January 9, 2022 BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord **9:00** [†]Tom Ginney Parish 11:0 Monday, January 10 6:30 Linda Benzinger **10:00** Pauline Schilling, A.M. **Tuesday, January 11** [†]Tom Ginney 6:30 **10:00** [†]Anna Mae Bullen Wednesday, January 12 **6:30** [†]Rose A. Rasp, A.M. 10:0 [†]Debbie Robke Thursday, January 13 St. Hilary [†]Pat Cahill 6:30 **10:00** ⁺Bertie Wieschorster Friday, January 14 Family of J. Michael Guenther, Sp. 6:30 Int. **10:00** † Ron Becker Saturday, January 15 **10:00** [†]Fred Freihofer 4:00 **†Frank Durkin** Sunday, January 16 Parish 9:00 **11:00** †James Pelzer

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 Gordon Quinn

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

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

<u>BAPTISMS</u> We welcome through the waters of baptism Wyatt and Waylon Addington, sons of Lauren and Jordan.

DID YOU KNOW?

Only priests and deacons can give homilies at mass. The word "homily" comes from the Greek and refers to a public explanation of a sacred text or doctrine.

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. School: 859-331-3062 School Office Hours: M-F, 7:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

FROM THE PASTOR FR. HILS

Dear Family,

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This celebration reminds us of the greatest day of our lives when we were baptized. At the moment when the water touched our heads, and the formula was spoken, we were cleansed of original sin and sanctifying grace entered our souls. In other words, on that day, we began a life of grace. Only serious sin can take that away.

The reality of this should bring joy to our souls. Dom Columba Marmion in his classic work, *Christ the Life of the Soul*, writes, "Thanksgiving is the very first emotion that should be born in us in response to our baptism: the second is joy. Never should we think of our baptism without deep feelings of interior gladness."

All God's Blessings then.



2021 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES Vespers Celebration

Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, to honor couples who celebrated significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2021. 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 <u>covdio.org/weddingvespers/</u> 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. 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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Rev. Damian Hils, Pastor Ext. 15	
Rev. Augustine Aidoo, Parochial Vicar Ext. 21	
Deacon Jim Bayne, Pastoral Associate Ext. 16	
Deacon Jim Fortner, Pastoral Associate Ext. 41	
Rosanne Thomas, DRE/Pastoral Assoc Ext. 22	
Matt Spencer, Music Director Ext. 35	
Rick Schwab, Business Manager Ext. 36	
Henry Barczak, Maintenance Ext. 34	
Mirianna Asman, RCIA Ext. 37	
Michele Garvey, Rel. Edu. Assistant Ext. 33	
Sarah Gillum, Secretary Ext. 10	
Kathy Woltermann, Secretary Ext. 11	
Carol Hebbeler, Sacristan 859-640-9459	
Blessed Sacrament School Office Hours:	
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GIFT OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

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

Reflection

STEWARDSHIP OF A NEW YEAR: It's that time again - New Year's resolutions! You know the litany: lose weight, eat healthy, organize the house, spend less time on social media, etc. These lofty goals, worthwhile as they may be, tend to fall by the wayside by February. Stewardship, however, isn't a goal, but an ongoing process, a way of thinking, a grateful response to God for all he has entrusted to us. Processing our new year's resolutions through stewardship, in prayer and cooperation with God, may actually help us to achieve our goals if they are part of God's plan for us. More importantly, growing in stewardship will help us experience more gratitude, draw us closer to God, and give more meaning to *all* we do. What a great way to start a new year.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Annual Budget: \$1,319,968.00 Support Needed Weekly: \$25, 384 Last Week's Collection: \$11,113.97

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Featured Ministry

ALTAR SERVER



Servers carry the incense and thurible and present the bread and wine along with the water to the priest during the preparation of the gifts or assist him when he receives the gifts from the people. Servers wash the hands of the priest, and assist the priest and deacon as necessary.

Serving at the altar is a unique and privileged ministry unlike any other available to lay persons. Servers are involved in all parts of each liturgical celebration, and they kneel in closer proximity to the altar during the miracle of transubstantiation than anyone else other than the priest or deacon.

Server ministry is open to children in grade four or above. Servers may not opt out of serving weekday or early masses. They will be rotated through all mass times. However, servers who are not students at BSS are not scheduled during school time. The schedule is posted online, and servers may try to switch with each other when necessary. Quarterly, they are given the opportunity to block out family vacation time or other family dates. *Contact: Kathy Woltermann in the Parish Office*.



R.C.I.A.: There is perhaps no greater joy on earth than realizing you are deeply, truly loved by someone. We hear today, at Jesus' baptism, "Heaven was opened...and a voice came from heaven, **"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."** These are the words God the Father speaks over each of us, his beloved sons and daughters.

Jesus has come that we might know this love--a journey we begin at baptism. Are you or is someone you know exploring Baptism in the Catholic faith? Maybe this New Year you can take a step, or invite a loved one to take a step towards the God who loves us more than we can imagine. To learn more, please call Mirianna Asman, our RCIA Coordinator, at 859 -331-4302 ext. 37, or email masman@bscky.org.

(Photos from Ethan Alexander's baptism at Blessed Sacrament,)

Right to Life

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with



him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (<u>respectlife.org/culture-of-life</u>)

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

ST. HILARY, (C. 315-C. 367) BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, JANU-ARY 13

Gallo-Roman doctor of the church who as



bishop of Poitiers was a champion of orthodoxy against Arianism (q.v.) and was the first Latin writer to introduce Greek doctrine to Western Christendom. St. Hilary is the patron saint of lawyers.



Blessed Sacrament Community,

We are happy to be back in the swing of things in 2022! On Sunday, January 23rd, our school will be hosting an open house for prospective families at 11:30 AM. We ask that you promote this event to your family and friends. We would welcome the opportunity to show them why Blessed Sacrament is such a special place and why our school was just recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence for the fourth time.

We hope that the new year is off to an amazing start for your family. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dan Steffen Principal, Blessed Sacrament School



You are part of the WHY that allows each of us at Blessed Sacrament School to strive for excellence every day. Your support motivates us to continue to aspire towards greatness.

At Blessed Sacrament School, we pride ourselves on ensuring that our students are ready for the future beyond gradeschool. Working with local Diocesan high schools to develop our junior high essential skills, our students leave the Blessed Sacrament campus with experience in navigating a rigorous curriculum and are prepared for high school success. The funds generously donated to our Annual Giving Campaign help us maintain a high level of academic excellence at Blessed Sacrament, providing every opportunity for our students to excel in high school and beyond! Please visit bssky.org and click "Support BSS" to donate online!

Upcoming Events

1/17	NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
1/23	Open House
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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST:

You are invited to The MARTIN LUTHER KING Breakfast at OUR SAVIOR CHURCH on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 9:30-11:45 AM. Join us for a discussion on Racial Diversity and Health Disparity. The Breakfast & Program is FREE. For more information Call Sr. Janet 859-491-5872

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.

CINCINNATI CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB

WINE AND CHEEESE gathering, Sunday, January 23, 2pm, KofC Anchor Room, 3621 Glenmore Ave, Cincinnati. More info, contact Don 513-574-8573 or Larry 513-520 -1323



Start your New Year with **Catholic Cafe Monday Mornings at** St. Anne Retreat Center

Featuring talks by Monsignor Bill Cleves

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

First session for 2022 will begin on January 10th

Bring a friend! There is no charge to attend



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