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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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**Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
January 1, 2017**

Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD bless you and keep you!  
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!  
(Numbers 6:22-27).

**Psalm** — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — God sent the Spirit of the Son  
into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you  
are no longer a slave but an heir, through God  
(Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — The shepherds glorified and praised God  
for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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Jan. 8: Marsha Allen

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Dorothea Melton

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Thank you to all who helped with decorating cookies or the church on December 18th—Carol and Diane Hatchett, Cindy Clark, Dennis Mayfield, Marcia Wilhite, Sondra Hibbs, Charlene Meadows, Vivian Higgs. A special thanks to Hugh Moorman for the final touches that he did and the ongoing decorating each season.



## IMP—Kroger Update

Each

August Kroger requires all **supporters to re-enroll**. ..Go to [www.Kroger.com](http://www.Kroger.com) Click the blue Sign in tab at the top of the page. Enter your email address and password and click the blue Sign-in tab. From the department menu, click Community and then Community Rewards. From Community Rewards, click on the Edit or Re-enroll button. Find Organization. Select Organization. Save Your selection.

Questions call 1-800-KROGERS

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Octave” comes from the Latin word for “eight,” and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the “eighth day,” since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord’s Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn’t claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

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*A Blessed New Year to you and  
your family.*

*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.**

### Men, Mark Your Calendars

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

Conference begins 9:30, closes 4:30

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

Tickets \$30 (Financial help available)

Register: [www.KyCatholic.com](http://www.KyCatholic.com)

**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.

### Mark Your Calendar

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

**Will need to know who is attending soon.**

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

January

- ♦ 1 10 AM Mass followed by Kwan-zaa in hall. Potluck meal

February

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

April

- ♦ 7 ??? Fish Fry

**Kwanzaa** is an African American cultural holiday based on ancient African customs. It is a time to gather to celebrate family, community, and culture. Incorporated into Kwanzaa are seven principles—unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, collective economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. One principal is focused upon each day from December 26th through January 1st. Often dress in red, black, or green is worn.

Thank you for your contributions.

Dec. 25 Not available

Goal: \$818

Kroger— \$163. 47 (almost double last quarter!!!)



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

**Opportunities for Life** annual collection will be taken the weekend of January 14-15. Opportunities for Life is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. This ministry is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to offer support and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy.

How to Change the World

A wise old middle-eastern mystic said this about himself. “I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was: “Lord, give me the energy to change the world.” As I approached middle age and realized that my life was half-gone without my changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: “Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come into contact with me. Just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.” Now that I am an old man, and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: “Lord, give me the grace to change myself.” If I had prayed for this right from the start, I would not have wasted my life.”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day

Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday: St. John Neumann

Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday

Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God’s loving kindness, the shining glory of God’s face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God’s own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God’s face is shown to us and God’s presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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New Year’s Day Prayer

Awesome God of Wonders,  
I come before you to pray for the New Year.

This 2017 year is a fresh new year to live for you.

Each day is a fresh new page.  
I dedicate this year to you with loving thankfulness and praise.

In Jesus name, I pray. Amen



# From the desk of Father Jamie



We always start the new year with asking for the intercession of the Mother of God. This is actually a very significant feast day. This day celebrates the resolving of the issue of what and who Jesus is. At the council of Ephesus, in the early church, there was a debate over whether Mary was only mother of the man Jesus or if she was mother of Christ as both God and man. To say that we don't believe that Mary is mother of God, also speaks that we then don't believe that Jesus is God. Mary bore Christ who is both God and man.

This feast like many Marian feasts, does not point to Mary, but it is Mary pointing to her son. Mary always is pointing to her son and never herself. This is how we determine if a Marian apparition is genuine or not. Some people say they have visions of Mary, but sometimes these visions point to something other than the Gospel. Situations like Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary is asking for praise and adoration of her son Jesus and not to herself. Mary always points to her son.

May we ask for our Mother Mary to pray and intercede for us to her son and may she always keep us grounded in her son. Mary was the true bearer of God in her womb. She is the first Christian and may we hold her up as an example.

*Father Jamie leads Vespers on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 PM at St. Stephen's Cathedral. Please join him in this official prayer of the Church that is prayed by priests and religious every day.*

**“For today in the city of David  
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”**

The birth of every human child is a reminder of God's love for us. It is a cause for celebration. Each child is precious and unique. Each child comes into the world with an array of talents, abilities and gifts that God wants them to spend a lifetime to identify, accept, develop and use for their own benefit and the benefit of others. But the birth of God Incarnate, God become human child. We believe that Child was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born Man, the Third Person of the Trinity come to live among us, is an unlike any other birth of a of the Virgin Mary and raised by Mary and her husband, Joseph, who knew he was not the real father of that Special Child. As instructed, they named the Child Jesus, and he grew in wisdom and grace in their loving care. .

## January Birthdays

- 7—Jacques William II
- 10—Whitney Williams
- 14—James Hamilton (Burnell)
- 20—Janet Clark
- 22—Von Williams
- 25—Louisa Johnson
- 28—Frank Adams



## Mass Intentions:

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|------------|-----------------|
| January 1  | Sonny Schwartz  |
| January 8  | Les Bumm        |
| January 15 | Frances Johnson |
| January 22 | Jerry Mezur     |
| January 29 | Michael Carrico |

*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.*

The **Joy** that Jesus offers is his own joy, which flows from the intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, passion from resurrection. This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression, or persecution. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated.

## Church Mice

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