

SAINT ATHANASIUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Baptism of the Lord

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:11



The Baptism of Christ - about 1590
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11

4:00 p.m. In Memory of Irene & Emmett Bernauer,
and In Memory of Bob Bramer

Sunday, January 12—Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. In Memory of John Ray & Jesse Howard,
and In Memory of Margaret & Carl Davis

**Monday, January 13—Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
Of the Church**

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 14

12:00 p.m. In Memory of Mary T. Mangis, and
In Memory of Vernon & Barbara Copeland

Wednesday, January 15

6:30 p.m. In Memory of Ed & Rose Mary Lynch

Thursday, January 16

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Friday, January 17—Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

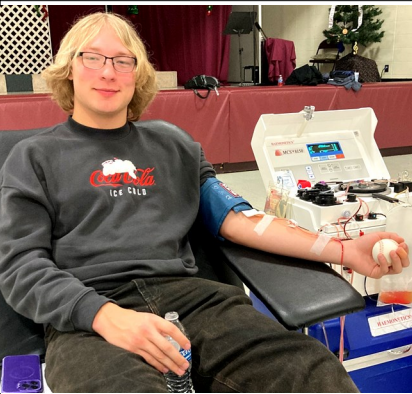
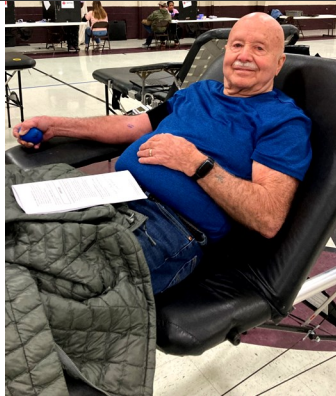
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HIGHLIGHT MOMENTS AT ST. ATHANASIUS

Thank you to all those who volunteered and donated at our recent Red Cross Blood Drive. It was a huge success, with 64 units of life-saving blood collected. St. Athanasius' next blood drive will be on March 22, 2025, and is now available for scheduling appointments at RedCrossBlood.org.



Each year, the Community Outreach of St. Athanasius (COSA) Ministry prepares Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets filled with food for families in our community. This effort requires immense time and dedication, from sorting and organizing to lifting and distributing the baskets.

We sincerely thank everyone who donated nonperishable food to support individuals and families in need and who will continue to do so throughout 2025. We also extend our gratitude to our devoted COSA volunteers for your years of service and unwavering commitment to helping others.

Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. – Matthew 25:40



2025 Winter Bunco Blitz

Sponsored by St. Athanasius Fundraising Committee

Sunday January 19, 2025

St. Athanasius Parish Hall
5915 Outer Loop
Louisville, KY 40219

★ Raffles!! ★

**Doors Open at 12:30
First Bunco starts at 1:30**

**\$10 Admission
Includes drink & dessert**



★ Door Prizes!! ★

Reserve your spot today!!

Kristen Medley

502-409-1703

(text or call)

or by email at
kmedley2021@gmail.com

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This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, January 12

- 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation (Confessions)
- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Church**
- 8:30 a.m. Baptism
- 9:30 a.m. "G.I.F.T." Growing in Faith Together—School Cafeteria
- 9:30 a.m. R.C.I.A.—Parish Center Room A
- 9:30 a.m. Mission Trip Bake Sale—Church & School Hallway**
- 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (Confessions)
- 11:00 a.m. Youth-led Mass in Church**
- 11:00 a.m. Baptism
- 12:00 p.m. Mission Trip Bake Sale—Church & School Hallway**
- 4:30 p.m. Archery Practice for St. A Students—Parish Hall/Gym
- 6:30 p.m. St. A Special Olympics Cheer—Parish Hall/Gym

Monday, January 13

- 8:00 a.m. Mass in the day chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. Quilting Club Ministry—Parish Center Basement
- 5:30 p.m. Cheer Practice—Parish Hall/Gym Main
- 6:45 p.m. 6th Grade Basketball Practice—Parish Hall/Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 366—Parish Center Basement
- 7:00 p.m. Booster Club Meeting—Parish Hall/Gym
- 8:00 p.m. 8th Grade Basketball Practice—Parish Hall/Gym

Tuesday, January 14

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting—Parish Center Room B
- 12:00 p.m. Mass in Church**
- 5:30 p.m. Archery Practice—Parish Hall/Gym
- 6:30 p.m. PREP Class—School Cafeteria and School Classrooms
- 6:30 p.m. COSA Meeting—Parish Center Basement

Wednesday, January 15

- 5:30 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball—Parish Hall/Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Reconciliation (Confessions)
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Mass in Church**
- 6:45 p.m. 6th Grade Basketball Practice—Parish Hall/Gym
- 8:00 p.m. 8th Grade Basketball—Parish Hall/Gym

Thursday, January 16

- 8:00 a.m. Mass in the day chapel**
- 3:30 p.m. RCIA Inquiry—Debbie's Office or Parish Center Room A
- 5:30 p.m. Cheer Practice—Parish Hall/Gym
- 7:00 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball—Parish Hall/Gym

