



Christmas 2021



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

- Jn 1:14

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 26 *The Holy Family*

9:00 †Stanley & Ellen Meihaus

11:00 Parish

Monday, December 27 *St. John Apostle*

6:30 †Anna Mae Bullen

10:00 †David Gay

Tuesday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

6:30 †Natalie Riedinger

10:00 Fr. Christopher Gronotte Anniv

Wednesday, December 29 *St. Thomas Beckett*

6:30 Antoinette England, Sp. Int.

10:00 †Jude Thomas Hils

Thursday, December 30

6:30 †Lou Vennefron

10:00 †Austin Braun

Friday, December 31 *St. Sylvester I*

6:30 †Donald Allgeyer

10:00 †Jill Paolucci

4:00 †Lucia Soldano

Saturday, January 1 *Mary, The Holy Mother*

9:00 †Mary & Andy Wimmers

11:00 †Stanley & Ellen Meihaus

4:00 †Mark Fry

Sunday, January 2 *The Epiphany of The Lord*

9:00 †June Kroger

11:00 Parish

BAPTISM: Preparatory classes are required. Please call the office (331-4302) to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Thursday before First Friday, 10:30a.m. & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish at least 6 months ahead. One party must be a parishioner.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Contact Parish Office, 331-4302

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:

Wednesdays, 10-4 p.m., Rosary & Benediction at 3:30p.m.

ROSARY: The rosary is prayed at 9:30 a.m. before every 10 a.m. weekday Mass, unless there is a funeral Mass

LET US PRAY

FOR OUR SICK

Stew & Joy Riche
Corbin Barnett
Erin Woods
Larry Bischoff
Donna Epplen
Donna Cliff
Susan Neltner
Gordon Quinn

Ginny & Charlie Yancey
Phyllis Lunnemann
Annie Soldano
Lou & Ann Fritz
Ralph Carr
Sean Davis
Juanita Hanna

FOR OUR DEAD

Mary Lee Merton and Aurelia Rice

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. We also have a prayer group through our Facebook page: @welcometobsc.

CONGRATULATIONS

BISHOP IFFERT TO CELEBRATE 2021 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES AT VESPERS

Married couples who celebrated their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to a Vespers celebration on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 2:00 pm. Anniversary couples please RSVP by January 11, 2022, at covidio.org/wedding-vespers/ or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533 to register. Reservations are only required for Anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.

OFFICE INFORMATION

2409 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY 40417
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Parish Office Hours: M-F, 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

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FROM THE PASTOR FR. HILS

Dear Family,

We are in the last days leading up to the big feast. As one song says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year."

My prayer for all of you is that you will have beautiful family time with parents, children, and siblings.

When the angel came to the shepherds he wished for peace. We will never solve the conflicts in the world among nations. I don't think we can pull off that kind of peace.

It is more personal than that. Charity starts at home, and love brings peace. So we start with the people around us. That is the peace of the Bethlehem angel who says, "Peace to men of good will." I wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Thanks for beings so kind and welcoming to Fr. Augustine and myself.



FROM THE PAROCHIAL VICAR, FR. AIDOO

Dear friends in Christ, every year different groups pick their person of the year for contributions in different ways to the society. If however one

were to pick the greatest person that ever lived, it won't be difficult for most people to choose Jesus. In Luke's gospel (7:24-30), however, Jesus referred to John as the greatest of all men born of women but with a qualification, "the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John." It is only in this affirmation, we can truly understand how important it is to belong to Christ.

Jesus spoke to the crowds concerning John, after the disciples had left. "What did you go out into the wilderness to behold?" This is a question we will also have to reflect on. "A reed shaken by the wind?" Obviously not. "To see a man dressed in soft raiment?" The wilderness is not the place to look for that; that is better seen at the palaces, parties and during feast days. "To see a prophet? Yes, more than a prophet." The prophetic image and word of John brought the crowd to him, not only to listen, but also to be baptized, a sign of their repentance. Many people however, missed the real point of their visit to the wilderness, they went for a "show" and not the message. Jesus said to them,

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"Among those born of women, none is greater than John, yet, he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." The greatest joy is to belong to the kingdom of God and not just becoming a nominal member of the Church. What have you come to the Church to do yourself? To see those who have no faith and are swept right, left and centre, running from one church to the other for solutions? This is not the best place to do that. What have you come for? To see the new trend in fashion, make new friends and market your products? Obviously the runway and the market is a better place to do that.

To hear the prophetic message? Yes! that is what the Church exists to provide. Where do you belong? Search deep within yourself. Are you one of those who choose and pick what to believe? Those who follow the Lord in as much as they are not inconvenienced? Are you in church for showmanship? To see the priest or choir perform? There's time for concert. But do you blame followers only; what of leaders who have turned religious events into showbiz? If a church event is about how many people attended and not the true message of the gospel that can turn their lives around, then, there is a big problem.

Going forward to the new year, I wish peace, joy and life to you as you reflect on the questions raised above.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
+Remain blessed



FROM DEACON BAYNE

My wife, Lisa, & my whole family wishes your families a very Merry CHRISTmas & a Happy New Year. I will continue to pray for your families in my daily prayers & ask God to bless you during this CHRISTmas season & throughout the year.



FROM DEACON FORTNER

May the birth of Christ reinvigorate your love for one another and the Church.

I want to wish everyone the best Christmas ever—filled with wonderful family conversations and friendships. Know that our prayers are with you during this joyful season.

