

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

December 7, 2008

"I am the Alpha and the Omega"

4607 West State Road 46

Bloomington, IN 47404-9255

Website: www.sjabloomington.org



Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday, Thursday	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Friday*	8:30 a.m.
*First Friday	5:15 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Wednesday, Friday	8:00 a.m.
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Evening Prayer (Vespers)

Tuesday, Thursday	5:00 p.m.
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Parish Offices 876-1974

Monday through Thursday	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
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Fr. Michael Fritsch, Pastor..... ext.207

Diane Keucher, Secretary

Joseph Brake, Youth Coordinator

Lynn Hansen, Religious Education Dir

Chuck Peters, Choir Director..... ext.204

Kevin Pauley, Maintenance

Michele Graf, Preschool

Ruth Dube, Bookkeeper

Organizations

Parish Council (with year term ends)

Jim Reinhart '09, Chair

John Kubisch '10, Vice-Chair

Joni Hillerman '09, Secretary

Mark Franklin '11

Brad Howard '11

Janet Johnson '10

Dale DeSmith '10.....

Rick Routon '09.....

Kathy Ryan '11

Commissions

Parish Fellowship:.. Mary Lou Cottrill.....

Faith Formation: Dan Perez.....

Finance:..... Barb Tapp

Liturgy: Lynn Hansen.....

Maintenance:..... Ed Timperman.....

Peace and Justice: ... Donna Wenstrup

Stewardship: Jim Wade

Women's Club: Marilyn Hopkins

Parish Membership

Welcome! Fill out the full-page yellow Registration form which is available in the Pamphlet Rack in the entranceway. Return through the collection basket or to the church office. Moving? Please give us your new address.

Baptism

Second and Fourth Sunday of the month after 7:30 or 10:00 Mass. Call Parish Office for more information.

Reconciliation

Any time by appointment, and Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Marriage

Marriage preparation is available for registered members of St. John the Apostle. Please contact the pastor for an appointment at least **six months** before a proposed wedding date.

Religious Education

Programs for children-September through May

Kindergarten-Grade 10 Sunday, 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults 876-1974 ext. 203

Adult Catechetical Team (ACT)..... 876-1974 ext. 203

Natural Family Planning

Jason and Kristi Barnett

Dale and Monica Siefker

Counseling

Catholic Charities. Individual, marital, and family counseling available on a sliding-fee scale. Call 332-1262 for an appointment.

Knights of Columbus

Bob Muldoon, Grand Knight

Joe O'Connor, Faithful Navigator

Daughters of Isabella

Donna Hawk

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Furniture Donations

Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator

Lorraine Rodts.....

Bulletin Editor

Diane Keucher876-1974 ext 205

Please submit bulletin items by noon on Tuesday .

Items can be emailed to dkeucher@sjabloomington.org

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2008



Intentions for the Week

Sunday (Dec 7) Immaculate Conception, Ant.
(Ad Orientem)
7:00PM For Our Parish

Monday (Dec 8) Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
NOON +Mary Lebano

Tuesday (Dec 9) St. Juan Diego
5:30PM +Rita LaRoche

Wednesday (Dec 10) Weekday
8:30AM +Harry, May and Roger Kidwell

Thursday (Dec 11) St. Damasus I
5:30PM +Gerald Padget

Friday (Dec 12) Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30AM +Poor Souls

Saturday (Dec 13) Third Sunday of Advent, Ant.
5:00PM +Irma Morris

Sunday (Dec 14) Third Sunday of Advent
7:30AM For Our Parish
10:00AM +Mike Ryan

Next Sunday's Scriptures

Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11
 2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel John 1: 6-8, 19-28



Parish Tithing

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me.

Amen. - St. Ignatius of Loyola

Last Week's Offering:	\$	6,371.00
Needed each week:	\$	7,241.00
Weekly Over/ <u>Under</u> Budget:	— \$	870.00
Short of needed YTD:	— \$	9,234.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	2,043.00

*FLOWERS FOR IMMACULATE
 CONCEPTION GIVEN
 IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH JANSON
 AND MARY LEBANO*

MONDAY (DEC 8)
NOON IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

TUESDAY (DEC 9)
 5:00PM Liturgy of the Hours: Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY (DEC 10)
 8:00AM Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer
 10:30AM St. Vincent de Paul
 6:30PM Christmas Program Rehearsal
 6:45PM Regnum Christi
 7:00PM St. Agnes Penance Service

