Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Mission Statement

Through our gifts of time, talents, and treasures, we serve our parish as we journey together to the Kingdom of God.

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Pregnancy	Pregnancydecisionline.org
ProLife 814-834-3834	
Post-Abortion Counseling	
Youth Ministry Website	
Boy Scout Troop 95 (smtroop	
Cub Scout Pack 95	Andy Dornisch
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Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m. First Friday Week: Thursday: 4:00 p.m. Until all are heard Anytime by Appointment

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Weekday - 6:15 a.m. (Monday-Friday) Holy Days - Listed in Bulletin



Dear God, rest your hands on recovery efforts in the Kentucky communities. Let all people find relief and healing in you. Amen.

Not all the laft to "Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

Bulletin Deadline Monday – 10:00 a.m. – In Writing

January 01(S):	Vigil of Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
9:00 a.m. †	Lou Ann Nellis
4:00 p.m.	For Sacred Heart Parishioners
January 02:	Epiphany of the Lord
7:00 a.m.	L/D of Bob & Mary Ann Gregory Family
9:00 a.m.	L/D of Walter & Ellen Donahey Family
11:00 a.m.	L/D of Donahue Family
January 3(M):	Monday after Epiphany
6:15 a.m. †	Nadine Ruth Landis
January 4(T):	Tuesday after Epiphany
6:15 a.m. †	Dave Shannon
January 5(W):	Wednesday after Epiphany
6:15 a.m. †	Henry Breindel
January 6(Th):	Thursday after Epiphany
6:15 a.m. ††	Chester & Frances Hammer
January 7(F):	Friday after Epiphany
6:15 a.m. †	Jackie Czelusta
January 8(S):	Vigil of Baptism of the Lord
4:00 p.m. †	Tom Miller
January 9:	Baptism of the Lord
7:00 a.m.†††	Art, Mercedes (An.) & Daniel Krieg
9:00 a.m.	For Sacred Heart Parishioners
11:00 a.m. †	Matthew Minnick

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Friday from 7:00 a.m. until closing with Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Leah R. Wolfe (Mother of Erin & Mother in Law of Chris Martini and Sister of Cindy Shefcyk). May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.

PRAYER LIST - Let us remember all the sick especially Chrissy Aikens, Sharon Boylan, Alice Feldbauer, Michael Gary, Don Geci, Louise Georgevich, Deacon Bill Gibson, Kathleen Glatfelter, Beth Gornati, Beula Kestler, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, John Rettger, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Matthew Sharrow, Joanne Weidow, Steve Wendel, & Judy Wolfel. We pray in hope that God's healing power may touch all those who are sick.

SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN - If you want to be placed on the prayer chain for any need, just call Rose at 781-6430, or Ann at 834-6534. The names of those listed on this prayer chain will not be published in the bulletin. If you want a name to be listed in the bulletin, please call the Parish Office.

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Prayer Group will pray the Rosary at Sacred Heart Church starting at 6:00 p.m. **All are welcome.**



The week of January 2, 2022 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions: Special Intention L/D of Walter & Ellen Donahey Family

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Time:

Date: Jan., 4, 2022 m. Queen of



6:30 p.m. Queen of 814-834-4

Queen of the World 814-834-4701

PRE-CANA SESSIONS

 Date:
 Time:
 Place:

 Jan., 29, 2022
 8:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 Sacred Heart 814-834-7861

WORD OF LIFE!!

The Epiphany is a feast of kings, camels, and stars. (Mt. 2:1-12) But what does it mean for a married couple today? Take a moment this week to look at a star together. Remember that God's love for you and your love for each other is bigger than this world and the sky.

