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### Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

**Sunday Mass: 10:00AM**

**Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM**

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### The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2016

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

## TODAY'S READINGS

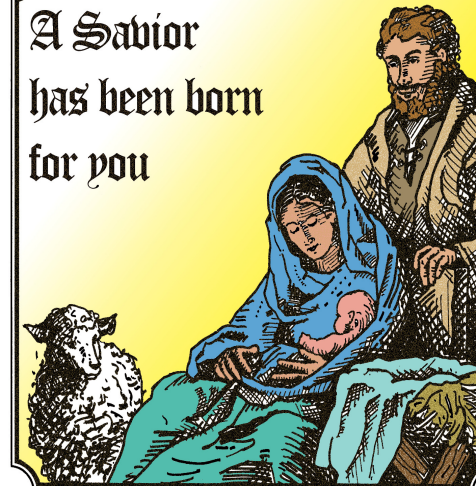
**First Reading** — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

**Psalm** — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

**Gospel** — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

A Savior  
has been born  
for you



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<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>Jan. 1:</u>	Layson Brooks Diane Hatchett
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<u>Jan. 1:</u>	Shelby Webster Robert Johnson
<u>Jan. 8:</u>	Robert Hagan Nancy Bumm
<u>Offertory</u>	
<u>Jan. 1:</u>	Shelby Webster Robert Johnson
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It is easier to leave angry words unspoken than to mend a heart these words have broken

Rosemary Vangen

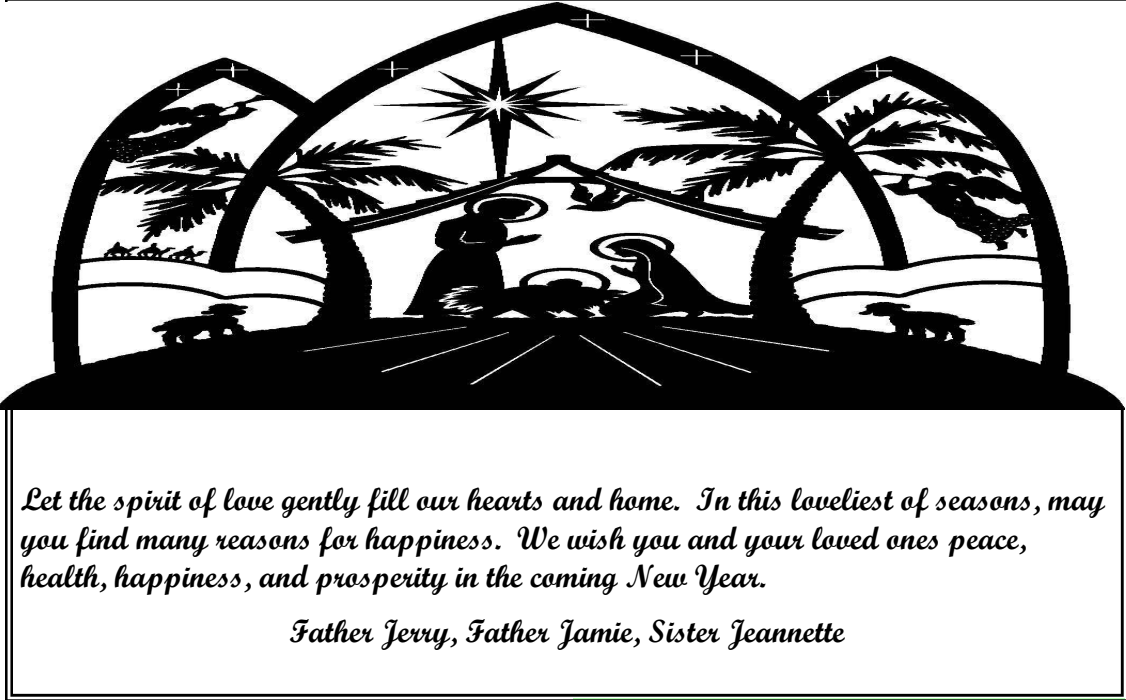
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, “What time is Midnight Mass?” The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of “midnight” predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as “The Shepherds’ Mass,” and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus’ birth to focus on the key to the day’s celebration: John the Evangelist’s majestic theology of Christ’s identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you’re officially late!

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*Our thoughts and prayers are with:*

**SICK:** Beverly Chilton, Carol Hatchett, Philip Moorman, Sr., Martha Bellew, Jim Moorman, Bernice Williams, Charlene Meadows, Sarah Bumm, Yvonne Hatchett, Birdie Coleman, Dorothy Fulton, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Betty Clark, Phillip Moorman, Jr., Linda McDonald **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

**THE HOMEBOUND:** Stan Howard at Bishop Soennecker Home, Knottsville, Donald Moorman room 40 at Wellington Park, 2885 New Hartford Rd, Maggie Howard at Twin River Nursing Center, A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.

