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Saint Christopher Parish

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Visit us at www.stchristopherparish.org for upcoming events,
a copy of the bulletin and much more!!!

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday	8 am
Wednesday	6 pm
Friday	8 am
1 st Saturday	8 am
Saturday	4 pm
Sunday	8 am
Sunday	11 am
Sunday	12:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

3rd Friday after the 8 am Mass

Adoration

Every Thursday

Adoration follows the 8:30 am Morning Prayer

Benediction

8 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays

6 pm 2nd & 4th Thursdays

Confessions

1st & 3rd Thursdays

6 - 8 pm

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Religious Education

Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, September through April. Our program provides religious formation for children in Kindergarten through 12th grades.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact Fr. Hopper at least six months prior to the wedding date to begin your preparation process.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Glory Kramer to register for the required **Baptism Preparation Class** -

that meets on the last two Sundays of each month.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is held on the 1st weekend of the month.



Ministry to the Sick and Elderly

Please notify us when a family member is hospitalized.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion &

Potluck The Devotion and Potluck Dinner is held on the first Wednesday of each month following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother.

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please register at the parish office, email us, online at www.stchristopherparish.org or pick up a form at the doors of the church and put in the offertory basket



Tithing:

Needed each week:	\$ 6,725.00
Last weekend's collection:	\$ 6,291.69

Adoration Sign Up

Please contact the office if you would be available to spend an hour in adoration of Our Lord on Thursday. Sign-ups are for one month at a time.



O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Please pray for those in our parish who are in vocational discernment as well as those entering into discernment.

2018 Pilgrim Statue Signup

2018 sign up sheet is available in the main entrance for the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Please print clearly your name and phone number.



Schedule for Pilgrim Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fatima

December 24

December 31

January 7

Barbara Hambly

Kathy Jordan

Estella Mitchell

Please remember to return the Pilgrim Virgin Statue to the Sacristy prior to the Saturday Mass at 4:00 p.m. For sign up or additional information please contact the parish office.

Christmas Carol Concert Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Carol Concert around the world. Music is a vital part of a vibrant and faithful community; we hope you continue to support the parish in ALL activities that are hosted. Thank you for your support of our parish.

Faith Formation

Religious Education (CCD) - As parents, we continue the learning process at home by reinforcing what our children have learned in CCD, by teaching basic tenets of our faith, by practicing our faith, and by using the resources available to us. One source is the **United States Conference of Catholic**

Bishops, <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/parents-and-parenting/> - A great website featuring articles for parents related to raising children, marriage, and work.

"While all members of the family are called to live out the foundational Christian virtues, fathers and mothers have a special responsibility for fostering these virtues within their children. They are the first to proclaim the faith to their children."

U.S. Bishops, pastoral letter (11/2009)- *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan*

RCIA - We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Glory Kramer.

Bible Study - Small groups will not be meeting on Sundays, December 17, 24, 24 and 31; and Wednesdays, December 20 and 27. The Bible Timeline series will resume on January 3 and 7. Join the group at any time. Sundays 9:30-10:30 am in the undercroft; Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm in the PLC.

Catechist Formation – ALMI (Archdiocese of Louisville Ministry Institute) is dedicated to offering Faith Formation opportunities in a variety of formats including online learning, media options, live courses, independent learning, group learning, and more. To learn about becoming a certified catechist please visit: formedinfaith.wordpress.com/catechist-certification/ or contact: lmcdaniel@archlou.org

Tuition Assistance for Catholic Education

On December 15, 2017, parents may begin to apply for tuition assistance for their children in grades K-12 in Catholic elementary and high schools. New this year, families must submit their application, 2016 Federal tax-return, 2016 W-2's, and other non-taxable documentation along with the \$25 processing fee by February 28, 2018. This user-friendly change requiring only the 2016 tax information should allow families to get their application in early. Go to www.ceflou.org to apply.

Parish Life

Parish Festival – Planning for the Parish Festival aka "Spring Festival" is underway. If you are interested in serving on the Festival committee, please contact the Parish Office to volunteer in the planning of the event.

Mother's Play & Pray Group – This group meets each Monday from 9:30-11:30. Mothers and children gather for prayer, fellowship, and fun. Confession is available. Please contact Holly Curry for more information.

Social Concern & Outreach

Room In The Inn– Our Homeless Shelter ministry program is underway. Volunteers are needed to provide cooked dinner. Please contact Mike Stamper for more information on how to help.

