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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

*Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on **Monday, January 10** at 6:00 PM.

*Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, **January 16** from 9:00 AM–1:00 PM at the St. Jerome Parish Hall.

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 13-30!

You are invited to a Youth 2000 Retreat on **March 11–13** at Brescia University. You will have the opportunity to gather with other young people your age for prayer, Adoration, singing, and learning about our Catholic faith. This retreat is being sponsored by the Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee and the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Contact Shanda Purcell to register.

MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

In a time of need, we are there for our brothers and sisters, this is Church at its best. On December 11, within minutes of our pastor posting on Facebook, news spread to come to prepare for caring for those who were affected by the EF-4 tornado that ravaged Mayfield and so many other communities. For 20 days straight, hundreds of volunteers and other family members in our parish gave of their time, energy, talents, and prayer. It was a learning experience which we were not totally equipped for, but everyone gave their all!. Even in the midst of

preparing for Christmas, we gathered and shared faith, laughter, tears, stories and hard, strenuous long hours of service and support for others and each other. Thank you so much. We made a difference and will continue to assist survivors as long as we can! So as not to neglect anyone, we will not mention any names. You know who you are! I am sure God has already blessed you for being such a blessing for others!



Inquiry about the Catholic faith: If you or someone you know has expressed an interest in learning about the Catholic faith, please call the parish office or contact Sister Martha @ martha.keller@maplemount.org. We have one person who will be starting inquiry soon. We do have an ongoing initiation ministry, so you do not have to wait until August 2022 to inquire about the Catholic faith.

Rite of Christian Initiation: The second stage of RCIA is called the Catechumenate. We have 3 candidates and 1 catechumen who are in preparation for Easter sacraments. This week, **January 10**, our session is on the “Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.” We meet in the Parish Center each Monday at 6:00–7:30 PM. Please hold the participants, sponsors and team in your prayers.

RCIA team meeting: Reminder that the RCIA team meets weekly prior to the RCIA session from 5:15–5:55 PM in the Parish Center for formation and prayer.

Becoming Catholic
RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Welcome Visitors ... We are delighted to have you visit with us here at St. Jerome Catholic Church. We hope your visit with us has been a happy and faith-filled experience.

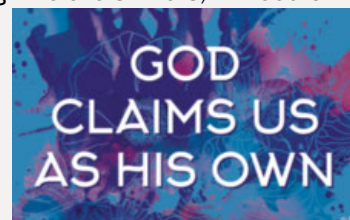
2 REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL ... THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi

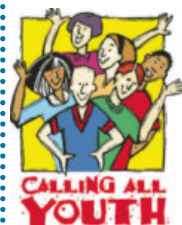
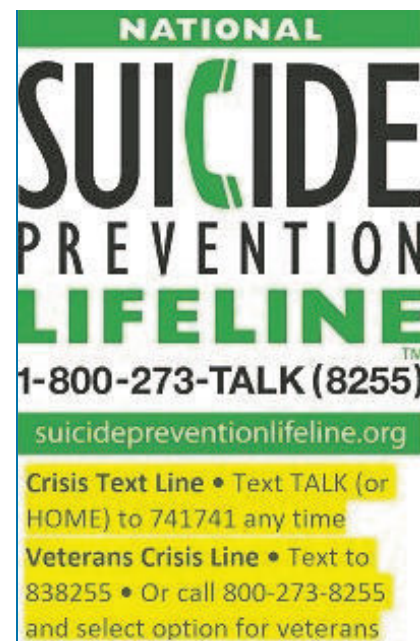


CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF OWENSBORO'S COUNSELING PROGRAM

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro has contracted with Joseph Williams, a MSW, LCSW, to provide counseling services. Mr. William has experience working with children, adolescents, and adults He is available to provide face-to-face services in Mayfield, Kentucky to parishioners in need of counseling throughout the region. Contact information: call 270/247-5667 or email him at joseph@williamscc.org to schedule a confidential appointment.

ONGOING GROWTH IN FAITH

If you have a desire to grow in your Catholic faith and enjoy social media, check out Our Sunday Visitor's program entitled **Real + True**. It is pretty engaging and reaches a broad audience. It is based and inspired by the Catechism and has videos and podcasts. You can find it at <https://realtrue.org>.



*Wednesday, January 19th: Middle School Fun Night - 6:30—8:00 PM. Details TBD.

*Saturday, January 22nd: High School Girls Overnight ... Begin with Mass at 5 PM on Saturday through Sunday morning (we will head straight to PRE). More details to follow.

*February 12/13: Souper Bowl Collection.

