

December 14, 2025
**THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

PASTORAL MINISTRY

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms in office.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

sjsabulletin@gmail.com Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday by noon.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

St. Anthony Gifts

St. John Gifts

Due to early printing deadlines throughout the month of December due to the Christmas season all December collection totals will be inserted into a bulletin in January.

Online giving is now available.

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The Bulletin is Online! Go to the parish website to find the weekly bulletin.

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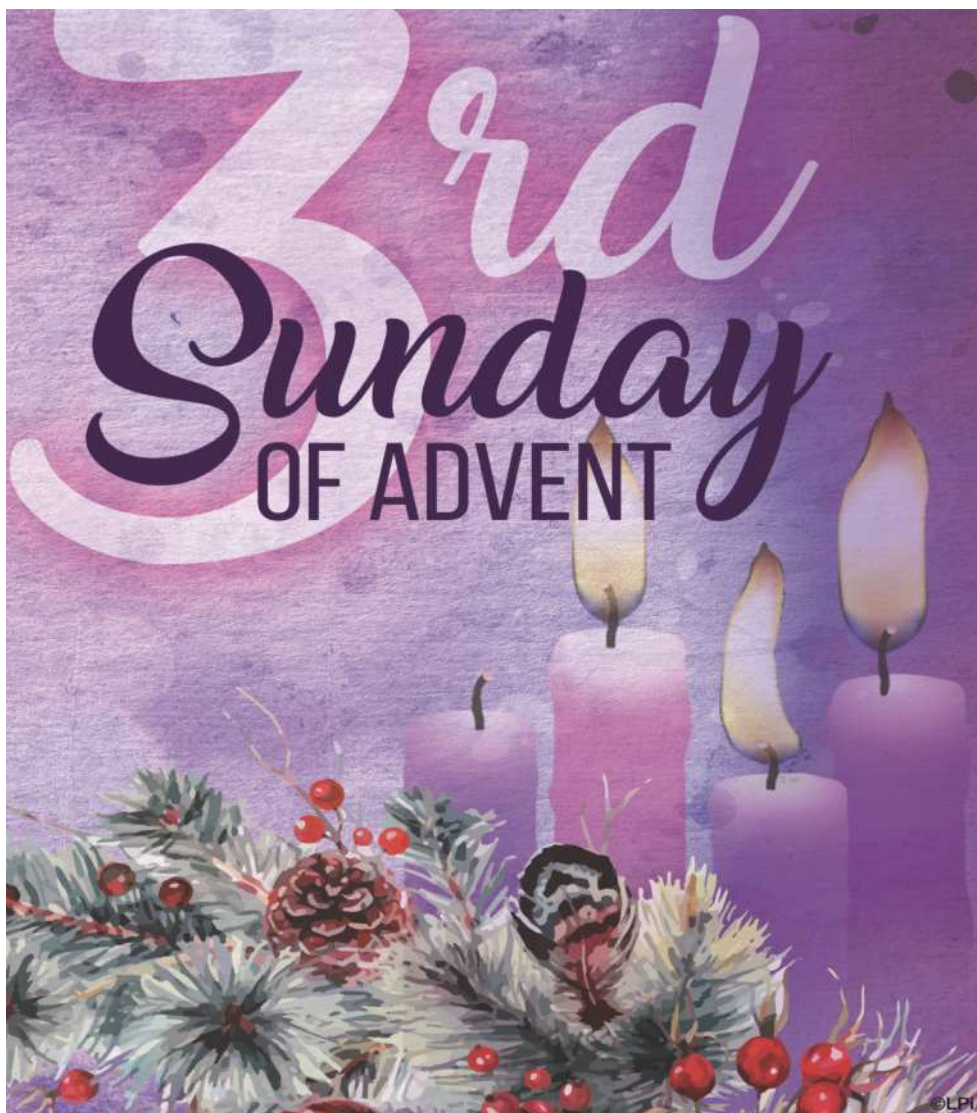
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Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, registration forms in the vestibule of either parish or on the parish website. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!

For ALL sacramental related inquiries, please contact Fr. Vincent directly at 573-238-2450. You do not have to go through the parish office since Father keeps his own calendar and makes his own appointments.

