

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024



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THIS WEEK AT BSS

Monday: **2nd Grade Theater Field Trip**

16

2:15-3:15 - Math Counts Practice (6A)

Tuesday: **2:15-3:30** - Children's Choir Practice (Church)

17

Wednesday: **7:30-9:00** - Christmas Program Rehearsal (Church)

18

2:15-3:15 - 4th Grade Quick Recall Practice (4B)

Thursday: **12:30-2:00** - Christmas Program (Church)
REMINDER: preschool-5th should wear their "Christmas Best"

19

2:15-3:15 - ISM Strings Program (Music Room)

2:15-3:15 - Junior High Quick Recall Practice (8C)

10:30am-10:00pm - LaRosa's Spirit Night
(Crescent Springs location only)
- dine in, carry-out, or delivery

Friday: **REMINDER: Wear Christmas-Themed Tops and Accessories with uniform bottoms!**

20

8:15 - All School Mass (no preschool)

CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS PARTIES 

11:00 - Early Dismissal for Christmas Break!
(see you back in school on January 6th)

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

M

BBQ Riblet Sandwich, Pickles, Onion, Curly Fries, Green Beans, Peaches, Sidekicks, Juice, Milk

T

Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza, Steamed Broccoli, Garden Salads, Pineapple, Strawberry Cups, Juice, Milk

W

Soft Tacos, Shredded Cheese, Lettuce, Onion, Salsa, Sour Cream, Black Beans, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Apples, Juice, Milk

Th

Mini Corn Dogs, Potato Wedges, Veggie Boats & Dip, Pears, Grapes, Carnival Cookie, Juice, Milk

F

NO LUNCH - EARLY DISMISSAL



We Are
ONE

SCHOOL | CHURCH | FAMILY

A NOTE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATION

Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you to Student Council for sponsoring our Most Festive Contest yesterday! I have to admit I was questioning my judgement in approving it on Wednesday afternoon as the kids seemed pretty excited already..., but it turned out GREAT! They were ALL IN, but they were also capable of continuing to do school work! I hope you had a chance to see some of the creative and adorable outfits!

Our students are working hard preparing for the Christmas music program next Thursday afternoon. If you walk around the building, you can hear snippets of different Christmas carols from the students depending on their grade. We are definitely in the Advent season. We have shiny clean souls throughout the building as well as our 2nd grade students received their First Reconciliation Tuesday night, and our Blessed Sacrament priests have set aside time for confessions for everyone else.

I encourage you to set aside time for confession during this Advent season. Jesus is coming, and we want to be prepared.

Cheerfully in Christ,

Mrs. Aideen Briggs
Principal, Blessed Sacrament School

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

[LEARNING GROVE SCHEDULE](#)

[UPDATED PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL INFO](#)

[TEXT MESSAGE NOTIFICATION OPT-IN](#)

Reminders:

- Dec. 19 – 12:30, Christmas Music Program (Blessed Sacrament Church)
- Dec. 20 – All School Mass, Early Dismissal (11:00 a.m.)

Catechism of the Good Shepherd

Relationships Bloom in Peaceful Spaces

An interpersonal relationship is always a mystery, all the more so when the relationship is between God and the child. We believe there is a deep bond between God and the child which produces in the child the desire to draw nearer to God. The adult, the catechist's role is to prepare the environment, to offer selected presentations from scripture and liturgy. The catechist listens with the child and together they ask, "God, who are you? How do you love us?" The atrium (or prepared environment) is one of the important elements that helps the relationship between God and the child to flourish.



"I see the spirituality of the children developing in the Atrium and it is changing our school."

– Kindergarten Teacher, Catholic School

A school is a center for learning, where adults and children come to be formed. Montessori tells us that the child's relationship to his or her environment is different than an adult, the child absorbs their environment. What the child sees becomes a part of him, not just a memory, but form part of his or her soul.

The spiritual formation of the children, the educators, and the family is a priority for the school. Establishing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in a Traditional or Parish School Setting is a gift for the entire school community. The spirituality that is nourished in the Atrium environment has the potential to permeate the entire school community, and to assist the family in living their faith more authentically at home.

From <https://www.cgsusa.org/welcome/>



Christmas Concert

Angels We Have Heard On High

DECEMBER

19

12:30 PM



Blessed Sacrament Church

Featuring PreK-Grade 5

&

Instrumental Groups

Congratulations



Thumbs Up for our first trimester
Christian Student Award recipients!

