



## **St. Dominic Catholic Church**

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**Rev. Trumie C. Elliott, Pastor**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday @ 4:30 p.m. & Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Weekday Masses:** See bulletin for this week's Mass schedule

**Spanish Masses:** Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. or anytime by request

### Mission Statement of St. Dominic Church

*As members of St Dominic Church, we are called through our baptism to give witness to the presence of the Holy Trinity by accepting the Gospel message of Jesus Christ as part of our daily lives. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel; to teach and share our faith; and to show the love of God to all through our daily lives.*

*November 30, 2014 ~ First Sunday of Advent*

### WATCH!

“Watch!” This word occurs three times in today’s Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of “watch” leaves no doubt as to what the story is about.

We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master’s work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

December 1-7, 2014

Monday: Advent Weekday

**8:30 a.m. Margaret Johnson**

Tuesday: Advent Weekday

5:30 p.m. Flora Nell Noe

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier

**8:30 a.m. Paul Abell Family**

Thursday: Advent Weekday

**5:30 p.m. Ann Haydon**

Friday: Advent Weekday

**8:30 a.m. Gail Simms Ogburn**

Saturday: Weekday

**8:30 a.m. Joe & Dorothy Mattingly**

**4:30 p.m. Jim Thompson**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

**8:30 a.m. Julia Wimsatt**

**10:30 a.m. Doc & Geneva Mattingly  
& Cathy Leake**

**Spanish Mass @ 2 p.m. - For the Parish**

## \$\$ Weekly Collections \$\$

November 24, 2014

**Sunday Collection:** \$9,108.00

**During the Week:** \$30.00

**Automatic Withdrawal:** \$0

**Total Received:** \$9,138.00

\*\*Tithing amount needed weekly for the 2014/15 budget:  
\$14,500.00

### Fiscal Year TITHING Contribution Summary

(July 1, 2014 - To Date)

**Tithing Contributions:** \$289,940.88

**Tithing Budget:** \$304,500.00

**Overage/ Shortage:** \$-14,559.12

**Annual Budget:** \$754,000.00

\*\*These figures reflect only the Sunday collections as part of the Parish Budget. It does not indicate the budget or income of St. Dominic School or other parish organizations.

**Weekly St. D Capital Campaign Contributions:** \$668.00

**Weekly Arch. BFOH Campaign Contributions:** \$20.00

**Cap. Camp. Building Fund Loan Balance:** \$778,619.95

**Amount of Monthly Payment:** \$15,066.64

\*\*Amount of Campaign Contributions needed weekly to meet monthly payment: \$3,477.00 (based on 52 weeks)

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### **REMEMBER TO KEEP IN YOUR**

**PRAYERS:** U.S. Military, Tommy & Julie Noel, Sue Carter, Lenny Carrico, Kelly Fenwick Staser, Bill Newton, Richard Stover, Theresa Carey Coppock, Patricia O'Bryan, Jo Ann Arnold, Doris Coulter, Cloteal Funk, Pee Wee Nally, Diane Holt, Donnie Parrott, Russell Buckman, Laura Montgomery, Julie Devine, Brent Mattingly, Parker Beam, Andrew Osborne, James O'Daniel, Clay Bradshaw, Mary Peterson, Jenna Taylor, Joe David Barber, Annie Boone Roution, Dorothy Ballard, Lula Mae Adams, Jeanne Hanley, Bro. Greg Bowen, Mollie Kennedy, Janet Mattingly, Harry Duckwall, Larry Godshall, Anthony Hamilton, Katie Boone, Tony Royalty, Nell Otis, Alberta Carrico, Bruce Burkhead, Gene Breeding, Mike Grigsby, Pam Rogers, Carol Carrico, Benny Lewis, Kenny Corbett, Jonie Cambron, Madison Wheatley, Nora Smith, Charlotte Buckman, Charles Smith, Kathleen Pinkston, Tony Clements, Colin Patrick Walker, Carl Thomas Brady, Barbara Wheatley, Fanny Rudd, JoAnn Cambron, Garland & Patsy Fenwick, Perry Carrico, Cassie Robinson, Juanita Reed, Terri Hill, Delena McMichael, Janet Boone, Parker Thompson & Charlotte Russell.

