

**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY**

12/2/2018: \$3,088.00 1st Sunday of Advent

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12/9/2018**

60 Envelopes: \$2,134.00

11 Loose Checks: \$ 527.00

Loose Cash: \$ 175.00

Total \$2,836.00

7 Online Giving: \$ 315.00

Last Year: \$2,219.00 Second Sunday of Advent

**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

12/2/2018: \$6,472.50 1st Sunday of Advent

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12/9/2018**

143 Envelopes: \$4,079.25

16 Loose Checks: \$ 828.25

Loose Cash: \$ 495.00

Total \$5,402.50

11 Online Giving: \$ 328.00

Diocesan Assessment (3 of 6): \$3,875.00

Last Year: \$4,899.50 Second Sunday of Advent

**MUSIC MINISTRY AT SAINT JOHN VIANNEY**

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**MUSIC MINISTRY AT SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

• The Children's' Choir gathers at 4:45pm in the sanctuary. All children with an interest in singing and learning music, grades 2-8, are welcomed. The rehearsals have adult supervision, snacks, and are only 45 minutes long.

• The Adult Choir gathers at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. All adults with an interest in singing are welcome.

You do not need to read music or audition to join our wonderful music ministry. - **Dr. Eric M. Stroud**, Director of Music and Organist

**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY—SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Service Hours Opportunity!**

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY GIFT WRAPPING** - Sunday, December 16 after 11:00 am Mass at St Thomas the Apostle Social Hall

**Christmas Movie Night - Sunday 12/16 from 6:00 pm to 8:00.**

For more information contact Alyssa Carolan, Youth Minister: [Alyssa@ststthomasjohn.org](mailto:Alyssa@ststthomasjohn.org)



**THINK PINK**



What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. Today's Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, reflects this joy:

"Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

**ADVENT PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, your Son, Jesus is your greatest gift to us a great sign of your love.

Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas bring us closer to each other and to your Son.

Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to You.

Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.

Amen