We are so proud of all of you!

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Intervention



LEEANN SMISER

“My life is enhanced by the people I work with here at BSS! Members of the staff care for each other like family and that makes it different than other schools I’ve worked in.”

- Fifth year as speech therapist and academic support teacher at BSS
- Mrs. Smiser is proud to have expanded speech support beyond those public schools are allowed to offer.
- Began her career in Chicago Public Schools (12 years) and in Greater Chicago (5 years), which gave her experience she still uses in classes at BSS.
- Leeann was raised in this area.
- Leeann is following in the steps of her mom who taught at St. Agnes for 25 years.
- Todd and Leeann met in Chicago and have been married 16 years. Their three boys, twins, Aden and Keegan (5th grade), and Evan (7th grade) are students at BSS.
- Two nonessential items Leeann could not live without are her phone (for books and music)/ and her “special” pillow.



JAMIE GASTRIGHT

“I’ve grown in my Catholic faith more from working BSS than any other time in my life. Working here makes you want to be the best in everything you do.”

- Has worked as the BSS counselor for the past 4 years.
- Jamie considers her greatest achievement as the little victories, connecting with our students from PK - 8 and especially being able to establish a connection with our junior high students.
- Played soccer at Bellarmine and later at NKU. Tore both ACLs and had to quit.
- Husband, Tyler, went to BSS from 1st to 8th grade during the 90’s, and both of their children, Cooper, now a freshman at St. Henry, and Peyton, a 7th grader, have been students at BSS.
- Tyler and Jamie were married at Blessed Sacrament and have been members of the parish since then.
- Mrs. Gastright will not admit to any party tricks but is strangely good at the claw machine.



HOLLY SPRITZKY

“I think the community created here and our ability to grow in our relationship with our Savior enhances the lives of our staff and students.”

- Joined the BSS math intervention team two years ago after a long career as a math teacher and administrator.
- Holly and her family are active members of the St. Pius X Parish where a good friend, an administrator at St. Pius X School, referred her to the BSS math position.
- A little known fact about Holly is that she was a basketball player and at one time coached high school basketball.
- Husband, Tom, and Holly have been married for 25 years and spent several years teaching in the same school.
- Daughter, Brook, is 23 and teaches 2nd grade in Covington while daughter Avery (21) is a junior nursing student at University of Kentucky.
- After being in countless classrooms and observed quality instruction, I am able to share a variety of strategies with BSS students.
- In her early years of teaching, she found out what it meant when she was told that the barn door was open.(this may have happened to her again last week as well)



SAVE THE DATE FOR EVENING TO TREASURE 2025!

2.22.25 | 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm | The Newport Syndicate

This year's theme is GLOW!

Come dressed in black with fluorescent accessories

Invitations will be emailed in January

Parent Club Board

Rebecca Heringhaus & Brigid Brown
Co-Presidents

Abi Haggerty
Vice President

Brittany Lawrence & Sara Meagher
Co-Treasurers

Connie Polly
Teacher Appreciation Coordinator

Lauren Graden
Student Appreciation Coordinator

Ashley Witzgall
Parent Appreciation Coordinator

Jenna Burger & Megan Kapcar
Spirit Nights

Upcoming Parent Club Events

December 19: LaRosa's Spirit Night for "what was supposed to be the Bengals game"

Crescent Springs location ONLY
(dine-in, carry-out, or delivery)

December 20: during school Classroom Christmas Parties

April 2: Spring Save the Date!
Bunches of Bows Spirit Day
(more details to come)

If you have any ideas for organizations that would like to partner with BSS for a fundraiser night, please share with our Spirit Night Coordinators – Megan Kapcar and Jenna Burger

THANK YOU!

A big shoutout to our Santa Shop chairs! They did an amazing job pulling all the items together and setting it up for a fun way to see the kids spread Christmas cheer!

Jenna Overmann, Laurie Bauer and Julie Quigley – we appreciate you!!

LAST CHANCE!

Herzog jewelers is giving us a unique opportunity to share the permanent bracelet experience for Christmas! [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your \$40 prepaid voucher and share with any family/friends/neighbors – makes great stocking stuffers and a fun experience!!

Mike's car wash fundraiser has ended, and coupons are being ordered. Watch your email for your coupons soon... paper copies will be sent home with your student.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We have lots of ways to support our teachers and school! We're always looking for ideas and volunteers, so don't be afraid to reach out if you have ideas and/or time to share!

