

St. John's Announcements

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Sunday, November 9, 2008

815 S. Broadway
La Porte, TX 77531

This Week at St. Johns:

Sunday Nov 9

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 AM Breakfast
9:30 AM NO Christian Formation
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday Nov 10

6:30 PM Weight Watchers (Faith Hall)

Tuesday Nov 11

12:00 PM Rotary

Wednesday Nov 12

6:30 AM Men's Prayer and Bible Study (Conf Room)
6:00 PM Healing Service / Eucharist
7:00 PM GATHERING

Saturday Nov 15

11:00 AM Confirmation Practice

Sunday Nov 16

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 AM Breakfast
9:15 AM Vestry meet with Bishop Harrison (church office)
9:30 AM Christian Formation
9:45 AM Confirmands meet with Bishop Harrison (Faith Hall)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II – Confirmation
12:30 PM Luncheon for Confirmands and Bishop

Ministers of Worship

8:00 a.m.

Vergers Kathy Buskirk
Lector Kathy Buskirk
WL/CB Don Hill
Acolyte Jorge Mazariegos
Ushers Roy Free, Charles Ashford

Lay Ministers

Vergers Jorge Mazariegos
Lector Pam Lindemann, Myra Wilson
WL/CB Alice Sparks, Donn Leva
Acolyte Ashley Norfolk, Avery Blanchard, Audora Mazariegos
Ushers Bruce Pinkham, Tricia Wilson
Greeters JoLynn & Wes Sallee
Lay Visitors Joyce Bell, Steve Gallington
Altar Guild Peters, Permenter, Stout
Coffee Hosts Hill, Davis, Besson
Vestry POD Sharon Hill

Wednesday

Lector Bob Blakeway
WL/CB Barbara Cloud
Altar Guild Peters, Permenter, Stout

Lay Ministers

Vergers Don Hill
Lector Desmond Lang
WL/CB Deb Gallington
Acolyte John Joerns
Ushers Carl Gilman, Mike Clawson

Lay Ministers

Vergers All Vergers
Lector Ruth Trout, Mike Furin
WL/CB Donn Leva, deSha Norwood
Acolyte John Kilpatrick, Anna Vest, Ashley Norfolk
Ushers John Morris, Rick Thornton
Greeters Tricia Wilson
Lay Visitors Kathy Buskirk, Al Ward
Altar Guild Robb, Buskirk, Hemingway, Gilman
Coffee Hosts Permenter, Sallee
Vestry POD Melody Kilpatrick

8:00 a.m. Today November 9

Kathy Buskirk
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Don Hill
Jorge Mazariegos
Roy Free, Charles Ashford

10:30 a.m.

Jorge Mazariegos
Pam Lindemann, Myra Wilson
Alice Sparks, Donn Leva
Ashley Norfolk, Avery Blanchard, Audora Mazariegos
Bruce Pinkham, Tricia Wilson
JoLynn & Wes Sallee
Joyce Bell, Steve Gallington
Peters, Permenter, Stout
Hill, Davis, Besson
Sharon Hill

6:00 PM Healing /Eucharist November 12

Bob Blakeway
Barbara Cloud
Peters, Permenter, Stout

8:00 a.m. Next Week November 16

Don Hill
Desmond Lang
Deb Gallington
John Joerns
Carl Gilman, Mike Clawson

10:30 a.m.

All Vergers
Ruth Trout, Mike Furin
Donn Leva, deSha Norwood
John Kilpatrick, Anna Vest, Ashley Norfolk
John Morris, Rick Thornton
Tricia Wilson
Kathy Buskirk, Al Ward
Robb, Buskirk, Hemingway, Gilman
Permenter, Sallee
Melody Kilpatrick

Announcements for this Week

Welcome Visitors to St. John's Church

We're glad you are here! Please fill out the pink visitor's card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. If you are looking for a new church home, we invite you to become part of the St. John's family.

Receiving Holy Communion

We believe that in the Eucharist (which means thanksgiving) Jesus Christ becomes fully present in the bread and wine...our souls are fed and enriched when we receive Holy Communion. If you are a baptized Christian we invite you to join with us in receiving the bread and wine at the Lord's Table. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may receive the Lord's blessing by coming to the altar rail at the time of Holy Communion and crossing your arms across your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing.

2008 Vision

Planting seeds and watching them grow through the power of the invitation. One family, one person that God can lead here through you.

Nursery

We have a superb nursery located via the breezeway. Hours of operation are 9:15am – 12:30pm. Ask an usher or any member to direct you to the Nursery. You may feel confident that your infants and toddlers will be well cared for.

Faith Hall

Please join us for breakfast at 9:00 and also for fellowship and refreshments after the 10:30 service.

Encouragement Cards

There is an encouragement card in the front of most hymnals. Write your words of encouragement and let us know who it's for, drop it in the offering plate and we will mail them for you.

