

STS. BONIFACE AND JAMES CHURCH

**304 Oak Street
Ludlow, Kentucky 41016**



Mass Schedule

Saturday – Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Holy Day 7:00 p.m.
Weekday 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday 7:45-8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

Baptism – Sundays, call the Rectory for arrangements

R.C.I.A. – Call the Rectory for information

Reconciliation – Every Saturday, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Eucharist – Taken every Sunday and First Friday, call the Rectory to make arrangements

Marriage – Please call the Rectory, minimum of six months preparation time

Anointing of the Sick and Visitation – Call the Rectory, please do not depend on any institution to give us this information

Parish Directory

Parish Rectory Office Hours Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Rectory Phone (859) 261-5340

Website www.bonifaceandjames.org

E-mail Address stbonjames@fuse.net

Rev. Conor Kunath, Pastoral Administrator – Priest Emergency Contact (859) 307-1664

David Custer, Office Manager

Music Director – Gregory Rios (859) 261-5340

Parish School of Religion – Sundays, September through May, 8:30 a.m.

Altar Society – Ginny Knochelmann (859) 431-0668

Circle of Prayer – Ginny Knochelmann (859) 431-0668

St. Vincent de Paul – Assistance Help Line (M-F, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) (859) 341-3219

Call the Rectory Office if you are interested in joining our Parish SVdP Conference ... (859) 261-5340

Prince of Peace School – Mrs. Christine Rice, Principal (859) 431-5133

Parish Membership

New individuals or families wishing to join Sts. Boniface & James Parish may register at the Rectory. Those not registered, but regularly attend church at Sts. Boniface and James may also register. Please notify the Rectory if there is a change of address, phone number or if you are moving out of the parish.

***We are always pleased to see new faces, and welcome new parishioners and visitors.
We would love to tell you about our parish, so if you have any questions, please ask. Thanks!***

1st Sunday of Advent



December 3, 2023

Mass Calendar for the Week

December 3 – December 10

Sat.	12/02	4:00 p.m.	Mass
Sun.	12/03	9:30 a.m.	Mass
Mon.	12/04	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tues.	12/05	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed.	12/06	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Thurs.	12/07	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Fri.	12/08	8:00 a.m.	Mass First Friday
Fri.	12/08	7:00 p.m.	Mass Imm. Concept.
Sat.	12/09	4:00 p.m.	Mass
Sun.	12/10	9:30 a.m.	Mass

Mass Intentions

December 3 – December 10

Sat.	12/02	4:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family
Sun.	12/03	9:30 a.m.	Marie Monahan
Mon.	12/04	8:00 a.m.	Jack & Mary O'Donoghue
Tues.	12/05	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Robert Reinke
Wed.	12/06	8:00 a.m.	Guenther & Jasper Families (living & deceased)
Thurs.	12/07	8:00 a.m.	Conver. Hard-Hearted Souls
Fri.	12/08	8:00 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	12/08	7:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family
Sat.	12/09	4:00 p.m.	Intentions of Padre Pio
Sun.	12/10	9:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the chapel Monday thru Friday - 7:45-8:00 a.m. with Mass immediately following.

LECTORS

12/08 – **J. Lecoy**
12/09 – **V. Zwick** 12/10 – **T. France**

ATTENDANCE

11/18/2023 – **37** 11/19/2023 – **49**
11/25/2023 – **35** 11/26/2023 – **41**

COLLECTIONS

11/18/2023 – **\$419.00** 11/19/2023 – **\$1,351.00**
11/25/2023 – **\$456.00** 11/26/2023 – **\$ 997.00**

MASS INTENTIONS

Our parish is now accepting requests for Mass Intentions for 2023 and 2024, especially weekday Masses. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one (living or deceased) or for a special intention or occasion, there are Mass Intention envelopes in the back of church and instructions at our parish website NEWS/INFO at www.bonifaceandjames.org. When the envelope is completed, please either give it to Fr. Conor or bring/mail it to the rectory office so a Mass date can be scheduled on our master calendar. Suggested offering is \$10.00 for each Mass.

