December 19, 2021 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Our Week

The weekly bulletin of

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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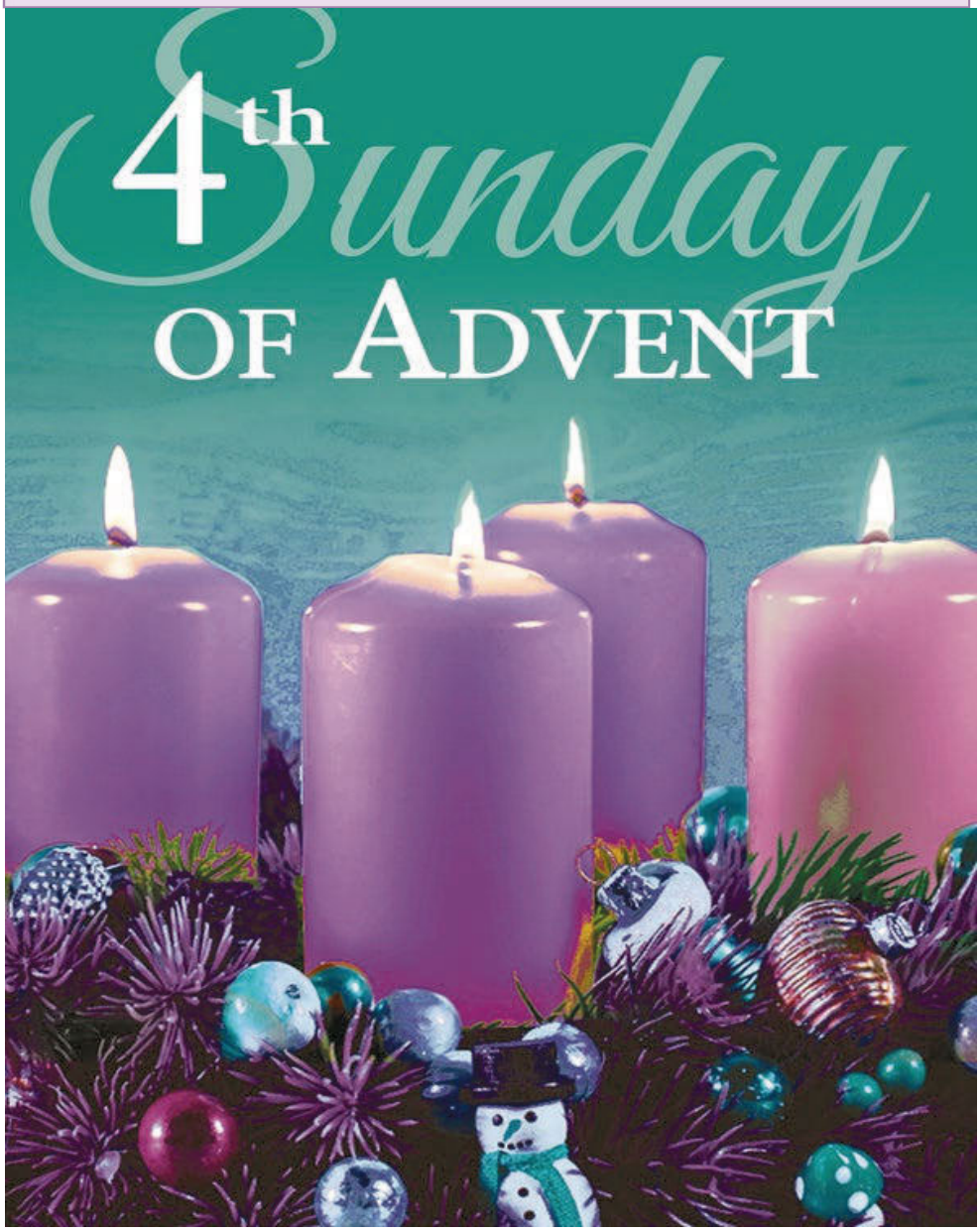

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist warmly greets all participants of this celebration. However, please be reminded of the warning of the Bible: In order not to consume undeservingly the bread of the Eucharist, which is the Body of Christ "let each man examine himself" (1 Cor. 11-28).
Therefore, only those who are members of the Catholic Church, and those who know themselves to be free of mortal (grave) sins, may take Holy Communion.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Sat. 5:00 pm
Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 am
Weekday: Wednesday—Friday 7:30 am
First Saturday: 7:30 am
Holy Day: Vigil 6:00 pm
Day 7:30 am
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Saturday afternoon: 4:00—4:45 pm
Sunday morning: 7:00—7:20 am
9:00—9:20 am

BAPTISM

Contact the pastor for an appointment and preparation.

