

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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2023 Ministry Guide Book



Becoming Stewards in Community

“Stewardship is transformative. Once we embrace the stewardship message it changes the way we look at every decision we make. Stewardship becomes a total way of life.” - Office of Stewardship, Diocese of Covington

A Stewardship Parish helps each individual discern, develop, and direct his or her blessings towards the purpose for which God bestowed them, enabling each parishioner to enjoy authentic human fulfillment of his or her mission in life. Put simply, we support one another in becoming faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our LORD.

As Christians, we believe that our very lives and all that we have belong to our creator. Our blessings were given us for a purpose—God’s purpose. We cannot enjoy true happiness apart from God’s plan for us.

May we continue to build the kingdom of God by stewarding our time, talent, and treasure for the glory of our LORD.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens Care - Launder and press altar linens. *Contact: Carol Hebbeler (859-640-9459).*

Art and Environment – Help with preparing and maintaining the liturgical environment seasonally. If you can move potted plants, lift fountains or benches, or operate a watering can, you can help with this ministry. *Contact: Jennifer Summe (859-331-4302 ext 22 or jsumme@bscky.org).*

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Proclaim or assist in the Children's Liturgy of the Word offered during 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. VIRTUS-compliant adults and youth, middle school age or older, are needed. *Contact: Rosanne Thomas (859-331-4302 ext 22 or rthomas@bscky.org).*

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Help with distribution of Communion during weekday Masses, Sunday Liturgies, Holy Days and to parishioners who are home-bound. You can choose which Masses you prefer prior to scheduling. Ministers must have attended the Diocesan Educational Training Program and be appointed by the bishop. Appointments are for a term of four years. *Contact: Kathy Woltermann in the Parish Office (859-331-4302, ext 11).*

Lector - Proclaim one of the readings at Sunday or weekday Mass. You can choose which Masses you prefer prior to scheduling. Lectors must attend the Diocesan Educational Training Program. Appointment is for a term of four years. *Contact: Kathy Woltermann (859-331-4302).*

Server – Server training begins during fourth grade. Servers may not opt out of serving weekday or early masses but will be rotated through all mass times. The schedule is posted online, and servers may try to switch with each other if necessary. *Contact: Kathy Woltermann (859-331-4302).*



Usher - We are in need of new ushers. Volunteer as an usher during weekend liturgies. You will be contacted regarding your Mass time preferences. *Contact: Bradley Paul (paul.bradley1973@gmail.com).*

Bereavement:

- **Liturgy Planning** - Meet with the bereaved family soon after the death to help them plan the funeral liturgy. *Contact: Bob Meihaus (859-331-1704).*
- **Host Receptions** - Set-up, serve food, clean-up following a funeral reception. Receptions are held in the Undercroft or the Parish Center. *Contact: Parish Office (859-331-4302).*

Music Ministry: *Contact: Matt Spencer (mspencer@bscky.org).*

- **Blessed Sacrament Chorale** - This choir is open to students in high school and to adults. The Chorale rehearses on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Members may receive a free voice lesson during the slower summer months.
- **Children's and Youth Choirs** are divided into groups by age. Each group sings for school masses, as well as once a month for Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m. Below is the rehearsal schedule for the different ages. All rehearsals take place in the Bles Center Music Room.

5th-8th Grade: Mondays, 2:30—3:30 p.m.

4th Grade: Tuesdays, 2:30—3:30 p.m.

- **Bereavement Choir** - Composed of those who wish to lead the congregational singing at parish funerals, usually at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, this choir does not have regular rehearsal times.
- **String Ensemble** - String instrumentalists are encouraged to offer their talents to God. Contact us if you are a violin, viola, cello, or string bass player. *Contact: Barb Salzman (gbsalzman@gmail.com).*



- **Cantors** - Youth and adult cantors lead the assembly in the responsorial psalm, service music, and hymns.
- **Instrumentalists** - Volunteer musicians (piano, guitar, brass, woodwinds, etc.) are encouraged to contact the Music Director for information on playing for various Masses.

- **Hand Bell Choir** - The hand bell choir enhances our liturgies at Easter and Christmas and a few other special occasions throughout the year. Membership is open to anyone in 7th grade or older. Members must be able to read music. Rehearsals are on Sunday's at 2:00 p.m. a few weeks before their scheduled Mass.



Prayer Ministries

Eucharistic Exposition – Wednesdays, beginning at 10:30 a.m., with rosary at 3:30, and Benediction at 6:45 p.m. Volunteers are needed to make sure someone is present at all times. *Contact: Mary Anne Gronotte (859-341-6214).* Nocturnal exposition is on First Fridays, beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Friday.

