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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King ~ November 20, 2011

Thanksgiving 2011

*May we give thanks always and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to our loving God. (Eph 5:20)*

*O gracious God, for the many wonders of our lives we bless Your name.
Guide and strengthen us on life's journey so that we may be the voice and face of Christ
to all we meet along the way, through our actions, attitudes and presence.
We praise and thank You for Your constant care now and always. Amen.*



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Come Join Us!
Parish Thanksgiving Mass—8:30 a.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

7:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday:

7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.;
5:00 p.m. (except July-August)

Weekday:

7:00 a.m. (Monday-Saturday)
Holy Day: (As announced)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30-4 p.m., Chapel
(or by appointment)

The Mission Statement of St. John Parish

*Baptized into Christ,
we are a community of believers,
bonded by our desire to learn and to live
the Gospel message.*

*As a Eucharistic people,
we share a commitment to foster
our personal and communal growth in faith
and to witness to Christ's presence
by our service to those in need,
both within and beyond our parish community.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

This Week:

Sunday, November 20

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Grade 1 Parent Meeting & Visit

Grades 7 & 8 Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Grade 10 Friends for Good* 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Grades 9 & 10 Class 7:00 – 8:00

Next Week:

No Classes

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Classes resume the week of December 4th

* Every student attending the full Friends for Good session will be credited with one-half hour of community service which may be applied to the twenty-five hours required for Confirmation. Students will sign-in upon arrival.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ST. JOHN LECTORS:

The new workbooks, which begin next weekend, 11/27, are now available. Please pick them up in the Glen Road Sacristy.

ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS: *All students in grades 1-8 are invited to participate in the Christmas Youth Choir. High School Assistants are also welcome (counts towards confirmation community service credit)! Four rehearsals remain and will take place on the following dates and times:*

November 20 10:50-11:50 a.m.

December 4 10:50-11:50 a.m.

December 11 10:50-11:50 a.m.

December 18 9:45-11:00 a.m.

*Children will participate in the Parish Christmas Concert 12/11 **AND/OR** Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. Family Mass. All rehearsals are in St. John's Chapel. For more information, please call Maria Wardwell at (781) 237-2148.*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Scripture Study Groups - The importance of understanding scripture is fairly obvious, yet we all need to be reminded from time to time that the Bible is much more than a work of history. Catholics describe the Bible as "the word of God", an expression rich in meaning, for it is also the title often given to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, God the Son. As the introduction to the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible explains: "This close association between God's written word and His eternal word is intentional and has been the custom of the Church since the first generation."

In a few weeks our Parish will organize a number of small study groups to focus, as our first effort, on the Gospel of St. Matthew. While scholars have never pinned down which of the four gospels was the first to be written, Matthew's account is the one quoted most frequently in the literature of earliest Christians. The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, which we will use, is filled not only with background history but clear and complete footnotes, explaining terms, concepts, and essential messages.

We encourage you to very seriously consider joining one of the Scripture Study Groups. There are sample copies of the study guide in the library area on the lower level of the church. Please take a moment to look at it and don't hesitate to contact a member of the Faith Formation Commission if you have questions. If you want to have your name on a list to receive further, specific information about these study groups, send an email message to marciaryan918@gmail.com.

Programs of Interest

November 30, 12:00 noon, B.C. Corcoran Commons, Boston Room, "We Refugees: A Spirituality of Exile"; lunch discussion about Jesus and His connection to refugees.

November 30, 7:00 PM, B.C., Murray Room Yawkey Athletic Center, "Taking Flight, When Jesus was a Refugee"; Fr. Leo O'Donovan, SJ, president emeritus, Georgetown University

December 1, 6:30 PM, B.C. Robsham Theater, "Between Heaven and Mirth", Fr. James Martin SJ

ST. JOHN BUSINESS OFFICE

Will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in celebration of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.