Homebound Ministry- Those requesting homebound visits for communion and/or confessions should contact the parish office to schedule a time to be visited.

Food Collection/Coat Collection- The parish collects canned and dry food as a mission to help support Helping Hand of Hope. Donations of items can be made in the Parish Office Mon-Thurs from 9-5, or during the weekend Mass (box located in the cry room). During the colder season, you are also encouraged to donated coats/jackets to benefit those who are without.

Catholic Charities Collection- December 23-24; 2nd collection. Your generosity helps fund many vital ministries and social services, including the Sister Visitor Center, the Mother-Infant Care program, the Bakhita Empowerment Initiative to combat human trafficking, Migration and Refugee Services, Common Earth Gardens, and Common Table. Please give generously when the Catholic Charities Collection is taken up at the parish.

HARK! The Herald Angels Sing!





May our Lord bless you, your families, & your loved ones at this time of hope & grace.

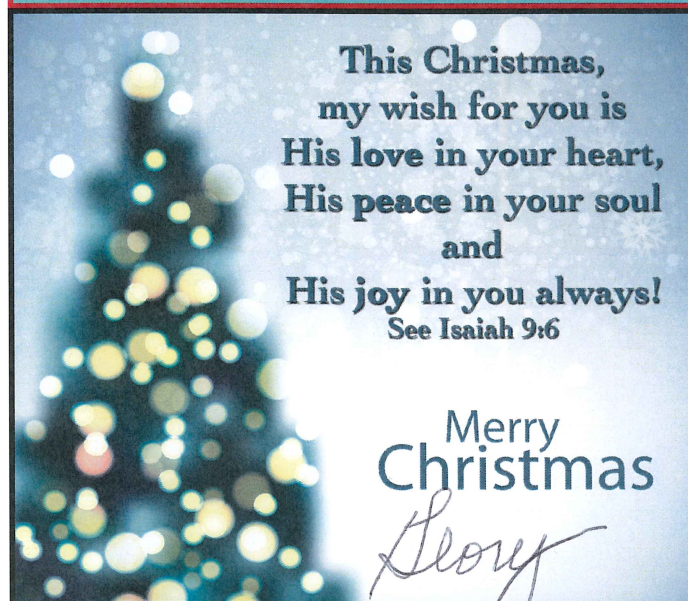
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Fr. @ Betsy



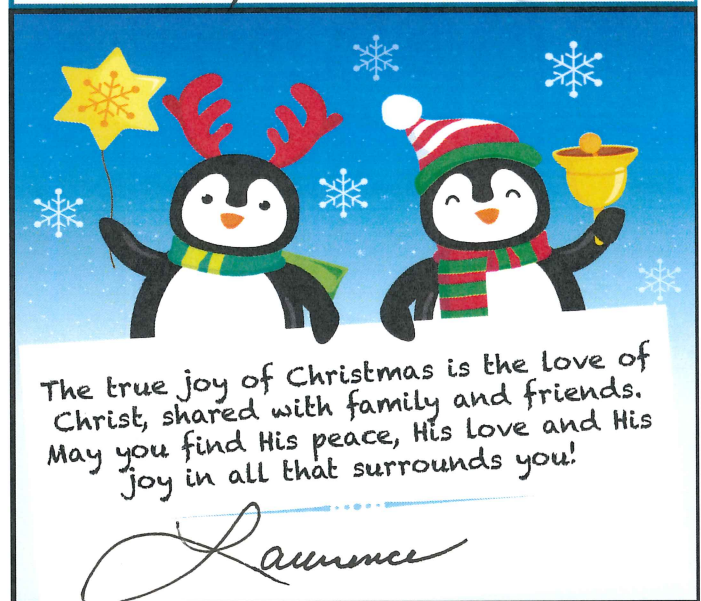
*May God's grace
be with you and
your family
throughout the
Christmas
season!*