Care of the Hospitalized and Shut-In Infirm

If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital, a local care center or infirmed at home, who would like a visit from Fr. Conor to receive Confession and Eucharist, please call the parish office. We rely on family or friends to let us know when someone is in the hospital or in a shut-in situation and would like a visit. Our emergency priest contact number is 859-307-1664.

QUOTE THE WEEK

"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic His giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves."

St. Nicholas of Myrna

FEAST OF THE WEEK – December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the Church feast that celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary's sinless lifespan from her conception – born without original sin – to her death and assumption into heaven.

The Eastern Rite Christian Church was the first to celebrate this feast under the title, "*Feast of the Conception of the Most Holy and All Pure Mother of God*" on December 9th, believed as early as the 5th century. Oddly, the Eastern Rite feast focused more on St. Anne, the mother of Mary and her conception of Mary. In the 8th century, the Roman Rite translated the feast as its own and designated December 8th as the date to ideally coincide with the feast of the Nativity of Mary, celebrated on September 8th.

After the Great Schism between the Roman and Orthodox Christian Rites in 1054, the Eastern Rite proclaimed to be not in full belief with the Roman West's scholarly definition of Mary's preservation from Original Sin before her birth. In the 11th century, Pope Sixtus VI added the qualifier "Immaculate" to the title of the feast. In 1854, Pope Pius IX in his *Ineffabilis Deus* apostolic constitution declared that Mary's birth was without Original Sin as a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church, thus obligating Catholics to believe that, "*The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the foreseen merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.*"

This feast has been retained by the Holy See as the first of six Holy Days Of Obligation occurring on the Roman Calendar throughout the liturgical year.

Happy Birthday!

December 05 – John Fredrick
10 – Fr. Conor Kunath

Please call the office at 859-261-5340 if these birthday names or dates are incorrect so we can make the change.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

On the weekend of December 16th and 17th, 2023, our parish will be participating in the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure—both for their service to our Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith. “Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age.” (Ps 92:14-15) Please be as generous as possible to these leaders of our faith.

Altar Society Christmas Gift Raffle

The ladies of the Altar Society would like to announce their upcoming Gift Raffle that will be held after the Masses this week on December 2nd and 3rd and again on December 9th and 10th. Gift items will be on display and tickets will be on sale at the table in the back of church to place a chance on something you may like.

Advent Giving Tree

Our Advent Giving Tree is now up and ready for us to select a dove for the purchase of a gift for a needy person in the Ludlow and immediate surrounding area. The purchased gifts are due back by December 10th. For details, see the bulletin insert or view it on our parish website at <https://www.bonifaceandjames.org> under the NEWS/INFO tab.

Parish Received 1st Installment of DPAA Grant

Being a small, aging parish, Sts. Boniface & James has applied annually for DPAA Service grants to help boost the financial bottom-line of our parish. Especially since COVID, our numbers have not rebounded sufficiently to be as self-sustaining as we once were. This past year, we were approved for a \$4,000 grant to help meet our general expenses. The 1st installment of \$2,000 was received in October. We will receive the 2nd installment in March 2024. Please keep the kindness and generosity of the DPAA benefactors that help us in your prayers.

CND - ADVENTure to Give – December 10th

The Sisters of Notre Dame need your help preparing gift bags and baking cookies for those served by the Esperanza Latino Center in Covington on December 10th. The event will be conducted in the large meeting room at St. Joseph Heights from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The gift bags will contain personal care items and the freshly baked cookies. See the flyer and associated letter for needed items on our NEWS/INFO webpage at <https://www.bonifaceandjames.org>.

Bambinelli and Christmas Tree Blessing

Bishop John Iffert invites Diocesan families and friends to attend the Second Annual Bambinelli and Christmas Tree Blessing on Sunday, December 17, 2023, from 6:30 to 8:00pm at St. Mary's Park and the Diocesan Curia (Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium). Come see the blessing and lighting of the Diocesan Christmas tree, listen to live parish and school choirs, enjoy homemade cookies and hot cocoa, and hear the story of Bambinelli Sunday. Bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home Nativity to receive a special blessing from Bishop Iffert and be part of a Catholic Advent tradition! No RSVP required. All are welcome!

