

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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December 3, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

My dear brothers and sisters.

Today, we begin a new liturgical year with the first Sunday of Advent. Today's Gospel speaks about the future and present coming of Jesus. The key-word placed before us is 'readiness.' He calls on his disciples to be on their guard and to stay awake because they never know when the time will come. Here, Jesus gives a parable about a man traveling abroad. He does two things: he gives various responsibilities to his servants, and he warns the doorkeeper to be vigilant. Jesus tells us to stay awake because no one knows when the Master of the house is coming: in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow, or in the morning. If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find his chosen

ones asleep and unprepared. Therefore, he asks all to stay awake and alert. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the here and now. He calls his disciples to focus on the immediate events that will occur shortly. He gives the example of faithful and trustworthy servants who behave loyally during the absence of their Master. They have their responsibilities, and they know what they are supposed to do. When the Master eventually returns, the faithful servants will be in good stead because they have done what they were supposed to do. They have done their task with diligence and loyalty. Let us not be caught unawares. The Christian who listens to the words of Jesus lives in permanent expectation of his coming and will welcome him as the long-awaited Master arrives from his journey. ~ Fr. Babychan MSFS

"The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged and fresh, just as he found them." St. Francis de Sales

Pastoral Council

Genevieve Flores Katie Haby
Keith Howard Brett Hutto
Ryan Lessing Rose Mary Mares
Michele Mechler

Next Pastoral Council
Meeting Jan. 18, 2024 6pm

Next Finance Council
Meeting Dec. 15, 2023 5pm

Finance Council

Diane Cheney
Rey Bernal
Robert Knight
Stephen Long
Connie Shullanberger

Attendance Nov. 18/19: 532 Nov. 25/26: 553
CONTRIBUTIONS Weekly Parish Goal: \$7,000

	Nov. 18/19	Nov. 25/26
Regular Offering	\$5,601.00	\$6,603.00
Building Fund/Maintenance	610.00	160.00
Children's Offering	96.50	148.00

ADORATION with the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Thursday - Chapel - 8:30am
Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am
Followed by Benediction
On the last Thursday of the month, anointing of the sick will follow the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Parish Office Open M-F 9am-4pm
Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff
Bookkeeper Annabel Deibler
Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman
Custodian Tony Ortiz
Part-time Custodian Eufasio Castillo
Religious Ed Office open M-F 9:30am-4pm
DRE Sylvia Fernandez (Tues 10am-4pm)
Office Clerk Kris Cardenaz
RCIA Director Mary Jo Peters

Masses

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday (Spanish Mass) 7:45 am
Sunday 10:00 am
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am
Wed. (Spanish Mass) 6:00 pm
Rosary is prayed 1/2 hr. before each Mass.

Confession

Saturday at 5:00 pm or by appointment
After morning Mass on Thursday

PRE-BAPTISM Classes:

3rd Sunday of the Month
2 pm Religious Education Building
Must pre-register for class
Contact Parish Office to schedule Baptism.

MARRIAGES:

Contact Pastor six months in advance.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

Student must be enrolled and attending RE classes and meet with Pastor.

FUNERALS:

Contact Parish Office.

In our Thoughts & Prayers

Patrick Adamietz	Rene Aguirre
Heather Ahr	Steven Avila
Genaro Avila	Brian Bader
Tommie Bragdon	Juan Ybarra
Maria Cardenas	Chris Cole Valerie Cole
Riley Cole	Thomas Cuellar
Trina Cuellar	Grace De Leon
Tommy Delgado	Kimberly Escamilla
Tim Favor	Leila Fuentes
Rosa Garcia	Vincent Garza
Marissa Ibarra	Alleen Koch
Lucy Herrera	Tony Mendoza
John Henry Martinez	Jerry Neal
Jerry Mullans	Lorenzo Ortiz
Milo Quintanilla	Mark Reus
Anna Reyes	Lupe Sanchez
Jerry Robles	
Mary Rose Sanchez	
Gonzalo Torres	Joe Ventura, Jr.
Darlene Wiemers	Daniel Willman

Call 741-2236 to add or remove someone from the list. Names will be kept on the list a minimum of 3 weeks.

