

# Saint Mildred Catholic Church

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## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

If you are a visitor to St. Mildred, we want you to know how welcome you are. If you are new to the parish, please call 678-5051 or stop by the parish office during the week to register in the parish!

### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Holy Masses:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:15 a.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

#### CCD Program Sept.–May:

Sunday 11:25—12:25 a.m.

### WEEKDAY HOLY MASSES

Please check bulletin inside

### HOLY DAY MASSES

Please check bulletin or our website: [www.saintmildred.com](http://www.saintmildred.com)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00—4:45 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parent preparation by appointment.  
Please call the parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Notification of intention to marry must be given six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage

*The mission of Saint Mildred Parish is to foster spiritual growth and formation of the community through worship, educational endeavors, and cultural unity.*

### PARISH STAFF

#### Pastor

Rev. Carlos Andres Martinez

#### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Ben Horn

#### Deacons

Larry Cranfill

Gene Cheshire (ret.)

#### Director of

#### Religious Education

Karen Rowe

#### Music Minister

Marsha Smith

#### Secretary/Bookkeeper

Marchetta McKinney-Turpin

#### Outreach Director

Mary Ann Guffey

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.–Thurs 9—4,

Fridays 9—Noon

#### Outreach Office Hours

Assistance by Appointment Only

Mon—Wed, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Thursday

10 a.m.—6 p.m.

Closed Fridays

Call 606-678-4617

#### Clothing Center Hours

Tues -Thurs

9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patricia Avina, Chair

859-351-6770

Parish Council meets the

Last Wednesday of each

month at 7:00 p.m.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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# 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# DECEMBER 15, 2024

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

**9:00 AM— NO OCIA CLASSES**

**10:15 AM—HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for the Hugh Whitaker family

**11:30 AM—CCD CLASS**

**1:00 PM—HOLY MASS IN SPANISH**

For the people

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

**NOON—HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for Marilyn Lloyd by William Lloyd

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

**9:15 AM—BIBLE STUDY**

**NOON—HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for William Jablonski by Mr. & Mrs.

Bernard Zeromsky

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

**5:30 PM—HOLY HOUR**

**6:30 PM—HOLY MASS**—For all int. and for Henrietta

Scott by Larry & Tammy Cranfill

**6:15 PM—YOUTH GROUP**

**6:30 PM—LAS POSADAS—O'BRYAN CENTER**

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

**NOON—HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for Norman Martin family by Norman Martin

**6:00 PM—NO OCIA**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

**10:00 AM—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**11:00 AM—RECONCILIATION**

**NOON—HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for Barbara Dunham by Jeff & Jenny Bullock

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

**5:00 PM—HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for Betty Peterson and Angie Peterson Jones by the Peterson family

**6:30 PM-8:30 PM—HISPANIC BIBLE STUDY- OBC**

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**9:00 AM—NO OCIA CLASS**

**10:15 AM—HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for Anne Stiegal by Jim Stiegal

**11:30 AM—NO CCD CLASSES OR PARENT MEETING**

**1:00 PM—HOLY MASS IN SPANISH**

For all int. and for the People

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



Our Parishioners: Mary Ann Vedder, Fanny Ball, Marsha Smith, Louise Broderick, Pat Paluzi, Pat Taylor, The Andrews

Family, Sandra Woodman, Luis Ortiz, Judith Pfeiffer Kirst, Jose Hernandez, Elizabeth Oelker, Marty Heath, Robby Zelen, Louise Anderson, Melissa Gibson-Sexton, Jean Bianchi, Mechelle Phillippi, Larry Young, Theresa Hranicky-White, Ed Swan, Donna Butt, Helen O'Donnell, Heather Thomas Florian, Hope Rodriguez, Roselyn Wachs, Nancy Buttitta, Anne King, Richard Spurrell, Immaculata Wooldridge, Catrena Martella, Angelita Eugenio, Katherine King, John Woodman, Judy Schosser, Scott McCluskey, Juanita Garner, Jean Young, Alex White, Jim Thomas

