



Making Room for God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

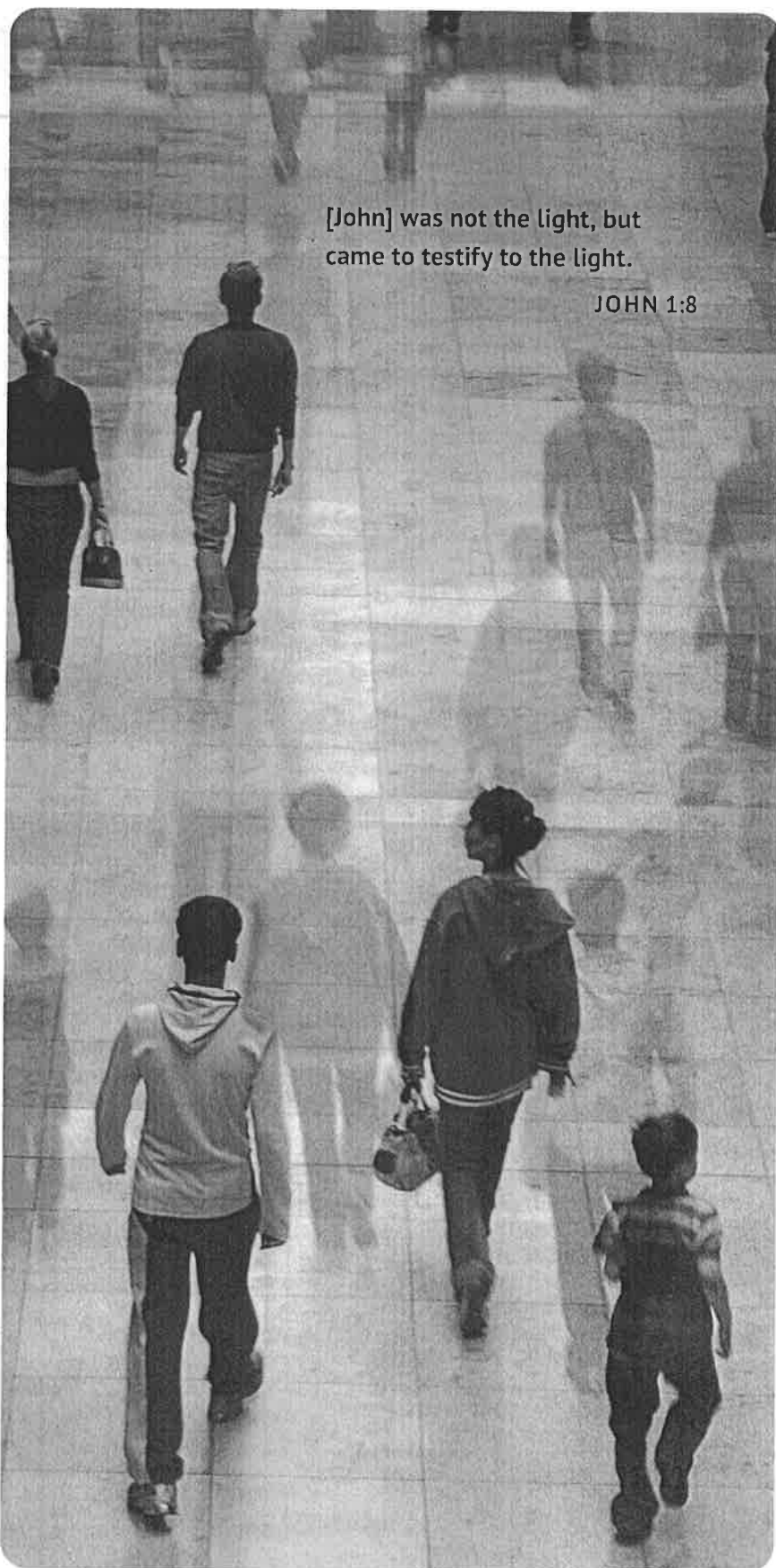
The story of John the Baptist is the story of taking a back seat to Jesus, of fading into the background so that Jesus might be the light. Fading out of the picture is something we may find ourselves doing more than once in our lives. Sometimes it's also a choice we have to make, even when it's painful.

Actor Nick Nolte talked about what it was like for him when he turned seventy; how his body would hurt and how painful it was to get out of bed some mornings. He told of how he cried when a longtime friend passed away and of the sadness death brings. But the worst part, he said, is coming to the realization that your children have grown up, are on their own, and don't need you the way they once did. His son has a family, and for him the family comes first, as it should be. That's the painful part, Nolte says, the letting go of your children because they are no longer yours; in reality, they never were.