MARRIAGE

Notify the pastor six months in advance of proposed wedding date. Must be 19 years of age or one year out of high school.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submitted "in writing" to the parish office or hwurth@comcast.net "no later than noon Monday."

News & Notes

"God, Bless America"

PENANCE SERVICES

December 21st Rosary Chapel 4:00 pm
December 21st *St John 6:30-7:30 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SERVICES

December 24th	Vigil	4:00 pm
December 24th	Songs\Strings	7:30 pm
December 24th	Late Mass	8:00 pm
December 25th	Holy Family	7:30 am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

*Gift cards are always helpful!
Canned fruit, jelly, soups, instant rice, canned Ravioli.

PADUCAH COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

Soup, crackers, instant potatoes, Canned goods, spaghetti, p'nut butter
Emergency supplies are low
Please be generous!

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Parish & Community Events

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

We at St. John's rejoice that our sister, Diania O'Nan is received into the Church this Saturday, December 18th, by the waters of Baptism, the oil of Confirmation and love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We rejoice with you as you embrace the fullness of the Christian faith in the Catholic Church. May the Lord that you encounter in the Sacraments of the Church and our parish community always be for you the home that you have known and lived for many years. God Bless you, Diania on your walk of Faith with Jesus and His Mystical Body, the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for tornado victims in our area. Please be prayerful and generous for all those in need.
Thank you!

NOTE FOR COLLECTIONS

Collections for Sunday and Holy Days will continue to be placed in the basket at the entrance of church.

ALL MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

All those that have volunteered to be lectors, servers, ushers, greeters, etc for Christmas Masses please check the sign-up list located on the sacristy door.

LETTERS\CARDS TO SEMINARIANS

—We have 6 seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro this year. Each month we will select a seminarian from December to May where we will ask you to send them a letter of prayers, well wishes and encouragement.
—In January let's send Christopher Kight letters, notes or cards. Christopher is in 3rd year of Theology and typically at the end is 3rd year of Theology (Spring of 2022) one is ordained as a Transitional Deacon.
*So extra prayers for Christopher this year is important.
Christopher Kight
200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

ST JOHN SUNSHINE SUPPORT GROUP

NO December Meeting at Pizza Inn. We will resume in January weather permitting.

2021 RESOURCE DIRECTORY

**2021 Resource Directory is available on table in back of church and office for all who need information for Clothing and Goods, Education, Employment, Health, Housing, Legal Services and Pregnancy Crisis Center in McCracken County. Compiled by Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Charities. If you need more to give to people call Susan at the Diocese (270.683.1545).

OUR SPIRITUAL ADPOTED BABIES

Please remember to pray daily for the protection of your Spiritually Adopted Baby. Remember to mark your calendar that on **Sunday, January 2, 2022**, The Feast of the Epiphany, we are planning a **BABY SHOWER** after the 9:30 am Mass. **Bring your baby gifts to this shower unwrapped** (if unable to attend please free to drop-off your gift in the cafeteria). We know these **BABY SHOWER GIFTS** will be used in the local area thru the services of **HOPE UNLIMITED.**

Cont'd PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE WISDOM OF BISHOP FULTON SHEEN

If I were not Catholic, and were looking for the true Church in the world today, I would look for the one Church which did not get along well with the world; in other words, I would look for the Church which the world hates. My reason for doing this would be, that if Christ is in any one of the churches of the world today, He must still be hated as He was when He was on earth in the flesh. If you would find Christ today, then find the Church that does not get along with the world.

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

The Genealogy of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel is read at the Christmas Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. Many people may just sit and think when is this long list of names that don't sound familiar going to be over with so that we can get to the Jesus, Mary and Joseph part of the story. Well, believe it or not, every name in this genealogy of Jesus is important, even if most of the names go in one ear and out the other. Matthew is reminding us of the power of God that took on flesh in the virginal womb of the Blessed Mother has come to save all of us. So as we prepare for Christmas, read Matthew 1:1-25.