Liturgical Roles

December 20 - 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Bryson & Bentley Green

Lector: Dennis Horrell

Extraordinary Min. *Derek Jansen

Ushers: Chad & Michael VanGennip

Offertory: Brian & Beth Eeftink

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Ernestine Bueter

Sunday, December 21, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Camdyn Schreiner, Alaina Long

Lector: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Extraordinary Min.: *Courtney
Beussink Bob Clubb, Jean Clubb

Choir Min.: Kelly Schreiner

Ushers: Derek & Brady Halter

Offertory: Jimmy & Crystal Thele
Family

Sacristan: Abby Bohnsack

Rosary: Peggy Nenninger

Sunday, December 21, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Violet & Olive Deck

Lector: Addison Engelen

Extraordinary Min.: *Harlan Elfrink,
Leann Jansen, Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Choir Min.: Holly Hoesli

Ushers: Ted Eftink, Nate Forrester

Offertory: Family of Joyce Landewee

Sacristan: Sheryl Eftink

Rosary: Gerard Macke

StoneBridge & Homebound

Extraordinary Minister for

December 21: Caydence Jansen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, December 15

6:55-7:10AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

7:15 AM MASS - Gerald Jansen † (SJ)

8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, December 16

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - Gary Meyer † (SJ)

Wednesday, December 17

9:00 AM - "Waiting Well" with Fr. Mike (church office)

3:15 PM - Rosary Club (school cafeteria)

5:30 - 5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

6:00 PM MASS - Leslie Meritt † (SA)

6:00 PM - Midnight Mass Choir Practice (SJ)

Thursday, December 18

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members Herman & Helen Seiler Family (SJ)

Church Staff Meeting/Christmas Meal (Time & Location TBD)

Friday, December 19

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

7:20 AM MASS - Bryan Deck † (SJ)

Youth Group Scavenger Hunt at Cape (Time TBD)

Saturday, December 20

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)

8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (St. Anne's)

4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

5:00 PM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

Sunday, December 21

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:00 AM MASS - Parents of Jimmy & Crystal Thele (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Joyce Landewee † (SJ)

1:00 PM STONEBRIDGE MASS - Residents of StoneBridge

5:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)

*Please remember
to turn your
Spiritual Bouquet
prayers for
Fr. Vincent's
40th Ordination
Anniversary in by
December 21st.*

Come to an Open House for Father Vincent's 40th Anniversary of Ordination at the Glennon Hall. December 27 after 5:00 Mass.

Asking from A-M to bring a dessert and N-Z to bring finger foods.
Come show your appreciation for his service to God and our parishes.

DECEMBER EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

Due to the publishing company closing for Christmas and New Years they are requiring the following early bulletin deadlines:

Sunday, December 28 Bulletin Items are due Sunday, Dec. 21 at noon

Sunday, January 4 Bulletin Items are due Tuesday, Dec. 23 at noon

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

Third Sunday of Advent

Last Sunday reflected on the message of John the Baptist. This Sunday we are invited to focus our attention on the man behind that message, namely, the person of John the Baptist. “Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist” (Mt 11/11). How did he become worthy of such a glowing and great compliment?

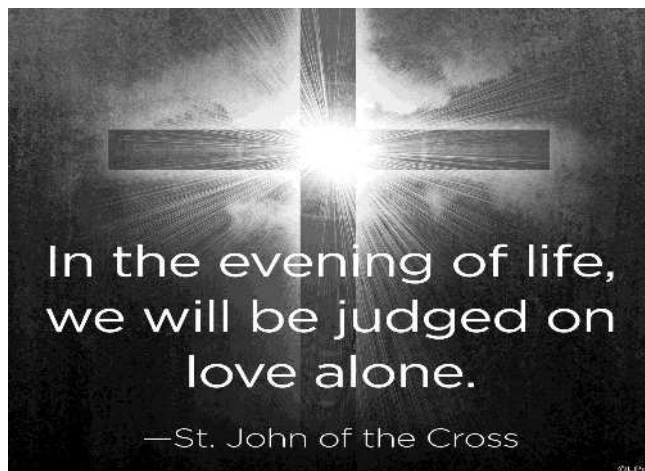
The Gospels present John the Baptist in three important locations: the wilderness, near the River Jordan, and in the prison. Here is an important lesson that John the Baptist teaches us: There will be times when you are in the lime-light – preaching powerfully and baptizing mightily. But there would also come times when you are banished to isolation like a prison cell – with only the four walls of loneliness for company!

In every moment of life – be it the glory of the wilderness, the beauty of the rivers of admiration or the isolation of the prison, can we remain faithful to God’s will? We need to realize that God is pleased with our fidelity more than our performances. We need to be zealous for the ways of God knowing that He will turn everything for our good.

Prayer: “Lord, give us the courage of John the Baptist to repent, turn from sin, and prepare a straight path in our hearts for the coming of Christ.” Amen.

St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC



Adult Education Notes

Being silent is hard.

Finding silence in our busy lives is even harder.

It is difficult to hear God’s voice amidst the noise and distraction of our external environment. From time to time, we must withdraw into the quiet garden of our heart, to speak with God Who dwells there.

We can only do this by making room for silence and solitude in our lives.