STEWARDSHIP

GIFT OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

Toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, laundry and dish detergent, and all-purpose household cleaner for Be Concerned. Please leave your donations in the bins near the church doors. *Thank you!*

REFLECTION

STEWARDSHIP: IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS:

Stewardship is a lot like exchanging gifts at Christmas. God gives us everything we have. In order to participate in the exchange, we need to give too. God knows that we need to give in order to fully appreciate what we've been given. Giving is good for us. As we tell our kids at Christmas time: It's the thought that counts. Stewardship is not about *what* we give so much as *how* we give — how we think and live as God's family. Parents provide for their children, and God provides for all of us. Parents teach their children to share what they've been given. So does God. Having enough time, talent, and/or treasure to share is a blessing. Recognizing our abundance and knowing from whom it came is the beginning of gratitude. In his providence, God invites us to joyfully participate in the gifting process. This participation is what we call stewardship.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Annual Budget: \$1,319,968.00

Support Needed Weekly: \$25,384

Last Week's Collection: \$21,508 (Faith Direct online giving not included)

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FEATURED MINISTRY

LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT



Parishioners have been providing Christmas beauty for our worship space for a long time! Did you know that our crèche was built by the same family that made the beloved one that is displayed at the Krohn Conservatory in Cincinnati each Christmas? The

Biedenharn family built both prior to WWII. Putting up this distinctive crèche is a BSC tradition that continues today. Like decorating your home for Christmas, decorating our church is a labor of love. Thanks to all who helped with trees, flowers, and, of course, the crèche.



Interested in helping in some way with liturgical environment? Contact Rosanne Thomas in the Parish Office.

GUESS WHO MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” *John 1:14a*

The word that is translated as “dwelt” literally means that he pitched his tent with ours. In other words, Jesus moved into our world, our community, our neighborhood! He heals, redeems, and teaches us to love as he loves. At mass, he welcomes us to his Father’s house for a sacred meal and spiritual nourishment. Would you like to hear more? Come and explore with us what this Good News might mean for you. Our door is open, and all are welcome! Contact Mirianna Asman: 859-331-4302, ext 37 or masman@bscky.org.

THAT MAN IS YOU

This interactive program is focused on the development of Christian men in the modern world. Science, the Catholic faith, and the wisdom of the saints help develop the vision of authentic men, capable of transforming themselves, their families, and the greater society. Independent research from the Gallup Polls reveals THAT MAN IS YOU to be one of the most life-transforming programs available. For more information, contact Deacon Jim Fortner: 859-462-9277 or jfortner@bcky.org.

RIGHT TO LIFE

“For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” (John 18:37) In this holy season of Christmas and the approach of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, please keep the Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization Supreme Court Case in your daily Masses, your rosaries and prayers, as well as the ‘Born Alive Protection Bill’ (SB 157) in Southwest Ohio set for the Governor’s Desk. For more information: email Pat Bethell at pjbethell@twc.com.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

The challenges of modern women are timeless, and so is God’s wisdom revealed in the Scriptures and Church teaching. **Walking With Purpose** helps women develop a deep, close relationship with Jesus Christ through study, discussion, and fellowship with other women. Morning and evening sessions are available. Contact Connie Combs for information: 859-380-2466 or combsconnie@gmail.com.



MOVIE NIGHTS AND MORE

We provide our parishioners with free access to some of the finest online Catholic videos, audio presentation, and e-books for adults and teens. Family movies and children’s videos are also available. Go to FORMED.org and look up Blessed Sacrament under “parish/church.”

SAINT OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS, DECEMBER 28, PATRON SAINTS OF BABIES



King Herod ordered the murder of all young boys in Bethlehem in a vain effort to thwart the saving work of God through the incarnation of Jesus. Let us pray for children victimized by abortion, war, abuse and all forms of violence.



Blessed Sacrament Community,

Merry Christmas! We hope that each of you has a safe, healthy, and joyous holiday with your loved ones.

God Bless!

*Mr. Dan Steffen
Principal, Blessed Sacrament School*

*Merry
Christmas*
*from all of us at
Blessed Sacrament School*

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BSS!

By simply grocery shopping at Kroger and Remke, and holiday shopping on Amazon through the AmazonSmile program, you earned cash rewards for Blessed Sacrament School!

We truly appreciate our parish community!

We also are extremely thankful to those who have contributed to this year's Blessed Sacrament Annual Giving Campaign.

Your generosity will directly impact the students at BSS each and every day, and we are grateful for your kindness.

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a donation by clicking "support BSS" at bssky.org. Any amount is appreciated, and will help us continue our tradition of excellence at Blessed Sacrament School.



NEED HEALING?

As the source and summit of our faith, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest wellspring of healing that the Lord Jesus has given us. A Mass designated as 'healing' offers additional specific focus on personal healing. The Covington Diocese's Charismatic Renewal, the Mustard Seed Community, now sponsors a **First Friday Healing Mass** at St Joseph Church, Crescent Springs. All are welcome! Jan 7, 7pm Praise music, 7:30 Mass followed by individual healing prayer.



2022 CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE

"Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ") and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022 to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. LADIES, there is no better or more meaningful Christmas gift this year than to buy tickets to this conference for the men in your life. Don't know what to get Dad or your significant other for Christmas?! We just solved it. Go to: www.CincinnatiMensConference.com to get tickets. Give the gift of spiritual uplift this Christmas season, your men will thank you!"

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