Parish Kitchen Needs Your Help!

The Parish Kitchen is in need of new sleeping bags and new blankets for our guests. Many of our brothers and sisters spend these long winter nights in unheated spaces or even sleep outdoors. Your gift of new sleeping bags and blankets will not only warm their hearts and souls, but may even save their lives. Thanks for your warm support for those in need! Donations can be dropped off at Parish Kitchen, 1561 Madison Avenue (Corner of 16th & Madison) Covington, KY 41011 from 8 to 11 am Monday thru Friday. Any questions, contact Parish Kitchen at 859-581-7745.

Retrouvaille Weekend for Struggling Couples

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Our next retreat program is scheduled for January 5-7, 2024. It is a proven marriage program that has been helping couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship since 1977. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. It is a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. If you are interested in learning more about Retrouvaille, please visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/>.

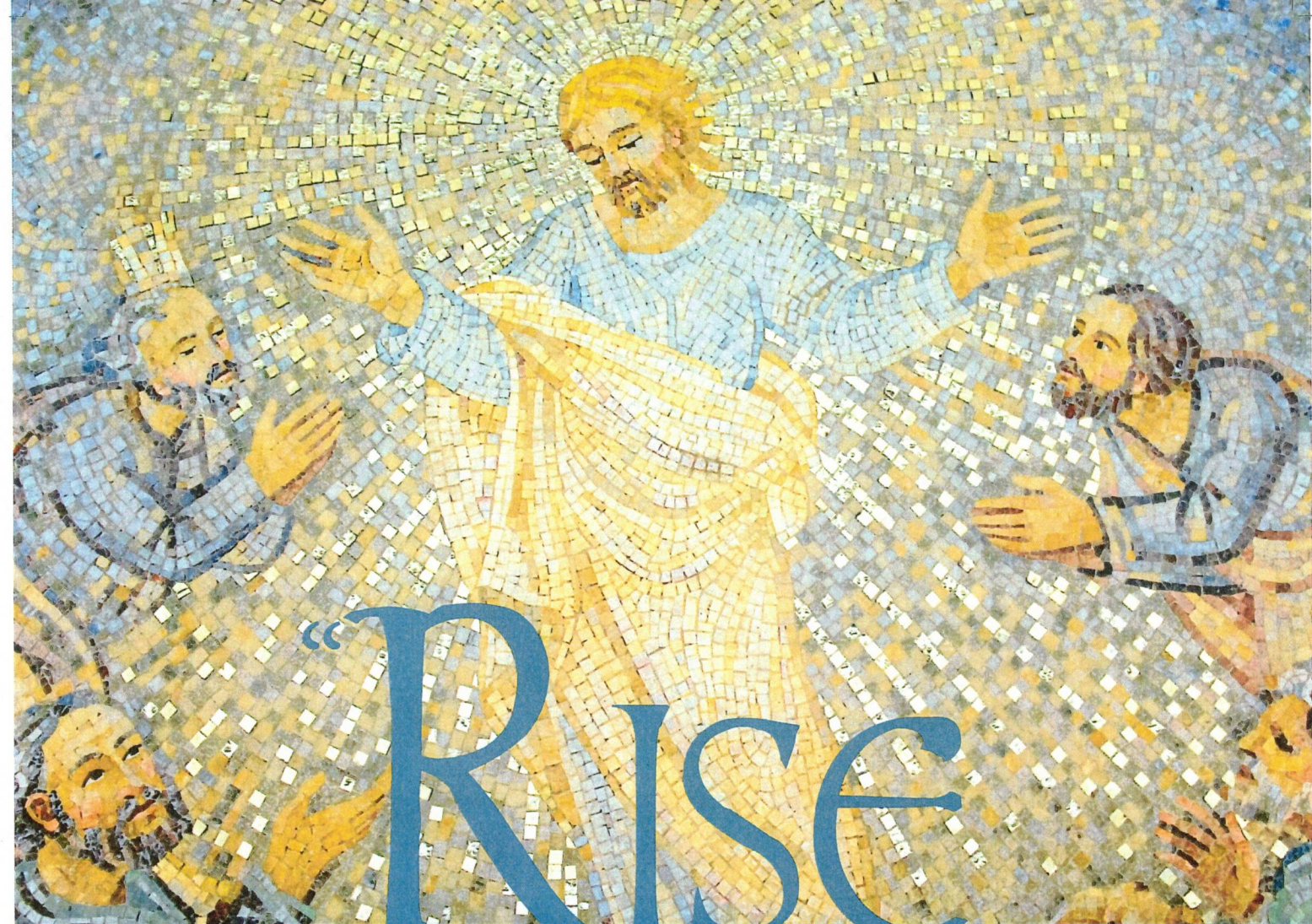
Thanks for Supporting Our SVdP Conference