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COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS

This weekend November 19-20, 2011 the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Sisters. Now in its 23rd year, the Collection provides needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. In recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service please give generously. For more information, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious at (617) 746-5637 or SrMarianBarth@rcab.org, or please visit www.retiredreligious.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 19	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	D. Delvena Kloss/ Mary Ellen Smith
	5:00 p.m. Anniversary	†	Jason Keating
Sunday, November 20	7:30 a.m. 7th Anniversary	†	Alice M. Ridge
	8:45 a.m. Memorial	†	Patrice O'Malley Meade
	11:00 a.m. 6th Anniversary	†	John Donovan
	Memorial	†	John Buckley
	Memorial	†	Mary T. Murphy
	Memorial	†	Richard Crino
	Anniversary	†	Sheila Young
	Memorial	†	Caroline Patricia Doiran
	5:00 p.m. Anniversary	†	Robert K. Thorp
Monday, November 21	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Sally Thomas
Tuesday, November 22	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	For the Parish
Wednesday, November 23	7:00 a.m. Anniversary	†	Joan Brady
Friday, November 25	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Dr. Herbert P. Minkel
Saturday, November 26	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	Hugh & Barbara Colliton
Sunday, November 27	8:45 a.m. Memorial	†	Elizabeth Mason
	11:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Adeline & Elmer Swanson
	Memorial	†	Alice & Irwin Bofferding
	Memorial	†	Agnes Marx
	Memorial	†	Sam S. Mullin
	5:00 p.m. 24th Anniversary	†	Kelli K. MacDonald

REMEMBERING ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED: Throughout the month of November, we invite you to inscribe the names of your loved ones in our Memorial Book, which can be found in the Church entrance. This book will be carried to the altar at the offertory of each Mass for our prayerful remembrance.

JOIN IN THE MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS: The music groups (Parish Choir, Family Mass Musicians, Contemporary Music Ensemble) for our regular weekend masses are rehearsing now and welcome your participation. No auditions are required, just a desire to sing or share playing your musical instrument. In addition to those groups there are the special occasion masses and events, e.g. Thanksgiving Day, Parish Christmas Concert, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, where we also welcome your participation. Additional rehearsals for these special events will take place on Sunday evenings, 6:15-7:45 pm on Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 4 and Dec 18 in the Music Office. Understanding that we all have overloaded schedules, you may wish to be part of only one or two of these special holiday events. All are welcome!

ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

The offertory continues to be 8.3% less than last year at this time.

Thanks to all of you who have submitted your Annual Appeal contributions to date.

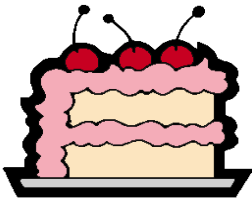
We have reached 39% of our budget for FY2012. Remember December 31 is just around the corner.

PLEASE CHECKOUT **PARISH PAY** OUR ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM ON THE WEBSITE.

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
October	\$ 43,410	\$ 51,366	
November 6	8,469	9,745	
November 13	8,087	8,427	
TOTAL	\$ 150,381	\$ 164,038	(\$13,657) or (8.3%)

<u>Annual Appeal</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
July-to-Date	\$ 169,796	\$ 433,850	39% of our Budget

TREES & TRIMMINGS NEWS - (REMEMBER – SATURDAY 12/3 ONLY!)



Trees & Trimmings loves and needs donations of homemade baked goods for ***Santa's Bakeshop*** -- bake your favorite treat or classic family recipe! Look for the ***Bakeshop Donation Forms*** in today's bulletin. Please drop off all baked goods at Philbin Hall on Friday, December 2nd or contact Amy Kane at amykane@hotmail.com or Kathleen Rush at kathleenrush@verizon.net if you wish to make a contribution of holiday goodies. Thank you!

Our fresh and beautiful ***Advent Wreaths*** will be available for purchase (\$30) on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th, after the 7:30am, 8:45am, and 11:00am and 5:00pm masses, as well as the 5:00pm mass on Saturday, November 26th. No preorder necessary!



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"SUMMER BOUQUET" a signed, framed print by former Saint John parishioner E. Joseph Fontaine, will be our showcase raffle item this year. Tickets will be available after select masses and at T&T on Saturday 12/3 until 4pm. Please contact Heather Shanahan at heather@rjshanahan.com with any questions.

For volunteer opportunities, please contact Kira Nelson (kira.nelson@verizon.net) or Susana Fantozzi (ssfantozzi@hotmail.com)

SACRAMENTAL AND DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Adoration: Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • ***Anointing of the Sick:*** First Saturday, following 5 p.m. Mass
Baptism: Schedule with Priest • ***Funeral:*** Contact Parish • ***Marriage:*** Arrange six months prior
Penance: Saturday 3:30-4 p.m., Chapel (or by appointment)
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Contact Parish

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Making it Easier to Give™

Have you taken a look at our new Automated Giving program, *ParishPay*? With *ParishPay*, you can set up a secure, automatic monthly contribution from a checking, savings, or credit card account to replace your weekly offerings. ParishPay can also be used for special collections, Grand Annual Appeal contributions, and special celebrations (like Christmas and Easter.) There is no cost to you to participate in this program, and you can start, stop, or adjust your contributions privately via secure web access. Find out more by visiting our website www.stjohnwellesley.org - you'll find complete information and instructions for signing up and getting started. It's easy, it's safe, and best of all - it's better for St. John's.

