

January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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Website:saintthomasbardstown.org

Parish Office Hours: Tue-Thurs8:30 am-4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE - Facemasks Required

St. Thomas Parish Mass Schedules

Thursday6:30 pm
Friday9:00 am
Saturday4:00 pm
Sunday11:00 am
Sunday6:30 pm
Reconciliation/Confession.....Thursday, 5:15 - 6:20pm

St. Monica Parish Mass Schedule

Tuesday6:30 pm
Wednesday9:00 am
Sunday9:00 am
Reconciliation/Confession.....Tuesday, 5:15 - 6:20pm

PARISH SACRAMENTAL CONTACTS

Baptism.....by Appointment/Call office
Reconciliation.....by Appointment/Call office
Anointing of the Sick.....by Request/Call office
Marriage Prep.....Call office **6 months prior**
to desired wedding date
Wedding Liturgy Coordinator.....Robin Leake
Call Parish Office
Visitation of Sick & Homebound.....Deacon Sam
Call Parish Office
Funeral Planning.....Sharon Cecil
Call Parish Office

If you or a member of your family is in the hospital or home bound, please contact the Parish office if you wish a visit.

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Bulletin Submission Deadline
NOON Wednesday

"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of
Judea, in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in
Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the
newborn king of the Jews? We saw his
star at its rising and have come to do
him homage.'"
-Matthew 2:1-2

PARISH COMMITTEES

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MEN'S CLUB

Ron Corbett - President
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BEREAVEMENT

Planning

*Sharon Cecil
Nora Simms

Food/Hospitality

Linda Carey

WEEKEND DECEMBER 20-26 COLLECTION

Last Week's Collection
\$6,861.00

Week of 12/20/20 Collection
\$5,098.00

Needed to make budget
\$6,100.00

Thank you!

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, January 2, 2021

Families of the Parish
Leon Clark

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Harold & Edna Metcalf
Leon Clark

Thursday January 7, 2021

Hilda Gardner

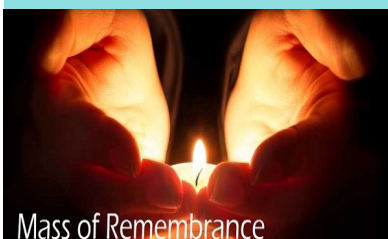
Friday, January 8, 2021

Jim & Juanita Hagan

Saturday, January 9, 2021

John & Liz Logsdon

One Mass time per month will be
celebrated for the
"People of the Parish"



Mass of Remembrance

WELCOME TO SAINT THOMAS



We are so happy that you have joined us
today; whether you are just passing through

or if you have joined us before; please
introduce yourself to Father Jason or any of
our friendly parishioners. We encourage you
to join us officially! Contact our Parish
Office 502-348-3717 or go to our website to
register.

saintthomasbardstown.org

MASS SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

Daily Masses

St. Monica:

Tues. @ 6:30pm and Wed. 9:00am

St. Thomas Historical Church:

Thurs. 6:30pm and Fri. 9:00am

Sunday/Daily Online Masses

will continue to be posted on Facebook until
Easter, for those who are not ready to return
to church.

<https://www.facebook.com/sthomasfamily/>



CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWER REMEMBRANCES



In Loving Memory of

BETSY BELL

RITA & JOSEPH BISCHOFF
HAYDEN BLANFORD FAMILY

JERRY BOONE

MARYANN & WALLACE BROWN
MARIE & CHARLES BROWN & FAMILY

ARLENE & GOLDEN CARTER

THELMA & FRANCIS ALLEN CROSS

JOE & GINNY CLINARD

LOUISE DOUGLAS

LUTHER & ANN GILPIN

JANE LAWHORN

RYLAN LYVERS

FRANCES & TWYMAN MAUPIN
MAY & CHARLIE NORRIS & FAMILY

KATIE SIMPSON

LOUIS & LUCILLE SMITH

MISSY WILLIAMS SPARROW

RONNIE & SUE THOMPSON

JOE WALKER

NANCY & LEE WILLIAMS

NUMEROUS ANONYMOUS DONATION

IN LOVING MEMORY



JOSEPH C. "BUNKER"
CLINARD

Age 86, of Bardstown passed away
Wednesday Dec. 2, 2020 at Flaget
Memorial Hospital. He was born
January 15, 1934 in Louisville, retired
from Kroger and Tri Venture
Marketing, was a member of St. Xavier