Let us also pray for our own parish members and others, who are in assisted living or nursing homes, especially: Ed & Dorothy Graves, Catherine Spalding, Ruth Burns, Joe Cambron, Lloyd Haydon, Bear Keene, Fred & Rita Edelen & Geraldine Pinkston.

*Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion, please do not hesitate to call our parish office to let Fr. Pepper and our ministers to the sick and homebound know your need. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic.*

## MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

**St. D Pictorial Directories** HAVE arrived and will be distributed after all Masses this weekend. If you had your picture taken by Lifetouch or submitted a picture for the directory, please stop by for your free copy. If you weren't able to participate, but wish to purchase a directory, they will be available for \$10 each, on a first come first serve basis.

**"Make Ready the Way of the Lord-An Advent Mission"** with Fr. R. B. Williams at St. Dominic Church, Dec. 6/7 ~ Fr. R.B. Williams will preach at all weekend Masses to introduce the Mission. **Nightly Themes @ 6:30 p.m:** **Mon., Dec. 8** ~ Baptismal Emphasis (will include Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary); **Tues., Dec. 9** ~ Penitential Theme, with Advent Penance Service; **Wed., Dec. 10** ~ Anointing for Healing & for Mission. Join us for song, prayer, scripture and a little preaching from Fr. R. B. Williams. What a way to open our hearts during Advent!

**St. D Athletics Pancakes with Santa:** Sun., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-Noon @ St. D Gym. Adults: \$7, Children \$4, Walk-in to-go meals: \$7. Join us for great breakfasts that consist of pancakes, eggs, sausage & a drink. Bring the kids and have their picture taken with Santa; there will be crafts & games too!!

**St. D Christmas Program:** St. Dominic School students will celebrate the Spirit of Christmas in "The Greatest Present Ever." Join us for any of the three performances: Wed., Dec. 17 at @ 12:45 p.m. (Dress Rehearsal) **OR** on Thurs., Dec. 18 @ 12:45 p.m. & 7 p.m. Catch the Christmas spirit, come and listen to our students sing!

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** will meet Tues., Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Dominic (church basement). Anyone interested in learning more about the work of the society is invited to attend.

**Needing gift cards for your own personal use or as a Christmas gift?** There are numerous gift card options to choose from. If you purchase a gift card for \$25 that's what it is worth. There are no hidden fees. Scrip is a great fundraiser for St. D at no extra cost to you. Order forms and envelopes can be found on the table in the back of church. Put your order form & check in an ENVELOPE and drop it in the collection basket, drop it by the school office or send it to school with a St. D student. You will be contacted once order has been fulfilled. Gift card orders are submitted bi-weekly. The sooner you order, the sooner you get your gift cards. So if you need gift cards for Christmas order BEFORE or BY Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Theresa Mattingly at 336-3730 with any questions.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. - church basement.

**Church Cleaning:** Just like a home, the Lord's house needs a good Fall cleaning too! So please join us on Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> right after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Let us know you will be there, sign the sign-up sheet in the breezeway. Bring your cleaning rags, broom, mop and bucket, the more hands the lighter the work. The Lord's house looks forward to seeing you!

**Midnight Mass Intentions:** Please use the white envelopes in the pews to submit names for Midnight Mass Intentions. Envelopes need to be returned to the Parish Office by Thurs., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Blessing of a Child in the Womb:** In the Catholic Church there is a new Rite of Blessing for unborn children. This rite serves to publicly affirm the precious gift of human life and to embrace parents and families as they prepare to welcome the birth of a child. As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas Season, we invite all expectant mothers & fathers to participate in this blessing. Fr. Pepper will conduct the Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb at the weekend Masses, Dec. 20/21.