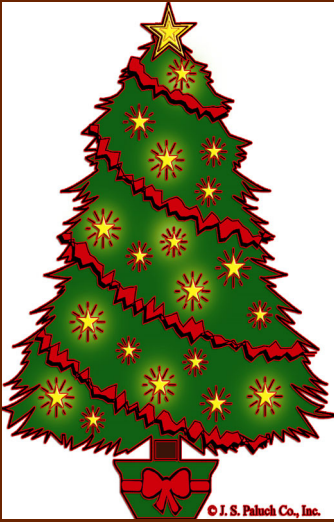


THE MUSIC MAN: Directed and music directed by Chris Holownia. Performances will be Saturday, November 26th at 2:00 & 7:30 PM, Sunday, November 27th at 2:00 PM, Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 PM and Saturday, December 3rd at 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM. All performances are held at the Weston Town Hall in Weston, MA. For more information, visit <http://www.westonfriendly.org/tickets/> or (617)795-2195.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

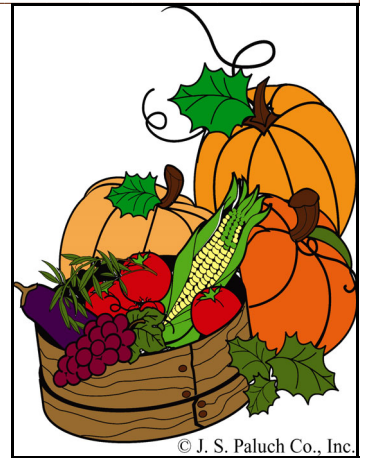
Go to www.stjohnwellesley.org to sign up for email updates and keep up on everything that's happening here at St. John's - just click the Join Our Email list button.

SERVICE COMMISSION



CHRISTMAS WISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Christmas Wish effort is underway. We are still looking for more volunteers to assist with this wonderful service project. The program supports families in St. Johns as well as families in Brockton, Lowell, South Boston, and Roxbury by providing Christmas gifts to about 400 children in need. We are looking for volunteers to assist in any number of ways: coordinating wish lists from the various parishes, matching children to sponsors, shopping, coordinating shoppers and sponsors, processing contributions, and collecting gifts. Please consider giving even a small amount of time to the program as we enter this time of giving. If you have questions please feel free to contact Kathy Maher at katherine.l.maher@gmail.com or Liz Corcoran at efcorcoran@aol.com.

THANKSGIVING AT BRISTOL LODGE: Thanksgiving is just around the corner and with it, our commitment to serving dinner to 100 guests at Bristol Lodge in Waltham. This year we will need 12 20-lb **cooked** (but unstuffed) turkeys; mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce (16 large cans), butternut squash, corn, green beans, broccoli or peas; cider and cranberry juice. Turkeys, as well as other side dishes may be cooked as early as Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving. The turkeys and side dishes should be **dropped off on Wednesday, November 23rd at 3:00 p.m.** in the church parking lot. In addition to having a drop-off time at St. John's on Wednesday, individual food pickups can be arranged. Please contact Deirdre Heilbron (617.894.4416 or dgheilbron@yahoo.com) if you would like to help.



COATS FOR KIDS: This is a Boston-wide coat collection campaign for children, teens, adults and babies organized by Anton's Cleaners. Please collect any gently used coats/fleece for children, teens, adults and babies and bring them to the Rectory garage **following all the Masses this weekend November 19/20**. Please donate coats/fleece that do not have rips, broken zippers or stains. The coats will be brought to Anton's Cleaners in Wellesley for cleaning prior to distribution. Should you have any questions about this campaign, please contact Deirdre Heilbron (617.894.4416) or Shilan Yeung (shilanhappy@gmail.com)

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

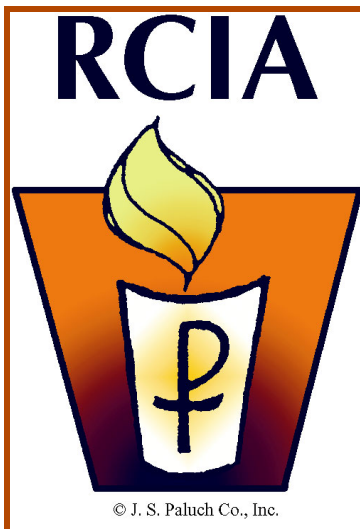
for members of our Parish who are ill, remembering especially
Ann, Brian, Kathleen, Kay, Mary, Peggy and Nancy.