Spirit and Grace – a Charismatic Prayer Group – This diocesan group meets monthly in the BSC Parish Center on the third Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. *Contact: Blaine Comfort (859-578-0133).*

Prayer Hotline – Emergency prayer requests are sent via email to parishioners who agree to pray for these intentions. *Call the Parish Office to add your intentions or to be included in the email list. (859-331-4302).*

Rosary – The rosary is prayed at 9:30 a.m. before every 10 a.m. weekday Mass, unless there is a funeral. Rosary is also prayed on Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in church and on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. During the months of May and October, there is an evening rosary on the lawn. *See bulletin and website for exact time and location.*



Sacramental Prep

Baptism Preparation – Meet with new or expectant parents to teach them about the sacrament of Baptism. Classes are held on the first Tuesday of every month in the Blee Center at 7:30 p.m. Instruction and materials are provided. *Contact: Deacon Jim Bayne (859-331-4302).*



Children's Sacramental Preparation –

Catechesis in preparation for Children's Sacramental Celebrations is generally done through the parish school or Parish School of Religion. Homeschoolers are asked to contact the Office of Faith Formation to make arrangements for inclusion in these celebrations. As per diocesan regulations, children are required to have at least one full year of religious instruction prior to the year in which they expect to celebrate sacraments. Help is needed with sacramental retreats for the children. *Contact: Rosanne Thomas (859-331-4302, ex 22 or rthomas@bscky.org).*



Adult Formation

Cursillo – Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course." The Diocese of Covington offers these "short courses" in Christianity. These courses are spiritual retreats with talks and activities designed to draw participants deeper into an intimate and long-lasting relationship with Jesus Christ.

Contact: Blaine Comfort (859-578-0133).

FORMED – Blessed Sacrament Parish provides our parishioners with access to some of the finest online Catholic videos, audio presentations, and e-books for adults and teens.



Family movies and children's films are also available. Go to FORMED.org, type in our parish name and address, and follow the prompts.

High Tea (*Held In God's Hand – Transformation, Enlightenment, Apostleship*) – This is an annual, spring event for women and teenage girls. Each table needs two hostesses who provide tea pots, cups and saucers, water glasses, and other tableware for their table. A separate team prepares finger foods and deserts. Two speakers are booked for each event, and casual discussion takes place over the delicacies provided.
Contact: Lisa Bayne (enyabml@gmail.com).

That Man is You! – This is an interactive men's program focused on the development of Christian men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and the greater society. The program is divided into sessions, some of which emphasize the development of the Scriptural vision of man, while others emphasize the practical means of becoming that man. Independent research from the Gallup Polls reveals "That Man is You!" to be one of the most life-transforming programs. Groups meet on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. (contact Justin Jehn (513) 616-1032) and on Thursdays at 6:00 a.m. (contact John Carey (513) 884-9800).



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - This is the Church's outreach to adults seeking answers about the Catholic faith, those wishing to become Catholic, or Catholics who want a refresher on Church teaching. (Children over the age of 7 who have not been baptized and/or have not received formal

religious instruction are also assisted through the RCIA Office. More information is listed under Children's Formation, Parish School of Religion). Fully initiated Catholics may volunteer to sponsor a prospective new Catholic, join the team of those facilitating the process for initiating new members, or simply attend sessions to grow in faith and understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church. This group meets Tuesday evenings, 7 -8:30 p.m. *Contact: Jennifer Summe (859-331-4302, jsumme@bscky.org).*

Walking With Purpose – This is a faith formation process for women consisting of weekly gatherings (Thursday mornings or evenings) for prayer, study, and small group discussion. (Each series stands on its own and runs for a different number of weeks). The challenges of modern women are timeless and so is God's wisdom revealed in the scriptures and Church teaching. Walking With Purpose helps women develop a deep, close relationship with Jesus Christ through study, discussion, and fellowship with other women. *Contact: Connie Combs (859-380-2466, combsconnie@gmail.com).*

Wednesday With the Word (Bible Study) – Wednesday With the Word (WWW) meets on Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - noon. This is an in-depth, Catholic study, focusing on one book of the bible at a time and breaking it open verse by verse. The pace of each session is determined by the group, with questions and faith-sharing welcome. *Contact: Rosanne Thomas (859-331-4302 ext 22 or rthomas@bscky.org).*

We Welcome Help With Events and Speakers – Suggestions for adult faith formation opportunities are always welcome, and help with advertising, set up, and clean-up is always needed. *Contact: Rosanne Thomas (859-331-4302 ext 22 or rthomas@bscky.org).*

