June 5, 2022



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 4 **4:00** [†]Nell & Stan Meihaus Sunday, June 5 9:00 Parish **11:00** [†]John H. Drummey, Jr. Monday, June 6 **6:30** [†] Marilyn Reynolds **10:00** †Ann Fritz Tuesday, June 7 6:30 +Eileen & Gerald Steffen **10:00** [†]Fred Freihofer Wednesday, June 8 6:30 ⁺Mondiek & Flanagan Families **10:00** [†]Mary Hemmer Thursday, June 9 Ruth Otto, Sp. Int. 100th Birthday 6:30 **10:00** [†]Anna Marguerite Styers Friday, June 10 6:30 [†]Harry & Olivia Tenfelde **10:00** [†]Ted & Alma Zerhusen Saturday, June 11 **10:00** [†]Helen R. Ziegler **4:00** [†]Charlie Haney, A.M. Sunday, June 12 **9:00** [†]Marie R. Impagliazzo McMichen 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. Rosary is also prayed at 3:30 Wednesday afternoons in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYER, LITURGY, AND SACRAMENTS

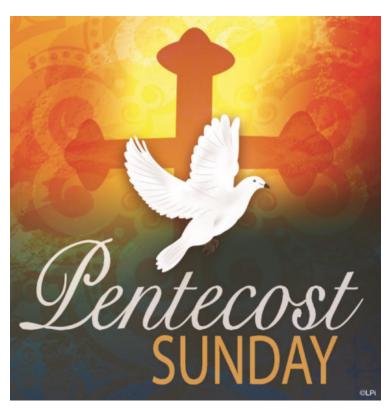
We Pray for Our Sick:

Stew & Joy Riche Corbin Barnett Erin Woods Larry Bischoff Donna Epplen Donna Cliff Susan Neltner Katie Clabough Sugar Gausepohl Ruth Otto Phyllis Lunnemann Lou Fritz Ralph Carr Sean Davis Juanita Hanna Michael Weber Virginia Carnage

We are praying for those who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Matrimony.

Kim Fehring and Bill Dehlinger 7/23/22 Allison Darpel and Colin Cummings 7/30/22

May they have a holy and happy life together.



BUSINESS MANAGER NEEDED: A

full time business manager position is available at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Please send resume and salary requirements to *parish@bscky.org*.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Blessed Sacrament is seeking a volunteer to be the coordinator of the church environment. This person will plan the decorations for the church throughout the year. Ideally a committee would be formed to help with the duties involved with this ministry to the parish. Duties include: water and tend to the plants as needed, order plants, organize a group to help assemble and set up Christmas trees, décor etc., Easter decorations and other decorating in the church throughout the year. Please call the parish office for further details 859-331-4302.

OFFICE INFORMATION

2409 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY 40417 www.bscky.org | parish@bscky.org Parish Office Hours: M-F, 8 a.m.—4 p.m. 859-331-4302

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Rev. Augustine Aidoo, Parochial Vicar Ext. 21	
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Blessed Sacrament School Office Hours: M-F, 7:30 a.m.—3 p.m. | 859-331-3062

Dan Steffen, Principal	Ext. 15
Jen Geiman, Assistant Principal	Ext. 14

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Family,

Sunday June 19th is our parish feast day. The 11:00 Mass will be followed by a brief Corpus Christi Procession. I would ask that all 1st Communicants come in their 1st Communion attire to form a court for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Afterwards, we will have an Ice Cream Social. Jennifer Summe is organizing this. Please contact her if you can help with the ice cream social. Her e-mail is Jsumme@bssky.org

Today is the Feast of Pentecost when we meditate on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Here is a quote from St. Augustine: "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling, and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."

"PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT

FEAR." (1John 4:18) Have you ever had a day that was a total 180 for you? From sorrow to joy, darkness to light? I remember the day my husband proposed...I went from a state of great impatience—almost giving up on the man—to one of total delight. It happened in about 10 seconds, as he



knelt before me and held out a sparkling diamond ring. The feast of Pentecost was something like that...on a much grander scale! The apostles were suddenly filled with the Holy Spirit, with God's own power and courage. They burst forth from the room they had locked themselves into, in fear for their lives, and spoke boldly about Jesus. Clothed and empowered with God's Spirit, they traveled to the ends of the earth and 11 of the 12 gave their lives freely, testifying to Jesus Christ's Resurrection. Thanks to their witness, you are reading a Church bulletin today!

