JANUARY 1, 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Our Week

The weekly bulletin of

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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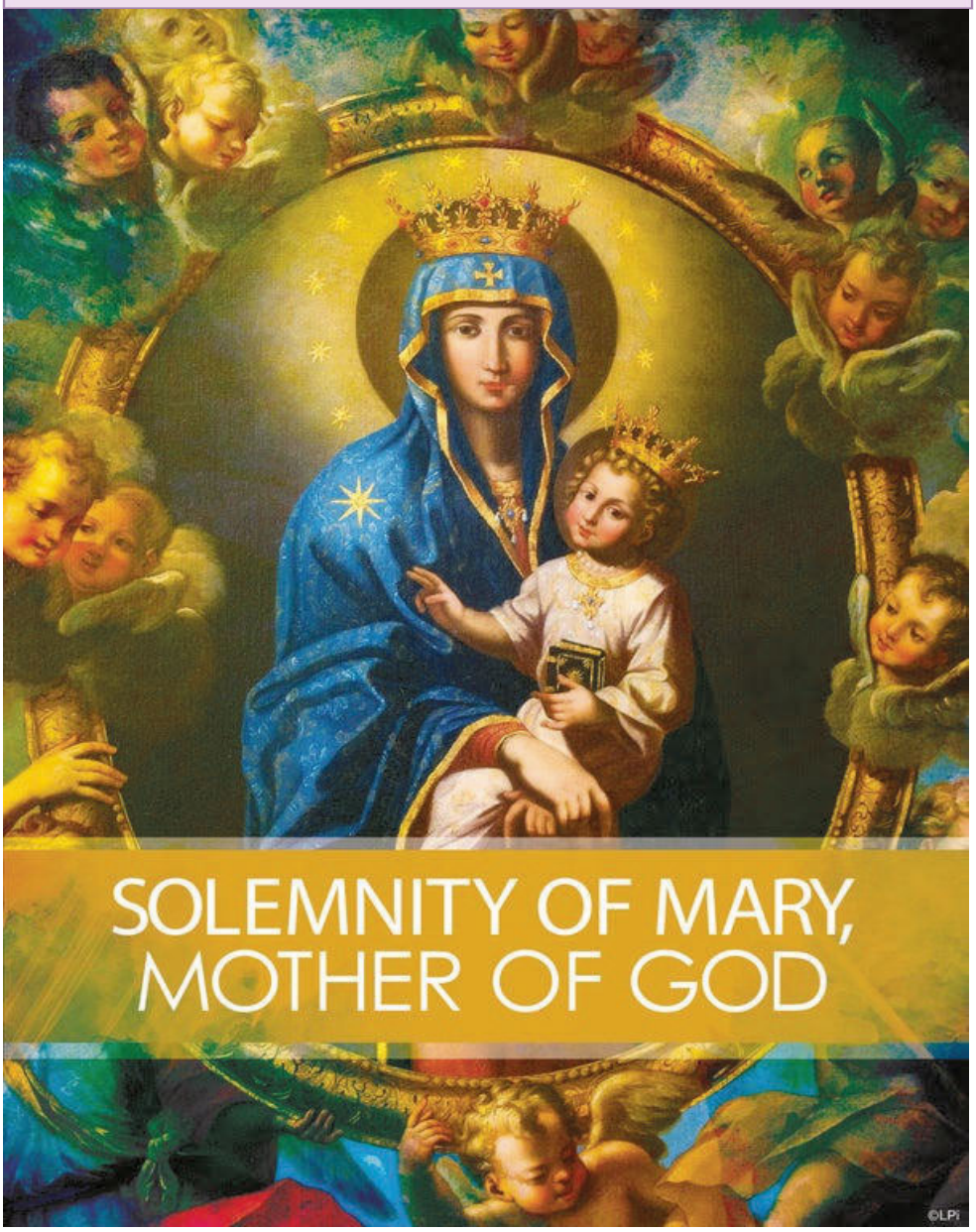

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist warmly greets all participants of this celebration. However, please be reminded of the warning of the Bible: In order not to consume undeservingly the bread of the Eucharist, which is the Body of Christ "let each man examine himself" (1 Cor. 11-28).
Therefore, only those who are members of the Catholic Church, and those who know themselves to be free of mortal (grave) sins, may take Holy Communion.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Sat. 5:00 pm
Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 am
Weekday: Wednesday—Friday 7:30 am
First Saturday: 7:30 am
Time subject to change
See Our Liturgical Worship (Back Page)
Holy Day: Vigil 6:00 pm
Day 7:30 am

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Saturday afternoon: 4:00—4:45 pm
Sunday morning: 7:00—7:20 am
9:00—9:20 am

BAPTISM

Contact the pastor for an appointment and preparation.