Now let us focus in on the names of the 5 women mentioned in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus.
It is unusual to name women in a genealogical list, and in naming women it is odd that Matthew did not name prominent women like Abraham's wife Sarah or Isaac's wife Rebekah, or Leah and Rebekah, the mothers of the children of Israel. Matthew names a five women as Jesus' ancestresses:
1. Tamar
2. Rahab
3. Ruth
4. Uriah's wife (Bathsheba)
5. Mary of Nazareth

Four of the women were in some way involved in a scandalous past:
1. **Tamar** posed as a prostitute and slept with her father-in-law to become pregnant
2. **Rahab** was a Canaanite prostitute
3. **Ruth** was a Moabitess (from a people who were the descendants of an incestuous act)
4. **Bathsheba** (he doesn't even name her, just says that she had been the wife of Uriah) was an adulterous wife.

Perhaps naming these women, all connected to scandal, is a preemptive strike against the scandalous lies that some Jews were circulating about Mary of Nazareth. If these women could become the mothers of the leaders of the people of Israel (like Bathsheba's son King Solomon) with important roles to play in God's divine plan, who were they to say that Mary's son was not destined by God to redeem His people?

The real surprise for the Jews is the list of the descendants of David from King Jechoniah/Jehoiachin to Joseph, a genealogical list that can be found nowhere else in Scripture. When one compares the genealogy of Jesus in St. Matthew's Gospel with that of St. Luke, the two lists from King David to Joseph only have two names in common. As already mentioned, St. Matthew's list appears to reflect Jesus' legal claim as an heir of David through His adopted father St. Joseph, while St. Luke's genealogy records his biological claim through Mary.

STEWARDSHIP
(Time, Talent, Treasure)

"Let all Your works give You thanks, O' Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the Psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" of the many gifts God has given us. Amen!

Weekly Collection: December 12th
To be announced need weekend

Adults .....$.00
Loose 00
Children () 00
Total .....$.00

Christmas Flowers .....$.00
Special Collections 00

**Weekly Collection needed to meet budgeted expenses: $10,900.00

Compassionate Friends of W KY
No meeting due to Covid-19 guidelines.

Daughters of Isabella

First Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm at the KC Hall, Jefferson St

Seniors Day Out
No meeting due to Covid-19 guidelines.

St John Homemakers Club
To be announced.

St John K of C

KC meets twice per month, first, & third Wed, 7:00 pm, St. John KC Hall.

Safe Environment

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: Common Wealth Attorney (270.575.7402). _McCracken Co Sherriff department (270.444.4719); or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (1.877.597. 2331). _To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church or call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator on the confidential phone line: (270.852.8380) or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) (270.880.8360). _The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish (on the bookshelf in back of the church), in the parish office, also on the web **www.owensborodiocese.org/safe.**

***If you are working with children (parish and school activities involving the presence of children) or the elderly you must have the safe environment training and background check.** *More information: call the parish office at (270.554.3810) or go: online www.owensborodiocese.org.

Prayer Requests

** Please help keep our prayer list up to date.**
** *To add or remove a name please notify the Parish Office.* Jeanne Abell, Bill Ballard, Charles Ballard, Lennyn Barks, Tom Beckman, Vayda Bollenbecker, Isaac Brown, Deacon Bill Clark, Philip Elder, Jimmy Englert, Roger Englert, Danny Felts, Michael Felts, Dave Goewert, Corey Grace, Georgette Braun-Guyon, Riley Haas, Shepard Haas, Faye Hayden, Brian Hurlburt, Rachael Jaramillo, Darla Martin, Marie Mombleau, Stan Napier, Zoey Partin, BeBe Phillips, Tim Romaine, Carrick Roof, Shelia Roof, David Roper, Francis/ Dorothy Scheer, Sr Mary Therese Seitz (CP), Catherine Sutton, Tommy Sutton, Carolyn Thompson, Virginia Vessels, Charlie Waldridge, Kelly Walker, Louis Willett, Marvin Willett, Edith Wurth, Michael Wurth, Rose Marie Wurth, Roy Younker

**PLEASE: Be considerate, notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into any hospital or nursing home. Fr. Fogle would be happy to visit and bring communion. However, Fr. Fogle and\or the parish have no way of knowing unless a family member contacts the parish office. By law these facilities are not allowed to release the names of patients.