At Confirmation, you and I receive the same Holy Spirit the apostles did. Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to step closer to Jesus, or to share your faith with someone else? <u>Do not be afraid! Whether you are a non-Catholic or a cradle</u> <u>Catholic, you are warmly welcome to join us! During the summer we have monthly meetings (candy and coffee included), starting on Wednesday, June 22 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Center. Questions? Please contact Mirianna Asman at masman@bscky.org or 859-331-4302. Ext. 37.</u>

STEWARDSHIP

GIFT OF THE MONTH JUNE

We are seeking fans and small air conditioners for distribution through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. People in some

neighborhoods keep their windows locked for security reasons, and indoor temperatures can reach dangerous levels in the summer. Fans and small air conditioners help make the heat bearable. Please leave donations in the bins at the church doors or drop them off in the Parish Office. Thank you for your Stewardship!

REFLECTION

WHAT DOES PRAYER HAVE TO DO WITH STEWARDSHIP?

In a word: Everything! Have you ever noticed that Jesus went off to pray before every major decision? We can't be God's faithful stewards if we don't talk and listen to him. The two greatest commandments-to love God and love our neighbor—are mirrored in the four pillars of stewardship: prayer and formation, hospitality and service, and these, in turn, guide us in our life's great mission: to help one another get to heaven. Without prayer, we cannot hope to achieve this goal. Don't worry about what to say in prayer. While words help us pray, prayer is not words. Prayer is being in loving relationship with God. Put yourself in God's presence, and open your heart. "Until you are convinced that prayer is the best use of your time, you will not find time for prayer." -Fr. Hilary Ottensmeyer, OSB

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

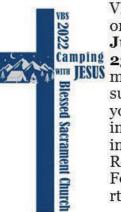
Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

People donate to the parish mission in ways other than the Sunday collection. We are revising our financial stewardship bulletin box to more accurately reflect all donations. Please bear with us during this process. Financial reports will return to the bulletin soon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL **CAMPING WITH JESUS**



VBS registration forms are online. Registration deadline is June 10th. VBS is June 20-Camping 23, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. It takes JESUS many hands to make VBS a success. We need adults and youth (ages 12 and up). For information on how you can help in large or small ways, contact Rosanne Thomas in the Formation Office: rthomas@bscky.org.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS!

THURSDAYS ~ BEGINNING JUNE 23RD

Join us in the Undercroft. Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., June 23-August 11 for a showing of the series "The Chosen." Adults and vouth in middle school or above will



enjoy this highly acclaimed television drama, based on the life of Jesus. For planning purposes, we would appreciate it if you call the parish office to let us know you are coming: 859-331-4302.

SUMMER BUCKET LIST

Begin a scrapbook with photos of churches where you attend mass while on vacation. (Times and locations: www.masstimes.org). Make "friendship fruit salad" for Parish Kitchen

(covingtoncharities.org/parish-kitchen): Invite each friend to bring a different fruit to your home. Fill gallon Ziplock bags with each fruit, cut in bite sized pieces. Volunteers at Parish Kitchen will combine the fruits at serving time. Be sure to save a little to enjoy with your friends!

Brainstorm ideas for Random Acts of *Kindness*, and write each on a separate sheet in a small notebook. Keep the notebook in your car. and choose an activity each time you go out. Use the rest of each page to record impressions or experiences you had. (If you have kids, put them in charge of this fun project)! Find ideas on Pinterest.

JUNE



LETTER TO SENATORS IN OPPOSITION TO SECOND VOTE ON THE WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

We write to express strong opposition to...the Women's Health Protection Act. This...extreme bill would impose abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy through federal statute...As Pope St. John Paul II observed,

"At the center of the moral vision of [the American] founding documents is the recognition of the rights of every human person..." The greatness of the United States lies "especially [in its] respect for the human dignity and sanctity of human life in all conditions and at all stages of development." This bill, however, would catapult our nation further away from this greatness..." Read more: USCCB/ Letter of Most Rev.William Lori and Timothy Cardinal Dolan to US Senate, Mar 9, 2022.

<u>DPAA 2022 – "Stand</u> <u>Firm In The</u>

LORD" (Philippians 4:1) Throughout history, the DPAA has been able to continue to support the services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout the Diocese.



