



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.

January 3, 2016 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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REMEMBER TO KEEP IN YOUR

PRAYERS: Unborn & Elderly, U.S. Military, Addictions, Bob Black, Roy Pike, Baby Violet Ehringer, Nick Hollingsworth, Tom Mudd, Maggie Mudd Hayden, Gertrude O'Bryan, Fred Hollingshead, Helen Parrott, Judy Mudd, Sarah O'Bryan, Bradlee Aguilar, David Devine, Pee Wee Nally, Patricia O'Bryan, Reed Spaulding, Darrell Smith, Kyle Logsdon, Sue Carter, Richard Stover, Theresa Carey Coppock, Donnie Parrott, Russell Buckman, Brent Mattingly, Parker Beam, Andrew Osborne, Mary Peterson, Annie Boone Roution, Jeanne Hanley, Mollie Kennedy, Janet Mattingly, Mike Grigsby, Carol Carrico, Benny Lewis, Jonie Cambron, Madison Wheatley, Nora Smith, Charlotte Buckman, Charles Smith, Kathleen Pinkston, Tony Clements, Colin Patrick Walker, Fanny Rudd, JoAnn Cambron, 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: Audrey Edelen, Dorothy Graves, Catherine Spalding, Ruth Burns, Joe Cambron, Lloyd Haydon, Bear Keene, Fred & Rita Edelen.

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

January 4-10, 2016

Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 a.m. Margaret Johnson

Tuesday: St. John Neumann

5:30 p.m. Garland & Tommy Fenwick

Wednesday: Christmas Weekday

8:30 a.m. Matt Cowan

Thursday: Christmas Weekday

5:30 p.m. Ray Cambron

Friday: Christmas Weekday

8:30 a.m. Edd Graves

Saturday: Christmas Weekday

8:30 a.m. Scout & Helen Smith

4:30 p.m. Stephen Downs

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. Harry & Juanita Janes

Spanish Mass @ 2 p.m.

\$\$ Weekly Collections \$\$

December 27, 2015

Sunday Collection: \$5,056.74

Christmas Collection: \$3,382.79

During the Week: \$2,405.00

Automatic Withdrawal: \$0

Total Received: \$10,844.53

**Tithing amount needed weekly for the 2015/16 budget:
\$13,847.00

Fiscal Year TITHING Contribution Summary

(July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016)

Tithing Contributions: \$378,155.71

Tithing Budget: \$360,022.00

Overage/ Shortage: \$+18,133.71

Annual Budget: \$720,044.00

**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.

Campaign

Weekly Orig. Capital Campaign/ BFOH Contributions: \$0

Weekly Preservation Campaign Contributions: \$6,350.00

Capital Campaign Building Fund Loan Balance: \$589,462.69

Amount of Monthly Payment: \$15,066.64

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: “20 + C + M + B + 16.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi’s quest for meaning and peace.

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Liturgical Roles (Weekdays)

Lectors

Mon. Rita Rust
Tues. Belle Sutton
Wed. Shirley Barber
Thurs. Perry Carrico
Fri. School
Sat. Mary Ann Hale

Eucharistic Ministers

Mon. Betty Carol Barber
Tues. Joyce Boone
Wed. Fabian Cambron
Thurs. Perry Carrico
Fri. School
Sat. Joe David Clements

Liturgical Roles (Next Weekend)

Gift Bearers

4:30 p.m. Elaine Downs & Family
8:30 a.m. Julee Jones
10:30 a.m. Joe Paul & Vickie Brady

Lectors

4:30 p.m. John Ceconi Sr., Lori Tucker
8:30 a.m. Chuck Abell, Paul Cermola
10:30 a.m. David & Lynn Foster

Servers

4:30 p.m. Mary Medley, Emma Smith
Mary Clare Hughes
8:30 a.m. Jack & Isabella Murphy
Ben Whitney
10:30 a.m. Logan & Andrew Wilson
Lakin Osbourne

Liturgical Roles (Monthly)

Altar Caretakers for JANUARY

Kathy Fields (wk. 1), Katie Simms (wk. 2)
Marylyn Boone (wk. 3), Martha Hinton (wk. 4)

Purificator Washing Committee Member for JAN.
Martha Hinton

Euch. Min. to the Sick & Homebound for JAN.

