

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

703 MASTER STREET, CORBIN, KY 40701



DECEMBER 7, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm  
Sunday Eucharistic Adoration  
8:45am-9:45am  
Sunday Mass 10:00 am

## DAILY MASS

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:15 am  
Thursday & Friday 6:30 pm  
1st Saturday 8:15 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays 9:00 am- 6:00 pm

## HOLY DAY

Vigil 6:30 pm/Day 6:30 pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm  
Sundays 9:30 am - 9:45 am  
(or by appointment)

## SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Allow 6 weeks  
Marriage: Allow 6 months  
Anointing of the Sick:  
Contact the parish office

## ~ WELCOME TO OUR PARISH ~

If you are new to the area, please call or stop by the parish office to register. Please join us for coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses.

## PARISH COMMITTEES

### Parish Pastoral Council

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## PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

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Office Hours : Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish Family of Sacred Heart, are a vibrant Catholic community called by God, guided by the Holy Spirit, to continue the mission of Jesus, celebrate the Holy Eucharist and Sacraments and remain faithful to the Magisterium. As good stewards, we work to promote life, show love through prayer and service and be the light of Christ in our world.



*Pastors Page Reflection*  
*Fr. Antony*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

Gospel: Matthew 3:1–12, Romans 15:4–9.

A few years ago, a family prepared their home for Christmas. They brought out the lights, the wreaths, and the nativity set. But the youngest child noticed something unusual: the front walkway was still cluttered with leaves, branches, and the remains of last week's storm. He asked his father, "How will Jesus find His way to our house if the path is messy?" The little boy took a broom and began clearing the path. A neighbor passing by smiled and asked what he was doing. He answered simply, "I'm preparing the way for Jesus." That small moment captures the heart of today's Gospel.

In Matthew 3:1–12, John the Baptist appears in the wilderness with a bold voice and a clear mission:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths."

John is not offering a decoration for Advent—he is offering transformation.

He calls us to create a straight path in our hearts, just like that little boy cleared the path to his home.

During Advent, God asks us to remove the spiritual clutter: old grudges, unnecessary worries, habits that steal our peace and words that wound others. When the heart becomes open and humble, Jesus enters joyfully.

John the Baptist's fiery preaching reminds us that Advent preparation is holy work.

He challenges complacency. He stirs the heart. He awakens faith.

He says: "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance."

Advent is the season of fruit-bearing.

Every act of kindness, every confession made with sincerity, every prayer spoken with longing becomes a fruit that reveals Christ's presence already growing within us.

In the second reading, Romans 15:4–9, St. Paul gives us a radiant message of hope:

"Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Scripture strengthens hope because it reminds us of God's constant faithfulness.

From Abraham to Moses, from David to Mary, God fulfills His promises.

St. Paul encourages the early Christians to live in harmony, to welcome one another warmly, because Christ has welcomed all. This harmony becomes a sign to the world that the Messiah has already begun His work of peace within us.

John the Baptist gives us the fire that purifies.

Saint Paul gives us the encouragement that sustains.

Together they teach us: Hope gives us strength to prepare. Preparation makes hope visible. When we choose patience, peace, forgiveness, or charity, we are preparing the way for the Lord in the same way that child cleared the path for Jesus.

Jesus loves you!

# Offertory

# DAA Update

Weekly Budget	\$5,236
Collection 11/30/25	\$2,015
Budgeted YTD 12/7/2025	\$120,428
Monthly Online	\$1,832
Collected YTD 12/6/2025	\$103,675.88
YTD +/-	- \$16,752.12

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Catholic Diocese of Lexington

### Participation Matters!

OUR PARISH PARTICIPATION GOAL: 54%

OUR PROGRESS TO DATE: 96%

OUR PARISH FINANCIAL GOAL: \$21,320

OUR PROGRESS TO DATE: \$20,399.71

Those who have forgotten or have not made their contribution yet, please don't forget! Your participation is essential to ensure we meet our goals!

**More information coming soon!**



**Food Items for White Flag 12/8/25**

- Sandwiches (ham/turkey & cheese, or PBJ)
- 1 Pot of Soup
- Desserts

The office will be closed on **12/8/25.**

Parish Council Meeting  
12/18/25  
7:15 PM

SOLEMNITY OF THE  
*Immaculate Conception*  
December 8th



Rosary- 6 PM  
Vigil Mass - 6:30 PM

*Advent Penance Service*  
December 19- 5:30-6:30  
Mass will follow at 6:30





**Youth Group**  
**All Middle and High School students are welcome- Wednesdays @ 6:30pm in the gym.**

OCIA  
12/10/25  
The Bible & the Sacraments  
Intro to sacraments  
Liturgy : 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

**Food/Outreach Room Item of the Week:**



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church presents:  
"The Promise Fulfilled"**

**A musical drama celebrating the true joy of Christmas.**

**Saturday, December 20**

**5-5:30— Pre-Show refreshments in the Hall**

**6:00— Show Begins in the church**

**Come enjoy an evening of music, reflection, and Christmas cheer as we celebrate the reason for the season. All are welcome, bring a friend and share the joy!**

**\*If you would like to sing in the choir for the play, please contact the office or Larry**

**Memorial Garden**

**You can still purchase your Christmas Tree for the Memorial Garden. Purchase sheets are in the Church Vestibule or you can pick one up at the office. Multiple families are able to go in together on one tree to split the \$200 cost, each family will get their own memorial sign for the tree. If you want to get connected with others who want to share the cost of a tree, please contact the office.**

There will be a memorial gathering for Joseph Heringer today, Sunday, December 7th from 2-5 PM at First Baptist Church in London. The gathering will not take place in the sanctuary, but on the lower level of the church. There will be signs to direct you to the right area.