Your kindness and compassion to the Appeal is a vital symbol of our unity in Christ as we reach out in faith to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Support of this special Appeal is also a meaningful way of expressing our gratitude to God for His many blessings. As Christian stewards, we are called to share the blessings we receive. Your loving response through both prayers and a financial gift has a great impact. The DPAA is an eloquent expression of our love for God and our stewardship of His gifts. May God bless you for your generosity. If you haven't made your gift, please do so today, or drop it in the offertory basket next weekend. Point the camera on your smart device at the QR Code above and then tap on the message that says "Tap here to go to eservicepayments.com." The eservicepayments.com is the Diocese of Covington's website where you can donate securely online (via credit card, direct debit, or electronic funds transfer) or visit www.covdio.org.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

BLESSED FRANZ JÄGERSTÄTTER

(b. May 20, 1907 – d. August 9, 1943) Called to fight for his country as a Nazi soldier, Franz refused, and this husband and father of three daughters, was executed because of it.

In 1938, he publicly opposed the German *Anschluss*—annexation—of Austria. The next year he was drafted into the Austrian army, and then received a deferment. In 1940, Franz was called up again but allowed to



return home at the request of the town's mayor. He was in active service between October 1940 and April 1941, but was again deferred. His pastor, other priests, and the bishop of Linz urged him not to refuse to serve if drafted. In February 1943, Franz was called up again and he refused to take the oath of loyalty to Hitler, he was imprisoned in Linz. Challenged by his attorney that other Catholics were serving in the army, Franz responded, "I can only act on my own conscience. I do not judge anyone. I can only judge myself." He continued. "I have considered my family. I have prayed and put myself and my family in God's hands. I know that, if I do what I think God wants me to do, he will take care of my family." Franz was beheaded and cremated the following day. In 1946, his ashes were reburied in St. Radegund near a memorial inscribed with his name and the names of almost 60 village men who died during their military service. He was beatified in Linz on October 26, 2007. His "spiritual testament" is now in Rome's St. Bartholomew

INTO THE

BREACH



Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic men which

their faith. Franciscan Media

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urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in a world in crisis. The sessions are .. (as noted below)

Church as part of a shrine to 20th-century martyrs for

Every Thursday 6am -7:20 thru August (except 6/30) in the Undercroft.

<u>Every Monday 8pm - 9:30 thru August</u> (except 7/4) in the Undercroft.



FIRST READING

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

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PSALM Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (Rom 8:14)



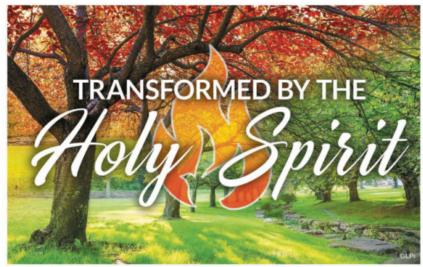
GOSPEL

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I had told you." (Jn 14:26)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, lifegiving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN'S annual FunFest takes place on Friday, June 24 from 6:00-11:00 PM, Saturday, June 25 from 5:00-11:00PM and Sunday, June 26 from 3:00-8:00PM. Come out to 1150 Donaldson Rd in Erlanger and enjoy some great family fun. You can purchase raffle tickets for our \$10,000 grand prize for just \$20 per ticket on the parish website at <u>www.mqhparish.com</u>. Thank you for supporting our festival.

HCHS COACHING OPENINGS FOR CHEER & ARCHERY

Holy Cross High School has openings for a Cheerleading Coach and an Archery Coach. Interested candidates please send cover letter and resume to anne.julian@hchscov.com by the application deadline of June 15, 2022. For more information go to <u>hchscov.com</u>.

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CALLING ALL CATHOLIC TEENS 14-17 TO PT: "Pro-Life Training."

Mary's Pro-Life Boot Camp, a ministry of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary and their Special Forces team, engage and equip the next generation of Pro-Life Catholics. July 7-11, 2022 at St. Anne Retreat Center, Melbourne. Retreat style weekend, daily sacraments, hands on experience, national and local speakers, plenty of chow, family picnic at drop-off. Enlist online at www.prolifebootcamp.org by June 9. Registration: \$100, scholarships available. Questions/donate/volunteer: marvsprolifebootcamp@gmail.com.



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