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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses Saturday, 4:00p.m.

Sunday, 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.

Weekday Masses Monday-Friday 6:30a.m. & 10:00a.m. Saturday 10:00a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30-3:30 p.m., Thursday before First Friday, 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays 6:00—6:30p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesdays, 10-6:45 p.m., Rosary at 3:30p.m., Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and Nocturnal Adoration the first Friday of each Month, starting at 9:00pm Thursday until 6:00am Friday morning. Benediction at 6:00am.

ROSARY : The rosary is prayed at 9:30 a.m. before every 10 a.m. weekday Mass, unless there is a funeral Mass. The Rosary is also prayed at 3:30 Wednesday afternoons in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the Parish Office, 331-4302

Pastoral Staff**Pastor**

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Hours M-F, 7:30 a.m.—3 p.m.**School Principal**

Aideen Briggs

New Parishioners: To register, call the Parish Office weekdays between 8:00am-4:00pm. Notification prior to leaving the parish is appreciated.

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month after the 11:00a.m. Mass. Preparation classes are required for parents. To register for the class, call the Parish Office. Parents must be active registered members of the parish.

Marriage: Call six months in advance, no date will be set without consulting with the parish priest or deacon. At least one party must be registered at Blessed Sacrament.

R.C.I.A.: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Call Jennifer Summe (Ext. 41)

SERVICE TIME & MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

10:00 †Virginia & Frank Pagliaminto

4:00 †Sue McDuffie, A.M. (Fr. Aidoo)

6:00 †Deceased of Winterman & Kramer Families (Fr. Hils)

10:00 †Deceased of Meihaus & Rasp Families (Fr. Hils)

Sunday, December 25

9:00 Priests (Fr. Aidoo)

11:00 Priests (Fr. Hils)

Monday, December 26

6:30 †Ginny & Harry Beck

10:00 †Anna Mae Bullen

Tuesday, December 27

6:30 †Denise & Hugh Whitaker

10:00 †Edward Hayes

Wednesday, December 28

6:30 †Marie & Cecil Bayne

10:00 †Carl Arlinghaus

Thursday, December 29

6:30 †Jude Thomas Hils

10:00 Claudia Vollmer, Sp. Int.

Friday, December 30

6:30 †Nora Hageman

10:00 †Fred Freihofer

Saturday, December 31

10:00 †Lefty & Margie Goetz

4:00 Meridee & Blaine Comfort, Sp. Int.

Sunday, January 1 Happy New Year

9:00 †Ellen & Stanley Meihaus

11:00 Parish

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Stew & Joy Riche, Sean Davis, Michael Weber, Lisa Bayne, Chris Haacke, Bob Miller, Jimmy Woods, Paul Stall, Larry Bischoff, Donna Epplen, Donna Cliff, Ruth Otto, Brice Hummel, Leo Meyers, Lou Fritz, Rob Feldmann, Ralph Carr.

Please pray for all parishioners who are ill and/or confined to their homes or nursing homes. If you know anyone needs prayers or a visit, please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS:

We congratulate Dr. Shannon Conneely and Joseph Knadler. Their daughter Harper Knadler was baptized at our font here this week. We joyfully welcome Harper into the church.

FROM THE PASTOR FR. HILS

Dear Family,
Merry Christmas! 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 being so kind to Fr. Augustine and myself. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

FROM FR. AIDOO

Dear Brothers and sisters

The Goodness of the Lord has visited us once again so we say... God is Good, ... !!!

At this special and sacred time of the year, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. While we might recall difficult times and frustrations in 2020-2022, we continue with faith, love, joy and hope in 2023.

The generosity of your gifts to the Lord are modeled upon what the Three kings presented to the Newborn King. The times spent on Wednesdays and Thursday before the First Fridays of the month in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Prayer and Rosary before Daily Masses are very inspiring, spirit-filled and blissful.

The talent you share from ministering at Mass to making others feel Christ's compassion and love by visiting the home-bound, bringing food or just a smile to many, your active involvement in formative programs, planning and executing social gatherings is impressive. All you offer in support and sustenance of our church, as well as shaping its future is indeed a blessing to all.

At "this most wonderful time of the year" may you and your loved ones find joy and fulfillment as surely did Joseph and Mary. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good of goodwill, including you

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY.

Caroline Wise and Daniel Todd

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Bulletin submission deadline Monday 3pm

GIFT OF THE MONTH**JANUARY**

Everyone likes to begin a new year with a fresh start—but not everyone can afford the little things that make that possible. You can help with 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 ROOTED IN TRUST**

Most of us learned the Christmas story as children, and we find it charming with its angels, shepherds, animals, and, of course, the sweet Baby Jesus. As adults, however, we must not



forget that there is also a young woman pregnant out of wedlock, a troubled man betrothed to this woman, a small town full of people who whisper about such things, a long treacherous journey, a woman in labor while far from home and without shelter, and a king who wanted to kill her child. None of this was part of young Mary's pre-angel

vision of how her life would unfold. When God placed the choice before her, however, she said "yes" to her part in all of it!