But how? It seems like everywhere we go, we are confronted by distractions, screens, flashy news headlines, and noise. One of the best ways to find interior silence is by carving out time for prayer, where peace and silence await.

Even the busiest of us can find a bit of time for prayer each day.

After all, Jesus Himself was a very busy man. During His public ministry, thousands sought to see Him every day.

But even He found time for silence.

The Gospels tell us that He would frequently withdraw to deserted places to pray (Lk. 5:16). Jesus gave this example to His Apostles and to us, teaching us that we, too, need to withdraw sometimes and seek time with Him.

But once we find the time, how do we do the prayer? So, how can we imitate Christ and seek silence?

- 1) Do I spend any time in silence each day?
- 2) Do I seek out silence? Or do I fill in any opportunity for quiet time with noise instead?
- 3) Do I turn on music in the car when I could drive in silence for a while?
- 4) Do I phone a friend when I could spend some time in prayer?
- 5) Do I speak when words are unnecessary?
- 6) Do I stop to contemplate the sovereignty of God and consider His majesty?
- 7) Do I actively seek to know and do God’s will, so that I can better discern what He is asking of me?
- 8) Do I make time to be alone with God in prayerful silence?

These questions can guide you to a more accurate sense of the role of silence in your life, so you can begin to carve out time for increased silence.

Our Lord understands that prayer can be difficult for us, and He has not left us without help.

He has provided us with a guide in the form of His Church. The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has a rich prayer tradition, and it is time we all learned from it!

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Council History - 2010: A four wheeler dance generated a profit just short of \$9,000. A benefit was held for the rebuild of the shrine in the front of the hall. Seminarian donations started this year with sponsorship of Charles Dunn Jr. The Council hosted the District Babe Ruth baseball tournament.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:2-3) John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to his voice. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. **Vocation Crucifix for December: Charles & Eva Dunn** *For our parish, that we accompany young people discerning priesthood or consecrated life with prayerful support, let us pray to the Lord.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Christmas Novena & Scavenger Hunt: Friday, December 19. 6-9 PM at St. Mary School Gym, Cape. Open to grades 6-12. Contact Ky-la to sign up to attend. Drivers also needed!

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Correction: 43 gallons of food items were delivered to the Amen Center. Thanks to all who contributed.

Thanks to everyone who took tags for gifts from the StoneBridge Nursing Home board to make a resident's holiday brighter.

Today is the day for our Country Christmas Home Tour with viewing from 1-4 PM, organ Christmas music from 3-4 and soup and cookies from 230-430. Come join us for a fun filled afternoon. You are supporting our youth as they share the profits and thank our homeowners for sharing their homes with us. If you have never been, this is the year. If questions, call Geri at 573-208-6445.

Remember our Red Cross Blood Drive is Wednesday, January 7th. Save a life, make your appointment now. Thanks.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Please return giving tree gifts with tags attached to church this weekend. Contact Amanda McDonough at 573-238-5199 with questions. Thank you!

ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AND CLASSROOMS: Numerous activities, Advent calendars, Bible reading plans, saint of the week, etc., can be found at the following Catholic publishing companies online: Loyola Press; St. Mary's Press; Our Sunday Visitor

PROLIFE ST. JOHN CONTEST WINNERS:

Kindergarten:

1st-Alayna Wiseman
2nd-Birdie Vandeven
3rd-Oliver Meador

1st-2nd Grades:

1st-Amelia Gregg
2nd-Lena Harris
3rd-Nora Nussbaum

3rd-4th Grades:

1st-Autumn Landewee
2nd-Jacob Nenninger
3rd-Quinton Hoesli

T-Shirt Contest:

1st-Nellie Langston

1st place winners will go on to enter Diocese contest. Good luck!

Diocese & Area Events

Totus Tuus Missionary Applications NOW

OPEN! Every summer, the Office of Youth Ministry sends multiple teams of young-adult (ages 18-25 yrs.) missionaries to visit various parishes and engage in ministry with youth in 1st-12th grade. Registration for Totus Tuus missionaries is now open! Young adult Catholics with a love for their faith, a willingness to learn, and a desire to participate in ministry will thrive in this PAID role. Missionaries have their meals, travel, and housing provided during the eight weeks of training and ministry. Anyone interested in the role of a Totus Tuus missionary can contact Simon Elfrink, selfrink@dioscg.org apply online at <https://forms.gle/17QJG8UJ562XYKPd9>.

CORRECTION: UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS The next MEN'S weekend is February 26-March 1, 2026. The next WOMEN'S weekend is March 19-22, 2026.

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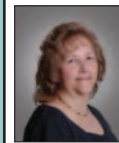
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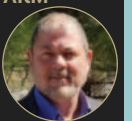
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