Please also remember these friends & family members in prayer: Cassie Acey Ackerman, Debbie Collins, Joyce Rowe, Kurt Koester, Jack Harrington, Maria Macatangay, Susan Schroeder, Freda Cundiff, Scott Floyd, Donald Coffman, Keisha Guffey, Cindy Mullins, Ron Wright, Steve Bumgardner, Brittany Woodman, Neta Sowder, John Escobar, David Lang, Chuck Faircloth, Ron Richardson, Nathan McCormack, Shelby Guffey, Rebecca Franco, Rebecca Brumett, Ginger Aronhalt, Allen Mullins, Jeff & Megan Sloan, Sr. Fran Cavey, June Cuevas (father of Juvie Phelps), Romanito Tadeo, Reese Canady, Donald Poynter, Aelred Mezera, Jeff Richardson



Our offertory collection for 12/8/24 was \$7106.00  
Total online giving was \$2779.15  
Total Outreach was \$1486.00  
Total online Outreach was \$635.00

**Thank you for your generous giving!**

***The offertory amount needed weekly to meet our annual budget is \$7,505.89***

If you are interested in ONLINE GIVING, please contact Marchetta at the church office. (606) 678-5051. This is a convenient and safe way to give to the church. No checks to write, no envelopes to keep up with! Give weekly, monthly or whenever you desire!

You may use your bank account as an ACH transaction or you may use your credit card, which is a great way to earn rewards points from your credit card company! Just give Marchetta a call and she can set up your online giving over the phone.

To our visitors: If you are interested in donating to St. Mildred, you may do so using the following QR Code. Please note, you will be asked to create an account if you have not donated online previously. Thank you and God Bless!



## FROM FATHER BEN



### DID YOU KNOW?

This Sunday's nickname, "Gaudete" means "Rejoice!" Gaudete, an imperative of gaudeo, is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, the first words said in the Mass if

there is no hymn, "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Dominus enim prope est." "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."

This season is different from the rest of the year. Like Lent it is a penitential season, but unlike Lent it is not solely a penitential season. Advent is principally about the Blessed Lord's Second Coming, not only His first coming at Bethlehem. Because of this fact, we prepare through penance even joyful penance, or maybe penitential joy. For example, we sing Alleluia before the Gospel but not the Gloria. During Advent churches usually put away flowers and ornaments while musical instruments are kept to a minimum. Gaudete Sunday has a twin during Lent: Laetare Sunday (which also means "Rejoice!"). Today is one of only two days in the calendar that a priest may wear Rose vestments to symbolize the Christian hope present even in penitential seasons. Rejoice! The Lord is near!

### ¿SABÍAS?

El apodo de este domingo, "Gaudete", significa "¡Alégrate!" Gaudete, un imperativo de gaudeo, es la primera palabra de la Antífona de Entrada, las primeras palabras que se dicen en la Misa si no hay himno, "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Dominus enim prope est." "Estén siempre alegres en el Señor; les repito, estén alegres. El Señor está cerca".

Esta temporada es diferente al resto del año. Como la Cuaresma, es un tiempo penitencial, pero a diferencia de la Cuaresma, no es únicamente un tiempo penitencial. El Adviento se trata principalmente de la Segunda Venida del Bendito Señor, no sólo de Su primera venida en Belén. Por eso preparamos mediante la penitencia también la penitencia gozosa, o tal vez la alegría penitencial. Por ejemplo, cantamos el Aleluya antes del Evangelio pero no el Gloria. Durante el Adviento, las iglesias suelen guardar flores y adornos, mientras que los

instrumentos musicales se mantienen al mínimo. El Domingo Gaudete tiene un gemelo durante la Cuaresma: el Domingo Laetare (que también significa "¡Alégrate!"). Hoy es uno de los dos únicos días del calendario en los que un sacerdote puede usar vestimentas rosas para simbolizar la esperanza cristiana presente incluso en las temporadas de penitencia. ¡Alegrarse! ¡El Señor está cerca!

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA—Las Posadas (asking for an inn for Jesus, Joseph and Mary).** December 18, 6:30 PM in O'Bryan Center



**Our annual Knights of Columbus coat and blanket drive has begun!** This year our CCD children are joining in the drive as part of their monthly contests of collecting items for the Clothing

Center and/or Outreach Center. Our children are learning the great blessing and joy of giving to others!

For the Knights of Columbus drive, please place gently used coats and blankets in the box at the entrance to church or drop them by the Clothing Center (open Tues. & Thurs.—9:30 to 11:30).