Parent Club INFORMATION

KINGS HAMMER SC PARTNERS WITH BLESSED SACRAMENT ATHLETICS BOOSTERS TO ENHANCE U6 SOCCER PROGRAM



PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO!



Early Registration Now Open for BSS Boosters Soccer Program!

The BSS Boosters soccer program for ages U8 - U14 is now open for early registration!

- Registration Fee: \$80 or \$90 with a jersey
- Early Registration Window: December 15, 2024 - December 31, 2024
(price increase starting January 1, 2024)

Take advantage of the early registration discount and secure your spot before prices go up! [CLICK HERE](#) to register today and get ready for an exciting season with BSS Boosters Soccer.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

INFO COMING SOON!

All meetings held in the BSS Cafeteria

KEEP IN TOUCH

Are you interested in joining the Boosters?
Please email us at bssboosters@gmail.com

Do you have any team photos or team accomplishments?
Please send to Ryan Heringhaus at rheringhaus@gmail.com
so we can publish them on our sites!



BOOSTERS INFORMATION

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



\$100

PER TEAM
UP TO 4 PLAYERS

BSS MADNESS 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO PLAY
T-SHIRT INCLUDED
WINNER AND LOSERS BRACKET
1ST AND 2ND PLACE PRIZES

CCCC
**SATURDAY
FEB 1ST
10:30 AM**
BSS GYMNASIUM

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A SPONSOR FOR BSS MADNESS,
EMAIL PARTNERSHIPS@BSSKY.ORG

BSS MADNESS 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT

BOURBON RAFFLE

TICKETS*
\$20

LIVE DRAWING
**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 1ST**
DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

2 WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE
GEORGE T. STAGG
BOURBON 2017
VALUED AT \$1500

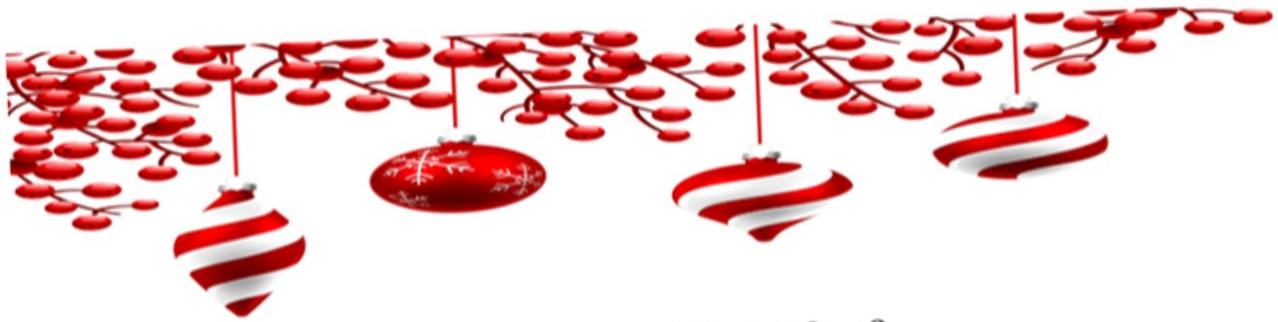
SECOND PLACE
WILLET POT STILL RESERVE &
1 MONTH FREE MEMBERSHIP
TO SILVERLAKE
VALUED AT \$350

CLICK TO
PURCHASE
TICKETS



*MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE

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Looking for a Night Out?
**The Challenge Girls Club is hosting a
Babysitting fundraiser!**

Whether it's time for Christmas shopping or just a chance to take a well-deserved nap, we're here to help!

Enjoy some time away while your little ones enjoy our babysitting services.

We provide care for children aged 3 to 9 (must be potty trained). Your child will be engaged in a variety of activities, including light snacks:

Sports
Crafts
Interactive Play
Cookie Decorating
A Festive Movie

Let us take care of your kids while you enjoy your night out!
Please be sure to feed your child before the event.

December 13, 6-9 pm
Blessed Sacrament Parish Center (South end of the school building)
2409 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017

**Donations accepted to help support the event and continue our mission of
faith, service, and friendship with Christ!**

Scan the QR code to register. This helps us to plan more effectively.



