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FEBRUARY 4, 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Blaise

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

Upcoming Events :

- **Blessing of the Throats**
After all of the weekend Masses starting this Saturday morning.
- **Bishop's Annual Appeal Commitment week**
This week is commitment week for the Bishop's Annual Appeal
- **Add A Dish**
Sunday, February 4- Following the 11 AM Mass, please join us for the monthly "Add A Dish" Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- **Big Game Bake Sale**
Sunday, February 11, 2024 In between the Masses
- **Ash Wednesday**
Ash Wednesday is on February 14, 2024
The Services are as follows:
8:30 am and 6:30pm with Adoration and Benediction at 5:30 pm. The Annual Monk Supper will follow the evening service.
**Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence*
- **Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit**
Saturday and Sunday, March 2 & 3 in the Family Life Center from 9 am to 7pm



Mass Times

Sunday : 8:30am,
11:00am,
and 4:00pm

Monday, Thursday,
Friday and Saturday :
8:30am

Wednesday: 6:30pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Vigil Mass: Fatima Mora

Sunday, February 4

8:30– + Bob Babcock

11:00– The People of The Parish

4:00– +Catalina
Martinez

Monday, February 5

+Shirley Anthony

Wednesday February 7

James Graham

Thursday, February 8

+Timothy Plaisance

Friday February 9

+Esso Plaisance

Saturday February 10

Neil and Julie Link



Birthday List

02/04: Kevin Arreola, Mark Cunningham, Matteo Garica, Jode Salazara, Maria Palacio and Susan Sasko.

02/05: Joanne Cotriss.

02/06: Mary Mulligan.

02/07: Andrea Tidwell.

02/08 Ricardo Cano, Everardo Correa, Elizabeth Greer, Pat Maguire, Daisy Perez, Rudy Reyes, Todd Rushing and Charles Ulrich.

02/09: Charlotte Deal and Tammy Smart.

02/10: Sheila Kight and Caroll Levasseur.

02/11: Mary DeBlock, Jeffery Perez and Dean Somerville.

St. Christopher Prayer

Dear Saint Christopher, protect me today in all my travels along the road's way.

Give your warning sign if danger is near so that I may stop while the path is clear.

Be at my window and direct me through when the vision blurs from out of the blue.

Carry me safely to my destined place, like you carried Christ in your close embrace. Amen.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

This Weekend is the commitment week for the Bishop's Annual Appeal! We ask that you prayerfully consider what your family can contribute. This week you will find commitment cards in the Church pews, please fill these out and place them in the collection basket.

Church Offertory

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Weshare:

\$ 1,563.99

Sunday Collection:

\$ 4,390.00

Church In Latin America:

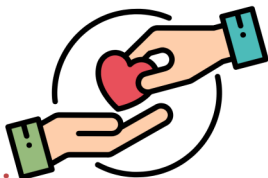
\$191.34

Hispanic Mass:

\$735.05

"God loves the cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians



Thank you for your generous contributions!

Diocese Announcements

- **World Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Spalding (February 4)**, 2:30 p.m., Cathedral, 2015 West End Ave., Nashville. All married couples celebrating anniversaries of any year are invited to attend (special recognition for milestone anniversaries of 25, 50, 60+ years). A reception will follow the Mass. RSVP with how many in your party will be attending to the Office of Marriage and Family Life at: nashvillefaithformation.com/mfl-events or 615-540-1235.

Announcements

If you receive a text message or email from someone claiming to be Fr. Abraham or other Church Leaders asking for money or gift cards **DO NOT RESPOND!** This is a scam, Fr. Abraham will not reach out to Parishioners for money. Thank You!

55 & Over

Meets every third Monday of the Month in the Social Hall at noon, please bring a sack lunch and a drink, dessert will be provided.

Young Adult Group

Call Chrissy Cesario if interested at (615)970-2516

Knights of Columbus Council 8241

Feb. 4 - Potluck and KC business meeting



St. Vincent De Paul

Serving those in need.

Next collection - February 18, 2024. If paying by check please make check payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

You may donate to SVDP anytime. Just use your PayPal account at svdpdickson1951@gmail.com. Please use the "Friends & Family" option or donate via Venmo! @svdpstchristopher.

February items needed for the Food Baskets: Peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, Non Perishable canned food items, Personal Care items for Men and Women are always needed. "Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another..." St. Vincent de Paul



Alleluia

Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

Gospel

'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'