Our parish SVdP Conference wants to sincerely thank all the parishioners who dropped off nonperishable food donations in the baskets over the weekend of November 18th & 19th. We collected two full baskets of food that will be readily available for our clients that need help over the holidays. We continue to invite all to consider joining and helping Our Conference to help those in need.

Next week's items for SVdP

Cash Donations

Please call 859-261-5340 for information



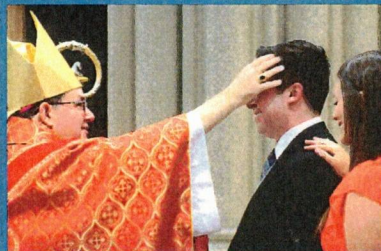
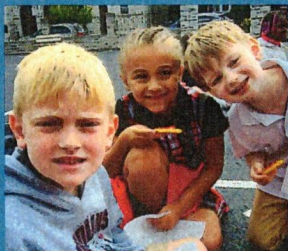
“RISE

AND DO NOT BE AFRAID”

MATTHEW 17:7



2023 DIOCESAN PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL



Giving Tree



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Traditionally, as we near Advent, we place the Giving Tree in the rear of church. The branches are filled with white doves listing a gift or toy for people in our community who need our help during the upcoming Christmas season.

As in the past, we ask you to select one or more doves from the tree, purchase the item listed, wrap the gift, and **most importantly**, attach the white dove securely to the outside of the package. Please place a blank gift tag on the package with the number of the dove on the tag. If the item is small, please place it in a small box or gift bag with the dove and a blank tag attached to the outside.

Please bring the gifts to the church and place them under the tree. Then put a red dove on the tree. All gifts must be under the tree by Sunday, **December 10th**. The gifts will be distributed the following weekend.

If you want to participate, but are unable to shop, Becky will be happy to assist you. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Becky Russell

Helpful Tips

- ✚ We suggest a limit of \$25.00 per gift.
- ✚ Please do not buy additional gifts since each child gets several. This could result in one child in the family getting six gifts and the rest get two ... oops this is not what is intended!
- ✚ Do not take the dove with you when shopping to prevent it being lost. It is important that they are returned with the gift.
- ✚ If possible, put a gift receipt in with the gifts, especially if it is shoes or clothing.

Sts. Boniface & James Altar Society Presents !



Parish Benefit Nights
3rd Tuesday of each month

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**1730 Dixie Highway
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15% of all proceeds from sales using a qualified coupon, or by mentioning Sts. Boniface & James at the time of the sale will be gifted to the Ladies Altar Society

Look to attend these upcoming dates

August 15th 2023
September 19th 2023
October 17th 2023
November 21st 2023
December 19th 2023

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AND CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING

DECEMBER 17TH, 6:30-8 P.M.

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for a special blessing
from Bishop Iffert.

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AND CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING

DECEMBER 17TH, 6:30-8 P.M.

ST. MARY'S PARK, CATHEDRAL SQUARE
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INSIDE AT BISHOP HOWARD MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
6:30-8 P.M.

• HOT CHOCOLATE, COOKIES, SANDWICHES

7:15 P.M.

• STORYTIME — "BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: A CHRISTMAS BLESSING,"
BY AMY WELBORN; NARRATED BY DAVID COOLEY



OUTSIDE AT ST. MARY'S PARK
6:30-6:45 P.M.