THANK YOU

For the donation to the Church In memory of **Kenneth Bauer:** \$10, \$25 In memory of **Margaret Evers:** \$10, \$10, \$10, \$20, \$20, \$25, \$25

For the donation to the Trust Fund In memory of **Margaret Evers:** \$20

"31 DAY" VOCATION CALENDAR - Please

consider joining the Parish "31 Club" for Vocations to the Religious Life. Try to attend a Mass, Holy Hour, Pray a Rosary **OR** pray on your chosen date and offer it for:

- Priests/religious who have served our parish in the past.
- For those priests, religious and deacons serving now.
- To ask the Lord of the harvest for future vocations.
- 3rd Sue Dornisch, Andy Dornisch
- 4th Tom Nellis, Sr.
- 5th Leona Fritz, Dorothy Terry
- 6th Cathy Dornisch, Amy Gorman
- 7th Jake Meyer, Fuzzy Cappiello
- 8th Dorothy Mallette, Alice Lynch, Marsha Meyer, Jim McAllister
- 9th Gretchen Meyer, Julie Lecker

If you would like to be a part of the "31 Day" Vocation Calendar, please call the Parish Office at 834-7861 #1.



2022 MASS BOOK & TABERNACLE ANGEL CANDLES~

Please stop by the Parish Office or call to schedule your 2022 Masses.

Keep in mind that Weekend Masses and

Tabernacle Angel Candles are limited. Please try to combine your Intentions wherever possible as we are unable to give you all Weekend Mass times. Thank you for your cooperation.



Just a little Donkey

Just a little donkey, but on my back I bore The one and only Savior the world was waiting for. Just a little donkey, but I was strong and proud-I gladly carried Mary through the chaos of the crowd. I brought her to a stable where she made a tiny bed... A place for Baby Jesus to lay His little head. I pray the world remembers that special Christmas night When just a little donkey carried Heaven's Precious Light. **By Rita Beer**



ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING~ will be on



Tuesday January 11, 2022

at 6:30 p.m., in the St. Mary's Church Parish Annex. For additional information please contact Mary Bea at 814-834-3834. **How precious LIFE is!!**



SAINT ANNE SOCIETY OFFICERS

SAY THANK YOU~ to Fr. Thomas & all the ladies for coming to the Christmas Lunch and fun filled afternoon. Many blessings to you and your family for 2022. See you in March. New members are always welcome. Contact Helene 814-594-0439.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING~ January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Note date change.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY Jan.,16 Support of School Children

Jan., 23 Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays	Praying the Rosary in Church	6:00 p.m.
Wednesd	6:00 p.m.	
Fridays	Rosary in Church	1:00 p.m.
Jan., 11	Elk County Right to Life Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Jan., 11	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.

AREA NEWS

BOWLS OF LOVE is a free meal served every Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church from 4-5:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.



ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD

every **Thursday** following the **7:00 AM Mass**. Closing: Evening prayer and **Benediction: 5:00 p.m.**.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP (Phone 834-1353)

Tuesday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Closed: Mondays, Sundays, Holy Days & Holidays.

THE MATERNITY CLOSET~ OPEN

the 1st three weeks on Wednesdays & Thursdays of each month. Babies and children up to 3rd birthdays in need are welcome. **Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. & Thursdays 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

ECCHS Music Booster Cash Bash!!

January 15, 2022 6-10 p.m. St. Marys Moose ~ \$100 drawing every 5 min, \$200 drawing every 15 min! **\$2000 Grand Prize!** \$50 ticket admits 2 (food and drinks included) Contact Simon Glatt ECCHS Music Department at 814-788-0203. **Thank you for your support!**





FOUND ROSARY~ after the Saturday evening Mass on Dec., 18th, parish center parking lot. The Rosary is a Rich Blue in color. Call or stop by the Parish Office.



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St. Marys Inter-Parish

OLIFE TEEN

All classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center (Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street, unless otherwise noted.

FORMATION

Wed., Jan. 5, 2022 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 9, 2022 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium

Confirmation retreat 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Center. Will start with Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and Life Teen (grade 9 - 10) 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 12 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 16 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium

Confirmation – No class Life Teen retreat 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Center. Will start with Mass at 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Middle School (Grade 6- 8) 6:00 p.m. - 7:30pm

Wed., Jan. 19 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 23 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium

Confirmation class 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. with Confirmation candidate and their sponsor or parent.

Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and Life Teen (grade 9 - 10) 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 26 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 30 First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 a.m.– noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium

Confirmation – No class

Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and Life Teen (grade 9 - 10) 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel. Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who crv out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



JESUS, OTHERS, YOU!!





The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2:9b