From the perspective of faith, why do we need to fade into the background? To leave room for the hand of God in life, that's why. So that God can do what God does best, and so that we don't get in the way of it all. That is a task not only at the end of life but for all of life. ●

Reflect

*When has it been difficult for you
to fade into the background?*



[John] was not the light, but
came to testify to the light.

JOHN 1:8



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Parish Giving

General Fund	\$4765.00
Loose	\$45.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Votive Stand	\$21.00

TOTAL \$4,881.00

48 General Offering envelopes collected,
including children.

Seminary Collection \$25.00

Social Group will be meeting for Christmas on Friday afternoon 12/22/23 at 12 pm for a meal of K & R Fried Chicken, at St Vincent Cafeteria. Please bring a covered dish to share. Cost per meal is \$3.50. RSVP is required. We would like to invite St Ignatius and Immaculate Conception friends to join us for a Christmas celebration. Call Sandy 636-433-5400 or Leanne 636-433-2377 to RSVP by 12/20/23.

Mass Schedule

St Ignatius ~ St Vincent Immaculate Conception

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00pm SI
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00am IC
	10:30am SV
<u>Monday</u>	8:00am IC
<u>Tuesday</u>	8:00am SI
<u>Wednesday</u>	8:00am SV
<u>Thursday</u>	8:00am SI
<u>Friday</u>	8:00am SV
<u>First Saturday</u>	8:00am IC

Holy Days—Please check the bulletin and/or website for Holy Day schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm SI
Sunday 10:00am SV, before
Sunday Mass

First Saturday of the Month
8:30am IC (following 8am
Mass) Any other time by
appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 8:30am-7pm

Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotions Tuesdays after
Morning Mass at SI

Special Warning Announcement

*Please make sure your
vehicles are locked and you
do not leave any valuable
items in your car.*

Thank you!

Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

12/16	Heggemann Family Reunion 2 pm-10 pm (Lobby/Cafeteria)
12/19	Rosary & Litany after Mass
12/20	Christmas Assembly 8am; 10:30 am Christmas Parties; Noon Dismissal
12/21-12/31	NO School Christmas Break
12/24	Diermann X-mas Party 1 pm-10 pm (Lobby/Cafeteria)
12/25	Parish Office & School Closed-Xmas
12/26	Church Cleaning Team 10-Lisa Glosemeyer
12/26	Rosary & Litany after Mass
12/27	Finance Council Mtg. 6 pm
12/31	Shooting Match

St Ann's Ladies Society Christmas Party

POSTPONED

12/6/23

New date 1/10/24—6:30 pm

Please bring a snack or dessert, and a non-perishable item for the food pantry. We will have a gift exchange game (rob your neighbor) if you want to participate, bring a \$10 gift wrapped.

All ladies are welcome!

Special Announcement

During the cold and flu season, please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood at Mass if you have a cough, cold or any flu symptoms.

Please pick up dishes used from the Thanksgiving Day Dinner in the Cafeteria.

Please remember to turn in your St Ig Club Membership forms. The goal is 85 this year and we only have about 58 turned in.

Thank you—Home & School



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 16, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Jacob Lierman, Norbie Engemann, Lori
Huenefeld, Christopher Engemann

Lector: Sheila Shortt

Ushers: Christy/ Ryan Engemann

Servers: Dane/Drew Hecktor, Grant Korman

Saturday, December 23, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor

Jenna Huddleston, Doug Pisarek, Larry Sander,
Mary Glosemeyer

Lector: Donna Blahut

Ushers: Jacob Lierman, Sharon Pruessner

Servers: Christine Marquart, Claire/Gracie Koch

Upcoming Events

December 17—St Francis Borgia-Parish Breakfast-Sunday 7:30 am- 11 :00 am. All you can Buffet! Adults \$10, Children 6-11 \$5 and under 6: FREE. Hosted by: Cub Scouts.

January 6---Polar Plunge Saturday 1/6/24 10:30-11:00 am. Ages 10 and up. Location: Veterans Memorial Lake, Union, Mo. All proceeds go to the Feed My Sheep Project at St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus.

Please check out all 3 Bulletin Boards in the back of Church for additional information/activities/flyers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16 Rosemary Engemann
5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19 Larry Meyer
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 21 Fr. Terry Borgerding
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 23 Parishioner
5:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception-Augusta

December 24-9:00 p.m.

December 25-8:00 a.m.

St Ignatius of Loyola in Concord Hill

December 24—4:00 p.m.