• BLESSED SACRAMENT
PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

7:00-7:15 P.M.

• CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING
WITH BISHOP IFFERT

7:15-7:30 P.M.

• THE CATHEDRAL
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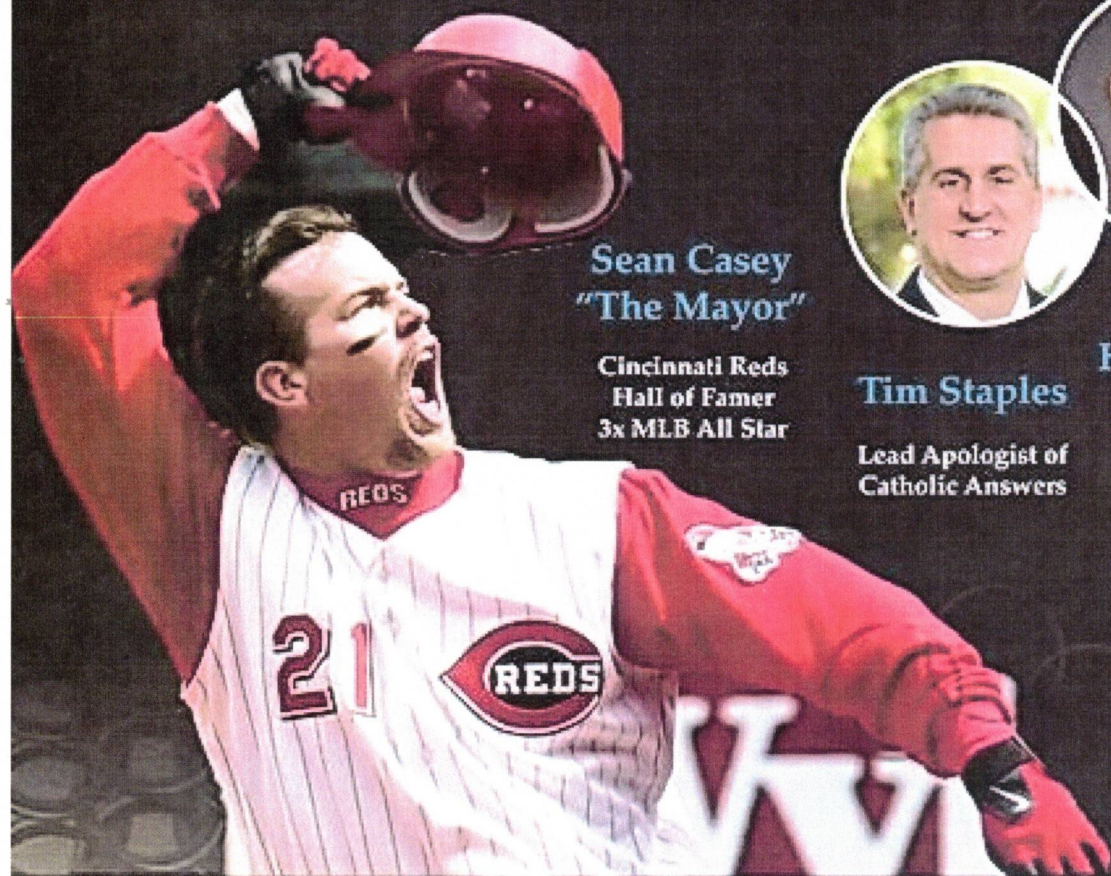
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• BLESSING OF THE
BAMBINELLIS
WITH BISHOP IFFERT
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Put on the Armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. -Ephesians 6:11

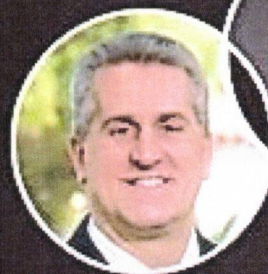
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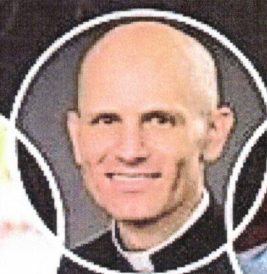
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