Friday, January 17

- 8:00 a.m. Mass in the day chapel**
- 5:30 p.m. 4th Grade Girls Basketball—Parish Hall/Gym
- 7:00 p.m. All Basketball Teams—Parish Hall/Gym

Saturday, January 18

- 9:00 a.m. Hosting CSAA Basketball—Parish Hall/Gym
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation (Confessions)
- 4:00 p.m. Mass in Church**

2025 COLLECTION FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFE

On January 18-19, the weekend before the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade (January 22), the four Kentucky dioceses will take up a collection as part of the Kentucky bishops' unified message advocating for a pro-life culture in our Commonwealth. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, funds from this collection will provide resources to pregnant women and new families in crisis, including services through Walking with Moms in Need groups in many parishes and the Lifeline Fund maintained by Catholic Charities.

"ASK FATHER" Q&A COLUMN

Q: How much time, before Mass begins, would be appropriate for a period of silence so we can properly prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Holy Mass?

A: With this, the questioner also quoted GIRM 45: "Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal).

At one of my prior parishes, after Mass one Sunday, the Church was quite loud as people began to talk and carry on after the final hymn. After greeting the people at the main entrance, I walked back through the Church to return to the sacristy and I passed by a man who always stayed for some time after Mass, kneeling in prayer. I apologized to him for the Church being so loud. He replied, "How could I be upset with them? I love them." I was so touched by his response!

I have noticed here at St. Athanasius that the Church is somewhat loud before Mass and VERY loud after Mass! Changing such a habit takes time... patience... relationship... mutual understanding... love... teaching...and gentle reminding. I need to highlight the fruitfulness of silence and why it is better than noise. I need to help people experience it and want to choose it for themselves (and their neighbors!)

In a way, I like that our people are so warm and friendly that they can hardly help themselves from greeting each other! They celebrate this weekly reunion as a chance to catch up, check in, share stories, etc. I need to give them the benefit of the doubt. They don't front-brain intend to thwart the prayer of their neighbors! They're just not thinking about prayer at that time. They're thinking about reconnecting with people that they know and love. This is a good desire and I need to do better about providing other opportunities for this to take place.

In Church, many things contribute to a reverent, prayerful quiet before and after Mass, not just individual will power, knowledge, or awareness. The architecture of the building actually plays a large part. A Church building with lofty ceilings, multiple altars, each with a soaring reredos or retablo, large statues and stained glass windows, and a long, vertically oriented nave contribute to the "hush" that falls upon a people as they gather and disperse. On the other hand, a Church building with low ceilings, a near sanctuary, a small altar, a horizontal nave, and/or an open "gathering space" invites conversation rather than quiet. Such design was the deliberate intention of many modern architects and was all the rage over the last 50 years.

But, nowadays, people (especially young people) are becoming more and more aware of how rare and precious silence is. No matter what the design or orientation of a Catholic Church building may be, it should always be the last bastion of silence. Likewise, it is always the very dwelling-place of God. It is a different building from the parish hall. The Mass that takes place in it is the re-presentation in our very midst of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. This is not hyperbole, it is the truth. Silence is absolutely necessary to enter into, and appreciate afterwards, such sacred mysteries.

Silence is also essential for the Priest's and Deacon's personal preparation for Mass. Did you know that as each of their vestments are put on - the amice, alb, cincture, stole, and chasuble (dalmatic for a Deacon) - a different private prayer is recited? How difficult it can be to say these prayers! But we can get there! We just need to choose silence over and over. God deserves this. He deserves our highest priority and the sacrifice of our primary attention.

Do you have a question about the Catholic faith, the Mass, the Sacraments, the Church, the Scriptures, our moral teachings, etc.?

Submit your question to Elizabeth at secretary@stap parish.com and she will forward it to Fr. Hardesty anonymously for him to answer. The questions and answers will be posted in the bulletin in the "Ask Father" column as he is able to work on them. Send your questions now!



Discover the Difference at St. Athanasius Catholic School!

We pride ourselves on providing a warm and inclusive environment that fosters a strong sense of community and instills core values rooted in the Catholic faith. Our dedicated and experienced faculty are committed to ensuring every student receives a well-rounded education, promoting critical thinking, creativity, and compassion.

With a comprehensive curriculum, cutting-edge resources, and a range of extracurricular activities, we cater to the unique needs of each student. At Saint Athanasius, we believe in shaping future leaders who are not only academically proficient but also grounded in Catholic values. Enroll today and embark on a journey of academic excellence, personal growth, and spiritual enrichment!

Location: 5915 Outer Loop, Louisville, KY 40219

Contact us at: 502-969-2345 to learn more or schedule a visit.

Shape your child's future with us at St. Athanasius Catholic School!



CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION TUITION ASSISTANCE

ROUND 1—CLOSED

ROUND 2—DEADLINE—JANUARY 31, 2025

It's not too late to apply for tuition assistance for the 25–26 school year! Applications verified between **December 1 and January 31, 2025, are eligible for Round 2.**

Plan to complete your application, including documentation (2023 federal income tax return and 2023 W-2 information), by mid-January to allow for verification.