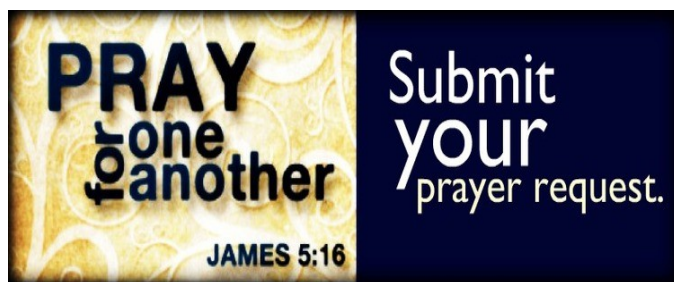
Alumni Association Class of 1952, an
Army Veteran, and a member of St.
Thomas Catholic Church.

He is survived by three daughters,
Angela Walker of Bardstown, Lori
(Dennis) Comella of Louisville, and
Kelly (Jim) Mahon of Liberty
Township, Ohio; and four
grandchildren.

JANUARY



- † For all those who have made private requests for prayer.
- † For Johnny Morris Covid patient
- † For Judy Mattingly's Health (*body & soul*)
- † For Paul Mattingly
- † For Bonnie & Kenny Simpson (*health*)
- † For Joseph Salsman who is suffering from Brain Cancer
- † For the whole world to get better, find the cure of the virus.
- † For all the deceased of our parish and all of our families.
- † For the souls in purgatory
- † For Fr. Jason and Deacon Sam to stay well and healthy
- † For everyone that has Corona Virus, and everyone that has died from it. May they rest in peace. Pray for their families. Lord please let them find a vaccine for it soon. In God's name we pray - Amen
- † For our parish family
- † For my children to return to Mass on Sundays.
- † For healing for my daughter Amber
- † For the elderly of our parish, may they remain safe and healthy.



ROOM IN THE INN @ ST THOMAS

Room in the Inn shelters 1,400 homeless people each winter using a network of 180 religious congregations and 6,000 volunteers. Partner churches take turns sheltering the homeless inside their buildings, and volunteers from those churches watch over the people and the property. They provide a warm bed, a hot meal for the night, and breakfast in the morning.



REMEMBERED IN PRAYER

Those currently in need of ongoing prayer



David Abner
 Kevin Ballard
 Gina Blanford
 Iona Bryan
 Phillip Burba
 Irene Carter
 Jodie Childers
 Bertie Clark
 Joseph & Karen Clark
 Claudia DuPuis
 Stephanie (*Ritchie*) Foley
 Carolyn Green
 Brent Greenwell
 Elana Shain Gutierrez
 Paula Gutierrez
 Stephanie Holbert
 Frank Jones
 Even Kulsveen
 Martha Kulsveen
 Martha Leake
 Ann Lewis
 Rocky McKenna
Martha Mahoney*
 Susan Mahoney
 Louise Hagan Abou Nader
 Patsy (*Greenwell*) Newberry
 Marlene Norman
 James N. Norris
 Frances O'Bryan
 Amber (*Hagan*) Powers
 Genny Rose, Sr.
 Dennis Rust
 Bill Smith
 Debbie Smith
 Keith Spalding
 Chester Sowards
 Natalie Stone
 Carla Summers
 Jeff Willett
 Ronnie Willett
 Tom Wheatley
 Leo Zurkuhlen, Jr.