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Parish Registration

If you have just moved into our community or have changed your address, please call the parish office to update your information.

Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)

For adults, youth, and children (over age 6) who have a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. Weekly sessions are held for adults. You may contact the parish office or Sister Martha Keller.

Funerals

The funeral Mass replaces the regularly scheduled weekday Mass.

Sacraments

Contact the Parish Office for information about Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony.

The Diocese of Owensboro requires couples to make arrangements at least six months in advance of the desired date of Marriage. You must be 19 years of age or have graduated from 12th grade for at least one year.

Hospital Visits

Please call the Parish Office or have someone call for you if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a priest to visit. When you are admitted, please let the hospital know which parish you belong to.

Parish Religious Education (PRE)

Classes for Kindergarten—11th grade are held on Sundays from 9:00-10:10 am. 12th grade will meet September thru December on Wednesdays from 7:00—8:00 pm.

STEWARDSHIP

MAYFIELD-GRAVES COUNTY NEEDLINE AND FOOD PANTRY

Item needed this week is **canned soup**. Place donations in back of church and they will be picked up. Thanks to everyone for their donations.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

In memory of Carter & Stahr Families by Ken & Karen Carter.



We extend our prayers to:
*We extend our prayers and sympathy to

Patricia Langston on the sudden death of her nephew, Joseph Jolly on December 24, 2021. May he rest in eternal peace.



Prayer

*How to do nothing
and still think you're helping*

QUILTS STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE URSULINE SISTERS

The online Quilt Sale benefiting the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph continues! You can see all of the quilts that are still for sale on this webpage: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/get-involved/2021-online-quilt-sale/>. The size and price is listed with each quilt. Contact Carol Braden-Clarke to purchase the quilts: 270-229-2008 or carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org. She will either arrange for local pickup or delivery, or there will be a shipping fee for mailing. All proceeds go toward the Ursuline Sisters' mission and ministries.

SAINT JEROME PRAYER LINE / EMAIL REQUEST

To submit a prayer request to those who are praying for the needs of others daily, please send your intention to SaintJeromePrayerRequests@gmail.com

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN 2022

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Parent Meeting for First Eucharist: Parents of our First Communion candidates, please mark your calendars for a meeting on **Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center. Both parents and child are asked to attend.

Parent Meeting for Confirmation: Parents of our Confirmation candidates, please mark your calendar for **Wednesday, February 2 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center. More info to follow.

Service Opportunities: If you have any service needed, please contact the parish office, our candidates are willing to help.

SYNOD INFORMATION

St. Jerome Church will be participating in a two-part listening session as part of the diocesan synodal process! Synodality means journeying together and gathering in assembly as the People of God. Pope Francis has invited EVERYONE to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the worldwide Catholic Church. Join us! We hope you will participate in the conversation. Each individual matters and each of our experiences is valid and in need of ears to listen. Nobody is excluded – all are welcome. We are all on this journey of faith together. This is an opportunity to listen to one another in a spirit of prayer and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from the listening sessions will not only help us discern how we can move forward together as a community, but also as a diocesan and universal Church. Please join us **January 25 and February 24** (place TBD).



PRAYER REQUESTS

Parishioners: Jim Johnson, Maria Puryear, Julia Barnett, Jeanette Harms, John Willett, John Andrews, Clay & Karen Willett, Vicky Riley, Pat Wilson, David & Robin Redden, Shelley Cook, Eugene Willett, Robert "Butch" McClure, Gayle Vermillion, Norris & Elexie McNutt, Dot Murphy, Joy Ann Toon, Code & Shirley Rowe, Terry Goatley, Vayda Bollenbecker and Family, David & Geralynn Carbine, Joey & Sue Elder, Scott Elder, Jackie Langham, Elmer Elliott, Mark Elder, Will Dee Stahr, Dorothy Hobbs, Algene & Debbie Wilson, Allen Cissell, Susan Crenshaw, W. Dewey Hobbs, Pat Carrico, Wayne & Ruth Ann Higdon, Sara Elliott, David Thompson, Andrea Kemp, Joyce Wilson, Lydia Hobbs, Dorothy Elliott, Dennis Tharp, Teresa (David) Hobbs, Joe Elliott, Larry & Delores Wilson, Brenda Goatley, James & Dottie Wilson, Danny & Theresa Thompson, Helen Lockett, Angela Hayden.