**Merry
Christmas**
Grace



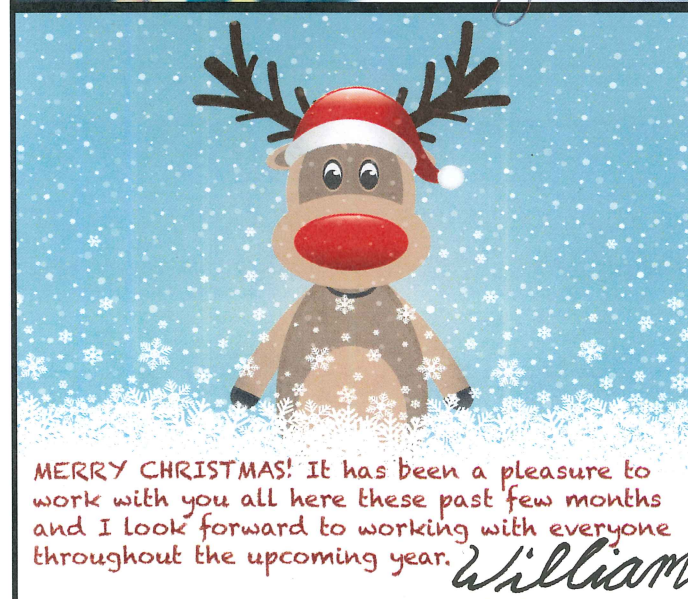
**This Christmas,
my wish for you is
His love in your heart,
His peace in your soul
and
His joy in you always!**
See Isaiah 9:6

**Merry
Christmas**
Glory



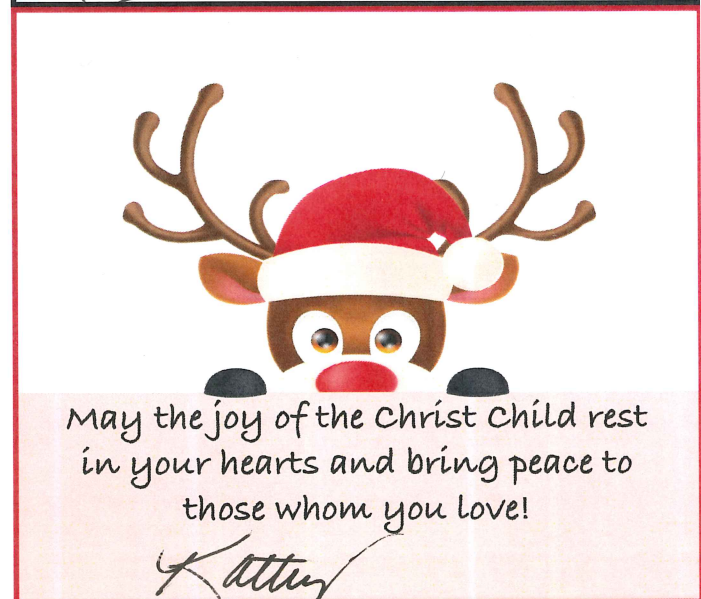
**The true joy of Christmas is the love of
Christ, shared with family and friends.
May you find His peace, His love and His
joy in all that surrounds you!**

Laurence



MERRY CHRISTMAS! It has been a pleasure to work with you all here these past few months and I look forward to working with everyone throughout the upcoming year.

William



**May the joy of the Christ Child rest
in your hearts and bring peace to
those whom you love!**

Katly

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

To All Parishoners of the Saint Christopher Parish Community!
May God Keep you, and may he continue to Bless you.

Parish Travels

Shrines of Italy – Fr. Hopper is leading a trip to Italy Oct 2-12. Information on the trip can be found on the website under “resources”. Deadline to sign up for the trip is April 3, 2018.

Basilica of the National Shrine – Saint Christopher is hosting a spring pilgrimage to Washington DC. Planned stops are at the National Shrine, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, Cathedral of St Matthew the Apostle. Visits will also be made at America’s Basilica in Baltimore along with the St. Anthony’s Chapel in Pittsburg PA, home to over 5,000 church relics. Look for more information soon.

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

- Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent**
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Monday The Nativity of the Lord**
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- Tuesday Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Wednesday Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Thursday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Friday Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Saturday Sixth Day within the Octave**
1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
- Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21
or Col 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40
or, for Year B, Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Next Week’s Readings:

Reading 1: SIR 3:2-6, 12:14
Responsorial: PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Reading 2: COL 3:12-21
Gospel: LK 2:22-40

Mass Intentions – Are done for a period of 1 year in advance. Currently masses are available to be scheduled THROUGH December 2018. Intentions must be paid for at the time of scheduling, and there are NO LONGER any standing dates. Please call the office for more information.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm †Robert and Grace Hambly & Carol Hambly Lantis

Sunday, December 24 (Fourth Sunday in Advent)

