

THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

"Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:66

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 †June Kroger

11:0 Parish

Monday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 Family of Dr. J. Michael Guenther,

Sp. Int

10:00 Megan Weber, Sp. Int.

Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 †Mary Hemmer

10:00 †David Wieschorster

Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neumann

6:30 †Sue Kendall

10:0 †Monica Morehead Flanders

Thursday, January 6 St. Andre Bessette

6:30 Emily Kempf, Sp. Int.

10:00 †Ed Morris

Friday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort

6:30 The Zerhusen Family, Sp. Int.

10:00 Elise West, Sp. Int.

Saturday, January 8

10:00 †Herman & Marie Von Handorf

4:00 †Susan Lohre

Sunday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 †Tom Ginney

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

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

Gordon Quinn

FOR OUR DEAD

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

BAPTISMS We welcome through the waters of baptism Quinn Davenport, daughter Claire and Austen and Otis Hemmer, son of Emily and Andrew.

DID YOU KNOW?

The song that we sing after the first reading at mass is more than *just* a song. It comes from the Book of Psalms in the Bible. Listen closely, and you will notice that this sung reading, often referred to as the Responsorial Psalm reflects on or "responds" in some way to the first reading.

OFFICE INFORMATION

2409 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY 40417 www.bscky.org

859-331-4302 | parish@bscky.org

Parish Office Hours: M-F, 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

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New Year Greetings



FROM THE PASTOR FR. HILS

As we continue on in this Christmas season, we come upon the Feast of the Epiphany. On this day, we celebrate that moment in time when the wise men came to

Bethlehem to see the Christ child.

The old joke associated with this feast goes like this:

Q: Why are the magi called wise men?

A: Because they are the only men who ever stopped and asked for directions.

The reference of course is to their audience with Herod, the puppet king of Israel.

These wise men were men of means. Their entry into Herod's kingdom would have been noticed by many because of their abundant entourage. In other words, they were probably not traveling lightly. So, it would have been considered rude of them not to stop and meet the king and to tell him of their destination.

Now Herod was a wicked man. He put to death his wife and three of his sons. This made him paranoid, and so, as with all dictators, the only life he considered worth preserving was his own. He became afraid upon hearing that there was a new king of the Jews born in Bethlehem. Eventually, he ordered the slaughter of all of the little boys in Bethlehem aged 2 years and younger. We call this the killing of the Holy Innocents. That feast day is celebrated on the 28th of December. Personally, I think all of those boys were called to be priests.

I pray that the joy and peace of the baby Jesus touches all of your hearts this Christmas season.

2023 SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: WHY PARTICIPATE?

Synodality is "journeying together" - a way of living out our faith that involves shared responsibility, listening and speaking to one another, and discernment with the Holy Spirit to address the issues facing our Church today. Why should you participate in the current consultation called for by Pope Francis? Because you are a member of the People of God, the Body of Christ! The People of God share a common dignity and vocation through the Sacrament of Baptism. Every member has received the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit can speak to you and through you! You have something to say that the Church wants and needs to hear! Continue to look for more information in parish communications, on social media, or on the diocesan website covdio.org/ synod on how to share your experience.

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STEWARDSHIP

GIFT OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

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

REFLECTION

HERE COMES EVERYBODY: An

epiphany is a sudden and striking realization of something. Our celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord provides an opportunity for us to realize that God invited everybody to the incarnation. From angels to donkeys, shepherds to star gazers from distant lands, Jews, Gentiles, even those not yet born – like us. All are welcome. This realization – or epiphany, if you will – is a reminder that we don't need to ask: "Who is my neighbor?" because we are ALL neighbors. Hospitality is a pillar of good stewardship because it's something our LORD, Himself, has demonstrated for us time and time again. Jesus told us that whoever welcomes a stranger in his name welcomes him. May those who visit us leave richer because of our stewardship of hospitality.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Annual Budget: \$1,319,968.00 Support Needed Weekly: \$25, 384 Last Week's Collection: \$14,191 Faith Direct as of 12/13/21: \$25,333 (reported bi-weekly)

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FEATURED MINISTRY

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Imagine for a moment that you are struggling to open the heavy church door because you have a baby in your



arms and a diaper bag over your shoulder, because you use a cane or walker, because you have an injured arm, etc.

Now, imagine a fellow parishioner standing at the door for the sole purpose of assisting you, greeting you, making you feel welcomed and valued. That's what families and neighbors do, right?

Imagine for a moment that this is your very first visit to a Catholic church, and you don't know the protocol, the prayers, the songs, etc.

Now, imagine that the friendly person who held the door for you was wearing a button that said: "Got a question? Ask me." Would you be comfortable asking what to do? How do you think your first impression of this church would make you feel?

One more time, imagine that you are the person holding the door, welcoming the harried parent, assisting the stranger, pointing out the best places for a wheelchair, etc.

If that last image made you smile, contact the parish office for more information how you can be part of a hospitality ministry here at BSC.



A TASTE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

Is it hard to connect with God? Like he's up in the sky and you're down here struggling? Jesus did not want to leave us alone, so he walked with us as a man, and he left us seven powerful ladders connecting us to heaven. We call these the seven sacraments. Join on Wednesday nights, January 5th-February 2nd to learn more about these gifts so you can connect with God more deeply this new year! RCIA Meetings are from 7:00-8:30pm in the parish center. We have coffee and candy, and would love to see you there! For more information, call Mirianna Asman at 859-331-4302, ext. 37.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Saturday, January 1st, The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation which offers an opportunity for prayer for all mothers, but especially those women in crisis pregnancies. In the ongoing struggle for the Culture of Life, there are persistent challenges that obstruct the sanctity of the human person that we all long for. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has denounced FDA's decision and plan for the abortion pill to be dispersed through online pharmacies or drug delivery services. "In response, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore...issued the following statement: "...One of the essential tasks of government is to safeguard the health and well-being of citizens. As such, the FDA ought to act to protect the lives and health of mothers and children, rather than merely succumbing to the abortion industry's pressure to loosen safety standards..."

Read more at: usccb/us bishops' pro-life chairman denounces fda decision on chemical abortion pill.

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.

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, JANUARY 4, PATRON SAINTS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Elizabeth Ann Bayley
Seton, SC, was a Catholic
religious sister in the
United States and an
educator, known as a
founder of the country's
parochial school system.
After her death, she
became the first person
born in what would
become the United States



to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL



Blessed Sacrament Community,

Happy New Year! May God Bless this new year with happiness and prosperity for all of us. We look forward to our return to school this week!

God Bless!

Mr. Dan Steffen Principal, Blessed Sacrament School



Upcoming Events

1/3 Back to School

1/17 NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

1/31-2/4 Catholic Schools Week 2022

2/4 EARLY DISMISSAL (11:30)

2/21 NO SCHOOL - President's Day

2/25 End of Second Trimester

Virtus Reminder

Please continue to read your Virtus bulletins if you plan to volunteer at school in the new year. Thank you!

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.

FT. MITCHELL SENIORS RESUMES

Please join us every 3rd Monday of the month. Doors open at 11:30, meeting starts at 12:00pm. Blessed Sacrament Parish Center.



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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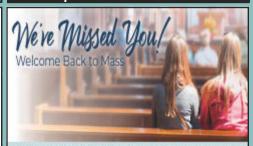
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