

Parish News

We celebrate today the Epiphany of the Lord, one of the most ancient feast days in the life of the Church. Today's feast commemorates the visit of the Magi to worship the newborn Christ Child. These wise men "from the east" were Gentiles, not Israelites. Their recognition of the star that heralded the Lord's birth was a sign that God had revealed Himself now to all the world, not only to the members of His Chosen People. As St. John wrote, "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him" (Jn 1: 18). No longer is He a distant God perceived only from afar; He has made Himself known to us and He makes His dwelling in our midst. Let's pray that we might never lose sight of this self-revelation that God has made to us, so that His light will radiate through every aspect of our lives.

Fr. Stenger

Church Cleaning

Team Three: Jan. 5 – Jan. 18

Team One: Jan. 19 – Feb. 1

Team Two: Feb. 2 – Feb. 15

Upcoming VIRTUS Trainings

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky 41011

Wednesday, January 7, 2025

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Tuesday, January 27, 2025

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

The VIRTUS bulletin was posted on December 7th and is due on January 7th.

Pray for Those Who Protect Us

PFC Jared Allender, Staff Sgt. Dave Evans, SRA Emily Wagner, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wagner, I CL Petty Officer T.J. Waters. Please pray for those who put themselves in harm's way each day to protect us, including armed service personnel, police, and firefighters.

Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Chris Arlinghaus, Dolores Armstrong, Brooke Barganier, Vyneta Barnett, Missy Bauer, Kim Brun, Teri Buckler, Roy Carl, Doug and Ella Carmack, Flo Clair, Tom Corman, Greg Dierig, Keegan Dietz, Joyce Dorgan, Judy Dornbusch, Kent Enzweiler, Jose Flores, Mike Futscher, Chris Gebelt, Henry Glossner, Leigh Gorman, Billy Guthier, Jonathan Harper, Blake Hegner, Tammy Hess, Jon Hickman, Chandra Huff, Flo Kaffenberger, Mary Kettenacker, Karma Kinsella Klingenberg, Bernie Kohls, Betty Kohls, Kelli Kramer, Germaine Kremer, Helen Kremer, Jim Kremer, Ron Kremer, Charles Krift, Nancy Lagedrost, Kathy Leahy, Iva Leick, Al Lovell, Dick Mader, Wilma Maschinot, John Muench, Pam Leahy Nagle, Linda Neltner, Josh Penney, Joyce Pfefferman, Adelyn Porter, Phyllis Prodoehl, Dominic Ramler, Lorrie Rawe, Rana Reckner, Rowen Redmond, Virginia Schadler, Dan Schalk, Casen Schrock, Gail Schultz, Ella Stieby, Shirley Studer, Diane Taylor, Steve Tischner, Pauline Wade, Larry Wagner, Joe Whitford, Julie Wientjes, Jim Wolfe, Candice Yelton.

Offertory Envelopes and Calendars

There are still some 2026 offertory envelopes in the vestibule, as well as 2026 calendars. Feel free to pick these up on your way out of church. Thank you!

Ministry Volunteers

The new year is a great time to consider signing up to volunteer for any of the ministries we have available at Mass. If you have ever considered becoming a lector, usher, or server, we could always use more help with all Mass times. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Thanks for your consideration!

Parish Registration

If you have been in attendance at our parish for some time now, consider becoming a member! Registration forms are available in the vestibule. Fill one out, put it back in the offertory at the next Mass, and we will update your information so that you can receive e-mail versions of the bulletin and your own

offertory envelopes. Joining the parish is a great way to begin getting involved in all that we have going on here at St. Joseph, especially as we are about to begin a new year! We look forward to hearing from you!

2025 DPAA – November Update

Your DPAA support strengthens vital diocesan services and ministries. Your generosity reflects our unity in Christ and gratitude for God's blessings. Please join the parish households who have already pledged by making your gift soon. As a reminder our parish goal is \$57,600. **So far, our parish pledges total \$70,935.** This year, the amount raised above our goal will go towards replacing the school roof. Thank you for your faithful stewardship. God bless you for your generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your continued support. For the month of January, we would like to ask for donations of laundry detergent and chicken noodle soup. Please check expiration dates on food to ensure that food items are in date before donating.

We would also like to update you on how our chapter has supported the community this year.