MARRIAGE

Notify the pastor six months in advance of proposed wedding date. Must be 19 years of age or one year out of high school.

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Submitted "in writing" to parish office or hwurth@comcast.net "no later than Monday noon."

News & Notes

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS

Any high schoolers and adults interested in joining the St John Choir, please consider using your God given talent and contact: **Adam, our music director. adam.horbovetz@gmail.com**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Thank you for your ministry! The schedule for JANUARY can be found on the table in the narthex. You may access online on our parish website as well.

PARISH COUNCIL

Deacon Bill Clark (Chair)…….. 556-3485
Amanda Yigit (Family Life)……519-5929
Emily Goehman (Family Life) …….331-0736
Greg Englert (Social Justice) ……331-1499
Martha Ryan (Spiritual Life) ……994-8051
Doris Trussell (Spiritual Life) …….994-3390
Darin French (Rel Educ) ……556-4088
Linda Bratton (Finance)…….. 554-9824

FINANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Linda Bratton…….554-9824
Barbara DeNeve……554-7998
Ella Garland……210-1877
Jane Martin ……443-7473
Donny Neihoff……534-1244

BUILDING\GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Lawrence R Durbin (Chair) ……554-3625
Mike Kaufman……554-0764
Donny Neihoff …….. 534-1244

ST MARY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Mary Smith (Elem Principal) ...442-1681
Doug Shelton (MS\HS) 442-1681
Monica Hayden (Director) ... 442-1681
Robbie Shoulta (Board Rep) .. 994-4035
April Dunn (Board Rep) 564-7364

FAITH FORMATION

Ging Smith paducahfaithformation@smss.org
Matt Barks(Board Rep) 709-7812
Julie Risley (Board Rep).....703-2781

PICNIC CHAIRMAN

Tim\Sarah Stewart.....994-6156

Parish & Community Events

THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks for all the cards, treats, and that spendable "green stuff" that you shared with me at Christmas. I certainly appreciate all that you share with me now and throughout the year in order that we can serve God and one another in charity and love. After all isn't that what our lives are all about? Yes it is, doing God's will, in and through Jesus, with the grace of the Holy Spirit. That is what Mary and St Joseph did and they will help us along the way too. May 2023 be for us the year to enter more deeply into the sacrificial love of Jesus so that our lives and the lives of those around us are touched by the true gift of Christmas!!!! Love you all! ***—Fr. Bruce Fogle***

ADVENT CALENDAR

A special thank you for your generous supply of food to help those in need in our area. May God richly bless each of you!

PARISH BUNCO PARTY

Are you ready to roll those dice? We are!!!
For youth and adults alike, come, play and enjoy each others company during a evening of playing Bunco.
—**BUNCO** will be on Friday, December 30th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Caféteria. Please mark your calendar for a night of fun and socializing.
—IF your last name begins with the letter A-M, please bring something to drink (non-alcoholic) to share with all.
—If your last name begins with the letter N-Z, please bring a snack, chips or finger food to share with all.
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PASSIONIST NUNS

The Passionist Nuns (the cloistered community of religious nuns) at St. Joseph Monastery in Whitesville, KY (outside Owensboro) are hoping to finish their fund raising for needed repairs and new buildings for the monastery. Do you know that two from Paducah are nuns of this monastery? One is **our own St. John parish daughter, Sr. Mary Therese Seitz**, and Sr. Mary Magdalen Wurth from St. Thomas More parish. I am sure that these dear faithful nuns remember our parishes in Paducah in a special way each day in their prayers.
SO……if you wish to give a gift to their Cherish the Flame Campaign please make a note of that when you send in your donation. If it is not noted we will place your financial gift in our monastery general fund. You may send your donations to Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery, 8564 Crisp Rd., Whitesville, KY 42378-9782. Visit our website, www.passionistnuns.org

