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JANUARY 7, 2024  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

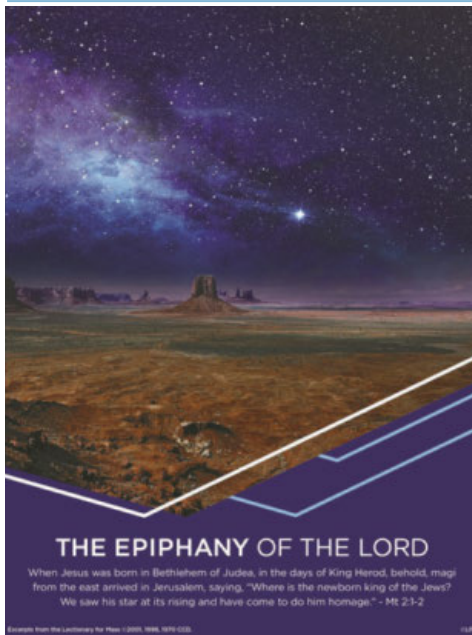


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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday, **January 7th** from 12:00—4:00 PM. Dedicate an hour of your time, or stop in at any time for quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

The next class will be Tuesday, **January 9th** at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. The topic will be “Sacrament of Baptism”.

## ELMER ELLIOTT ... 106TH BIRTHDAY

On **January 11th** Elmer will celebrate his 106th birthday! He is the oldest parishioner at St. Jerome. If you would like to send him a card his address is Elmer Elliott, c/o Mills Health & Rehab, 500 Beck Lane, Mayfield, KY 42066.

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus is having a celebration on **January 11th** at Mills Health & Rehab at 2:30 PM in their cafeteria. All Knights of Columbus members are encouraged to attend and the 4th Degree should wear their uniform.



## CAROLE BALLARD FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

A graveside service for Carole Ballard will be Friday, **January 12th** at 11:00 AM in the St. Jerome Cemetery.

## LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 16th** at 6:30 PM at the Fancy Farm Winery. There will be elections of new officers and dues of \$10 collected. Any ladies interested in joining, please join us.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, **January 21st** from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM at the Parish Hall.

## FANCY FARM RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Sign-ups for T-ball, PeeWee, Baseball and Softball will be February 4th and 18th from 11:30 AM—1:30 PM at St. Benedict Hall. For more information, please contact Matt Hayden at 270-705-6233.



## ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 13-30!

You are invited to a Youth 2000 Retreat on **March 15—17** 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.

**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 SOLEMNITY OF THE LORD'S EPIPHANY

Many traditions and genuine manifestations of popular piety have been developed in relation to the Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany, which is of ancient origin and rich in spiritual content. Among such forms of popular piety, mention may be made of:

- Patron saints are assigned to the members of the family for the coming year. This practice also strengthens our appreciation of the Communion of Saints as well.
- the exchange of "Epiphany gifts", which derives from the gifts offered to Jesus by the three kings and more radically from the gift made to all people by God in the birth of Emmanuel amongst us. It is important, however, to ensure that the exchange of gifts on the solemnity of the Epiphany retain a Christian character, indicating that its meaning is evangelical: hence the gifts offered should be a genuine expression of popular piety and free from extravagance, luxury, and waste which are extraneous to the Christian origins of this practice;
- the blessing of homes, on whose lintels are inscribed the Cross of salvation, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (C+M+B), which can also be interpreted to mean *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, written in blessed chalk; this custom, often accompanied by processions of children accompanied by their parents, expresses the blessing of Christ through the intercession of the three wise men and is an occasion for gathering offerings for charitable and missionary purposes;
- assistance to the work of evangelization; the strong missionary character of the east of Epiphany.



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## YOUTH GROUP

\***January 24:** Middle & High School adoration with praise and worship from 6:30–8:00 PM. Families are also invited to attend!

\***February 16–18:** Lazarus Retreat #6 @ Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp



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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.

### 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 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, DECEMBER 31, 2023

Adult .....\*\$13,186.58  
Children/Young Adult ..... \$9.00  
Loose.....\$347.00  
Total .....\$13,542.58

\*includes WeShare amount

St. Vincent de Paul ..... \$3,309.00



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of **Brannon Thompson**, who died

on December 22, 2023.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

### WELCOME FAMILY

Welcome **Joanne Carrillo** to St. Jerome Church.

May you experience your new church family as a welcoming community and find an opportunity to grow and share your faith and your gifts among us.

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS!

\***Brooks Wilson Cole**, son of Patrick & Madison (Carrico) Cole, was baptized on December 31, 2023.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

If you would like to help with VBS this year, please attend a planning meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 5:30–6:00 PM in the Parish Center.

### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2024

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**Pray** for all men and women serving in the armed forces, especially Nathaniel Brown, David M. Clifton, Adam Curtsinger, Ryan Hayden, Ryan King, Ben Lawrence, Michael McGrath, Luke Nimmo, Josh & Sarah Thompson, Luke Westmoreland, Brittany Willett, and Thomas Wilson.

