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JANUARY 16, 2022
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

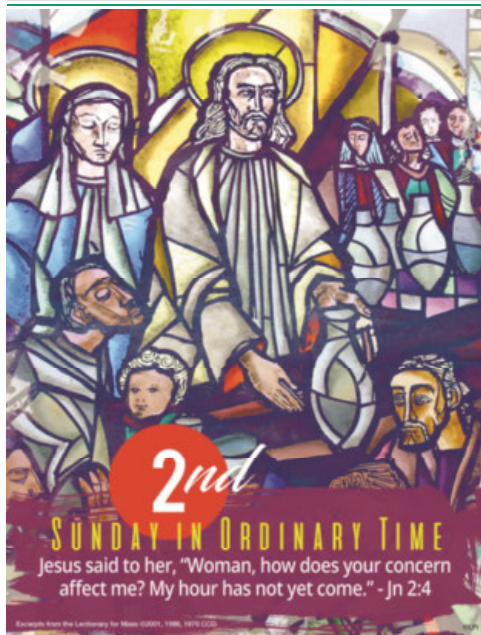


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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Parish Office will be closed.

NATIVITY WINNERS

Congratulations to Eugene & Vickie Willett, Glenn & Barbara Sue Wilson, Dale & Evelyn Spraggs, and Walt & Karen Shupe who won \$50 for displaying their nativity scene during the Christmas season.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM BEGINNING

The weekend of January 29—30. Children, youth and adults will have the opportunity to sign up for our annual Spiritual adoption program. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for more information.

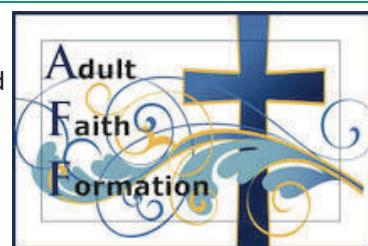
4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will gather on **Sunday, January 31 at the 10:30 AM Mass** and sit together. There will be a gathering for brunch in the Parish Center after Mass.

GROWING IN OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

This month of January our Catholic Update series is entitled, “God Stories”. Take time to read and share the questions provided with another adult:

- *What activity leads you to an awareness of God?
- *What does it also say about you?



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 our session is on the “Sacrament of Eucharist” A special note of thanks to John Carrico for sharing his love for the Eucharist. 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.



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 ... 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi



SYNOD INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR THE LISTENING SESSION FOR THE SYNOD

Your presence and voice is essential to a successful event! You have the opportunity this weekend, January 15–16, to sign up for the Listening Session on **Tuesday, January 25** in the St. Jerome Parish Hall (former KC Hall) from 6:30–8:00 PM. Please make sure you sign up ASAP to help with the planning for refreshments and seating.

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.



*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 meat**. Place donations in back of church and they will be picked up. Thanks to everyone for their donations.

Collection

Sunday, JANUARY 9, 2022

Adult	\$9,072.00
Children/Young Adult	\$13.81
Loose	\$699.48
Total	\$9,785.29
YTD Budget	\$322,800.00
YTD Actual	\$336,193.63

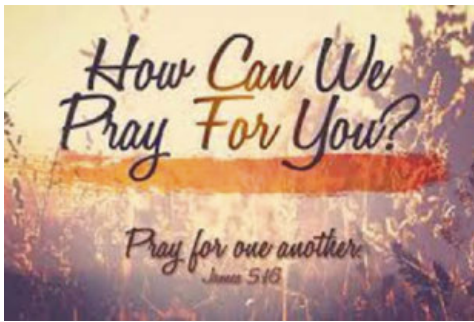


We extend our prayers and sympathy to
**Freddy & Susan
Thompson, Leo**

Thomas and Bob Thomas and the extended family of Mary Teresine Thompson Patricia Langston on the death of their mother and sister on January 5, 2022. May Mary Teresine Thompson rest in eternal peace.

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!



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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Beginning of Sacrament Preparation at home for First Eucharist: Preparation begins this week of January 16 with Chapter 1. Parents are asked to provide some quality time to cover Chapter 1 to enrich not only your child in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Eucharist but also deepen your own appreciation for the Bread of Life and Precious Blood of Christ. Please contact Sister Martha at martha.keller@maplemount.org if you need anything.

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.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY COMPOSED FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON THE FAMILY

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, In you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division. May all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, May the synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family And its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, true God and true man, graciously hear our prayer. Mary and Joseph, co-operators with God's plan, pray for us. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Parishioners: Fred Carrico, 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, 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

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing! ©LPi

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot

Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

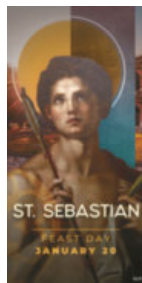
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin ©LPi

ST. SEBASTIAN | JANUARY 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes. ©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 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

Monday, January 17, 2022

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 8:00 AM No Mass
- 5:15 PM RCIA Team Meeting
- 5:30 PM RCIA meal & session



Tuesday, January 18, 2022

- 8:00 AM NO Mass

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

- 8:00 AM NO Mass
- 9:00 AM Quilting
- 6:30 PM Middle School Fun Night
- 6:30 PM Spiritual Adoption Program Planning in the Parish Center

Thursday, January 20, 2022

- 8:00 AM NO Mass
- 9:30 AM Stephen Ministry Leaders Meeting

Friday, January 21, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [Dorothy Elder (d)]

Saturday, January 22, 2022

- 3:30 PM Confession
- 5:00 PM Mass [Vernon Hayden (d)]
- 5:00 PM High School Girl's Overnight



Sunday, January 23, 2022

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

As we continue to steward the generosity of people in response to the survivors and their situations in monetary donations, please contact Father Darrell or Sister Martha if you are aware of an authentic need. We will act accordingly with your assistance. Let us not forget to pray for all who are dealing with the trauma and tremendous loss and grief.



HOOR OF PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16

- Sun: Sam Reddick
- Mon: Dempsey & Janie Ringo
- Tues: Evelyn Spraggs
- Wed: Dennis & Peggy Tharp
- Thurs: Donna Thomas
- Fri: Gail Thomas
- Sat: Judy Thomas



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