Cont'd PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE WISDOM OF BISHOP FULTON SHEEN

With the crib seen as a tabernacle and the child as a kind of host, then the home becomes a living temple of God. The sacristan of that sanctuary is the mother, who never permits the tabernacle lamp of faith to go out. —We are living in perilous times when the hearts and souls of men are sorely tried. Never before has the future been so utterly unpredictable; we are not so much in a period of transition with belief in progress to push us on, rather we seem to be entering the realm of the unknown, joylessly, disillusioned, and without hope. The whole world seems to be in a state of spiritual widowhood, possessed of the harrowing devastation of one who set out on life's course joyously in intimate comradeship with another, and then is bereft of that companion forever.

A POSSIBLE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

The Old Testament Book of Sirach gives us a somewhat straight forward advice: "Never repeat a conversation and you will lose nothing at all. With friend or foe do not report it, and unless it would be a sin for you, do not disclose it" (Sirach 19:7-8). We know that the words of Sirach are true and that talking about other people behind their backs is not only harmful to our own spiritual life but also to the person about whom we are speaking. Nevertheless, this command is still very hard to follow. Why is it that we like to talk about other people, often negatively? Perhaps it is a way of making ourselves look better, or a way of complaining, or even a way of appearing "in the know," that is, to appear to be someone who has privileged information. We should examine our conscience before we speak about other people. As Sirach recommends, unless it would be worse to remain silent. Sirach even pokes a little fun at us for finding this task difficult: "Be brave! It will not make you burst!" (Sir 19:10). Following StPaul, let us be ashamed of gossip but not of the Gospel (2Tim. 1:8). SO.....How often do you find yourself in conversations about people who are not present?

"MAGI CAME FROM THE EAST"
THEY PROSTRATED THEMSELVES AND DID HIM HOMAGE"

An epiphany is the sudden realization or comprehension of the essence or meaning of something. The magi came from the east, probably present day Iran, to search for a newly born child that they believed would be the Messiah promised to the Israelites. They obviously had read the Torah and the prophets. They understood the essence or the meaning of the signs in the skies. The made a very arduous and dangerous trip through a hostile desert just to see the child; to prostrate themselves and pay him homage and give him valuable gifts. The child that they saw we now believe is Jesus, Son of Mary, who lived, died, and rose from the dead for our salvation and to give us an example of how to live in relation to our God. How far are we willing to travel to pay homage to Jesus? What inconveniences, difficulties and risk are we willing to endure to demonstrate our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. The magi were truly "wise men." Are we an equally wise People of God?

STEWARDSHIP
(TIME, TALENT, TREASURE)

"Let all Your works give You thanks, O' Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the Psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" of the many gifts God has given us. Amen!

Weekly Collection: December 18th

Adults $6,286.83
Loose $659.15
Children (4) $4.00
Total $6,949.98
Special Collections $170.00

Weekly Collection: December 25th

Due to holiday scheduling: 12\25 report will appear in next bulletin

Adults .....$.00
Loose .....$.00
Children () .....$.00
Total .....$.00
Special Collections .....$.00

Compassionate Friends of W KY
Monthly: Second Sunday, 2:00—4:00 pm.

Daughters of Isabella
First Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm at the KC Hall, Jefferson St

St John Seniors Day Out
(NO January or September Meeting)
Monthly: First Thursday at 11:00 am, Café.
Potluck only! Funeral that day\meeting canceled.

St John Homemakers Club
Monthly: Second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria, September thru May.