**Christmas Home Tour:** St. Dominic School will be hosting the Christmas Home Tour (in Springfield) on Sat., Dec 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m. We have 4 homes on the tour. Matthew & Jill Reed, Katie Simms, John Boyd & Patricia Reed, & Wes & Debra Paul have generously opened their homes for touring. The cost of the tour to see all 4 homes decorated for Christmas is \$10. Advance tickets can be purchased at St. D Parish & School Offices, Hale Realty, City Hall, & the PVA Office. All proceeds will benefit St. Dominic School.

**Youth Group** will meet on Wed., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in church basement to plan Christmas activities. Food will be served.

**Kids 4 Jesus** will meet on **Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** in church basement. Children will make Christmas crafts and have cookies and hot chocolate. At approximately 3:15 p.m., we will carpool to Sansbury to deliver crafts and sing Christmas carols for residents (we will need parents to help transport children). We will arrive back at St. Dominic at approximately 4:30 p.m. Each family needs to bring cookies or brownies to share. This is the **ONLY** K4J session for December.

**Bethlehem High School** will be having an open house from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, December 4. Come see all that Bethlehem has in store for you! Students and their families are also welcome to attend a freshman boys' basketball game at 7 PM for free.

**School News:** GRADE Assessment (PreK-2nd) is December 2-4. Students in grades 3, 6 & 7 will go to confession on Monday, Dec. 1; students in grades 4, 5 & 8 will go to confession on Tuesday, Dec. 2. Calendar note: The 8:30 Mass with Kindergarten and 8th grade will be held on Sunday, December 14, not on Dec. 7.

## Liturgical Roles (Weekdays)

### Lectors

Mon. Tony Smith  
Tues. Belle Sutton  
Wed. Betty Carol Barber  
Thurs. Wassie Parrott  
Fri. School  
Sat. Reba Hamilton

### Eucharistic Ministers

Mon. Katie Simms  
Tues. Betty Carol Barber  
Wed. Fabian Cambron  
Thurs. Belle Sutton  
Fri. School  
Sat. Perry Carrico

## Liturgical Roles (Next Weekend)

### Gift Bearers

4:30 p.m. Edwin & Margaret Mary Thompson  
8:30 a.m. Steve & Vicki Mattingly  
10:30 a.m. Patricia Bishop, Ann Graves

### Lectors

4:30 p.m. Kenny & Cindy Begley  
8:30 a.m. Pam & Jack Breunig  
10:30 a.m. Davis Carney, Melissa Taylor

### Servers

4:30 p.m. Mary Medley, Emma Smith  
Mason Boone, Pablo Hernandez  
8:30 a.m. Abigail Mattingly, Anne Claire Smith  
Kayleen Taylor, Andrea Clements  
10:30 a.m. Haley Smith, Patrick Arnold  
Joshua Curtsinger, Abby Brady

## Liturgical Roles (Monthly)

### Altar Caretakers for DECEMBER

Mary Lou Robertson (wk. 1), Ann Grigsby (wk. 2),  
Rita Clements (wk. 3), Colette Hill (wk. 4)

### Purificator Washing Committee Member for DEC.

Teresa Lynn

### Euch. Min. to the Sick & Homebound for DEC.

Perry & Anna Carrico (Group A)  
John Boyd Reed (Group B, East & West Wings)  
Betty Montgomery (Group C)

### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers for DECEMBER

4:30 p.m. Dennis & Rita Rust  
Cindy Begley, Volunteer  
8:30 a.m. Sally Isaacs, Cheryl Mattingly  
Logan & Fran Spaulding  
10:30 a.m. Belle Sutton, Susan Spalding  
Perry & Anna Carrico

### Weekend Ushers for DECEMBER

4:30 p.m. Paul Borders, Steve Kelly, 2 Volunteers  
8:30 a.m. Mike McCain, Michael McCain  
Scott Mud, Volunteer  
10:30 a.m. Michael Hale, Stephen Hale  
Tim Donnelly, Greg Greathouse

### Weekend Greeters for NOVEMBER

(\*added as a monthly liturgical role)

4:30 p.m. Forrest & Faye Carrico  
8:30 a.m. Stephanie Frantz & Family  
10:30 a.m. Casey & Lauren Story

