

ST. JOHN PAUL II
UNIVERSITY PARISH
& CAMPUS MINISTRY



WELCOME to Saint John Paul II University Parish. We are here to serve students, faculty, staff, alumni and those supportive of the university community.

Capital Campaign Update:

Campaign Goal: \$3,200,000.00
Donations to Date: \$1,950,482.38
Pledges to Date \$382,443.00
Total to Date \$2,332,925.38

The Catholic Daughters of the America's

Our next meeting is December 7th, 2016 at 7:00 PM
at the Catholic Campus Center.

Please come join us!!

If you have questions and would like to learn more
about The Catholic Daughters please call 940-566-0004

Hello,

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Saint John Paul II University Parish. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX511

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kyle Walterscheid, Pastor

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Sunday November 27th, 2016

Sunday Mass Times

5:30 pm Vigil Mass
At the Catholic Campus Center
1303 Eagle Dr
8:30 am, 11:00 am, 7:30 pm
At UNT Goolsby Chapel
On Maple St. - Across from Maple Hall
5:30 pm at TWU
Little Chapel in the Woods
On Chapel Dr. off of Bell

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:05 pm

Reconciliation Times

Tuesday 5:00pm-6:00pm
Thursday 5:30 pm-6:45 pm
Saturday 4:00 pm-5:00 pm
By appointment call 940-566-0004
Julie Garrison, Business Manager

Adoration

Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Annual Diocesan Appeal 2017

2016-2017 Parish Goal-\$8,368.00
(20) Donors-Collected to date-\$7,894.83

THANK YOU!!

Thank's to everyone that helped with the 4th annual Thanksgiving meal, that our parish family provided for our students this year. We served around 90 students. After the students finished eating they all went outside and sat around the fire pits that our pastor Fr. Kyle built for them. All had a wonderful time.



Advent

The word Advent is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, (November 30) and continuing until December 24. It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the *Parousia*, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event.

Since the 900s Advent has been considered the beginning of the Church year. This does not mean that Advent is the most important time of the year. Easter has always had this honor.

The traditional color of Advent is purple or violet which symbolizes the penitential spirit. Religious traditions associated with Advent express all these themes.

Advent Wreath

"Customarily the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles (advent candles). According to tradition, three of the candles are violet and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles (advent candles) may also be used" (Book of Blessings 1510).

The rose candle is lit the third Sunday of Advent, for this color anticipates and symbolizes the Christmas joy announced in the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice" (Latin, *Gaudete*). For this reason the Third Sunday is also called *Gaudete* Sunday, and rose color vestments are permitted.

The Advent Wreath represents the long time when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the Light of the world. Each year in Advent people wait once again in darkness for the coming of the Lord, His historical coming in the mystery of Bethlehem, His final coming at the end of time, and His special coming in every moment of grace.

During Advent, family and friends can gather around the Advent Wreath lighting the appropriate candle(s), read from the daily Advent meditation and sing songs.