Children/Youth Formation

Blessed Sacrament School – Our parish school is comprised of preschool through 8th grade, offering full or half-day K and Pre-K. In addition to the regular academic and religious curriculum, the school employs specialists in enrichment, art, technology, library, Spanish, music, and physical education, as well as a math specialist, a reading specialist, an academic support specialist, and a counselor. All teachers are fully certified and the majority hold master's degrees. Our award winning school is one of only 20 schools nationwide that has been named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence 4 times in 1994, 2007, 2015, and 2021. Not only are students challenged academically, but they also develop spiritually and learn personal responsibility through prayer, study, and service to others. Standardized test scores place our school in the top 15th percentile nationally. The school charges tuition and fees, and the parish helps support the school through Sunday offertory contributions. In addition, the school Development Committee raises money to offset costs, providing



specialist salaries, our entire technology budget, and building upgrade funds. More information on registration or supporting our school may be found on the school website: school.bssky.org.

*Contact: School Office
(859-331-3062).*

Youth Ministry to 4th-6th graders— Boys and girls attend 9:00 Sunday mass together once a month and enjoy bible-based games and activities with one of our clergy for about an hour afterwards. Adults and youth age 13 and up are needed to assist. Contact: Kiana Kaelin (513-780-4463).

Girls' Challenge Club – For girls 5th through 8th grades. High school girls may apply to be team leaders. Challenge is designed to instill virtue, develop character, and encourage spiritual growth, all in a fun atmosphere of activities and apostolic service projects. Parent and parish involvement is needed to continue this program. *Contact: challengeatblessedsacrament@gmail.com.*



Parish School of Religion – PSR provides Religious Education for youth, grades 1-8, who are in public schools. PSR meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month, August through May, 6-8 p.m. We begin each session with a communion service led by one of our deacons. We have a professional teacher, proficient in modern teaching methods and disciplinary procedures, in each classroom. Our Parent Club coordinates a group service project each year and organizes the children to host the annual parish Advent Fair. PSR offers support for parents in their role as the primary catechists of their children. Children over the age of 7 who have not been baptized and/or not had formal religious instruction are placed in a special, small class that meets at the same time as PSR and is run in cooperation with our RCIA Office. (If necessary, they can be tutored at a different time). PSR Registration forms are on the parish website: bscky.org. *Contact: Rosanne Thomas (331-4302, ext. 22 or rthomas@bscky.org).*

PSR Catechist – Professional teachers (current or retired) are needed to teach or team teach regularly or to be on a sub list. A standard tutor stipend is offered.

PSR Teacher Aide – Assist in a classroom once, twice, or all year if you like. VIRTUS-compliant adults, high school students, and middle school Catholic School students are always needed to help with PSR.

PSR Parent Club - The parent club was formed by parents interested in providing enrichment activities for PSR children - service, special events, social occasions, etc. It is open to PSR parents and grandparents.

Vacation Bible School – VBS is held from 9 -11:30 a.m. the second last week of June each year for children ages 4-10. VIRTUS compliant adults are needed to lead small groups and coordinate each activity area (games, crafts, snack, etc.) and youth, ages 12 and up are needed to assist. Those who wish to be more involved are invited to be part of the planning team, beginning in early spring. *Contact: Rosanne Thomas (331-4302, ext. 22 or rthomas@bscky.org).*



Outreach and Other Ministries/Activities

Athletic Boosters – The Boosters are parents and community volunteers who coordinate and organize sports for more than 750 area children each year. Thousands of hours are given by these dedicated adults to provide our young people with a safe and healthy experience in team sports. With an emphasis on good sportsmanship and participation, all children are welcome to participate in Booster sports. Teams are made up of Blessed Sacrament and Beechwood school students, as well as other students from the community. We support baseball, basketball, cross country, flag football, golf, soccer, tennis and volleyball. *Contact: <http://www.bssboosters.com/about-us/contacts> or Jeff Epplen (859-445-5422).*

Christmas Giving Tree Project – Volunteers are needed prior to Advent to cut out paper ornaments, write on them the requests given us by area social service agencies, and decorate the trees to be placed near the church entrances. Volunteers also gather donations as they arrive, move them to a safe location on the parish grounds, sort, and deliver them to the local agencies. This is a large project, requiring the assistance of many volunteers from mid November to mid December. *Contact: Karen Kleman (859-394-2159 or karen.kleman@gmail.com).*

Coffee & Donuts – Serve coffee and donuts in the Undercroft after the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sundays, except during the summer or major holidays. Volunteers choose from openings in Sign-up Genius. *Contact: the Parish Office (859-331-4302).*

Family Promise – To serve homeless families in NKY, BSC provides volunteers to cook and serve dinner, act as evening activity hosts, overnight hosts, and morning hosts at the Welcome House Family Promise Center in Newport. We serve 1 day approximately every 5 weeks. There are many different ways to help. This unique program allows homeless families to stay together rather than separating men from the women and children. Contact: Karen Kleman (859-394-2159. karen.kleman@gmail.com).