THURSDAY (DEC 11)
 5:00PM Liturgy of the Hours: Evening Prayer
 6:00PM Women's Club Christmas Party
 7:00PM Men's Fellowship

FRIDAY (DEC 12)
 8:00AM Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer
 6:30PM PC/Commissions Christmas Party
 6:30PM St. John Scrapbooking

SATURDAY (DEC 13)
 4:30PM Rosary before Mass

NEXT SUNDAY (DEC 14) K of C Strudel Delivery
 8:30-9:45AM R.E.P. Grades K-10
 8:50AM Adult Study Group
 4:00PM Lessons & Carols/Christmas Pageant/
 Reception/Cookie Exchange

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Mon Dec 15 NO MASS
 Tue Dec 16 Liturgy of the Hours: Evening Prayer, 5:00PM
 Wed Dec 17 Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer, 8:00AM
 MOMS Group, 9:30AM
 Brownie Scouts, 6:00PM
ST. JOHN PENANCE SERVICE, 7:00PM
 Thur Dec 18 Liturgy of the Hours: Evening Prayer, 5:00PM
 Fri Dec 19 Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer, 8:00AM



Dec. 11 Women's Club Christmas Party, 6:00pm
Dec. 14 Lessons & Carols/ Christmas Pageant/Reception/ Cookie Exchange, 4:00pm
Dec. 28 Family Game Night, 6:30pm



"God has found me worthy to be a minister of His Gospel, and so when I speak, I strive to please God and not men."

1 Thessalonians 2:4, 3

+Dear Friends,

Advent is such a wonderful time of year and liturgical season! We are offered a feast of Scripture that can inspire and rekindle us as we wait in a joyful hope for the coming of the Lord.

In today's Liturgy of the Word, Isaiah the prophet speaks of a place being prepared in the desert where the glory of the Lord will be revealed. In the Gospel, St. John the Baptist makes his appearance in the desert announcing the coming of the Lord Jesus; the Messiah.

As we go forth from Mass today, let us take with us God's sacred words. Let us pray that those "dry places" within our hearts; our own "deserts" you might say, will be transformed as the glory of the Lord is made present in our midst through the Holy Eucharist, through the Word proclaimed, through His priest and through one another. Let us continue to make our Advent prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Perhaps we could take the time this week to name one of those "dry places;" one of those "deserts" in our own spiritual lives that needs new life this Advent Season.

Sunday evening at 7:00pm and Monday at noon, we will gather to celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation of the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. It is our national feast day as well. We celebrate the truth that the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception in the womb of St. Ann, was preserved from all stain of Original Sin. Our Blessed Mother was chosen from all eternity to become the Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ. What a grace and what a gift! She is our Mother as well and we should always turn to her in prayer and intercession!

As we listen to the familiar story of the Annunciation, let us never be afraid to utter Mary's response, "Let it be done unto me according to your word" in our own lives! We, too, are called to be "God-Bearers."

God bless you all!



Into the Catholic Church and the parish family of St. John the Apostle, we welcome:

RILEY EDWARD MARTIN
the son of Thomas and Johnna

who was presented for the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 30, 2008.



We will be collecting for Christmas flowers after all Masses next week.

VOCATION CROSS INITIATIVE

This week the Vocation Cross will be passed

from the Joseph Branham Family
to Joe Jachim Jr. Family

to pray for vocations to the Priesthood,
Religious Life, Sacred Married Life and
Sacred Single Life.



Deanery Advent Penance Services

All begin at 7:00PM

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| Wednesday, Dec. 10 | St. Agnes, Nashville |
| Thursday, Dec. 11 | St. Martin, Martinsville |
| Tuesday, Dec. 16 | St. Vincent, Bedford |
| Wednesday, Dec. 17 | St. John the Apostle |
| Thursday, Dec. 18 | St. Jude, Spencer |

"Our Savior gave the sacrament of penance and confession to His Church so that we may be cleansed from all our iniquities no matter how often and how greatly we have been defiled by them...Why should we die a spiritual death when we have this sovereign remedy at hand?"

+St. Francis de Sales

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: Please help someone less fortunate this Christmas season by taking a tag from the Giving Tree. Gifts should be wrapped and the tag taken from the tree should be securely attached to the gift. Please return no later than December 20.

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K OF C STRUDEL SALES: Last year, the K of C was able to support 3 seminarians through this fundraiser. If you haven't ordered your strudels yet, this weekend is the last chance to order for pick-up next week. Support our seminarians and get a great dessert at the same time!