8:00 am For All Parishoners

11:00 am For All those who are pursuing Religious Vocations

12:30 pm †Deceased members of Spencer families

4:00 pm †Deceased Members of Murdock & Stallworth Families

11:00 pm †Mac Michaelis

Monday, December 25

11:00 am †Frank & Gloria Schiro

Wednesday, December 27

6:00 pm †Arthur Fischer

Friday, December 29

8:00 am †Casimer & Helen Przybylowski

Saturday, December 30

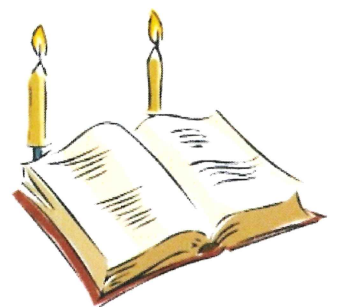
4:00 pm †Lawrence Schroer

*To offer a Mass for someone please call
(270-351-3706) or email the parish office.*

*To add a name to the Prayer Lists or
Repose List, please call or email
the parish office*

LECTORS NEEDED

Additional Lectors are needed for ministry. Training is provided and the scheduling is flexible. Readers are needed for the Sunday 11am mass; however additional lectors can be used for all masses. Contact Barb Hambly at 351-0346.





Ray Tijerina
Paul Whelan
Derrek Coffey
Frank Pignaneli
Mary Lou Gilbert

Charlese Lindberg
Anthony Reyna
Rena Vowels
Sue Ann Hambly

Joe Whelan
Christa Kabalen
Audra Nuccitelli
Mary Lowry



Military Prayer List

CPT Robert Blume, MAJ William Blume, Jr., Aaron Bonner, CPT Jonathan Davis, TSGT Jesse Escalera, Jason Forcey, Erik Hoffman, SrA Tyler Karr, José F. Madera, CW3 Jonathan Melton, Scott Parham, Tara Reyna, SSgt Fernando Rios, Jr., SGT Tommy Schlett, Brian Tomassi, MSgt Jeremy Yates, & all who serve our nation

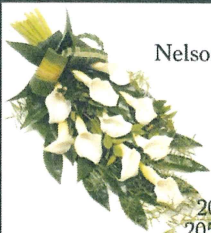
Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families, for the selfless acts they perform, for us in our time of need. And give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen



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WORSHIP

READING 1 2 SM 7:1-5,8B-12,14A,16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.

I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.

I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,

I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

READING 2 ROM 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.

GOSPEL

LK 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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HYMNS	Sat	Sun
Processional:	652	652
Offertory:	651	651
Memorial Acclamation:	When we eat this bread...	
Recessional:	556	556



Parish Festival

It is time to begin planning for the 2018 Saint Christopher Parish Festival. This year the festival chair will be Ms. Holly Curry. If you are interested in serving on the committee this year please call the parish office. Our first meeting will be in the beginning of January.

Anniversary Mass

Will be held on January 20, 2018 at St. Raphael Church, 2900 Bardstown Rd., at their regularly scheduled 4:00 pm Saturday evening mass. Archbishop Kurtz will be the celebrant. Registration deadline is set for Wednesday January 14, 2018. Call office for details.



Bakhita Freedom Racers Running

Calling all Runners! The Bakhita Freedom Racers is a Catholic Charities' Derby MiniMarathon and Marathon racing team. The kick-off meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 6-7 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church (3926 Poplar Level Rd). Contact Shandra Holcombe at sholcombe@archlou.org or 502-637-9786 x 205 for more information. The Bakhita Empowerment Initiative is a program of Catholic Charities of Louisville to combat human trafficking. All funds go towards providing direct services for survivors of human trafficking.

Catholic Connection Ezine

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Conversations

For the January episode of Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss the leadership in the Church and the Church's approach to immigration and refugee issues, especially in light of Pope Francis' invitation to "Share the Journey" with migrants around the world. Archbishop also welcomes special guest Bishop-elect J. Mark Spalding, a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville who was appointed by Pope Francis as the twelfth Bishop of Nashville.

Conversations airs on the Faith Channel (Spectrum channels 19 and digital channel 279) on Tues. at 7 p.m., Wed. at 10 a.m., Fri. at 7 p.m., and Sat. at 4 p.m. It is heard on radio stations WLCR 1040 AM, Breadbox Media, and WLHN 95.3 FM in Meade County. In addition, Conversations can be downloaded for no charge through iTunes.

Conversations is also available on Bardstown Cable Channel 19 (BRTV) at 7 p.m. on the first two Monday nights of the month and on Bardstown's PLG TV on Tuesday afternoons at 4 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Conversations can be seen online on www.archlou.org/conversations.

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Parish Office Closure

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Matthew 5:16

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