Homebound

Juil Bradley
 Mary Greenwell
 Lee Rogers

**New to list*



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS JANUARY 3 - 9

Monday, January 4, 2021

St. Elizabeth Ann Bailey-Seaton

1 John 3:22 — 4:6

Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

St. John Neumann

1 John 4:7-10

Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8

Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

St. André Bessette

1 John 4:11-18

Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7, 2021

St. Raymond of Penyafort

1 John 4:19 - 5:4

Psalm 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17

Luke 4:14-22a

Friday, January 8, 2021

1 John 5:5-13

Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Luke 5:12-16

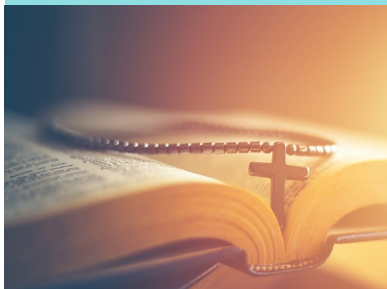
Saturday, January 9, 2021

1 John 5:14-21

Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b

John 3:22-30

*In nomine Patris
et Filii
et Spiritus Sanctus*



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

“Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord”

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



Reflection

FIRST READING

In late 6th century BC, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed an unimaginable future of glory for Israel in the wake of their return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon. What message of hope does our nation need today?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of God's “revelation” to include Gentiles as “coheirs” and “copartners” with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to those you consider outsiders?

GOSPEL READING

The magi's visit to discover the “newborn king of the Jews” caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

BURNS IN HONOR OF: HAROLD & EDNA METCALFE

The Sanctuary Candle burns continuously in Saint Thomas Church as a symbol of Christ's Presence. Just as we do our Mass intentions/offerings at a suggested donation of \$10.00, the sanctuary candle will burn for your special intention and/or in memory of those who have died for a full week.

If you are interested in this special offering, please place your offering and the name of the individual whom you would like remembered, in an envelope and place it into the collection basket at Mass; or in the Mail Slot at the building entrance of the Parish Office end of the building.

ENCOURAGING WORDS FOR THE WEEK



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

All men (*parishioners and non-parishioners*) are invited
Thursday's @ 5:30am
for breakfast, prayer and fellowship to begin
their day!

For more information please contact
Deacon Scott Turner @ (502)507-7800



EXERCISE CLASSES



Feeling the effects of the
pandemic isolation? Come
join our Exercise classes!

Exercise with Vicki Smith on
Wednesday 5:00-5:45pm

Maintaining Strict Social Distancing Rules!

FORMATION-EDUCATION-MINISTRY MEETINGS



ADMIN/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Next Scheduled Meeting Thursday,
February 18, 2020 @ 7:05pm – Howard Rm

RCIA

Next Meeting, January 7th @ 6-8pm - Thomas
Room

PARISH COUNCIL

Next Scheduled Meeting Thursday, January 28, 2021 @ 7:05pm – Howard Room.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Next Scheduled Meeting March, 2021 @ 1:30pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday January 10th @ 9:00am (*classes begin @ 9:15am - Temperature Checks need to be
completed before child may enter their classroom - please come early if possible.*) Students must
wear masks.

EPIPHANY



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Chastisement vs. Punishment

Question:

What is the difference between a
chastisement and a punishment?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

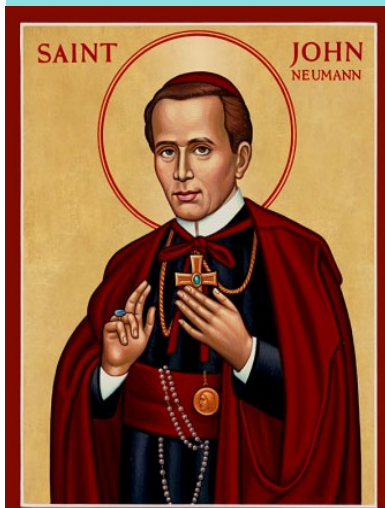
First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.



St. Elizabeth Ann Bailey Seton patron saint of Catholic schools, those rejected/persecuted for their faith, orphans, and widows.



St. John Neumann, patron saint of sick children and of immigrants



St. André Bessette, patron saint of Sick, Poor.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



RSVP - Need headcount for food order!



GOD BLESS YOU COLE - WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!

Adopt-a-Seminarian
COLE MCDOWELL



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

DO YOU HAVE ONE HOUR A WEEK TO SIT WITH JESUS?

Thursdays - 5:15 - 6:30pm

Spend some time away from the chaos of your week and just relax in His presence. Let Jesus take your burdens and just be with you. He's calling you, will you listen to his call. He longs for your attention.