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Eleanor Brown
who has gone home to God.
May the souls of all our faithful departed share in the fullness of life and peace with God.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

November 20th	Sunday	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Christmas Youth Choir Rehearsal Music for the Holidays, Rehearsal	10:00 a.m., Rectory 10:50 a.m.-11:50 p.m. 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m., Music Off.
November 22nd	Tuesday	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m., Chapel
November 24th	Thursday	Thanksgiving Mass	8:30 a.m., Church
November 25th	Friday	Day After Thanksgiving	<i>Business Office Closed</i>



THE R.C.I.A. CHALLENGE: Do you know someone who wants to know more about the Catholic faith? That person is probably not reading this bulletin. But you are!

Please consider inviting that person to join others seeking a deeper relationship with God, in community with others. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults offers just such an opportunity for asking questions and discerning the truth and goodness of our Catholic Christian faith.

We meet at ten o'clock on Sunday mornings in the Rectory. Contact the parish office or Svea Fraser (sveafraser@comcast.net) for more encouragement.

PLANNING TO BE AWAY THIS WINTER? Please contact the Business Office if you are planning to be away from the Parish for an extended period of time during the winter months. If you let us know, we can suspend your offering envelopes and parish mailing. Remember, you can stay in touch with the St. John community while you are away by visiting us online at www.stjohnwellesley.org. There you can sign up for e-mail updates, read the weekly bulletin, and find links to our Twitter and Facebook.



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PARISH LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Concluding Rites: We are sent on a mission!

The dismissal in Latin, “*Ite, missa est*,” (Go forth, the Mass is ended) is the reason the Liturgy is called the Mass (from *missa*, meaning sent or dismissal): We are nourished by the Word of God, in word and sacrament, and we are reminded that we are sent to discover and proclaim God’s presence in all the situations of our daily lives.

And so we come to the last Sunday in the Church’s liturgical year. Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent and marks the inauguration of the Third Translation of the Roman Missal. Since the beginning of October, weekly bulletin inserts have provided explanations for many of the revisions. In the coming weeks and months, we will experience these changes together. To help us through, there will be pew cards available for the responses by the faithful.

The following quote from the Living with Christ introduction to the Sunday Missal offers this reflection:

“...many of the [prayers] sound very different and it may take some getting used to...Our liturgy is deeply steeped in Scripture and the new translation will make that easier to experience. Some of us will have no problem with this new translation. We’ll adapt easily and wonder what all the fuss is about. Some of us will have a harder time. The responses we’ve made for the past 40 years have cut deep grooves in our memories, and lines like, “*And with your Spirit*” instead of “And also with you” and “*consubstantial with the Father*” instead of “one in being with the Father” may not come fluently off our tongues. We’ll get lost. We’ll get mixed up. It may be a while before these prayers become second nature and thus a true part of our prayer...”

In the end, the quality of the liturgy is not judged by the words we speak or the songs we sing, but by how deeply we are challenged to enter into the paschal mystery, to be more fully who we are and are becoming—Christ—by living his life in the events of our own.”

Here are some key words from the revised missal:

Chalice: From the Latin word “calix” meaning “cup” (see Ps 116:13; Mt 20:22; 1 Cor 10:16). The use of this term in the Liturgy points to the chalice’s function as a particular kind of cup and indicates the uniqueness of what it contains. A chalice is a cup from which many people drink.

Consubstantial: The belief, articulated in the Nicene Creed about the relationship of the Father and the Son: “in the Father and with the Father, the Son is one and the same God” (CCC, no. 262).

Incarnate: The Son of God assumed human nature and became a human being by being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary: Jesus is true God and true man. As a human being, the Son of God obtained our salvation. The use of this term in the Nicene Creed indicates that Jesus’ birth has a significance beyond that of any other human birth.

