

# SAINT FRANCIS BORGLIA



## Welcome Visitors & New Parishioners

Reaffirming our own faith in  
Jesus, the Christ, we gladly  
welcome you into this  
community of faith, enfolding  
you with our love and  
committing ourselves to your care.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

*DECEMBER 27, 2020*

*Saint Francis Borgia was dedicated on September 30, 1952 by the  
Most Reverend Francis R. Cotton, D.D. Bishop of Owensboro, Ky.*

FAITH, FAMILY & FRIENDS

### SACRAMENTS

#### CONFESSION

Sunday 8:00 AM - 8:30 Anytime by appointment  
Wednesday & Friday following Mass

#### BAPTISM

Preparation Classes required for parents.  
Call the office for more details.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Contact Fr. John or the church office

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

Contact Fr. John at least 6 months prior to the proposed  
wedding date.

#### MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Contact the parish office for anyone in need.

### Parish Council Members

Debby Riddell.....270-285-3785

Tina Moore.....270-724-7752

Scott Moore.....270-869-5607

Sherry Collins.....270-952-6327

Bill Collins.....270-952-7697

### Finance Council

Fr. John Okoro.....270-570-2441

Lisa Jones.....270-952-1568

Carol French.....270-952-3278

### Music

Ethan Martin.....270-952-4881

Michelle Crider.....

### Bereavement Committee

Irene Price - Chairperson.....270-333-5961



# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

	DATE	PARISH	TIME	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28-Dec</b>	<b>St. Francis Borgia</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Barbara Brantley, RIP</b>	<i>Gary &amp; Karen Thomas</i>
Sunday	28-Dec	St. William	11:00 AM	Arlene Summers, RIP	<i>Allen Summers</i>
Monday	29-Dec	NO MASS			
Tuesday	30-Dec	NO MASS			
Wednesday	31-Dec	NO MASS			
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1-Jan</b>	<b>St Francis Borgia</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>New Years Day</b>	
Friday	2-Jan	NO MASS			
Saturday	3-Jan	St. Ambrose	5:30 PM		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4-Jan</b>	<b>St. Francis Borgia</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Kurzendoerfer Deceased Family</b>	<i>Jimmy &amp; Cecilia Curtis</i>



Art By Mia Gray

## WEEKLY TITHE

**DECEMBER 20**

<b>Tithe</b>	<b>\$ 2343.00</b>
<b>Votive Candles</b>	<b>\$ 14.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>
<b>Hall Painting</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Dioc. Collections</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2532.00</b>

Thank you

## ***PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS***

<b>Kate Britto</b>	Marie Heriges	Dylan O’Nan	Mary Thornsbury	<b>SEMINARIANS :</b>
Christine Bryant	Darrel Jones	Eddie Owen	Denise Timmons	<b>Stephen Than</b>
Dorris & Joyce Collins	Mary Kampf	Jamie Payton	Rick Turner	<b>Corey Bruns</b>
Marcie Convitt	Angie Kurzendoerfer	Lita Pfingston	Jeanette Willett	<b>Chris Kight</b>
Dylan Davis	JoAnn Kurzendoerfer	Bill Puckett	Kathy & Leroy Willett	<b>Martin Ling</b>
Morgan Day	Vickie LaRue	Carol & Kelly Rhodes	Mary Smith Willett	<b>Christopher Grief</b>
Jim Fortman	Anne Laughlin	Gilbert Rudd	Joyce Whitehead	<b>Martin Mikulcik</b>
Heather Green	Richard Litchfield	Peggy & Cletus Russelburg	Emma Wright	<b>Doug Payne</b>
Billy Greenwell	Steve Little	Sharron Russelburg	Pope Francis	<b>Flynn Mudd</b>
Bob & Faye Greenwell	Austin Lott	Jessica Shelton	Donald Trump	
Dan Haas	Gloria Mendoza	George Smith		
Fleetie Haas	Kim Mosley			

## REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

### **Christmas reflection from Bishop William Medley:**

“O Come all Ye Faithful” is the traditional hymn that opens Christmas Eve and Christmas morning worship in Christian churches throughout the world. The lyrics summon us in joy and triumph to enter the spirit of Bethlehem on that first Christmas morning. As one who for 38 years has been privileged to call the faithful to Christmas worship, I can tell you that the song evokes tears in many. One sees men and women of all ages wiping away a tear.

But this year, Christmas 2020, many will not be able to come. This year and this season are a time of pandemic and a time when many must prudently avoid gatherings of people. Even for those well and able to come to Mass we do not know from one day or week to the next whether church congregations can assemble.

The song’s invitation is still relevant whether we can actually gather with our church families, or if we find ourselves at home with our household, or if, as is true for many, being home means being alone. In our hearts we can still “come and adore him, Christ the King of angels.”

This year may be unique (we surely hope) as we cope with restrictions on our gatherings as churches and even as families, but we are certainly not the first people who may not be where we want to be at Christmas. We think of soldiers over the centuries separated from families in times of war. We think of people who have spent Christmas in hospitals and nursing homes. We think of prisoners. We might think of anyone separated or alienated from those with whom they would like to share the holiday.