Reba Hamilton (Group A), Sally Isaacs (Group B),
Susan McCain (Group C)

Weekend Eucharistic Ministers for JAN.

4:30 p.m. Lori Tucker, Angela Young
2 Volunteers
8:30 a.m. Glenn Mattingly, Reed Breunig
Maura Walker, Lori Graves
10:30 a.m. Louis & Betty Carol Barber
Belle Sutton, Chris Brady

Weekend Ushers for JANUARY

4:30 p.m. Daniel Carney, David Carney
2 Volunteers
8:30 a.m. Chuck Abell, Tom Cambron
Joe David Clements, Eugene Graves
10:30 a.m. Joe Paul Brady, Davis Carney
Drew Yates, Rodney Dean

Weekend Greeters for JANUARY

4:30 p.m. Forrest & Faye Carrico
8:30 a.m. John & Sally Isaacs
10:30 a.m. Kristen Coulter & Family

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

Our Sympathy in Christ to:

~The family of Harry Janes

~Jean Smith & Todd Smith, for the passing of their loved-one, Francis B. “Sambo” Smith

~Betty Lou Montgomery, for the passing of her sister, Rosie O’Daniel Jones

May you find peace in knowing that our prayers are with you now & in the days to come.

Thanks:

My sincerest gratitude to the many St. Dominic friends who remembered me at Christmas.

~ Mary Martha Barber

Parish Council: Jan. 28 @ 6:15 p.m.

Catholic Connection Ezine: Sign up for the *Catholic Connection* and receive monthly updates, inspiration, and information from the Archdiocese of Louisville. Go to

www.archlou.org/connection to subscribe.

Pre-school Religion: No Pre-school Religion class on Jan. 3.

Year of Mercy (January): During this Year of Mercy, we are inviting Catholics who may have become disconnected to take another look at their Church home. As we write to them to offer assistance and invite them to consider attending listening sessions next month, please keep these individuals and all who are searching in your prayers. If you know someone who might welcome an invitation, please don’t hesitate to share information about the listening sessions with them. The days and times can be found at www.archlou.org/welcome-back/listening-sessions/. As we begin this process of encounter, let us remember the words of Pope Francis, who tells us that “The Church will have to initiate everyone – priests, religious and laity – into the ‘art of accompaniment,’ which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (*Evangelii Gaudium* 169).”

Opportunities for Life is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. The OFL ministry is available 24 hours a day 7 days of week to offer confidential, non-judgmental emotional support, and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy. Please pray for the OFL volunteers and for those the ministry serves. To learn more about the Opportunities for Life ministry, please call (888) 496-3638. A door collection will be held on January 16-17 for those who wish to support this ministry.

Birthday Open House: The family of Lucille Bishop will be hosting an open house in honor of her 90th Birthday. Please drop by the River of Life Church from 2-4 p.m. on Sat., January 9th to wish Lucille a Happy 90th Birthday! If you have any questions feel free to contact Carolyn Bishop @ 336-7504.

~ The Epiphany of the Lord (January 3, 2016) ~

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

The wise men spent their lives seeking God and when they finally found Him they opened their coffers in generosity. Stewardship is much easier when we seek God first in our lives.

Other Announcements

(not yet posted in paper form):

9DAYSforLIFE: Your prayers matter. Your sacrifices make a difference. On January 22 our nation will mark the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the U.S. Since that tragic decision, more than 57 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss -- often in silence. Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a Culture of Life from Saturday, January 16, 2016 - Sunday, January 24, 2016. Just go to 9daysforlife.com for to learn how to join by App, Email, Text Message or PDF. 9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance & pilgrimage set aside to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country for a new intention each of the 9 days. Sign up now & participate Jan. 16-24.