

SAINT FRANCIS BORGLIA



Welcomes 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24

*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 And by appointment

BAPTISM

Preparation Classes required for parents.

Call the office for more details.

HOLY COMMUNION

Contact Fr. Ryan or the church office

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Holy communion is taken to the sick and to the nursing homes
weekly. Contact the parish office for anyone in need.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 24—Set up Nativity after mass (please stay and help)

December 25 Mass is at 9:00

January 1- 7:00 am St. Ambrose & 6:00 pm St. William

Merry Christmas



Our Return to the Lord

DECEMBER 17

Attendance (105)

Tithes	\$ 1660.00
Pastoral Associate	\$ 42.00
Votive Candles	\$ 4.00
Mass Intentions	\$.00
TOTAL	\$ 1756.00

BULLETIN BITES!!

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.”

If you add up all of the words spoken by Mary to the Angel at the Annunciation [30]; to Elizabeth at their meeting [122 in the Magnificat]; When she and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple[20]; and her comments to Jesus and instructions to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana [9], she speaks a total of 181 words in all of Scripture. Mary was a woman of few words, at least according to the Gospels. From expressing her lack of understanding about How God would accomplish what the angel announced to her, to her simple, “May it be done unto me according to your word” and her awareness that “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord” to her final instructions to the servants at Cana, “Do whatever he tells you.” Mary is both our Mother and our Model. As Christmas gets nearer we should all be growing stronger in our willingness to accept the challenges God has in store for us with a simple “May it be done unto me according to your word” so our soul will “proclaim the greatness of our Lord” and we will be ready, without hesitation to **“Do whatever he tells you.”** Now, let us celebrate Christmas.

The meaning of the CHRISTMAS TREE:

Each part of the Christmas tree celebrates Christs’ birth and tells the story of how God sent His Son to earth.

The wood reminds us of the manger where He lay and of the rugged cross where He gave His life one day.

The evergreen shows the eternal life Christ gives to anyone who believes in Him.

The decorations represent blessings from above and inspire us to thank the Lord for His tender love.

The shining lights show us how we should let our light shine by sharing his message of hope.

So..... may your Christmas tree honor Him!!

TODAYS REFLECTION

What is announced to Mary in today’s Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today’s Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world (see Ephesians 1:9; 3:3-9).

Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David (see Isaiah 7:13-14). And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible.

Mary is hailed as the daughter Jerusalem, called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior (see Zephaniah 3:14-17).

The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of “the Most High”—an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18-19).

He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today’s First Reading. As we sing in today’s Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God “my Father.” As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man (see Daniel 4:14; 7:14), His kingdom will have no end.

He is to rule over the house of Jacob—the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai (see Exodus 19:3), and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob (see Isaiah 2:1-5).

Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we, too, must respond to this Annunciation with humble obedience—that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Scott Hahn



CCC461: Taking up St. Johns expression, “The Word became flesh,” the Church calls “Incarnation” the fact that the Son of God assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. In a hymn cited by St. Paul, the Church sings the mystery of the Incarnation:

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.”

St Francis Borgia Church Family expresses

sympathy to Jimmy & Cecilia Curtis. Jimmy’s father, Dillard Curtis, passed away last week.

You are in our thoughts

and prayers!!



Ministry List / Liturgical Apostolate

JANUARY 2018

Ushers:

- Jan 7—Reburn Collins, Don Kemp
- Jan 14—Don Edd & David Wright
- Jan 21—Ken Farr & Reburn Collins
- Jan 29—Jessie & Bradley James

Gate Keepers:

- Jan 7—Gary & Joe Thomas
- Jan 14—Joey French & Derek Gray
- Jan 21—Don Edd & David Wright
- Jan 29—Ken Farr & Andrew Arnold

Childrens Liturgy:

- Jan 7
- Jan 14
- Jan 21
- Jan 29

Holy Communion to the Sick: Beth Kemp

Rosary Leader: Irene Price (Sunday 8:15 a.m.)

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Jan 7—Bradley James, Marcy James, Hilary Liles
- Jan 14—Lisa Jones, Beth Kemp, Ann Conn
- Jan 21—Alex Wright, Lita Pfingston, Barbara Wells
- Jan 29—Jama Wells, Ann Conn, Marcie James

Lector:

- Jan 7—Stephanie Beverly
- Jan 14—Mark Greer
- Jan 21—Greg Little
- Jan 29—Tony Pfingston

Gift Bearers :

- Jan 7—Jama Wells Family
- Jan 14—Lance & Ali Davis Family
- Jan 21—Mary Monarch & Virginia Quinn
- Jan 29—Michael & Julie Mendoza

Sacristan: Carol French

Coffee & Donuts: January 7—Hilary & Johnathon Liles

Servers:

- Jan 7—Sydney Thomas, Ava Arnett
- Jan 14—Jaden Fulkerson, Emma Wright
- Jan 21—Cady Fulkerson, Stephen Little
- Jan 29—Jaden Fulkerson, Stephen Little

