathias Fernandez

Matthew Medina-Comacho

Isabella Rubio

Kaidyn Rivere

Hung "Linus" Bui

Scout Pack 65 Den 3 Service Project Beautifies Outreach Center Peace Flower Bed

Scouts (and adult leaders) from Cub Pack 65, Den 3, spent a recent Saturday morning cleaning and replanting the flower bed in front of the St. John Outreach Services Building. The center pole reads "May Peace Be In Our Communities."

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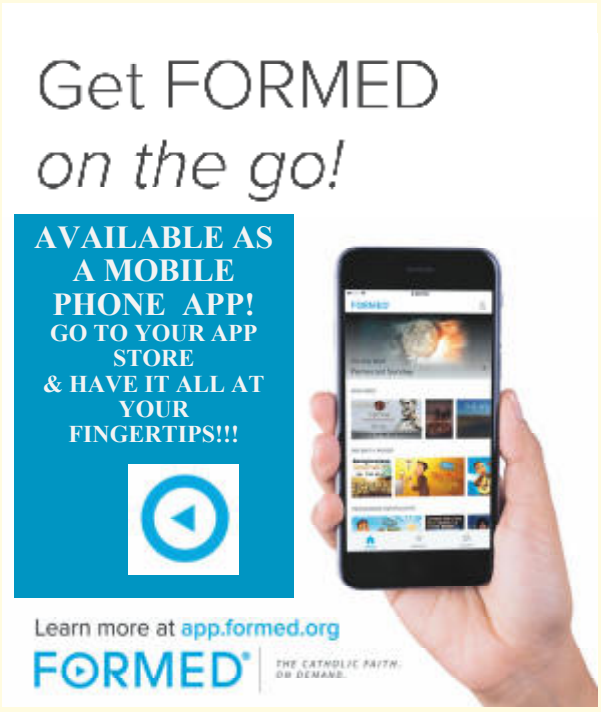

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