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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 7, 2018

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. *Psalms 72:11*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

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

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

**Gospel** — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).



Magi from the east arrived

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# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ♦ Jan 7—Take down Christmas decorations after Mass
- ♦ Jan. 14 Parish meeting after Mass
- ♦ Jan. 25 Chick-Fil-A Night 4-8 PM (Benefits BSC)

#### Need eaters and workers.

- ♦ Jan. 31 Finance meeting 4:30 PM
- Starting Jan. 7th, we will again meet at 9:30 in the Parish Hall to reflect on the Gospel readings of the day. All are welcome.

### Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

- ♦ Feb. 17 Diocesan Men’s Conference
- ♦ March 9-11 Youth 2000 Retreat (held at Brescia University)
- ♦ April 21 Annual Black Catholic Gathering 10 AM at Precious Blood Parish

### Thank you for your contributions..

Dec. 24-31 \$2030

Weekly Budget \$865

Year to date —\$23,084.25

YTD budget—\$23,355

-(~~\$270.75~~)

Thanks for using the Debt Reduction envelope. It helps bring down what we owe.



January 14 is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. Opportunities for Life is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. The OFL ministry is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to offer confidential, non-judgmental emotional support, and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy. Please be generous in your support of this ministry. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for the OFL volunteers and for those the ministry serves. To learn more about Opportunities for Life, and volunteer opportunities with the ministry, please call 888-496-3638.

### Upcoming Events at Mount St. Joseph

- ♦ Feb. 6 Jesus the Bridegroom.

Sessions start at 5 PM and conclude by 6:30 PM

The cost is \$20. Preregistration is required.

Contact KathyMcCarty at 270-229-0206 or

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For this cycle, ending 11-30, we will receive a check for \$125.69

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

## Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week; Julian Calendar Christmas
- Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
- Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

Remember to pray for your prayer partner.

## GOD’S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God’s glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God’s fidelity to them, all people shall become God’s children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel.

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This is My Beloved Son



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May the Baptism of the Lord remind us of our own Baptism. We receive an abundance of grace but we must receive and use these graces. We put on Christ.

How do we show that we have put on Christ?



# From the desk of

## Father Jamie



One of my friends found this picture of my dog Bernadette, and my cow Baby in her files and sent it to me. My cow Baby was the last of my childhood pets. I raised her from a calf, when she was 2 weeks old. I was in 4rth grade when she was born.

Baby was extremely lovable. I could call her name from anywhere on the farm and she came to me. She also loved when I would sing my prayers and she would come join me. Baby and I loved just being together, even if it was just she and



I sitting in a field, looking up at the sky. We loved to remain and abide together, just as John asks us to do in his Gospel and his letters. We have readings from John right after Christmas to remind us to just be, remain with and abide with God. The 3 kings went to see Jesus just to be with him, as did the shepherds.

May we do our best to abide, remain with one another, be a good friend and most of all just take that time with God. He loves to just sit and look at us, his creation. True friends can be together and sometimes not say a word to each other. May we just be.

### Church Mice



www.churchmice.net

### January Birthdays

- 7—Jacques Williams II
- 10—Whitney Williams
- 14—James Hamilton
- 17—Adaira Hatchett
- 20—Janet Clark
- 22—Javaughn Williams
- 25—Louise Johnson
- 28—Frank Adams



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### EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run-  
Before the sages, to the rising Sun, Here  
cease thy course, and wonder that the  
cloud

### Mass Intentions:

Dec. 31—Les Bumm

Jan. 7—Michael Carrico

Jan. 14—Donald Moorman

Jan. 21—Barbara Horsley

Jan. 28—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*

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day. At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples.

**MINSTERS**

**Lectors**

Jan. 14: Greg Gough  
Buddy Brown

Jan. 21: Kathi Skidd  
Mary Katherine Gough

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Jan. 14 Rita Moorman  
Mary Katherine Gough  
Marsha Allen

Jan. 21 Greg Gough  
Tina Gough  
Vivian Higgs

**Ushers/Offertory**

Jan. 14 Matthew Brown  
Connie Clary

Jan. 21 Nancy Bumm

**You are Welcome  
Here. . .**

We would like to see everyone registered and active members of Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Blessed Sacrament needs YOU in order to stay alive and vibrant. Please don't take lightly

**Prayer for Evangelization  
Diocese of Owensboro**

Our good and gracious God  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
pour forth your Holy Spirt upon  
the Church of Western Kentucky,  
the Diocese of Owensboro.

Open our hearts to hear the Word of God  
and make fruitful the work of evangelization.  
Through our encounter with Christ  
deepen our relationship with your Son  
so that we may accompany the pilgrims on their  
faith journeys.

Transform our parishes,  
make them places of joy and hope  
that welcome the stranger  
and search out the lost.

May the Word of God  
be always in our thoughts, words and deeds so  
that all we encounter may find in your Son, Jesus;



**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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***Our thoughts and prayers are with:***  
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