December 25—10:30 a.m.

St Vincent de Paul in Dutzow

December 24—5:00 p.m.

December 24—10:00 p.m.

Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Connie Buenemann
Jerome Heggemann
Andrew Hellebusch
Betty Hellebusch
Carl Jacquin
Carol Jacquin
Judith Liermann
Jeffrey Lierman
Connie Struckhoff

Joan Meyer
Theodore Meyer
Tom Meyer
Richard Preis
Jim Smith
Matt Struckhoff
Natalie Ulett
Audrey Wagener
Marc Wagener

Leanne Davis
Jacqueline Heggemann
Jean Jaeger
Marilyn Heady
Terry Sullentrup
Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Rick Thiel
Amy Brakemeyer
Freya Greer

Additional opportunities for Confession during

Advent:

Tuesday December 19, 7-8p.m. Joint Parish Reconciliation Service at St Vincent de Paul. There will be three priests available to hear confessions.

Wednesday, December 20, 7 p.m., Fr. Doyle will hear confessions at St Ignatius.

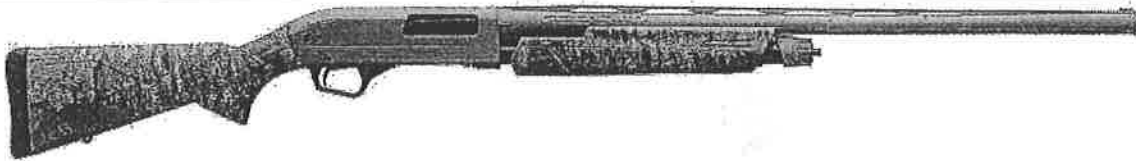
Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!!



12.01.20 Donny Kopmann	12.02.22 Ralph Glosemeyer
12.02.01 Lucille Hellebusch	12.16.81 Amelia Engemann
12.04.14 Catherine Marquart	12.17.07 Eldina Heggemann
12.05.03 Mark Voss	12.18.12 Dorothy Liermann
12.05.10 Merlin Kopmann	12.19.03 Mary Rose Hellebusch
12.06.09 Bill Carr	12.25.11 Don Heggemann
12.07.78 Frances Nieder	12.26.96 Donald Garbs
12.08.14 Evelyn Peters	12.26.04 Bernard Heggemann
12.10.76 John Engemann	12.27.97 Elizabeth Tillmann
12.10.92 Alfred Lierman	12.28.94 Lester Hennecke
12.11.12 Bonnie Engemann	12.28.08 Orville Gildehaus Jr.
12.12.95 Lawrence Glosemeyer	12.29.86 Antonia Mebruer
12.12.85 Herman Kopmann	

Anniversaries of Our Dearly
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for St. Ignatius of Loyola School P.E. program**

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**Directions: Fill out and return the amount of tickets you wish to
purchase, along with payment, no later than January 14th.
(See tickets on back of this sheet.)**

Questions? Email homeandschool@saintig.com.

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Dear Padre,

Was Jesus born in a stable or a cave? The Christmas scene in our church has Jesus born in a little shed, but in my friend's church it looks more like a cave. The Bible says Jesus was born in a manger, so just where was Jesus born?

The Christmas scenes, sometimes called Nativity scenes or crèches, vary from church to church. In Scripture, we find more details about the Nativity in Luke's Gospel, but even he simply says that Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because the inn was full (Luke 2:7).

In none of the Scriptures do we have any details about what the place looked like, but since a manger is a place where caregivers feed livestock, we can assume that Jesus was born in a stable of some kind. At that time, small caves sometimes were used as stables.

Nativity scenes, though, are not an attempt to present a historically accurate picture of where Jesus was born. Rather, scenes of the birth of Jesus remind us of the special love that God shows for us in sending the Son to us. We do not care so much about creating an exact picture of what took place as we do of beholding the beauty and wonder of God born among us. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Baptist is a model for those in the Church who are called to proclaim Christ to others: they are able to do so only by detaching from themselves and from worldliness, by not attracting people to themselves but directing them toward Jesus. This is joy: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 13, 2020

MONDAY

December 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5–8
Mt 1:18–25

TUESDAY

December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2–7,
24–25a
Lk 1:5–25

WEDNESDAY

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10–14
Lk 1:26–38

THURSDAY

December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8–14 or Zep 3:14–18a
Lk 1:39–45

FRIDAY

December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24–28
Lk 1:46–56

SATURDAY

December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1–4,
23–24
Lk 1:57–66

SUNDAY

December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1–5,
8b–12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25–27 Lk 1:26–38

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