Upcoming Second Collections

TODAY ! December 3, 2023 - Missionaries of St. Frances de Sales
December 10, 2023 - Retired Men & Women Religious

Try our convenient online giving at:
<https://www.givecentral.org/pew-card/941>

Or, text to give using the keyword **SUNDAY** at: 830-218-1667

MASS Intentions

December 4 - 10, 2023

MONDAY - December 4 - (no Mass):

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY - December 5 - 8am - Chapel:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

- 1) † Alfonso Treviño by Family
- 2) † Olin Gilliam by Allen & Monie Koch

WEDNESDAY - December 6 - 8am - Chapel:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

- 1) † Jim Wendland by Carla Dubin
- 2) † Allen Boehme by Wayne & Yvonne Stein

WEDNESDAY - December 6 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel:

Is 25, 6-10/Sal 22, 1-3, 3-4, 5, 6/Mt 15, 29-37

- 1) Special Intention for Frances Cordova

THURSDAY - December 7 - 8am - Chapel:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

- 1) † Jim Wendland by Carla Dubin
- 2) † Olin Gilliam by Theresa Gilliam
- 3) † Allen Boehme by his Mother

FRIDAY - December 8 - 8am - Chapel:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

- 1) † Bobby Van De Walle by Robert & Janie Benavides
- 2) † Olin Gilliam by David & Gloria Bendele

FRIDAY - December 8 - 12pm - Chapel:

- 1) † Olin Gilliam by Rosie Rothe

FRIDAY - December 8 - (6pm bilingual) - Chapel:

- 1) † Kenneth Bendele by Wade Finger & Family

SATURDAY - December 9 - 6pm - Church:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

- 1) † Jose Angel Salazar Family by Ernesto Salazar
- 2) † Fortunado Flores Family by Ernesto Salazar
- 3) † Kenneth Bendele by Terry & Maxine Dudley

SUNDAY - December 10 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church

Is 40, 1-5, 9-11/Sal 84, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pe 3, 8-14/Mc 1, 1-8

- 1) For St. John's Parish

SUNDAY - December 10 - 10am Church

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

- 1) † Kenneth Bendele by Dennis & Susan Herrmann
- 2) † Henry & Doris Haby by Bill & Bonnie Moos
- 3) For St. John's Parish

Send bulletin items to:
parishsecretary@stjohnnevangelist.org
Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 3:

- *8:45am - Faith Formation Classes - RE Bldg.

Monday, December 4:

- *7pm - BINGO - Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 5:

- *10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance - RE Building
- *6pm - Matechines Practice - church

Wednesday, December 6:

- *6pm - Faith Formation Classes - RE Bldg.
- *7pm - Danza Practice - Church

Thursday, December 7:

- *9am - Saturday evening Choir Practice - Church
- *8:30am - Adoration - Chapel
- *10am - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

Friday, December 8: Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, December 9:

- *5pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, December 10:

- *7:45am - Celebration of Feast of OLG
- *4pm - **Parish Christmas Gathering** - Parish Hall



*Angel Tree Gifts to Parish Office
by December 15, 2023*



At St. John's During the Month November

Baptisms- Elianna Grace Perez
Angel Noel Garza
Funerals - Carmel Ramirez, Raymond Garcia
Guadalupe Gauna, Mary Jane Arausa
Esmeralda Rodriguez,

Next Sunday!!!



St. John's Parish
Christmas Gathering

December 10, 2023
4pm in the Parish Hall

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday December 9, 2023 6pm

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud
Ministers of Hospitality: Charlie Arcos,
James Schoellman, Fred Schueling

Commentator: Karen Moos

Lector: R. J. Neely

Sacristan: Rose Scholtz

Extraordinary Ministers: Rose Scholtz

Ellen Schueling, Veronica Valenzuela

Altar Servers Molly Lessing, John Lessing,

Cyley Lopez

Sunday December 10, 2023 7:45am

(Mark Urby) Rosary Leader: Genoveva Medina

Ministers of Hospitality: Jerry Lopez,
Gabriel Rodriguez, Ray Ybarra

Commentator: Ruben Hernandez

Lector: Refugio Herrera

Sacristan: Diane Ybarra

Extraordinary Ministers: Diane Ybarra,

Carolina Trujillo, Dolores Carrillo

Altar Servers: Biankka Gonzales, Victoria Fuentes

Charellez Maxie, Isabella Rodriguez, Gabriel Rodriguez

Sunday December 10, 2023 10am

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Judy Williams

Ministers of Hospitality: Roger Lopez,
Blake Halbardier, Daniel Guedea

Commentator: Michele Mechler

Lector: Kelly Howard Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Michele Rothe

Extraordinary Ministers: Michelle Hutto,

Mary Jo Peters, Nancy Beck, Aurora Crooks

Altar Servers: Hilario Garcia, Leila Garcia,

Victoria Bustos, Ava De Leon

Thank You to our Volunteers!