“O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.” Wherever we are it is a good and proper place to adore the Lord.

“O Come all Ye Faithful” is not the only carol that might comfort us and direct our Christmas prayer and thoughts. It is not the only one that might bring a tear to the eye. “Silent night, holy night; all is calm, all is bright.” When we sing the words of this carol we are carried to Bethlehem and the peaceful images that our manger scenes evoke. We would do well, however, to consider that for a young Mary and Joseph facing the birth of their first child in a barn, their thoughts may not have been of heavenly peace. I take comfort that perhaps the arrival of shepherds dispelled some anxieties and feelings of aloneness. Generally speaking, the arrival of shepherds—who lived and slept in the fields with their flocks—might not have been a comforting thought, but all of us can recall moments of aloneness when the presence of anyone, even unkempt strangers, would be welcome.

Christmas carols evoke our human emotions, and Christmas, likewise, above all other feasts and holidays, does the same. In the memory bank of most of us we might recall a Christmas of unparalleled joy, and that might be as simple as recalling a shiny new bicycle or a special doll. Also in those memory banks are recollections of a first Christmas after the passing of a loved one or after divorce. To sing the words “all is calm, all is bright” might actually bring about what the words signify, if just for a moment. Christmas time and Christmas carols should remind us as well that the good news of the birth of Christ is good news that we are meant to share. It is not a secret. If you are blessed this Christmas to be with children, take a moment to retell the story. Perhaps you can use the figures of the Nativity in your home manger scene or even a Christmas card. The story tells itself as we explain the characters in the scenes. I know many families have a tradition of reciting “Twas the Night before Christmas” every year. This is a fine tradition, but we hope that every child might know as much about Jesus as they do about Santa Claus.

That thought brings to mind two additional carols. “Angels we have heard on High” reminds us to give glory to God in the highest. Many Christmas Masses send us forth to proclaim “Joy to the World.” These words are words of evangelization: “Let every heart prepare him room, let heaven and nature sing.”

**Whether we are alone, at home, or too far from loved ones we can prepare him room in our hearts.**

*The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all people who have been sexually abused, especially those abused by a person working, either paid or unpaid, for the Church. If you need to make a report of abuse, from either the past or present, please contact the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line (270-852-8380).*

*The diocesan sexual abuse policy describes the diocese’s response to sexual abuse concerns, and can be found in the parish office) and also on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).*

# John Paul II NEWS:



## JPII SCHOOL COUNCIL

St. Ann Parish--Gail Ciecorka, Laura Jones, Matt Lovell

St. Agnes Parish—Shawn Elder, Matt Vessels

Sacred Heart Parish--Amanda Davis

St. Francis Borgia Parish--**Malorey Gray**

St. Peters Parish—Wade Wolfe

St. Ambrose Parish--Amber Dossett

Non-Catholic Representative—Kevin Farmer

**The priest schedule for mass is:**

**1st Thursday: Fr. Dave**

**2nd Thursday: Fr. Randy**

**3rd Thursday: Fr. John**

**4th and 5th Thursday: Fr. Freddie**

## BULLETIN BITE DECEMBER 27

“Behold, this child is destined for the rise and fall of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted.”

The words of the righteous and devout Simeon who prayed for the consolation of Israel, when he saw the child Jesus, have sadly been true for more than 2,000 years. The life, message and mission of Jesus have caused contradiction and conflict for many because He affirmed by His Words and Deeds, by what He Said and Did, the command God gave to Moses to give to the Israelites to “Love God with your whole heart, mind, soul and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself.” When Jesus did that, and when we do that, we cause anxiety and anger for those who seek profit, power and domination of others. In order for them to succeed they must ridicule, reject, condemn and eliminate disciples of Jesus who insist on imitating Him. Those are the consequences the Holy Spirit inspired Simeon to declare about the Child Jesus when he was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph. As disciples of Jesus we accept the responsibility to be a contradiction to those who reject Jesus.

## January Anniversaries

Don Edd & Miki Wright 01/13 52 years

Billy & Kathy Brown 01/22 38 years

Jerry & Brenda Stevens 01/24 54 years



## January Birthdays

Scott Moore 01-19

Cletus Russelburg 01/20

Roseanne Thornsburg 01/20

Ali Davis 01/21

Barb Gorman 01/28



## **VERY IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!!**

- 1) CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BE: **DECEMBER 24 2:00 PM** IN THE CHURCH  
**DECEMBER 25 9:00 AM** IN THE CHURCH
- 2) **DECEMBER 26** FR JOHN LEAVES FOR HOME TO NIGERIA AND WILL RETURN FEBRUARY 3 BUT WILL QUARENTINE UNTIL FEBRUARY 14
- 3) ALL SUNDAY MASSES BEGINNING WITH **DECEMBER 27 WILL BE 9:00 AM ON SUNDAYS ONLY** IN THE CHURCH WITH FR. TONY SHONIS UNTIL FR JOHN RETURNS IN FEBRUARY; **THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES**
- 4) **NEW YEARS DAY MASS** WILL BE AT 9:00AM WITH FR .TONY SHONIS.