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Each of the seven sacraments, like other aspects of the Church's pastoral plan, is an attempt to be faithful to the image of Christ we discover in the Gospels. Anointing of the sick is rooted in Jesus' saving deeds of healing and even rescue from death. What is your favorite encounter of Jesus with a sick person? Often, it seems that Jesus would go at once to the person in a crowd who was in the most pain, in the deepest need. A man born blind, Peter's mother-in-law, a woman afflicted by years of uncontrollable hemorrhages, a little Roman girl beloved by her soldier father, a crippled man lowered from the rafters, and even a man who lost his ear to a swinging sword in the garden of agony. This list reads like an admissions chart in an emergency room, and perhaps that is the point. The whole human experience from childhood to old age, from sudden catastrophic illness to chronic debilitating conditions, is represented by those for whom Jesus has such great compassion. This we can name a treasure of tradition with a capital "T." We are a people of compassion for our sick, who reach out in tenderness to listen, to keep vigil, to strengthen, to touch with reverence, and to anoint with precious oil.

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**Upcoming Bulletin Announcements**  
(Temporarily removed from bulletin or not yet published in paper form):

**Do you shop at Amazon?** If so, your purchases can benefit St. Dominic! St. Dominic is registered as a non-profit with them. You simply go to Amazon Smile instead of simply Amazon. You will be asked to choose which non-profit you wish to support with your purchase from a list – then shop as always. There is no additional cost to you but St. Dominic will receive 0.5% on your purchase. Thanks for your support & let your friends know, too.

**I.G.A. Grocery Receipts, Box Tops for Education & Campbell's Labels** act as fundraisers for St. D School. They can be deposited in the wooden boxes in the back of the church.

**RCIA:** If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Pepper or Angela Young at 336-3569 for details about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

**St. D Adult Bible Study:** Mondays @ 7 p.m. - church basement

**Spanish to English Speaking Classes:** Tuesdays @ 7 p.m. - parish office meeting room

**Parish Website:** Check us out @ [stdomparish.org](http://stdomparish.org). Keep up with the latest by clicking on the “Events & Bulletin” tabs.

**Centering Prayer Workshop** on Dec. 6 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. @ St. Catharine Motherhouse. This workshop is for people interested in Contemplative Prayer and growth in their relationship with God. It is a traditional method taught by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO. Cost: \$25. Register by Dec. 1 via phone/email to Sr. Mary Otho Ballard, OP @ 859-284-5201/[lamondaop@gmail.com](mailto:lamondaop@gmail.com).

The collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** will be taken up in our parish the weekend of Dec. 13/14. As you consider, your gift, please give thanks for religious. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have spent their lives ministering to others, often for little, if any, pay. Their

sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and health care. Your gift to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious supports the day-to-day care of roughly 35,000 senior religious, providing necessities such as prescription medications and nursing care. Thank you for your generosity.

**Parish Council** will not meet in December.

**Catholic Services Appeal:** Our Parish Target: \$28,300 - The annual Catholic Services Appeal invites area Catholics to join together in supporting the more than 100 ministries, services, and programs offered by the Archdiocese. For information on the work of the Archdiocese of Louisville, visit [www.archlou.org/CSA](http://www.archlou.org/CSA). Thank you for supporting CSA! St. D contributions to date: \$27,520. Less than \$1000 from our parish goal!!

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for Advent** will be offered at the mission on Wed., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

**Facebook:** “Like” us on Facebook @ [www.facebook.com/pages/St-Dominic-Catholic-Church/449277975143813](https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Dominic-Catholic-Church/449277975143813)

**Welcome:** Congratulations to Courtney Murphy, who received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening, Nov. 22. Welcome Courtney, we are so blessed to have you as part of our parish family! The Rite of Enrollment for Catechumens was also held with David Drury and Elizabeth Shehan stating their intentions to be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church, which will take place at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Please keep Courtney, David and Elizabeth in your prayers as they begin their journey of faith as Catholic Christians.