December Altar Care: Ellen Schueling, Janet Bradley,
Nancy Beck

Linens: Rose Scholtz, Denise Oefinger

BINGO - Jeanie Gomez, Lisa Lillie

Nancy Beck, Dorothy Torres

Hospital Visitation: Rose Scholtz, Linda Fillinger

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will see clients "in person" only (no phone calls) at their office in the Religious Ed Building on Tuesdays 10am-12 noon.



As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert: as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to one again bless our lives. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas

Medina County Food Pantry will have food distribution each Monday from 10am - 12pm (or while supplies last) — no vouchers needed. Closed Tuesday.

There will be food box distributions before Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The following donations are requested for Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Boxes:

Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing for Turkeys, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams,

Mini Marshmallow, Canned Corn & French Style Green Beans, Dried Onion,

Cream of Mushroom/Chicken Soup, Brownie/Cake Mix, Frosting,

Canned Evaporated Milk, Corn Bread Mix (small boxes),

Turkey Gravy (packets or jars), Brown Sugar (small bag)



Honor your loved one, living or deceased, with a poinsettia or evergreen decorating the altar during the Christmas season.

\$20 each Sponsored by

St. John's Altar Society

Order forms can be found at the back of the church or the parish office. Completed forms and money should be returned to the parish office.

**Do you know someone who shares the light of Christ in their life & in their ministry to the Church?*****Lumen Gentium Award 2024***

This award will be bestowed upon an individual Catholic member, or couple, of our parish who has demonstrated by their life, service and ministry a participation in the mission of Christ Jesus and the Church.

If you know a deserving parishioner from St. John's, please get a nomination form at the back of church or at the Parish Office and return the completed form to the Parish Office by **December 5, 2023**.

VIRTUS.... Not one person, not even one Archdiocese, can protect all children / vulnerable adults. Abuse is an epidemic problem in our entire society but we intend to do everything we can to stop it. We are offering *Child/ Adult Safety* instruction to protect children, youth, vulnerable adults. We will also educate parents who have a responsibility to safeguard the children in their care. *Children / Vulnerable Adults cannot protect themselves from a predator.* We know they need trusted and loving adults in whom they can confide any concern or fear. You are that person and we want to work with you for the good of all children/ vulnerable adults in this Archdiocese. Spanish and English classes will be offered. This is a responsibility we cannot push off on someone else. This is our responsibility. You may call the Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment at 210-734-7786 or toll free 1-877-700-1888, or call Fr. Babychan at the parish office at 830-741-2236.

Catholic Faith Formation

♦Adults who have never been Baptized or Baptized into another Faith and are thinking of joining the Catholic Church

♦Never celebrated First Communion or Confirmation...

Come and Inquire! Join us on a journey of Faith leading to transformation of your mind and Spirit.

If interested contact Mary Jo Peters, Coordinator (830-426-1181) or Sylvia Fernandez at 830-741-2284 in the CCE office.

♦Children from the ages 7 thru 17 needing Sacraments of Initiation may contact Sylvia Fernandez at 830-741-2284.

Youth Ministry

Check us out on Facebook at St. John's Youth Group Page

Teen ACTS January 4 -7, 2024

Adult Volunteers needed. Please call the Parish Office.

If you or your ministry would like to provide a meal for our youth gatherings, please contact Christine Ortega.

Come share your time, treasure, and talent.

Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Live Nativity
Thursday, December 14, 2023

6pm
In the Prayer Garden

Happy Birthday!

12/4 Mailan Conchas, Victor Elizondo, Easton Graff, Norma Gutierrez, Fernando Herrera, Dulce Leyva, Kiara Montalvo, Greg Muennink, Mirage Rodriguez, Trisha Salazar

12/5 Livia Arcos, Mason Bragdon, Oscar Contreras, Jason Cross, Oscar De Luna, Alexis Gauna, Marvin Ivy

12/6 Krystiana Alanko, Cassie Bendele, Anthony Cortinas, Gilbert Flores, Jessica Garcia, Jackie Garcia, Jeremy Garza, Katrina Tapia

12/7 Eva Fowler, Lorena Garza, Carol Purvis

12/8 Daniel Daigle, David De Leon, Jose De Leon, James Garza, Zevren Gonzales, Jeremee Lopez, Jamian Martinez, Jacob Posey, Sue Woolls, Christopher Ybarra

12/9 Ricardo Flores, Jacob Garza, Norma Leyva, Henry Mejia, Sonia Richardson, Rebecca Saucedo

12/10 Felipa Cuellar, Jordan Oefinger

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