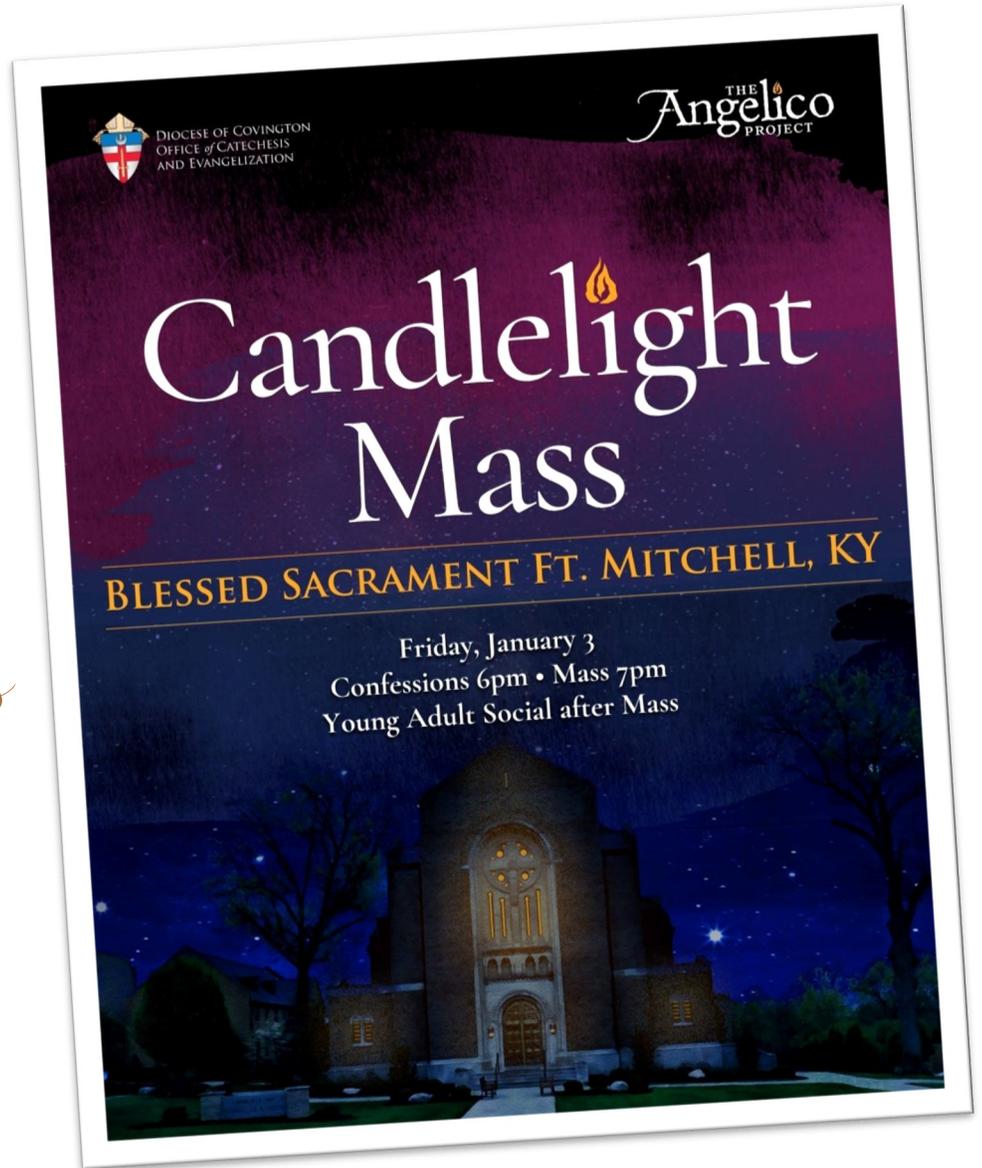
Questions? Please contact Becky Jehn, Challenge President
bskychallenge@gmail.com



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
Christmas Mass Schedule 2024

Christmas Eve: 4:00, 6:00, and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day: 10:00 am



Please join us for a

Candlelight Mass

Friday, January 3, 2025



Parish Office
INFORMATION

QUICK LINKS

CONQUEST

VIRTUS TRAINING

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

THAT MAN IS YOU

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WALKING WITH PURPOSE

SKI CLUB REGISTRATION

CHALLENGE CLUB '24-'25

IVY PROGRAM

MUSIC SHARE INFO

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If you would like to submit an article or flyer to our weekly newsletter, please send information to Annie Ernst at annernst@bssky.org.
All information **MUST** be submitted by 12:00 pm on **THURSDAY** to be printed in that week's newsletter.
(Submissions made after the deadline will run in the following week's newsletter.)

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is to spiritually, academically, and personally develop active Catholics
using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.