

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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

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**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, January 7

**4:00** †Tom Ginney (Fr. Aidoo)

Sunday, January 8

9:00 Parish (Fr. Hils)

**11:00** †Mary Jeanne Kleier (Fr. Aidoo)

Monday, January 9

**6:30** Rev. Damian Hils, Sp. Int.

10:00 Dr. David Quast, Sp. Int.

Tuesday, January 10

**6:30** †Maria K. Soldano

10:00 †Pauline Schilling

Wednesday, January 11

**6:30** †Anne Marie Gieske

10:00 †Sr. Mary Louise Russley, O.P.

Thursday, January 12

**6:30** †Carl Arlinghaus

10:00 †Virginia Burton

Friday, January 13

**6:30** †Joanna Lear

10:00 †Todd Clark

Saturday, January 14

10:00 †Mary Jeanne Kleier

**4:00** †Frank Durkin, A.M. (Fr. Hils)

Sunday, January 15

**9:00** †Aubrey Enzweiler (Fr. Aidoo)

**11:00** Parish (Fr. Hils)

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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 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.

# PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

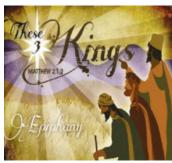
We pray for the repose of the souls of Theresa Gamble. Please keep Theresa and her family in your prayers.

# FROM THE DESK OF FR. HILS

Dear Family,

I would like to thank the Bill Remke family for their very gracious donation of a mahogany encased Schimmel Grand Piano for our stage in the undercroft. This is a superb instrument which will help for so many gatherings with friends and family.

Thanks also to all who gave so generously this Christmas to our parish. There is a long standing tradition at Blessed Sacrament of parishioners who give generously every year at Christmas. I am very grateful for your help in keeping this custom alive. It is what pays the bills here. Thank You



"Epiphany" means manifestation. And the "Epiphany of the Lord" is Jesus' manifestation not only to the three Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus

came for **all** people and all are called to adore Him. Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called to leave your comfort zone and to make Jesus better known to those in your lives. Do you know someone who has asked about our faith or a Catholic who might be ready to return to the Church? We are here to assist you in your work of evangelization. Please contact Jennifer Summe at 859-331-4302, ext. 41 or <a href="mailto:jsumme@bscky.org">jsumme@bscky.org</a> for information.

# **Parish Ministries**

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

Kara Lucas and J.R. Stall

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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 FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS

In today's second reading from Ephesians, Saint Paul begins: "Brothers and Sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit..." Many people equate "stewardship" with giving money, but Saint Paul reminds us that disciples of Jesus are stewards of all that he has entrusted to us—including, but not limited to money. Saint Paul was entrusted with God's gratuitous outreach to the Gentiles, not for his own benefit, for he was a Jew, but for the benefit of others. As we begin a new year, let us ask ourselves what God has entrusted to us for the benefit of others.

# Thank You!

Thanks to our clergy, liturgical ministers, church decorators, and all who devoted themselves to making our Christmas liturgies beautiful, prayerful, and hospitable for parishioners and visitors alike.

# REMEMBER TO OPEN YOUR GIFT

Our gift to parishioners and all who join us in prayer this Christmas season is waiting to be



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# How to Bless Your Home on Epiphany

The bible reference to the magi says they entered the home where the Holy Family was staying in order to worship the Christ child there. Blessing the home is a time-honored tradition on the Feast of the Epiphany. You can find an Epiphany blessing for your home in <u>Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers</u> or at the USCCB website.

A simple form of the Epiphany blessing involves using blessed chalk to write the letters C, M, and B, plus the year, above the main entrance to the home (or above the door to each room in the house), like so: 20 + C + M + B + 23. The letters are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also represent the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, which means: "May Christ bless the house." The + represents the cross.



# LOOKING FOR A FAITH LIFT IN 2023?

There is more to help you grow in faith and embrace community at BSC than you may know. Visit our website for information on...

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Dear Parishioners,

As we reflect on our Christmas season, may we remember all the kindnesses that were extended to us, all the hugs received, smiles in our direction, and the precious time we had with our loved ones. God is good. All the time. May we carry the peace of the season with us into this New Year.

Our Open House for grades PK-8 is on Sunday, January 22nd after the 11:00 a.m. mass. It runs from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. If you or someone you know has questions about our preschool, please contact our director, Mrs. Clair Davenport, at cdavenport@bssky.org.

Cheerfully in Christ,

Mrs. Aideen Briggs Principal, Blessed Sacrament School

# **Upcoming Events**

1/16 NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

1/22 Open House

1/30-2/3 Catholic Schools Week 2022

2/20 NO SCHOOL - President's Day

2/24 End of Trimester 2

# Virtus Reminder

Please continue to read your Virtus bulletins if you plan to volunteer at school.

Thank you!

# 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 Monday, Jan. 9, 8:00 pm and repeating that session Thursday, January 12th at 6:00 am.

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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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.

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-

3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

(11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb

1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

## **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Friday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

## Inspiration for the week

The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should?



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saving over 14,000 Korean refugees during the Korean war in what is still the largest marine rescue in the history of the world, Servant of God Leonard LaRue's bravery and love of the Lord inspired his cause for sainthood to be opened in 2021.

#### PRAYER

God, our Father, Creator of the seas, Protector of refugees, and all those in need, You called Captain Leonard LaRue to recognize Your Son Jesus Christ in the faces of the Korean refugees, and led him as Brother Marinus to a life of prayer and service in the tradition of St. Benedict.

May his life be an inspiration to us and lead us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the people of the sea, welcoming those who are refugees from war, and deepening all the faithful in their prayer and work of service.

We humbly ask that You glorify Your servant Captain Leonard LaRue/ Brother Marinus, O.S.B. on earth according to the design of Your holy will, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: http://www.aos-usa.org/pdf/ Capt.-LaRue-Bro.-Marinus-O.S.B.-Prayer-for-the-Cause.pdf)

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



The Mustard Seed Catholic Charismatic Community of NKY sponsors a monthly Third Tuesday prayer gathering 7-8:45 pm at Blessed Sacrament's Parish Center, 2407 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY. Join us **Jan 17th** with praise & worship music, teaching, witnesses, and healing prayers. All are invited! For more information, call Carol at 859-341-5932.

# 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.



# **FAMILY NURTURING CENTER:**

Join us for a FREE Virtual Training.

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

# 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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