Men, Mark Your Calendars

Diocesan Men’s Conference at River Park Center February 11, 2017.

Cardinal Dolan is the speaker—excellent! Entertaining and inspirational.

LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

—Henry Drummond

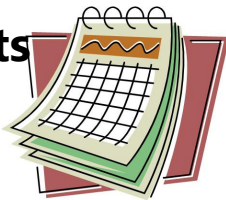
Mark Your Calendar

Youth 2000 will be held at the Owensboro Convention Center March 10-12.



# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

#### January

- ♦ 1 10 AM Mass followed by Kwanzaa

#### February

- ♦ 12 Ladies of Wisdom Tea
- ♦ 19 Gospel Explosion 2 PM

#### Opportunity for Youth

Drama Club beginning this January , 2017. The Kentuckiana Players is welcoming both middle and high school students to be part of their spring 2017 production. Get the Giggles with Shakespeare: Scenes from a Midsummer Night’s Dream. For more information, please contact Julia Lutz before Christmas break 812-357-7887. Rehearsals Mondays beginning January 2nd at Carmel Home.

#### Thank you for your contributions.

**Dec. 18 —\$756**  
Goal: \$818  
**Candles: \$1**



## Community Events:

Until Dec. 31—  
40th Annual Holiday Forest Festival of Trees at the Owensboro Museum of Fine Arts.



#### Arts at the Cathedral

Jan. 19 Hymn Festival (choirs from Owensboro area churches). Celebrates Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 6 PM

Feb. 19 Owensboro Symphony Chamber Orchestra 4 PM

An offering at Mount St. Joseph

A Father Who Keeps His Promises

Jan. 7th, Feb. 11th, March 10th 10:30—12:30

Presenter: Sister Ann McGrew

\$10 cost includes lunch and program

Contact Kathy McCarty 270-229-0206

#### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night. We raised \$342.29. Thank you for coming and inviting friends and co-workers. A special thank-you to Jacques Williams and Whaylon Coleman for welcoming people and cleaning off tables.

If anyone wants to join Blessed Sacrament Chapel or has been away from active membership in the Church and has questions, please contact Sister Jeannette or one of the priests.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins

Tuesday: St. John

Wednesday: The Holy Innocents

Thursday: St. Thomas Becket; Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve- Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

A grudge is one thing that does not get better when it is nursed..

#### THE GIFT OF GOD’S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God’s Word. Because it is creative, God’s Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God’s Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God’s Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God’s Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God’s Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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**Everybody is God’s somebody.**

# From the desk of Father Jamie



It has finally happened. We have made it to the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Christmas is a beautiful time to be thankful for all that God has done for us.

God could have easily come and snapped his fingers to make everything right in the world, but instead he sent his son as a baby to take on our mortal flesh. God desires community with us and what better way than to become one of us? There is no other religious tradition or teaching that even compares to the personal and communal love that God shows us in his incarnation.

This is my first Christmas as a priest and I am so thankful to God for priesthood and for all of you. God puts us in one another's paths for a reason. We never know quite what to expect. The 3 kings sure were surprised with whom they found.

I hope we can feel somewhat of the joy and surprise of the 3 kings during this Christmas season. Sometimes the greatest gift is the one which is less understood. God gives us so many gifts in his grace; we just need to unwrap the gifts and use them. All of us have been given so much. I thank God for giving you all to me. May all of you have a grace-filled and blessed Christmas. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love and mercy endures forever.

## Table Prayer for the Christmas Season

*Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord*

We glory in your light, O Christ. May this meal strengthen us to be light for others.

*Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

With the angels we sing of your birth, May the food of this table nourish us to proclaim the good news.

*Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

In your lowly manger we see God's love. May this be a time of grace so others will see your love in us.

*Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*We adore you, O Christ. Bless this meal; bless our lives during this joyful time.*

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7—Jacques Williams II

10—Whitney Williams

14—James Hamilton (Burnell)

20—Janet Clark

22—Von Williams

25—Louisa Johnson

28—Frank Adams

## Mass Intentions:

December 24—Kenneth Higgs/Sandra Brown

January 1—Sonny Schwartz

January 8—Les Bumm

January 15—Frances Johnson

January 22—Jerry Mezur

*Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Always remember to pray for the poor souls in purgatory.*



Loss is real, parents pass away, and hearts break; but the truth is that love never dies, not really. Our love lives on through us. Not just in our memories but through our actions and the choices we make. In the way we live our lives, we can make a difference.

Roma Downey

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