Lord, God of Hosts: From the word “*sabaoth*”, hosts are the invisible powers that work at God’s command over heaven and earth.

Only Begotten Son: This title “signifies the unique and eternal relationship of Jesus Christ to God his Father: he is the only Son of the Father (Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18); he is God himself (Jn 1:1)” (CCC, no. 454).

And with your spirit: An ancient response to the celebrant’s words, “The Lord be with you.” This response is a closer translation of the Latin “*et cum spiritu tuo*” and is consistent with the renderings of other languages. In responding to the priest, the people reciprocate the blessing, acknowledging our shared baptism in the Spirit and supporting the particular prophetic role of the celebrant.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed: This response is a scriptural link to the example of the centurion who humbly recognized Jesus’ authority. The Roman Rite adapted the centurion’s words but changed “my servant” to “my soul”. The word “roof” refers to our own personal abode into which the Lord will enter.

Please contact any of the following on the Parish Liturgical Commission if interested in finding out more: Steve Brown, Pat Colton, Pat Feige, Svea Fraser, Jerry Kehoe.



TREES AND TRIMMINGS BAKESHOP

Saturday, December 3rd 9am to 5pm

Please help us stock Santa's Bakeshop! It is so easy and we truly appreciate your donations! Just make a batch of your family's favorite Christmas treats and we do the rest.

Here is how it works:

Bake your favorite goodie or classic family recipe.

Drop your goodies off in Philbin Hall on Friday, December 2nd between 7:30 and 3:00pm

We do the rest – we wrap, decorate, ribbon and price all the yummy goodies!

The Bakeshop elves will create gorgeous platters of cookies, brownies and bars.

We wrap some goodies individually for the hungry Trees and Trimmings shoppers.

The pies, breads, and cakes will be boxed and adorned with ribbons.

So please share your favorite cookies, bars, brownies, cupcakes, fudge, decorated Christmas cut-out cookies, breads, cakes, and pies!

We would love to thank those who make donations. Please attach this form so we may properly acknowledge your kindness.

Name:

Donation:

Please contact Kathleen Rush at kathleenrush@verizon.net or Amy Kane at amykane@hotmail.com with any questions.

Advent Happenings at a Glance – 2011

Prepare the Way



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Implementation of New Translation of the Roman Missal

November 27 begins our Advent Journey and our use of the new translation, May this Journey be one of deepening, nurturing and celebrating our faith through our worship and the Sacred Liturgy.

Scripture Study Groups

New Invitation: our Adult Faith Formation Commission is beginning several small Study Groups using an excellent publication “The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible.” This graced opportunity to deepen and share with others is not to be missed. For more information and to register, contact marciaryan918@gmail.com.

Advent Lectures with Father Bryan Hehir

*“I have come that you may have life,
and have it in its fullness” John 10:10*

Monday, December 5, 7:30 –9:00 p.m.

The Physician Assisted Suicide Debate in Massachusetts

Monday, December 12, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Religious Freedom and Catholic Institutions—
Pastoral, Social and Health Care



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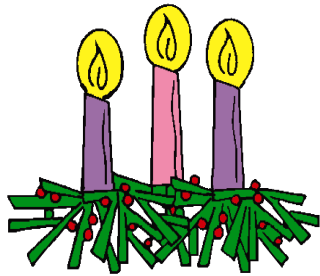
The Light is On for You

There is no better way to prepare for Christmas! Come for this special gift of Confession, St. John Church—lower Chapel

Wednesday, December 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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Advent Happenings



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Trees & Trimmings

Holiday market with trees, wreaths decorated boxwoods, bakeshop, toy raffle, silent auction, Fontaine raffle, kid's corner, photos with Santa – not to be missed!

**Saturday December 3 – one day only,
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., St. John School**

Advent Workshop

A time for reflection and ways to find peace and contentment through sound, movement and dietary practices. Suggested donation \$15.

Contact Julie Freeman frejul@msn.com.

Saturday, December 10, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Social Hall

Parish Christmas Concert

Our Parish Choir, Family Mass Musicians, Christmas Youth Choir and St. John School Chorus come together to provide a concert of Christmas music that will delight all ages!

Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. – Church

St. John School Christmas Concert

ALL Parishioners are warmly welcome to this experience of joy!

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m., Church



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Family Mass Christmas Pageant

Religious Education First Grade classes will be in costume as they present the Christmas Gospel – **Sunday, December 18, 8:45 a.m. Mass, Church**