St John K of C
Monthly: First, & third Wednesday, 7:00 pm St John KC Hall.
Bingo\First Thursday, 6:30 pm

Sunshine Group
Monthly: Third Wednesday, Pizza Inn 10:30am

Safe Environment

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: Common Wealth Attorney 270.575.7402. McCracken Co Sherriff department 270.444.4719; or KY Child Abuse Hotline: 1.877.597. 2331. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church or call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator on the confidential phone line: 270.852.8380 or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/ Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) 270.880.8360.
_The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish (on the bookshelf in back of the church), in the parish office, also on the web

www.owensborodiocese.org/safe

***If you are working with children (parish and school activities involving the presence of children) or the elderly you must have the safe environment training and background check. *More information: go online www.owensborodiocese.org.**

Prayer Requests

** Please help keep our prayer list up to date.**
** *To add or remove a name please notify the Parish Office*. Jeanne Abell, Ann Adams, Clint Asbridge, Bill Ballard, Charles Ballard, Lennyn Barks, Vayda Bollenbecker, Ellen Carrico, Philip Elder, Jimmy Englert, Roger Englert, Danny Felts, Dave Goewert, Corey Grace, Georgette Braun-Guyon, Riley Haas, Shepard Haas, Faye Hayden, Trevor Howard, Brian Hurlburt, Rachael Jaramillo, Darla Martin, Rita Ann (Yopp) McGuire, Marie Mombleau, Kenneth Myatt, Stan Napier, Zoey Partin, BeBe Phillips, Carrick Roof, Shelia Roof, David Roper, Francis/ Dorothy Scheer, Sr Mary Therese Seitz (CP), Catherine Sutton, Tommy Sutton, Kyle Thomas, Virginia Vessels, Kelly Walker, Louis Willett, Marvin Willett, Debbie Wurth, Edith Wurth, Michael Wurth, Rose Marie Wurth, Vickie Wurth, John Wurtz, Roy Younker

**PLEASE: Be considerate, notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into any hospital or nursing home. Fr. Fogle would be happy to visit and bring communion.
However, Fr. Fogle and\or the parish have no way of knowing unless a family member contacts the parish office. By law these facilities are not allowed to release the names of patients.

Prayers for our Shut-Ins

Marie Alsip, Mary Lee Anderson, Zelta Counts, Bennie/Doris Durbin, Lawrence\Dorothy Marie Durbin, Tommy\Helen Ellington, Bernadette Englert, Dorothy Kaufman, Kerry Simmons, Jim Wilson, Hilda Wurth.

Our Military

Air Force: SSGT Luca Giordano, CPT Luke Nimmo, MSGT Brandon Wurth
Army: MSGT Jennifer Alvey, LT Col Josh Grace, SGT First Class William Hendrickson, SSGT Doug McCreerey, CPL Liam Mahler, PFC Benjamin Reams, SGT Charles Dewayne Stephens,
Major Mark A Wurth
Navy: CMDR Billie June Farrell,
OS1 Richard Lyons, ITSA Jacob A Roof

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Lord, hold our troops In your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen!

Our Liturgical Worship

Monday, January 2 • Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, **Bishops**
7:30 am: NO MASS
Tuesday, January 3 • The Most Holy Name of Jesus
7:30 am: NO MASS
Wednesday, January 4 • St Elizabeth Ann Seton
7:30 am: Martin\Eurah Nelle Wurth Family L\D
Thursday, January 5 • St John Neumann, Bishop
7:30 am: Judy Poat
Friday, January 6 • St Andre Bessette, Religious
7:30 am: † Del Durbin
Saturday, January 7 • The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 am: † Paul Durbin
5:00 pm: Special Intention
Sunday, January 8 • The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 am: † Paul Louis Wurth
9:30 am: Parishioners

Weekly Ministries: January 8TH

Lectors
5:00 pm Tracy Courtney
7:30 am Linda Thompson
9:30 am Linda Bratton
Gift Bearers
5:00 pm Stacey Courtney Family
7:30 am Kim Miller Family
9:30 am Darin French Family
Servers
5:00 pm N\A
7:30 am David DeNeve
9:30 am Bryleigh Hayden, Caroline Wurth
Ushers
5:00 pm William Willett, Stacey Courtney
7:30 am Earl Kaufman, Ruth Kaufman
9:30 am Ron Neihoff, Daniel Neihoff
Greeters
5:00 pm Conchita Willett, Phyllis Willett
7:30 am Marion Kupniewski, David Toon
9:30 am Darin French, Tracie French

PLEASE: CONTINUE TO FOLLOW YOUR MINISTRY SCHEDULE PROVIDED PER: DARIN

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*(Pick-up linens each Monday)
JANUARY VOTIVE: Kathleen Webster

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