



St. Anastasia

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Special interest

- The Shawl Knitting Ministry Needs YOU! Call the office to find out more information.



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December 6th was the feast day of **Saint Nicholas**, the patron saint of children, which appropriately falls during the **Advent** season. St. Nicholas of Myra is a major saint in many European and Eastern countries, and one of the old Christian traditions surrounding his feast day is for kids to leave their shoes out overnight in front of the fireplace, on the windowsill, or outside their bedroom door so that St. Nicholas can fill them with special fruits, candies, and other small gifts and treats.

Our PREP children took their shoes off and left them outside their classroom before class only to find a treat in them as they came OUT of class!

Congratulations Sister Anne Halpin!



Sister Anne received the "Giving the Light of Hope Award" from Home Again St Johns for her "unwavering support, kindness and love to our homeless community in St. Johns County". Through the St. Martin de Porres room, she gets the word out to the Parishioners for the immediate need, sorts the donations and makes sure they are distributed throughout the community via a network of helpers and supporters of her mission. (photo far left: Sister Anne and Ellen Walden, Exec. Dir. at Home Again St Johns. Photo left: Caroline Volk, Sr. Anne, Linda Larson and George Hill distributing a "Dental Health" package to the homeless community)

Sharing Christ's Love Through Your Generosity!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE SETS NEW RECORD

THANK YOU to the parishioners of St. Anastasia for your generous support of the **Knights of Columbus Food Drive** held at the end of November! Food donation fell slightly to 1500 lbs., however the monetary/gift card donations soared to a record **\$3725**, beating the previous record of **\$3005** set in January 2020

Next food drive: January 23-24.

St. Johns Ecumenical Pantry



THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you to all of the volunteers and parishioners who supported the 2020 Christmas Giving Tree! The generosity in Christmas spirit and the light of God's love truly shined through! It is because of your benevolence that the many families, children and elderly in our community will have their needs met this season.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



Catholic Charities



The Living Nativity



On Sunday, December 20 the children of the parish portrayed Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem along with the shepherds, angels, wisemen and wisewomen, and drummer boy coming to see the baby Jesus. Attendee's joined in singing Christmas carols before and throughout the presentation while our Youth Group served up Christmas cookies and hot chocolate!

Christmas Mass Information

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

3pm
w/Bishop
Estévez
in Church

3pm
St. Jude
Hall

8pm
in Church
Caroles
at
7:30pm

5pm
in
Church

5pm
in
St. Jude
Hall

Christmas Day

8am
in
Church

10:30am
in
Church

Based on the results of our survey, which showed a fairly even distribution of parishioners among the Masses, reservations or tickets will NOT be required.

Entrance will be **first come, first served**. The survey was **not** a reservation for a particular Mass.

300 people will be admitted to the **church** for each Mass and **175 people** will be admitted to **St. Jude Hall** for each Mass.

For those using the dispensation from attending Mass during this pandemic, **Holy Communion** will be distributed continuously on **December 25th** between **9am-10am**

***Please note that we have 1200 families and only 225 families have responded to the survey.**

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Reflection:

“Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men.”

—St. Ambrose of Milan