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HELP WANTED: We are currently in need of several new people to serve as Sacristans to launder the altar linens. Please contact Donna McGarvey at 332-8766 to volunteer or get more information.

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PARISH GAME NIGHT: On Sunday, Dec. 28 at 6:30 PM, there will be a Game Night in the gym for all ages. Bring your board games, cards, dominoes, etc., along with a snack and a 2 liter bottle of pop to share. Come enjoy some fun and fellowship with your parish family this Christmas season!

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LESSONS AND CAROLS/CHRISTMAS PAGEANT/COOKIE EXCHANE: This year the children's Christmas pageant will be incorporated into Lessons and Carols instead of preceding the 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Please plan to join us next Sunday at 4:00pm for this special celebration. See the bulletin insert for more information about the program. A reception with light refreshments will follow. If you would like to participate in the cookie exchange, check out the info in the insert.

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ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to the Women's Club Christmas party on December 11. See today's insert for more info. See you there!

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Next weekend's collection will include an envelope for the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.** Please support this appeal and, in doing so, honor those sisters, nuns, brothers, and priests who have brought us closer to God, following His call, trusting that He will provide for their temporal needs until He calls them home.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: Winter weather can make driving conditions unsafe. In such cases we feel that cancelling Religious Ed. classes is in everyone's best interest. We will try to contact each family by phone but you can also find out about cancellations by turning to WCLS 97.7 FM radio. Cancellations will be broadcast after 7:00a.m on Sundays when weather conditions force closings. Remember, conditions can vary greatly throughout the area. If you do not hear of any cancellations, rely upon your own assessment of the conditions in your neighborhood. Please call the Religious Ed Office at 876-1975 ext. 203 if your children will be absent.

From Monroe County United Ministries

Dear St. John the Apostle Catholic Church,

Thank you for your food donations to MCUM's Emergency Food Pantry. In 2007, with the help of people like you, we were able to provide food to 4,651 of our neighbors in need.

Your contribution of 2,344 of food on 11/19/08 and 43 pounds on 11/20/08 will help the continuation of these services. So far this year we have collected a total of 63,133 pounds of food from members of our community.

Thank you for making a difference!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MINISTERS

**Sunday, December 7
7:00PM**

Servers: Kevin Doyle
Bryan Wells
Laramie Perez
Devyn Blandford

Reader: Lorraine Rodts

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

B1 Bob Zapfe
B2 Donna Zapfe
B3 Debby Beckley
C1 Ron Cornell
C2 George Feaster

Welcome: VOLUNTEERS
PLEASE

Mass Coordinator:
Juliet Frey

**Monday, December 8
NOON**

Servers: Andre Siefker
Isaac Siefker
Nick Jachim
MC—Joe Jachim

Reader: Regina Payne

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

B1 Roger Sawyer
B2 Lynn Hansen
B3 Lorraine Rodts

Welcome: Bill Cottrill
Mary Lou Cottrill

Mass Coordinator:
Paul Sullivan

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NEXT WEEKEND'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, December 13
5:00PM**

Servers: Matt Mest
Bryan Wells

Cantor: See Schedule

Reader: Maryann Williams

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

B1 Ed Fleming
B2 Juliet Frey
B3 Donald Hayes
C1 Lynn Hansen
C2 Suzanne Sullivan

Welcome: Donna Hawk
Bruce Houghtelin
Virginia Houghtelin
Jon Nordhoff
Julie Nordhoff
Kay Keays

Mass Coordinator:
Suzanne Sullivan

**Sunday, December 14
7:30AM**

Servers: Andre Siefker
Isaac Siefker

Reader: Linda Shanks

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

B1 Mary Zapfe

Welcome: Jerry David
Betty David
Ralf Smith

**Sunday, December 14
10:00AM**

Servers: Kyle Field
TJ Field
Damian Waikel
Nathan Waikel

Cantor: See Schedule

Reader: Judi Perez

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

B1 Janet Johnson
B2 James Loughead
B3 Jeff Owens
C1 Sue Owens
C2 Jane Reinhart
C3 Jim Reinhart
C4 Lorraine Rodts

Welcome: Ed Timperman
Liz Timperman
Jim Reinhart
Jane Reinhart
Bill Williams
Maryann Williams

Mass Coordinator:
Lorraine Rodts

Counters: Kathleen McNeely
Helen Malin
Marie Velasco
Valerie Osborn