For questions, contact **FACTS parent help line at 1-866-315-9262** or visit them online at **www.ceflou.org**. They will be happy to assist you.

PLEASE
PRAY
FOR



Karen Bizosky
Kevin Osting
Martha Culver
Cambron Family
Debbie Farmer
Oliver Hartong

JVM
Jean Burton
Fred Klausing
David Keiner
Robin Schmalz-Arnold
Joan Jockell
Sherrin Williams
Bob Haynes
Sharon Miles
... and those in our heart!

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know are homebound and cannot make it to Mass, and would like to receive Communion, please contact the **Parish Office** at (502) 969-3332.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY IN JANUARY 2025

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturdays in January—4:00 PM

Sacred Host – Bill Metzmeier and Ann Vest

Precious Blood – Bill Moore and Deacon

Sundays in January—8:30 AM

Sacred Host—Andrea Knight and Charlotte Mudd

Precious Blood—Jacinta Moore and Deacon

Sundays in January—11:00 AM

Sacred Host—Jaina Grosshans and Valerie Minter

Precious Blood—Marvin Goeing and Deacon

***Youth-led Mass on January 12 at 11:00 a.m. Mass**

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturdays in January—4:00 PM

Jan 11—Laura UkanAke - Reading 1/Kerry Ledington - Reading 2

Jan 18 and 25—Kerry Ledington - Reading 1/Laura UcanAke - Reading 2

Sundays in January—8:30 AM

Jan 12—Joe Thomas - Reading 1/Christy Owens - Reading 2

Jan 19 and 26—Christy Owens - Reading 1/Joe Thomas - Reading 2

Sundays in January—11:00 AM

Jan 19 and 26—Angie Poole - Reading 1/Adrian Arnold - Reading 2

***Youth-led Mass on January 12 at 11:00 a.m. Mass**

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Saturdays in January—4:00 PM

Vincent Lush - Captain, Rita Bernauer, Tina Blanford, and James Faught

Sundays in January—8:30 AM

Danny Stemmler – Captain, Debbie Stemmler, John Kolb, Kevin Vittitoe, and Cameron Webb

Sundays in January—11:00 AM

Donald Bibb – Captain, Tim May, Paul Pusey, and Jim Duffy

***Youth-led Mass on January 12 at 11:00 a.m. Mass**

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of BAPTISM

If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact **Debbie Minton**, Director of Religious Formation, at dminton@staparish.com or (502) 969-3332, ext. 106.



Sacrament of HOLY EUCHARIST

Preparation for Holy Eucharist for Adults is done through R.C.I.A. If interested in preparation of Holy Communion for children, contact **Debbie Minton**, Director of Religious Formation, at dminton@staparish.com, or parish number (502) 969-3332, ext. 106.

Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

For Confirmation of Adults preparation (R.C.I.A) or youth preparation, contact **Debbie Minton**, Director of Religious Formation, at dminton@staparish.com, or parish number (502) 969-3332, ext. 106.



Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturdays from 3:00—4:00 p.m. And on Wednesday and Sunday, 30 minutes prior to Mass.

Sacrament of ANOINTING OF SICK

Offered upon request at home or in the hospital. Please contact the **Parish Office** at (502) 969-3332.

Sacrament of MATRIMONY

Couples who wish to be married should contact **Debbie Minton**, Director of Religious Formation, at dminton@staparish.com, or (502) 969-3332, ext. 106. Contact at least six months before the proposed wedding date to discuss the wedding process, fees, and available dates.

Sacrament of HOLY ORDERS

If you have questions about a possible vocation to the diaconate or priesthood, please reach out to **Fr. Hardesty** at mhardesty@archlou.org or (502) 314-4131.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." Luke 3:21

Our stewardship journey begins in the waters of baptism. It is through the waters of baptism that we are given a new life and become disciples of Jesus. As Jesus' disciples, we are called to build the kingdom of God with the gifts God has given us.



WEEKLY GIFTS

Weekly gift amounts are unavailable this week.

To give online through the WeShare platform, please visit our webpage:

<https://www.saintathanasiuslouisville.com/giving/>

to set up your account.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PASTORAL STAFF (OFFICE PHONE: 502-969-3332)

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NEXT WEEK READINGS

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



Isaiah 62:1-5;

Psalms 96

1 Corinthians 12:4-11;

John 2:1-11

Readings with audio visit: [bible.usccb.org](https://www.bible.usccb.org).

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

BOSCHOFF FLOOR COVERING



2024 Catholic Services Appeal ***Bringing Christ to Others***

Our Parish Goal: **\$49,500**

Our Parish Participation Goal: **211** households

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal. As of **January 3**, we have raised **\$49,051** toward our goal (**99% of our goal**) through the support of **201** households. During this season of Advent, please consider making a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. All gifts are tax deductible. Gifts may be made through our parish office or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA.

If giving by check, please make checks payable to **"Catholic Services Appeal."**