Non-Parishioners: Leah Cope Moyer, Lori Browning Thompson, Jeremy Fox, Virginia Emerson, Sister Charles Mary Burns, Tracy French, Elaine Hinkebein, Christy Anderson, Vince Roberts, Brayden Barnett, Joyce Matthews, Debbie Underwood, Kathy Butler, Randy Cope, Lori Jody, Michael B. Rowland, Rhonda West, Steve Rehrig, Al Cash, Kyle Thomas, Kara Goodman, Bruce Lee, Ronnie Smith, Penny Nelson, Gordon Dickerson, Barbara Brown, Jaxon Short, Mike Mortensen, Kristen Hobbs, Jeff Cooper, Zoie Pyle, Sandy Donohoo, Frank Redden, Marilyn Miller, Kelly Walker, Ronnie Reed, Ruthie Ellegood, Charlie Crider, Mark Barnett, Robin Evans, Graham Hosman, Nick Smith, Charles Hokanson, Karla Ray, Carolyn Ramsey, Wayne Viniard, Johnny & Phyllis Walker, Ricky Walker, Daniel Hayden, Katie Harms, Cheryl Ayers, Dorothy & Robert Pierceall, Kye Thomason, Owen Coombs, Florence Vessels, Cecilia Burnett, Eric Ritzie, Amanda Dunlap, Bobbie Edds, Lisa P. Nelson, Robert Toon, Ray Willett, Ryan Ballard, Dustin Turska, Tina Elder Via, Peggy Adams, Tracey Hargrove, Stephanie H. Dunn, Cody Carrico, Belinda Rucker, Bobby Hobbs, Phillip & Karen Carr, Leon & Vicki Elder, Sue Farris, Betty Ballard, Mark Wilson (Liz's son), Seth Karlson, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Jeanette Hobbs Farrell.

The **tornado victims**, doctors, nurses, essential workers, the homebound, those in the hospital, assisted living & nursing homes. Pray for our enemies.

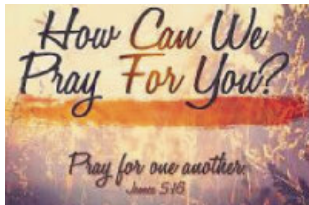
Pray for all men and women serving in the armed forces, especially Nathaniel Brown, David Michael Clifton, Adam Curtsinger, Autumn Goatley, Jarred Lutz, Michael McGrath, Luke Nimmo, Josh & Sarah Thompson, Tanner Webster, Luke Westmoreland, Brittany Willett, and Thomas Wilson.

4 LIVING THE LITURGY

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPI

FAMILY PRAYER PARTNER

Remember to make contact with your new family you have been asked to pray for in 2022. If you have questions or are choosing not to participate this year for whatever reason, please call the parish office and the family will be reassigned to another family willing to pray for this family. God knows we all need them. The power of praying for others will not only support this family but it also has the potential of changing you! Through the intercession of St. Jerome, let us pray for each other. Amen.



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS | JANUARY 13

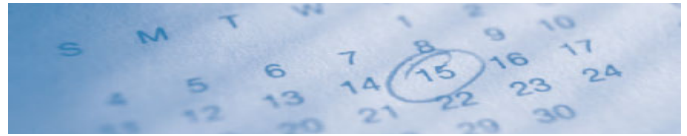
Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX. ©LPI



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2022

For true human fraternity ... We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 9, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [Our Parish Family]
- 9:00 AM PRE for K–11th grade
- 10:30 AM Mass [Pat Walsh (d)]
- 5:30 PM Rosary at the Grotto

Baptism
OF THE *Lord*

Monday, January 10, 2022

- 8:00 AM No Mass
- 6:00 PM RCIA
- 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

- 8:00 AM NO Mass

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

- 8:00 AM NO Mass
- 9:00 AM Quilting
- 6:39 PM Parent Meeting for First Communion (in Parish Center)

Thursday, January 13, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [Maurice & Paul Thompson (d)]

Friday, January 14, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [L/D Members of Earl Toon Family]

Saturday, January 15, 2022

- 3:30 PM Confession
- 5:00 PM Mass [Our Parish Family]

Sunday, January 16, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [Joe Kunkle (d)]
- 9:00 AM PRE for K–11th grade
- 9:00 AM Knights of Columbus Blood Drive till 1 PM
- 10:30 AM Mass [T.O. & Jean Ballard (d)]
- 5:30 PM Rosary at the Grotto

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

HOUR OF PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9

- Sun: Peggy Marler
- Mon: Wanda Mathys
- Tues: Dot Murphy
- Wed: Pam Nanny
- Thurs: Susan Newhouse
- Fri: Leo & Jeanette Pendel
- Sat: Betty Jean Redden

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