FEBRUARY 2018

Ushers:

- Feb 4—Cletus Russelburg, Ken Farr
- Feb 11—David Wright & Zack Beverly
- Feb 18—Lance Davis & Nathan Tanner
- Feb 25—Brad Giltz & Mickey Thornsburg

Gate Keepers:

- Feb 4—Brad Ervin & Joe Thomas
- Feb 11—Jessie James & Johnathan Liles
- Feb 18—Don Edd Wright & Ken Farr
- Feb 25—Joey & Carol French

Childrens Liturgy:

- Feb 4—
- Feb 11—
- Feb 18—
- Feb 25—

Holy Communion to the Sick: Lisa Jones

Rosary Leader: Irene Price (Sunday 8:15 a.m.)

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Feb 4—Ali Davis, Jama Wells, Beth Kemp
- Feb 11—Maggie Bennett, Alex Wright, Lisa Jones
- Feb 18—Lita Pfingston, Tony Pfingston, Stephanie Beverly
- Feb 25—Charlie Mendoza, Clay Wells, Jama Wells

Lector:

- Feb 4—Ava Arnette
- Feb 11—Barbara Wells
- Feb 18—Mark Greer
- Feb 25—Tony Pfingston

Gift Bearers :

- Feb 4—Michele Williams & Ann Meacham
- Feb 11—Malorey & Derek Gray Family
- Feb 18—Allison Genrty Family
- Feb 25—Charles & Gloria Mendoza

Sacristan: Mikki Wright

Coffee & Donuts: February 4—Lisa Jones & Pam Collins

Servers:

- Feb 4—Reburn Collins, Jaden Fulkerson
- Feb 11—Stephanie Beverly & Emma Wright
- Feb 18—Ann Conn & Sydney Thomas
- Feb 25—Tony Pfingston & Stephen Little

DECEMBER Birthdays

DECEMBER Anniversaries

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| Dennis & Terri Moman | 12/12 | 37 years |
| Rick & Vickie Gilland | 12/16 | 50 years |



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| Beth Kemp | 12/01 | Jarrod Gibson | 12/24 |
| Madison Wright | 12/06 | Virginia Quinn | 12/25 |
| Reburn Collins | 12/12 | Mike Gorman | 12/28 |
| Gary Snyder | 12/18 | Barbara Brantley | 12/30 |
| Pope Francis | 12/18 | | |
| Emily James | 12/22 | | |



WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

AT LEAST A MONTHS NOTICE IS NEEDED FOR ANY SPECIAL REQUESTED DATE FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24, 2017 violet	9:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia Sunday Mass 4:00 p.m. St. Ambrose Christmas Mass	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Farr, RIP (By Karolyn) Parish Family
Sunday, December 24, 2017 violet	11:00 a.m. St. William Sunday Mass Confession following Mass	Al Boyd, RIP By Alma McBride
Monday, December 25, 2017 NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia 11:00 a.m. St. William Christmas Mass Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	Parish Family Parish Family
Tuesday, December 26, 2017 red Saint Stephen, The First Martyr	7:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia Confession following Mass Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22	Debbie Hagan
Wednesday, December 27, 2017 white Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	12:00 noon St. Ambrose Confession following Mass 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8	Shirel Family, Living/Deceased
Thursday, December 28, 2017 red The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	12:00 noon St. William Confession following Mass 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18	Helen Mayes By Robin Johnson/Carole Guess
Friday, December 29, 2017 white Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr	NO MASS 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35	NO MASS
Saturday, December 30, 2017 white VIGIL THE HOLY FAMILY	5:30 p.m. St. Ambrose Confession 4:00-5:00 p.m. <i>(Sat rdgs) 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40</i>	Theresa Heavrin, RIP By Elizabeth White
Sunday, December 31, 2017 white THE HOLY FAMILY	9:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia Confession 8:00-8:30 a.m. Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40	Parish Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Victor Arriola
 Alayna Baxter
 Charlene Brantley
 Travis Chatham
 Helen Conn
 Morgan Day
 Viola Drury
 Jim Fortman
 Christopher French
 Leroy French
 Vicki, Rick & Kayla Gilland
 Bob & Faye Greenwell

Darrel Jones
 Drake Kemper
 Steve Little
 Eric Livers
 Mary Monarch
 Don & Beth Kemp
 Damita Papineau
 Bill Puckett
 Rose Rochford
 Denise Timmons
 Gary Thornsby
 Jennifer Thornsby

Eugene Utley
 Zella Wallace
 Jeanette Willett
 Pope Francis
 Donald Turmp

**CALL THE OFFICE TO
 HAVE SOMEONE ADDED
 TO THE LIST**
 (leave a message on the ma-
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270-333-2806

SEMINARIANS :
Stephen Than
Corey Bruns
Chris Kight
Martin Ling
Christopher Grief
Martin Mikulcik
Doug Payne
Flynn Mudd