Prayers for our Shut-Ins

Mary Lee Anderson, Zelta Counts, Bennie/Doris Durbin, Tommy\Helen Ellington, Bernadette Englert, Dorothy Kaufman, Judy Poat, Kerry Simmons, Jim Wilson, Hilda Wurth.

Our Military

Air Force: SSGT Luca Giordano, Capt Luke Nimmo, TSGT Brandon Wurth, MSGT Jessica R. Wurth
Army: MSG Jennifer Alvey, LT Col Josh Grace, SGT First Class William Hendrickson, SSGT Doug McCreerey,
SPEC 4 Liam Mahler, PFC Benjamin Reams, SGT Charles Dewayne Stephens,
Major Mark A Wurth
Navy: Commander Billie June Farrell, Commander Paul Farrell, OS1 Richard Lyons, ITSA Jacob A Roof

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Lord, hold our troops In your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen!

Our Liturgical Worship

Monday, December 20 • Weekday of Advent
7:30 am: NO MASS
Tuesday, December 21 • St Peter Canisius, Priest
7:30 am: NO MASS
Wednesday, December 22 • Weekday of Advent
7:30 am: † Thelma Kaufman
Thursday, December 23 • St John of Kanty, Priest
7:30 am: Special Intention
Friday, December 24 • The Nativity of the Lord
4:00 pm: † Bill Taylor Family L\D
8:00 pm: Parishioners
Saturday, December 25 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph
7:30 am: Fogle\Hinton Family L\D
5:00 pm: Parishioners
Sunday, December 26 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph
7:30 am: Joe\Stella Fogle Family
9:30 am: Larry Courtney Family L\D

Weekly Ministries: December 26th

Lectors
5:00 pm Ginny Ponting
7:30 am Linda Thompson
9:30 am John Kaler

Servers
5:00 pm N\A
7:30 am Thomas Humm
9:30 am Bryleigh Hayden, Max Sturm

Ushers
5:00 pm John Crivello, Cindy Crivello
7:30 am Earl Kaufman, Ruth Kaufman
9:30 am Denis Wurth, Stephen Wurth

Greeters
5:00 pm Mary Campbell, Martha Ryan
7:30 am David Toon, Doris Trussell
9:30 am Michael Thweatt, Cheryl Thweatt

PLEASE: CONTINUE TO FOLLOW YOUR MINISTRY SCHEDULE PROVIDED PER: Gwen

DECEMBER LINENS: Gloria Small
(Pick-up linens each Monday)
DECEMBER VOTIVE: Phyllis Willett

ST JOHN HOMEMAKERS MEETING
Second Wednesday of each month
6:30 pm - St John Cafeteria

DAUGHTERS OF ISABEIIA MEETING
First Tuesday of each month
6:30 pm at the KC Hall, Jefferson St

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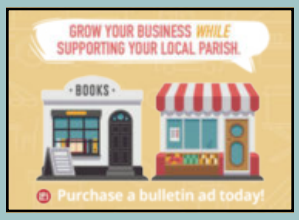

Pray For & Support Our Local Seminarians
Send Letters, Cards, etc. to the following address:
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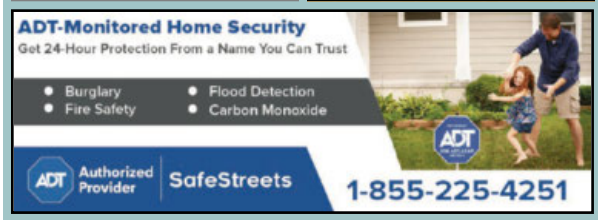

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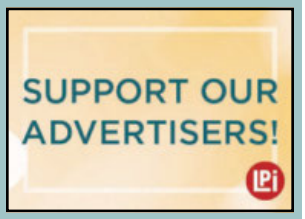

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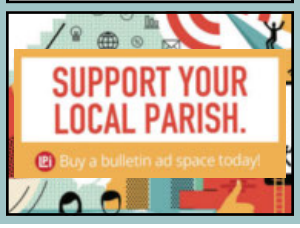
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