### GRACE MARRIAGE ... DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JANUARY 10TH

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**What is Grace Marriage?** Grace Marriage is an ongoing, parish-based, small group approach to marriage enrichment. This exciting ministry is designed to enrich, protect, and grow your marriage! Using Biblical, grace-based materials, you will have time to talk with your spouse and explore ways to enrich your relationship. Our marriage ministry is an intentional commitment to grow in your relationship with each other and the Lord. Four times a year husbands and wives meet with other couples to explore different aspects of marriage. The sessions are called marriage coaching; marriage coaching is an intentional and proactive approach to re-focus on positives in your relationship. Marriage coaching is not a lecture. It is not marriage counseling or group therapy. It is not a seminar or conference.

**What does it cost?** \$200 per couple for all sessions, includes meals & materials.

**When are the sessions held?** Each session will last from 8:00 AM–12:30 PM on **January 20, April 13, August 24, and November 2**

**\*\*\*Where are the sessions held? St. Jerome is partnering with St. Thomas More in Paducah this year so the sessions will be held at St. Thomas More.\*\*\***

Childcare will be available.

For more information or to sign up, contact Peyton Hutson at 845-475-7085 or via email at [peycarrico@gmail.com](mailto:peycarrico@gmail.com).



### JOY, LAUGHTER, AND HOLINESS WOMEN'S RETREAT

This Women's Retreat will return to Union County Kentucky on **February 3**, St. Agnes Parish Hall, 401 5th St. Uniontown, KY 42461 from 8:30 AM–12:30 PM and all are welcome to attend. Registration will be held from 8:00–8:30 AM, followed with breakfast and then speakers and music. The program is scheduled to end at 12:30 PM. Cost is \$20/person.

There will be three dynamic talks for the retreat. Two will be presented by keynote speaker Kristy Malik, and one by local Diocesan parishioner Rose Mary Trowbridge. Music will be provided for the day by Michelle Crider and Ethan Martin.

Learn more and Preregister at <https://owensborodiocese.org/womensretreat/>.

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### MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Our family would like to thank the entire parish for their kindness after the passing of our beloved husband, dad, son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend, Brannon Thompson. The people that came to support us during visitation and the funeral mass was truly overwhelming and something we will never forget. Thanks to everyone that visited our homes, brought us food, and sent us cards, flowers and gifts. Your heartfelt compassion, love, and kind words will help us to get through the difficult days ahead. We would also like to say a special thanks to those individuals that prepared food and served our family and friends during the funeral meal. It is truly a special ministry that brought us so much comfort after a hard morning. Lastly, we can't say enough wonderful things about the entire parish staff. They made the funeral special and something that truly honored Brannon's life. They were and continue to be a great comfort to all of us. We ask that you continue to include Brannon and us in your daily prayers as we process our great loss and learn to live in our new normal.

~With much love, the Thompson, Buckman and Wilson families."

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#### 4 LIVING THE LITURGY

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year. ©LPI

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#### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

##### The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

~Father John Muir



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#### VOCATION CRUCIFIX

January 6/7: Richard Hayden, Bill & Angela Higdon, Natalie Higdon

January 13/14: Bobby Joe & Lea Ann Hobbs, Gwen & Allen Hobbs, Gary & Marilyn King

January 20/21: Clint & Peggy Marler, Grant & Claudette Mills, David & Pam Nanny

January 27/28: Betty Jean Redden, Teresa Reddick, Bobby & Lacy Riddle

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#### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7

**Sun:** The Epiphany of the Lord

**Mon:** The Baptism of the Lord

**Sat:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPI

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The Epiphany  
of Our Lord



### Sunday, January 7, 2024

- 8:00 AM Mass [Our Parish Family]
- 9:00 AM P.R.E. (K–11th)
- 10:30 AM Mass [Johnny Dossett (d)]
- 12:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration till 4 PM
- 4:30 PM** Rosary in the Grotto

### Monday, January 8, 2024

- 8:00 AM NO Mass

Baptism  
OF THE Lord

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

- 8:00 AM Mass [John, Rose & Michael Pendel (d)]
- 6:30 PM RCIA

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

- 8:00 AM Mass [Rebecca J. Williams (d)]
- 9:00 AM Quilting

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

- 8:00 AM Mass [Carolyn Hayden Fields (d)]

### Friday, January 12, 2024

- 8:00 AM Mass [Earl & Anna Rubel Toon (d)]
- 11:00 AM Carole Ballard graveside

### Saturday, January 13, 2024

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

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

- 8:00 AM Mass [Sandra Vaughn (d)]
- 9:00 AM P.R.E. (K–11th)
- 10:30 AM Mass [Robert “Bob” Hayden (d)]
- 4:30 PM** Rosary in the Grotto

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \*January 15: Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- \*January 20: Dinner for Eight
- \*February 11: RCIA — Rite of Election @ St. Francis de Sales in Paducah at 2:00 PM
- \*February 14: Ash Wednesday ... Mass times are 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- \*March 9: Dinner for Eight
- \*March 26: Chrism Mass in Owensboro
- \*March 28: Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 PM
- \*March 29: Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM
- \*March 30: Holy Saturday Mass at 8:00 PM
- \*March 31: Easter Sunday Mass times 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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## HOUR OF PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7

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



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