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JANUARY 23, 2022
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

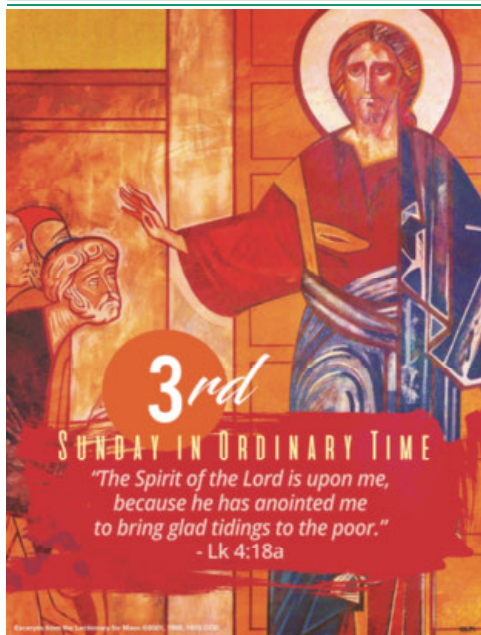


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4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

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.

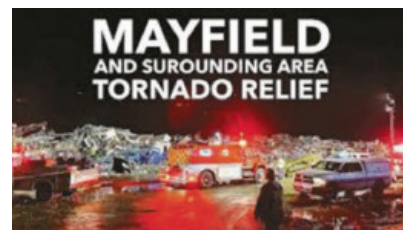
SENIOR CITIZEN POTLUCK

Tuesday, **February 1** at St. Benedict Hall at 12:00 PM.

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.

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.



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” Part 2. A special note of thanks to Fr. Darrell for sharing his love for the celebration of the Mass and how to appreciate 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 ... 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is – the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPI



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. **The first Listening Session will be on Tuesday, January 25 in the St. Jerome Parish Hall (former KC Hall) from 6:30–8:00 PM.**



- *February 2: Youth Council ... Middle School from 6:30 - 7:15; High School from 7:30 - 8:15 PM @Youth House
- *February 9: Middle School Fun Night - 6:30 - 8:00 pm place TBD - Souper\Super Bowl themed.
- *February 12/13: Souper Bowl Collection.
- *February 16: High School Fun Night from 7–8:30 PM @ St. John Bosco ... Supper and Dodge Ball
- *February 18–20: Lazarus Retreat at Gasper River for High School. Contact Shanda if you are considering attending.
- *February 25–26: Middle School Girls Overnight. Details to follow.
- *March 11–13: Youth 2000 in Owensboro, 8th–12th grades. Information and registration will be mailed. **Do Not sign up directly, you must attend with a Parish Group.**

Contacting the Staff (via e-mail)

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

Collection Sunday, JANUARY 16, 2022

Adult	\$8,223.00
Children/Young Adult	\$19.00
Loose	\$547.48
Total	\$8,789.48
Support Life	\$819.00
YTD Budget	\$331,650.00
YTD Actual	\$344,964.11

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

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, In your 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

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

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 continues this week of January 23 with Chapter 2. Parents are asked to provide some quality time to cover Chapter 2 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.



9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Go to www.9DAYSFORLIFE.COM during this month as the Church continues to advocate for and end to abortion and the respect for all life from conception to natural death.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Parishioners: Bobby Thomas, Fred Carrico, Jackie Langham, Jim Johnson, Maria Puryear, 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, 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: Sara Clark, 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

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. ©LPi

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23

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

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week ©LPi

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS | JANUARY 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©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 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)]
Commissioning of New Stephen Leaders,
Class #2
- 5:30 PM Rosary at the Grotto

Monday, January 24, 2022

- 8:00 AM No Mass
- 5:15 PM RCIA Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM RCIA Session

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [Mark Wayne Womble (d)]
- 6:30 PM Synod Listening Session 1 @ Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [L/D Members of Dr. Williams &
Margaret Merritt Family]
- 9:00 AM Quilting

Thursday, January 27, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [Susan Neal Woods (d)]

Friday, January 28, 2022

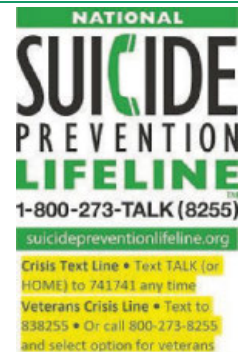
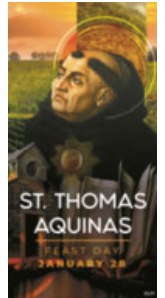
- 8:00 AM Mass [Mike McFarland (d)]

Saturday, January 29, 2022

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

Sunday, January 30, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [Philip Elder, II (d)]
- 9:00 AM PRE for K–11th grade
- 10:30 AM Mass [Billy Lee (d)]
4th Degree Knights of Columbus Gathering
- 5:30 PM Rosary at the Grotto



HOUR OF PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23

- Sun: Suzanne Thompson
- Mon: Theresa Thompson
- Tues: Janet Toon
- Wed: Frankie & Roxie Toon
- Thurs: Gayle Vermillion
- Fri: Karen Willett
- Sat: Annie O. Wilson



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