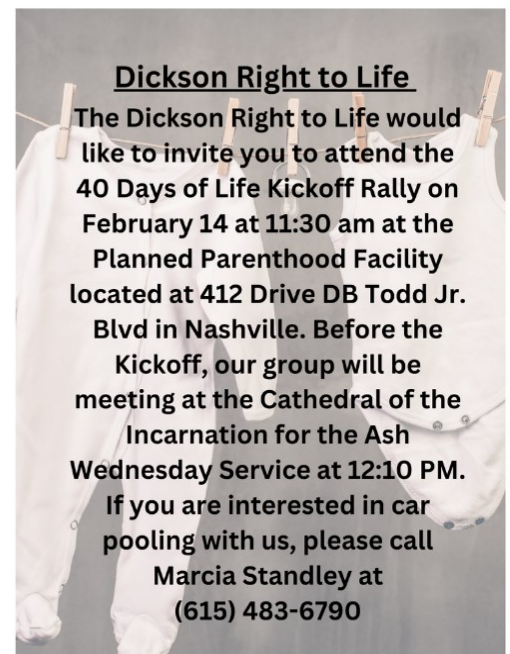
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Mother's Group

Text or Call Shannon Baudry at (615)332-4892

Knitting Ministry

Meets on Wednesdays, Call Susana if you are interested at (805) 276-2584



Parish Leaders

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Prayer List

Jim Anthony, Mark Beasley (son of Joyce Henning), **Alvin Biggs** (cousin of Sylvia McCutchen), **Mike Calvo, Margaret Chavez** (sister of Lois White) **Kaedence Clark, James David Cauthen**(Son of Jayne and Joe Cauthen) **Scott Davdison** (Nephew of the Duckart Family), **Dawn Davis, Dennis DeBlock, Leigh Durant, Mark Engele** (son of Leo Engle) **Charles Elston, Rose & Jerry Elston, Ben Fanta, Steve & Susanna Freund, The Friddle Family, Martina Fye, Mike Greer, Nick Hansen** (son of Loretta Hansen), **William Hargreaves** (brother of Sylvia McCutchen), **LeAnne Hennessy** (daughter-in-law of Sandy Hennessy), **Joyce Henning, Maria Luisa Miranda Hernandez** (mother of Olga Gonzales), **Joey Hornick, Louise Hornick, Wyatt Hudson** (Son of Michael and Brittany Hudson), **Cecile Jenkins** (friend of the McCutchen Family), **Michael & Mary Johnson, Michael Joseph, Marie Kanyuh** (daughter of Justine Reilly), **Brett Kiser** (brother of Brenda Lill), **Rose & Jerry Littrell, Jessica Lundquist** (Daughter of the schachle Family) **Aida Malihan** (sister of Glory Farris), **Anotho Mazzo, Carolyn McCann, Judith McCliss, Robert McCutchen** (Son of Sylvia McCutchen) **Fatima Mora, Kimberly Niemisto** (Daughter of Richard Niemisto), **Larry Overby** (father of Cissy Byrne), **Kathy Pharris, Denise Rangel** (Daughter of Glenn and Brenda Lill) **Justine Reilly, Bob & Delores Rosenthal** (brother and sister in-law of Marcia Standley), **Anna Sanchez** (sister of Lou Pena), **Robert & Amy Schoenly, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sluck, Mary Jane Stark, John Suddoth, Kathy Tucker, Lily Whelan, Martha Williams** (mother of Patsy DeVandry), **Jo Winters, Amy Woodworth** (Daughter of Joyce Henning), **Woody Woodworth, Doug Zimmerman** (son of Jerry & Sue Zimmerman)

Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Christopher Church, are called by God to become a Believing, Loving, Caring and Welcoming Catholic Community. We commit ourselves personally and collectively to study the WORD of God and to proclaim the GOOD NEWS to the world. We gather together to celebrate the LOVE of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, which inspires and urges us to serve our brothers and sisters as bread broken for many. Filled with the knowledge and love of Christ, we go to the world as a CHRISTOPHER*, bearing the light of Gospel values.

*Christopher means "Christ-bearer."



Message from Management

Please do not leave the Bulletins or Homilies in the Church Pews, if you do not plan to take your bulletin or Homily with you, please return them to the front of the Church.

Marriage Classes

Te quiereres preparar para El Sacramento de Matrimonio. Ven a recibir las Platicas pre-matrimoniales en Espanol. Para mas informacion con Antonio y Lidia Mota
(615) 573-6960

For the Children

A children's cry room is open during all Masses. Please feel free to use it when babies and young children are in need of space or distractions. There is a wall flat screen where you can view the on going Mass (See directional signs on east side of church.)

Sacrament Information

- Infant Baptism: Baptism preparation classes in English are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM and in Spanish on the second Saturday of the month at 6 PM. Contact the parish secretary for Baptism paperwork and to register for the class.
- Confession: Confessions are heard every day before Mass during Adoration, every Saturday from 4:00-4:45 PM, and on request.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact the pastor at least 4 months prior to proposed wedding date to receive marriage preparation. Couples must fulfill all diocesan regulations.
- Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is at risk of death or old age can receive this Sacrament, please inform the Pastor, if any Parishioners are unwell.

R.C.I.A.

(The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Anyone who desires to become Catholic, or anyone, including, Catholics, who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith is invited to call Deacon Jim Tucker to join his class. Please contact Deacon Jim @ 615 446-8281 or jtuck40@bellsouth.net or fill out one of the forms at the church entrance labeled "R.C.I.A Registration Form"