



ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CATHOLIC CHURCH
*The mission of St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church is to lead all
to Christ through the sacramental life, Christian formation, and
service of neighbor.*



December 2 and 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

Parish Ministries for Saint John

Pastor – Fr. Chris Hess: (804) 732-6385 or the rectory: (804) 733-6032 or 804-991-0237
Parochial Vicar – Fr. Jueles Buena: (804) 732-6385 or 804-991-0237
Finance Council Chair: Bernard Bishop (804) 733-9081
Unified Pastoral Council Representative: Ron Franzyszen (804) 861-2834
Administrative Council: Deacon Matt MacLaughlin (804) 733-8616
Administration:
Christian Formation: Deacon Matt MacLaughlin (804) 733-8616
Justice & Peace:
Parish Life: Les and Deborah Ryan (804) 721-0149 or (804) 721-3889
Worship: Phyllis Perdue (804) 733-3223; **Altar Guild:** Jolene Cave (804) 541-3296
Parish Hall Rental: Patsy Root (804) 733-2097 or (804) 861-0123
Parish Office: (804) 732-6385
Bulletin Deadline: Monday before 10a.m.; all information should be sent to Norma Lonnemann

MINISTERS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 7 – Vigil for The Immaculate Conception – 7p.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Jueles
Deacon: B. Straub
Proclaimer – N. Lonnemann
Eucharistic Minister – E. Franzyszen

Friday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception - 9a.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Jueles
Deacon:
Proclaimer – R. Franzyszen
Eucharistic Minister – E. Mirro

Saturday, December 9

Celebrant: Fr. Jueles
Deacon: B. Straub
Proclaimer – A. Zamenick
Eucharistic Minister – N. Lonnemann

Sunday, December 10

Celebrant: Fr. Jueles
Deacon: B. Straub
Proclaimer – J. DeAngelis
Eucharistic Minister – B. Bishop

Cleaning, December 9

V. Reiter/Adams

Counters, December 10

Horne/Ryan

Saturday, December 16

Celebrant: Fr. Chris
Deacon: B. Straub
Proclaimer – N. Lonnemann
Eucharistic Minister – R. Lonnemann

Sunday, December 17

Celebrant: Fr. Chris
Deacon: E. Hanzlik
Proclaimer – P. Kaspar
Eucharistic Minister – M. MacLaughlin

Cleaning, December 16

Stechs

Counters, December 17

Bishop/Adams



OFFERTORY

November 11-12, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 1610.00

November 18-19, 2017

Regular Collection: \$1661.00

November 25-26, 2017

Regular Collection: \$ 757.00
Flowers: \$ 40.00
Living Our Mission Rebate: \$ 816.67

SENIOR CITIZENS

St. John's Senior Citizens will meet on December 12, following the 9a.m. Mass. This will be the Christmas Chinese Gift Exchange and Lunch. The gift limit is \$10.00; there will be a sign up sheet at the back of church the week before. Please sign up so that we know how many to expect. Thanks. If you have questions, just give Leslie and/or Debbie Ryan a call.

DEACON MATT:

Deacon Matt has been called out of town to care for his grandchildren in New Jersey. We are blessed to have our Cluster Deacons provide as much coverage as possible for us in his absence. **THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION ON WEDNESDAY EVENING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Thank you to the Deacons who are coming to share their time and talent with us!!!! Deacon Ed Christ, Deacon Bob Straub and Deacon Ed Hanzlik – we appreciate you!!!!



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

St. John's will have a Vigil Mass on December 7 at 7p.m. and on December 8, at 9a.m.

Church of the Sacred Heart will have Mass on December 8 at 10a.m. and 7:30p.m.

St. James will have Mass on December 8 at 12noon.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE CLUSTER

December 24 – Christmas Eve:

Church of the Sacred Heart Mass at 5p.m., 8:00p.m. and Midnight

St. John's Mass at 4p.m.

St. James Mass at 6p.m.

December 25 – Christmas Day

Church of the Sacred Heart Mass at 10a.m.

St. John's Mass at 9a.m.

St. James Mass at 11a.m.



For us Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent Season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives. (www.catholicculture.com)