Diana Metzger	Shane Creekmore
Matthew Hart	Alexis Lockard
Joanne Andres	Fred Kingsley
Shane Creekmore	Kimber Weis

**Anniversaries**



2nd Sunday of Advent  
**The Candle of Peace**

Heavenly Father, as we journey through this season of Advent, we pray for Your peace to fill our hearts and homes. Grant us the serenity to trust in Your timing, the strength to love one another, and the wisdom to seek unity in all things. May the light of Christ guide us in bringing peace to the world, starting with our own lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

**Reflection**

Prayer: Father, may I go to confession before I buy another Christmas present.

Promise: "Everything written before our time was written for our instruction, that we might derive hope from the lessons of patience and the words of encouragement in the Scriptures."

Romans 15:4

Praise: "I will praise You among the Gentiles and I will sing to Your name"

Romans 15:9

Daily readings and reflections are available in the One Bread, One Body books located in the lobby!



Mass Intentions  
for the week

Saturday 12/6- St. Nicholas Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26- Matthew 9:35B 10:1,5a,6-8	8:15 AM- +Joseph Heringer 4:00 PM- +Joyce Pavlovich
Sunday 12/7- St. Ambrose- Isaiah 11:1-10- Matthew 3:1-12	10:00 AM- Parishioners of Sacred Heart and Fr. Antony
Monday 12/8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Con- ception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Genesis 3:9-15,20- Luke 1:26-38	No Mass
Tuesday 12/9- St. Juan Diego- Isaiah 40:1-11- Matthew 18:12-14	8:15 AM- +Nancy Kaveshan
Wednesday 12/10- St. John Roberts- Isaiah 40:25-31- Matthew 11:28-30	8:15 AM- +Sr. Ruth Griesemer
Thursday 12/11 St. Damasus I Isaiah 41:13-20- Matthew 11:11-15	6:30 PM- +Renee Dawn Long
Friday 12/12- Our Lady of Guadalupe- Zechariah 2:14-17- Luke 1:26-38	6:30 PM- +Marilyn Diehl
Saturday 12/13- St. Lucy Sirach 48:1-4,9-11- Matthew 17:9a,10-13	4:00 AM- Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday 12/14- St. John of the Cross- Isaiah 35:1-6a,10- Matthew 11:2-11	10:00 AM- +Bernard & Bette Allen

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a relative or loved one, please contact the office. Mass Intentions are \$5 each and we do have Mass Intention cards available for living and deceased recipients and their families.

### Ministry Schedule

December 2025	Saturday December 13	Sunday December 14
Lector	Barry Lewis	Katie Wise
Eucharistic Ministers	Stan Alt Eileen Bloom	Candace Wilson Eric Hart
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Eli Moses Leo Moses Malachi Wilson



Parishioners of Sacred Heart- Bill Wittmer, Carlin Hensley, Sharon Brophy, Gino Cima, Pat Girard, John Major, Sadie Wilson, Danny Flathers, Susan Hinkle, Maureen Perkins, Carolyn Dowd, Joanna Goforth, Dorthy Thaler, Ann Alt, Angela Sosa, Jennifer Meadors

Non Parishioners : Joseph Creech, Bob Corey, Mike Reeves, Whitney Baker, Amanda Jackson , Mary Marlette, Sharon Tropea, Kim Stewart, Nolan Patterson, Michele Spadie, Jeanette Evans , Joshua Crawford, Evelyn Crawford, victims of London tornadoes, Wendy and Keith, Judy Evans, Barbara Phenes, Michael Parrett, David Caplinger, Deb Ward, Greg Botner, George Kline (Randy Kline's Dad), Judy Born, Keith Freudenberger, Kevin Naylor, Brian Fox, Joyce Phillips, April Fox

\*All U.S. Military personnel currently deployed and their dependent families.- Dustin Walters- Active Duty and Currently Deployed



12/8	Immaculate Conception of Mary	6:30 PM
12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe- Feast Day	6:30 PM
12/19	Penance Service	5:30-6:30- Mass to follow
12/24	Children's Mass	4:00 PM
12/24	"Midnight" Mass	10:00 PM
12/25	Christmas Day	9:00 AM

**Save the date!**

12/10– Angel Tree gifts due

12/14– Christmas Outreach–  
1-4

12/18– Parish Council Meeting 7:15

12/19– Adoration-  
9AM-5PM

12/20– Christmas Play–  
5 -Pre-Show Refreshments  
Show Time– 6 PM

12/22– Williamsburg Food  
Giveaway 9:30 AM

The Outreach team will be working in the gym on Monday (12/8) starting at 9:30 AM if anyone would like to come assist with wrapping gifts and organizing tables for the Christmas outreach.

Play Practice– The choir will meet on Saturday, 12/13 at 9AM for rehearsal. Actors and crew will meet at 10 AM.



Dear parish family,

David and I want to briefly thank you all for your love and support during this time. We deeply appreciate the calls, gifts, and prayers we have received.

We are truly humbled by your kindness and generosity

Sincerely,

*Thank You*

David and Jennifer Ledford





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Matthew 19:14

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