Confessions begin at 5:25pm

Benediction & Mass follows at 6:30pm

If you cannot stay the whole time, please come for as long as you can spare.



THANK YOU - FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights Of Columbus, Bardstown Council 1290, wishes to convey their thanks and appreciation for your assistance and generous donations, which allowed us to collect \$5,300 for our Annual Christmas Families Fund Drive. Your contributions were presented to St. Vincent DePaul & Bethany Haven Shelter, to brighten the lives of numerous Families and Children, who otherwise, would have not known the joys of Christmas. You have truly made a difference in the lives of many in need.



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES - COMMON TABLE FUNDRAISER

You may have no idea...we're serving up soup!

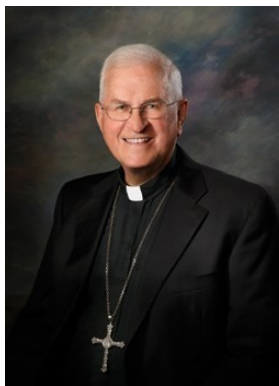
Enjoy a meal and support a mission! CCL's Common Table (a culinary arts training program for those facing employment barriers) offers 6-week soup subscriptions and box lunches. Proceeds go towards tuition. Delivery is available. Next soup order due: January 13, 2021



Learn more: cclou.org/commontable



JANUARY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP



During segment one of January's Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss the new year and Archbishop Kurtz's hope and observations about trends in Church

and society. In segment two, Archbishop Kurtz welcomes Christopher Graney, an astronomer with the Vatican Observatory, to discuss the topic of faith and science and the local faith and science dialogue group in which Archbishop Kurtz participates. In

segment three, Archbishop Kurtz and Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds answer questions from viewers

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 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 also is 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 is online at www.archlou.org/conversations.



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Fraud Alert

COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

With the distribution of vaccines for Covid-19 now underway, it is important to be aware of scams seeking to take advantage of the elderly and other vulnerable populations. Seniors should be particularly vigilant for callers, texters or visitors seeking money or their private information in order to receive a vaccine.

This month the United States Department of Health and Human Services issued the following tips to protect yourself from Covid-19 fraud:

- 1** You will NOT be asked for money to improve your ranking for vaccine eligibility
- 2** Government and State officials will NOT call you to obtain personal information in order to receive the vaccine, and you will NOT be solicited door to door to receive the vaccine.
- 3** Medicare will NOT contact you to offer you Covid-19 related products
- 4** Do NOT respond to or open any text messages or hyperlinks from unknown senders
- 5** Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering vaccinations, tests, or supplies*

*US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General <https://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/fraud-alert-covid19.asp>

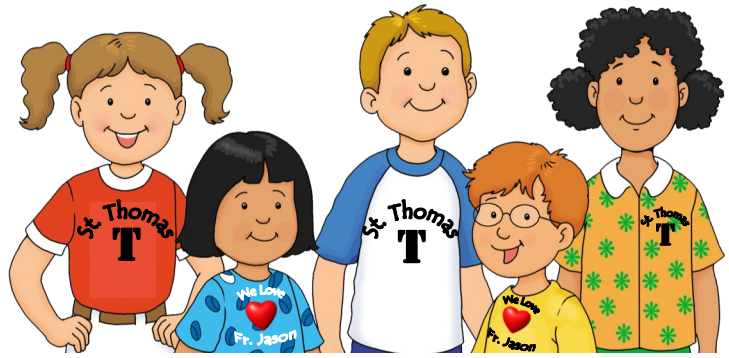
If you are 60 years or older and believe you have been a victim of fraud, contact Legal Aid Society's Elder Justice Fellow at (502) 614-3154 or btaylor@laslou.org to see what assistance may be available to you.

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Thank you to Atria Senior Living, sponsor of Legal Aid Society's Elder Justice Program.

Kids corner



Learning the Gospel through fun activities!

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.



PRAYER

GOD, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED ME FIND JESUS.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

SOLVE A PUZZLE TOGETHER WITH YOUR FAMILY. WORK TOGETHER LIKE THE WISE MEN DID.



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