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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 Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2017

They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts  
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalms** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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<u><b>Ushers:</b></u>	
<u>Jan. 15:</u>	Cindy Clark Dorothea Melton
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Blessings in 2017! Sr. Jeannette

**THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM**

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God’s presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

## IMP—Kroger Update

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Each

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

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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.

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)

## 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

February

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

April

- ♦ 7 ??? Fish Fry

Christians from many denominations will join together to pray for Christian unity at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 19 at St. Stephen’s Cathedral. The prayer service will take the form of a Hymn Festival with Scripture readings, a sermon by Rev. Jim Coleman, and prayers for Christian unity. Afterwards there will be fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the Father John Vaughn Community Center.

Lift every voice and sing!

Thank you for your contributions.

Jan. 1—\$641

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\*\*\* (see announcement, column 1)

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.

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University

This course is to help ensure that everyone has a strategy to become debt-free. The course covers

- ♦ Paying off debt
- ♦ Creating a budget
- ♦ Accumulating savings
- ♦ Understanding Insurance and Investments

There are 9 weekly sessions at St. Pius X on Sundays and Thursdays at 6PM. Childcare will be provided. Classes begin on January 19th or 22nd.

Cost is \$85 per family but those missing only one class will be refunded 1/2 their cost.

Financial assistance is available.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

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

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

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;  
National Migration Week

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Friday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

EPIPHANY

Solemn things of mystic meaning:

Incense doth the God disclose;

Gold a royal Child proclaimeth;

Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

3:00 PM

**SPEAKER:** REV. RABON TURNER, PASTOR

New Hope Baptist Church, Evansville

**Location:** Zion Missionary Baptist Church

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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



Once again we have started a new year. Once again, many of us have made New Year's resolutions. How many of those resolutions will we really keep? That is why I myself don't make New Year's resolutions since I know I myself will not keep it. I do always have room to grow though. For those of you who do try to keep a New Year's resolution, I have a little suggestion... I encourage all of you, including myself, to strive to get to know God a little better in this year. Today, as I write this reflection, it is the memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. She was the heir of a railroad fortune and started her life living very luxuriously. Eventually she had a conversion experience and wanted to teach and serve the poor.

As I read some of the writings of Saint Elizabeth this morning, I noticed that her writings had several references to Scripture. One of the things we must keep in mind, if we are to serve God, and his people, we need to know God first. Being rooted in Scripture and the tradition of the church is are a couple of good ways to have a God centered serving of his people. Some people don't look at prayer as very productive, but if we don't pray before serving others, our ministry suffers and will not be near as effective. Maintaining a life of prayer requires discipline, which is something that does not happen overnight, but it can be learned gradually.

As we finish out this Christmas season, may it be the beginning of a life of prayer and serving others. May we not fail to try to get to know Christ a little better this year. If any of you feel the need for spiritual direction and assisting with your prayer life, feel free to contact me at my office or after Mass, so that we can set up an appointment if you need. I am always here to help you on your journey. We are all on this pilgrimage of life together. Let us hold one another in prayer.

*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.*

**“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?**

**We saw his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.”**

The *Feast of the Epiphany* originated in the Eastern Church and eventually celebrated in the Roman Rite as the *Manifestation of the Lord* to astrologers from Persia (present day Iran). The magi made the long and difficult journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to a newborn Jewish child. For us it is another opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of the Birth of Christ - God Incarnate - and how he is manifested in our lives. It is an opportunity to ponder: Did we grow in our understanding and appreciation of *Emmanuel* [God is with us]. Have we made an effort equivalent to the Magi to present a gift to the Child Jesus - a gift of our time and a commitment to contribute more of our talents and resources to the mission of the Church and greater involvement in our parish faith community?

## 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



The song the Twelve Days of Christmas has a religious significance written when faith could not be practiced either publicly or privately. In England. These lyrics were a Catechism for Catholics.

1 partridge—Jesus Christ

2 turtle doves—Two books of the Bible (Old and New Testaments)

3 French hens—Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (or three virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love)

4 calling birds—Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

5 golden rings—Books of Torah (first five books of Old Testament)

6 geese a-laying—Days of Creation

7 swans a-swimming—Sacraments or gifts of the Holy Spirit

8 maids a milking—Beatitudes

9 ladies dancing—Fruits of the Holy Spirit

10 lords a-leaping—10 Commandments

11 pipers piping—Faithful Apostles

12 drummers drumming—12 points of belief in the Apostles Creed

## Mass Intentions:

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.*

## **SELFLESSNESS REWARDED**

Help another's boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.

—Old Hindu proverb

You are the only you God made...God made you and broke the mold.

—Max Lucado