For the fiscal year ending 9/30/25, our conference has helped on 44 cases and assisted 125 people in our St. Joseph conference area and at the Newport Scholar house. The Newport Scholar provides temporary housing for single mothers as they attend school to acquire job skills in nursing, social work, and cosmetology. Our conference has provided a total of \$12,575 for direct aid (rent, utilities, grocery/gas gift cards) and \$8,172 for food from our pantry and SVDP store vouchers (clothing, furniture, and household items) in our conference area and the Scholar House.

Our conference has also made approx. 30 elderly/sick visits at the Seasons Nursing home and parishioners /residential visits; seeing over 100 people. Our parish has generously contributed \$13,118 monetary, in addition to grocery, cleaning and hygiene products donated.

Newport is in what is called the "No Help" area because there is no active SVDP conference present. Our conference tends to their needs for assistance exclusively. Our conference case workers have also made 95 home visits in the Newport "No Help" area, not counting the Scholar House. We have assisted over 230 people through these visits. Our visits require at least two case workers. Through these Newport "No Help" visits, we provided direct aid, store vouchers and gift cards totaling \$29,737. Almost all this assistance was paid for by the SVDP N.KY Council, not our conference.

Active SVDP members are Tim McGrath- President, Steve Fay- Vice President, Don Heeb- Treasurer, Regina Murphy- Secretary, Tom Corman, Ann Fay, Megan Heeb, Pat Schwegmann, and Wanda Sendelbach. We are all caseworkers and home visitors. If anyone has an interest and would like to go with us on a home or nursing home visit to observe what we do, please contact any of us.

Faith Enrichment

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28, in the parish office, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. We will be watching and discussing The Chosen, Season 5, episode 1. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Sewing Seeds Sewing Group

The sewing group will meet again on Wednesday, January 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 in the school cafeteria, weather permitting. We will be making baby blankets for CareNet Pregnancy Center. No sewing expertise is needed, we will find a job for you. Snacks will be available. All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study

Our women's Bible study group will be meeting on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Our focus for this study is Women of the Bible. Contact Jean (859-630-0247) for more information.

BBHS News

BBHS Shadow Day/School Tour

Any prospective students interested in a shadow day at BBHS or a tour of Bishop Brossart after school hours please contact school, 859-635-2108.

McGarr Memorial Euchre Tournament

Annual Jack and Pat McGarr Memorial Euchre Tournament will be held at BBHS in Hegenauer Hall on Saturday February 7th, 2026. Doors open at 5:30 pm and card play starts at 7 p.m. The cost of the tournament is \$25 per player (additional \$10 if you want to play skins). Heavy appetizers, soft drinks, and water included, but there will be NO dinner served this year. There will also be a cash bar. Registration is now open and limited to 288 players. Register and pay online at MCGARREUCHRE26.GIVESMART.COM For questions, email jackmcgarreuchre@gmail.com or call 859-635-1560.

Other News

A Christmas Gift for Married Couples

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is March 13 - 15 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH.

The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and return to that newlywed feeling. Apply today

at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>

For more questions or more details contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859- 653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org

Support Group for Separated and Divorced begins Jan. 22, 2026

New Beginnings is an 8-week program that provides the opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. Led by facilitators who have been through their own personal losses, this program invites participants to move toward their own new beginnings. Registration is required. To register, visit <https://covdio.org/new-beginnings->

2/ or call (859) 392-1529. The next session will be held on consecutive Thursdays, January 22 – March 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities (3629 Church St., Covington, KY 41015).

Save the Date

Sunday, February 8, 2026

St. Philip, Melbourne is hosting a Super Bowl

Homecoming! All are Invited

Please visit stphilipky.org for more information

DCCH Center for Children & Families

The best gift you can give a child is a family! DCCH is hosting a free informational meeting on Monday, January 5th, 2026. If you have ever considered mentoring, fostering, or adopting or have wondered how you can support a family in need, please attend - 6:30pm at 75 Orphanage Rd, Ft. Mitchell. Call 859 331-2040 or visit DCCHCenter.org for more details.

We Loved Because He First Loved Us

First Saturday Mass and talk by Fr. David Endres
Retreats are in person and live streamed

February 7th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. Simon the Apostle

825 Pontius Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45233

Register online at www.presentationministries.com