Our **Wednesday night study** of the "One Year Bible" is under way. Virginia Pierson-Turner is leading this comprehensive look at Holy Scripture. Join us on Wednesday at 7p.

Attendance Last Week - 147

Average Sunday Attendance – 151

Fr Jack Leighton is here to celebrate both this morning. Welcome!!

Nursery hours have changed. Beginning today, the nursery will open at 9:15am instead of 7:30am and close at 12:30pm.

The GATHERING is this Wednesday, November 12th at 7p. Last month was our introduction to the new format. It was wonderful. There will be no youth group meeting that evening but the youth are encouraged to come to the gathering. Like last month there will be time for group discussion and Father Mike would like all of you to participate. There will be activities for the younger children to participate in also.

There will be a **rehearsal for all participants in Confirmation** – confirmands, worship leader, chalice bearer, acolytes, vergers - on Saturday November 15th at 11:00 am.

Bishop Dena Harrison will be here next Sunday, November 16th for Confirmation at the 10:30a service. There will be a luncheon following the 10:30a service in honor of the confirmands and Bishop Harrison. **Please bring a dessert to share.**

Confirmands please be here at 9:30a to meet with Bishop Harrison at 9:45a. We will meet in Faith Hall.

Vestry members will meet with Bishop Harrison at 9:15a in the church office.

We have 5 youth participating in Y.E.S. next weekend, November 14-16th: Adam and Katie Barrett, Kayla Blanchard, Christine Harris, and Miranda Sallee. Alex and Jessica Pierson-Turner are leading the music for the weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Feast will be November 23rd after the 10:30a service. If you are willing to cook a turkey please contact Ellen 281-867-0303. We have 10 turkeys that need cooked. Accompanying the turkeys will be all our favorite side dishes. **Bring your favorite turkey side to share, including desserts.**

Joy of Christmas planning will begin with a meeting on Tuesday, November 18th, 7p in Faith Hall. If you would like to help plan, have new ideas for things to be done, interested in helping oversee an area of the festivities, please come and meet with us. Following this meeting there will be sign-up sheets for workers (1hr slots) if you would like to participate in that manner.

If you don't know, or weren't here last year—The Joy of Christmas is our parish Christmas party and community outreach. We invite the community, free of charge to an evening of Christmas activities. We have a life nativity. Any person wanting to participate in the nativity is welcome. We may have 20 angels and shepherds. Live animals will be grazing in and around the stable. The Christmas story will be narrated and carols sung. There are crafts to make, hayrides around the neighborhood, Santa will make an appearance, and of course there will be food. It is a wonderful time to visit with church family and get to know those in our community.

Mark Your Calendar:

Nov 16	Bishop Dena Harrison Visit (Confirmation)
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Feast
Nov 27-28	OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
Nov 31	Advent 1 – Youth Sunday
Dec 14	Joy of Christmas

The on-line calendar has been updated for the entire year. Please check the website www.stjohns-laporte.org

St. John's Vestry and Staff	
<i>Vestry 2008</i>	
Sr. Warden	Robin Vest
Jr. Warden	Wes Sallee
	Charles Ashford
Teen Parent Program	Ed Buskirk
	John Cardenas
	Barbara Cloud
	Maura Free
After School Program	Terri Hemingway
Pastoral Care	Sharon Hill
	Melody Kilpatrick
	Desmond Lang
	Sharon Mazariegos
	Myra Wilson
	Tricia Wilson
Treasurer	Virginia Pierson-Turner
<i>Staff 2008</i>	
Rector	The Rev. Mike Besson
Youth Ministers	Lindsay Gallaher
	Ed Buskirk
Music Director	Brenda McNenny
After School Program Director	Kathy Buskirk
Office Administrator	Sherry Burns
Lay Assistant to the Rector	Sandi Harris
Ministry Coordinator	Sandi Harris
Nursery	June Osborne
	Ashley Weddle
Sexton	Katrina Bordelon
<i>Lay Ministry Leaders</i>	
Acolyte Master	Nick Borkowski
Altar Guild	Allison Lang
Christian Education	Sharon Hill
Coffee Hosts/Breakfast Teams	JoLynn Sallee
Daughters of the King	Alice Sparks
Elderberrys (50+)	Gordon Robb
Fellowship Coordinator	Ellen Besson
Financial Aid Coordinator	Susan Ehlers
Lectors, Chalice Bearers,	Bob Blakeway
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	Joyce Bell
Mission Coordinator	Don Hill
Newcomers	Deb Gallington
Newsletter Editor	Elizabeth Whitehead
Office Angels	Sandi Harris
Publicity Coordinator	Melody Kilpatrick
Rotary Coordinator	Carroll Blakeway
Sound	Steve Harris
Sunday school	Allison Lang
Ushers	Ed Buskirk
Head Verger	Bob Blakeway