Finance Committee – Work with the pastor in an advisory capacity on financial issues of the parish. *Contact: Fr. Hils (859-331-4302).*

Gift of the Month – Each month, we collect items needed by one of the local social service agencies. Drivers are needed to pick up the donations from the Parish Office and deliver them to the appropriate agency. Most average size cars are large enough; vans and trucks aren't needed. You can be placed on the call list and assist when you are available. *Contact the Parish Office: (859-331-4302).*

Grounds & Facilities – Help with upkeep of the gardens, grounds, and facilities is needed April through November. One crew volunteers each Friday morning, and another crew volunteers each Monday morning during the warm months. Individuals, families, or small groups also may “adopt a plot” and maintain one garden area on the campus at a time of their choosing. This is a one season commitment and is renewable annually. Children volunteers must have adult supervision. *Contact: Jay Thamann (jaythamann@yahoo.com).*



Home-bound Ministries – *Call the Parish Office to be added to the volunteer call list: 859-331-4302.*

- **Chores/Visits** – Visit with parishioners who are home-bound. Just chat or help with household chores.
- **Meals** – Prepare and deliver a meal for a parishioner/family that is in a crisis situation or prepare meals on a regular scheduled rotation for a parishioner who is home-bound.
- **Transportation** – Drive a parishioner who is home-bound to the grocery, doctor, etc. You can specify which days/times you are available for this ministry.

Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK) – HONK reclaims dilapidated houses, assists the working poor with credit and budget counseling, and provides lease-purchase opportunities that help families afford homes, providing hope, reversing neighborhood blight, and encouraging economic stability. Parishioners from Blessed Sacrament meet on the second Saturday morning of each month at a designated site to clean, repair, paint, and restore houses as part of this community effort. You can have your name placed on the e-mail list for monthly information and locations without making a commitment. *Contact Rosanne Thomas: (859-331-4302 or rthomas@bscky.org).*

Office Help: Assist with stuffing envelopes and other occasional tasks. Volunteers will be called when needed and asked if they are available. *Contact: Parish Office (859-331-4302).*

Parish Council: Meets monthly with the pastor, assisting him as needed through feedback, advice, and support. Council members lend their enthusiasm and support to parish-wide endeavors. *Contact: Fr. Hils (dhils@bscky.org).*

Respect Life: Help promote pro-life awareness in the parish. Activities include: setting up the annual white cross display, sponsoring youth at the March for Life, participating in 40 Days for Life, distributing pro-life bumper stickers, etc. This group meets on the second Monday of each month. *Contact: A new chair person is needed. Meanwhile Pat Bethell is filling in (859-341-8405).*



Saint Vincent de Paul Society: Home visits assist 20-40 local needy families per month with food, rent, utility bills, clothing, or furniture. A separate team delivers birthday cards and gifts to elderly priests and nuns living in nursing

homes and to formerly homeless children residing in Catholic Charities' Elsmere apartments. What sets these visits apart from those of most agencies is the spiritual element. Members grow in faith through prayer, fellowship, and interaction with the neighbors they serve. *Contact: Dave Kleier (513-325-7279 or dave@completecylinder.com).*

Santa Sacks for McKee: Gift bags with gift suggestions and packing instructions are made available in church in late November. Parishioners are asked to take a bag, fill it for a child in our twinning community in McKee, KY, and return it to the church. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the Santa Sacks and to collect the filled bags from the church and move them to a safe location on the parish grounds until they are taken to McKee in early December. *Contact: Jay Thamann (jaythamann@yahoo.com) or Kathy Thamann (mkthamann@yahoo.com).*

55 + Seniors: The 55 + Seniors group meets each month on the fourth Monday (times vary) for socializing, cards, and bingo). *Contact: Parish Office (859-331-4302 or parish@bsck.org).*

Financial Stewardship

Christian financial stewardship is the prayerful management of the financial resources God has entrusted to us. Individually and collectively, we make choices that involve planning, conserving, safeguarding, expanding and channeling the wealth God has placed in our care. Please pray that we may be worthy stewards of God’s blessings. With online giving, donations may be given generally or for specific purposes.



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