

Don't miss out...

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RESULTS next weekend!!!

This bulletin was due 12/8 because of the upcoming Holy Days. Besides, this is the scheduled follow-up weekend. Results shown here next weekend. United as One in Christ, will meet this and every challenge!

“ONLY LOVE” a fantastic musical presentation on this Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7pm. Directed by Mary Jane Insull and sung by our Choir!

GAUDETE SUNDAY—(Rose vestments)

Advent's theme is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: His first, His present and His final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord — Christian joy — as well as the mission of St. John the Baptist and his connection with Advent.

Theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing -- sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death -- can take that love away." As joy can be present even in the midst of sadness.

CATHOLICS are obligated to worship Every Sunday and Christmas is also a Holy Day of Obligation so.....

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4 Sunday Advent

Saturday 23rd 5pm
Sunday 24th 9am, Noon

Christmas

Sunday 24th
4pm, 6pm, Midnight
Monday 25th
10am

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat. 5:00pm** Repose of the soul of Porky Deporspero, requested by Deporspero family.
- Sun.9:00am** Thank you to the Conrad Family Foundation.
- Sun.12:00pm** Repose of the soul of John Conway, requested by the Bereavement Ministry.

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory TBD
Retirement for Religious second collection is TODAY

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There will be **NO SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES** on Sun. Dec. 24th and Sun. Dec.31st. Classes resume on Sun. Jan. 7th, 2018.



St. Anna's students make Advent Wreaths in School of Religion Class.



Spiritual Short Courses for Christians

“Spiritual Short Courses for Christians” meets on today, in the Parish Hall from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for good coffee & great conversation.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Faith Formation **T SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED** and can be picked up in the School of Religion office this weekend. You can also pick your t-shirt up during the week (Tues. – Fri. from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) **THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT OF THIS FUNDRAISER.**

WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) will not meet on Wed. 27th. The next WYN will take place on Wed. Jan. 10th, 2018.

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here

K of C Baskets of Cheers Raffle

There will be 6 to 8 Baskets of Cheer raffled this year. All forms of payment accepted
Drawing will be on Dec. 23rd.

Basket of Cheers



Raffle



Congratulations! We have a winner in our Photo Contest!! Congratulations to Christy Breedlove on her Christmas Eve picture of our beautiful St Anna's!!!

Thanks to all who submitted Photos!!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in recognition of a loved one, to be placed at the Altar during the Christmas season, contact Brandy Lake at blake@st-annas.com or call 770/267-7637. The cost of a poinsettia is \$15.00. Due by Dec. 17th, 2017.



Upcoming Discernment Opportunities

The Men's Discernment Retreat will take place on Dec. 29th and 30th at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit as well as next semesters' Discernment Masses held at St. Charles Borromeo House. Please note that the Discernment Masses are for men and women. High school people can attend this as well.

Meeting Times for the Week:

SchRel.Ed: Dec. 17th at 10:15 am
Adult ED(PH): Dec. 17th 10:30 am
Lay Carmelites (105) : Dec. 17th
OLPH (102/3): Dec. 18th at 3:00 pm
Centering Prayer (chpl) Dec. 18 7:00 pm
RCIC (105)/RCIA(PH) Dec. 19 7:00 pm
Bible Study (105): Dec. 20 at 10:00 am
Parish Council(105): Dec. 20th 7:00 pm
Reconciliation: Dec. 23 3:30/4:30 pm



“Draw Near to God and HE will draw near to YOU”. James 4:8

This Christmas give your wife, mother, daughter, or friend a special gift of the Holy Spirit! Encourage her to attend the **Women's Christ Renews His Parish Renewal Weekend on January 27-28, 2018.**

Applications are in the Narthex. For more information please contact: Ginny Harlan (770) 639-7208.



ULTREYA will not gather in December due to the holidays. We will resume in January.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD SCHEDULE

Dec. 17, 9:00 am: Deacon John and Regina Duffield
Dec. 24, 9:00 am: Flynn Warren and Alice Floyd
Dec. 17, 12:00 pm: Betsy Marshall and Russ Hamryka
Dec. 24, 12:00 pm : Barbara Ginn & Marielena Broome

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - TRIVIA NIGHT

Sat. Jan. 20th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Individuals and Teams are welcome to play.

Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Appetizers and refreshments will be available.

BYOB - Come join the fun!

WEEKLY VERSES

A week's worth of God's Word

Dec 17th - Dec. 23rd
Saturday: Confessions
begin at 4 PM

Sun: Is 61:1-2a.10-11. / Lk 1:46-48.49-50.53-54. / 1 Thess. 5:16-24./ Jn 1:6-8.19-28.

Mon: Jer. 23:5-8. / Ps 72(71):1-2.12-13.18-19. / Mt 1:18-24.

Tue: Judges 13:2-7.24-25a. Ps 71(70):3-4a.5-6ab.16-17. / Lk 1:5-25.

Wed: Is 7:10-14. / Ps 24(23):1-2.3-4ab.5-6. / Lk 1:26-38.

Thur: Song 2:8-14. / Ps 33(32):2-3.11-12.20-21. / Lk 1:39-45.

Frid: 1 Sam. 1:24-28. / 1 Sam. 2:1.4-5.6-7.8abcd. / Lk 1:46-56.

Sat : Malachi 3:1-4.23-24. / Ps 25(24):4-5ab.8-9.10.14. / Lk 1:57-66.