Mary is often called the first disciple, a model of stewardship. Imagine, for a moment, the trust she must have had in God to accept her role in this plan for salvation. We know that her trust was well-placed.

When our own lives begin to veer from our happy vision, hopes, and plans, we may ask, like Mary: "How can this be?" The answer we get is similar to the one Mary received from the angel, some version of: God has it figured out; you just need to do your part. That's stewardship—and yes, it is easier said than done sometimes. No one knows that better than Mary.

Whatever we are dealing with in our lives this Christmas season, let us remember that we have a powerful intercessor in our Blessed Mother.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Amen.

REMEMBER TO OPEN YOUR GIFT

Our gift to parishioners and all who join us for Christmas is waiting to be opened! Visit our website: bscky.org. Scroll down to this photo on



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the left side of our homepage, and click on it to open your prepaid library of videos, podcasts, online courses, children's videos, family movies, and more.

We especially hope that you enjoy *The Chosen Christmas Special*. Your subscription is paid through the coming year, and new content is being added all the time. Enjoy this gift with our prayers for a Blessed Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

LORD, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son and we remember those who have not heard the Good News. May they hear the living Gospel through us.

We give you thanks for the lessons of the Holy Family whose lives were filled with hardships just like ours, and we remember those who are lonely this Christmas. May they feel the embrace of family through us.

We give you thanks for the peace of Christ, and we remember those whose lives are filled with distress, war, fear, and violence. May they find your comfort through us.

LORD, help us celebrate your gracious presence by being your presence to others.

Amen



BSS NEWS

Merry Christmas



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BSS!

By simply grocery shopping at Kroger and Remke, and holiday shopping on Amazon through AmazonSmile, 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. Any amount is appreciated, and will help us to continue our tradition of excellence at BSS.



To donate, simply scan QR code, text AGC2023 to 366283, or make an online donation by visiting <https://bssky.ejoinme.org/SupportAGC2023>



RCIA---A HOLIDAY "TO DO" FOR YOU TO ADD TO YOUR LIST! The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults is the way by which persons become "citizens of the Kingdom" through Baptism,

Confirmation, and Eucharist. As you open your home during this Christmas Season to your friends and relatives, please consider if any of your guests should also be invited by you to learn about becoming a "citizen of the Kingdom" by their participation in the parish's RCIA program. You may also have people whom you would like to invite to deepen their Catholic faith through attendance at RCIA. Your invitation to consider exploring RCIA could be the best Christmas Gift your guests have ever received and would fit our parish mission to evangelize. For more information, please contact Jennifer Summe at jsumme@bscky.org or 859-331-4302, ext. 41.

B.S.C.'S S.V.D.P. PANTRY NEEDS YOU!

Our Saint Vincent de Paul pantry is depleted on a few items. Immediate needs include: **SMALL SIZE ONLY PLEASE:** Jelly, Canned Goods, Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta, Toothbrushes, and Toothpaste. Thank you for your continued support of the Pantry.

THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY) has sessions each Monday 8pm and Thursday 6am, during Christmas break we do prayer and Gospel reflections. Please join us for the 2023 Spring semester of 'All Things New' starting Thursday, Jan. 12, 6am and repeating that session Monday, Jan. 16, 8pm.

Most meetings are in the church undercroft. For Monday contact Justin Jehn (513) 616-1032, for Thursday John Carey (513) 884-9800

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Welcome to Preschool

AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

As a part of being “all in,” we are expanding our elementary school to include preschool in the fall of 2023! We are eager to serve more families and students through a Catholic-based program in which students will be developed spiritually, academically, and personally using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.

Our preschool *students*:

- Must be three years old by January 1, 2023
- Must be potty-trained
- Two classes of up to 18 students
- State-certified lead teachers and full time aide

Our *curriculum* will include:

- Direct instruction in religion, reading, writing, mathematics, science, music, art, Spanish, PE, unplugged STEM, and social-emotional learning. Children will have opportunities for hands-on learning, sensory and dramatic play, play time, and peer interaction.

Blessed Sacrament Preschool *schedule*:

- Preference given to full-time students.
- Five days per week, 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Half-day and 2-4 days per week.
- Mirrors the K-8 BSS calendar.

Please *contact us* for more information:

- Director: Clair Davenport (cdavenport@bssky.org)
- Principal: Aideen Briggs (abriggs@bssky.org)





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FAMILY NURTURING CENTER:
Join us for a FREE Virtual Training.

Come celebrate First Friday Mass followed by a Healing Service, **Jan 6** at St. Joseph Church, Crescent Springs, KY with Fr. Thomas Picchione. The evening begins at 7pm with music by the Sacred Heart Praise Band, followed by Mass at 7:30. Sponsored by the Mustard Seed Catholic Charismatic Community of the Diocese of Covington. For more information, call Carol at 859-341-5932.

January 18th, 10-12pm
February 15th 2-4pm
March 8th 6-8pm
Register at <https://familynurture.org/programs-of-the-family-nurturing-center/stewards-of-children/>

UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky. Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE PROJECT

For information regarding proposed Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project. Review the project: Publicinput.com/bsbc. The projected ground breaking is November of 2023 and run thru 2029. The project is waiting on approval and funding.

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