If you would like to help the CCD children in their drive, please bring the items to Coffee Call (see Travis Shrum) or to the church office and they will be divided between the classes.



**POINSETTIAS** - If you would like to purchase a poinsettia this year in honor/memory of a loved one, please contact Marchetta at the church office. The cost this year is \$25 each. These are big and very beautiful poinsettias.

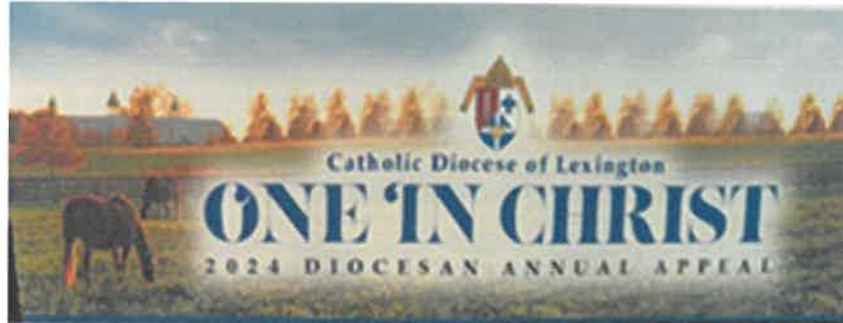
**HELP**—One of our elderly parishioners, Von Jones, has just moved to a local assisted living facility and needs a ride to church on Saturdays.

If you could give her a ride (even a couple of times a month, and we can find others to help, perhaps once a month), please contact Marchetta at the church office. Von has always been very faithful in attending the Saturday 5 PM Mass and would very much like to attend Mass

## Participation Matters!

We are stronger together than we will ever be working alone. On some level we all understand this, but in our busy lives it is easy to forget or not dwell on the power of "team"!

The Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) is in full swing!



A movement that in the last decade has provided over 7 million dollars in central and eastern Kentucky to grow God's Kingdom in a variety of ways.

When we participate in the DAA, especially for the first time, we are provided with a wonderful opportunity to grow in our personal stewardship while also directly helping our neighbors in need. It's a win-win! Because of this, we are eager to grow our diocesan participation level in the One In Christ Campaign.

The only thing better than the "power of one" is the power of "us" and the impact we can have **together!**

**This year we have another incentive shareback/rebate where our parish receives HALF of any donations given by a parishioner who donates to the DAA who did not donate last year!!**

Please consider pledging—**no amount is too small and every dollar helps!**

This builds our participation goal also!!!

When we reach our goal, we receive a SHAREBACK! Our shareback amount last year was almost **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS**, which came directly back to St. Mildred's!

Keep in mind that just turning in an envelope helps with our participation goal! If you pledge an amount for the appeal and want to make payments, just mark your envelope. **You have until the end of March of 2025 to pay.**

Pledge envelopes are available in the back of church or contact the church office. *For extra convenience, you can go to our church website, which is [www.saintmildred.com](http://www.saintmildred.com) and click on the **DONATE** button.*

# ONE IN CHRIST

2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

## DONATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPEAL SUPPORT:



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# Simply Advent



Che Jesus,  
They told me that you came back to be born every Christmas.

**Man, you're crazy!**

...with this stubborn gesture of coming back every Christmas  
you are trying to tell us something:

That the revolution that all proclaim begins first of all in  
each one's heart,

That it doesn't mean only changing structures but changing  
selfishness for love.

That we have to stop being wolves and return to being  
brothers and sisters,

That we...begin to work seriously for  
individual conversion and social change

That will give to all the possibility of having bread,  
education, freedom, and dignity.

That you have a message that's called the Gospel,

**And a Church, and that's us—**

A Church that wants to be a servant of all,

A Church that knows because God became human  
one Christmas

there is no other way to love God but to love all people.

If that's the way it is, Jesus, come to me this Christmas,

Come to my country,

Come to the world of men and women.

And first of all, come to my heart.

Anonymous,  
Cordoba, Argentina at Christmas, 1970

The least we  
can do is make  
his coming not  
more difficult...  
than the earth  
makes it for  
spring when it  
wants to come.

Rainer Maria Rilke



*Last year, Pope Francis  
preached about Advent  
as a journey:*

"This journey never  
comes to an end. Just  
as in each of our lives we  
always need to begin again, to  
get up again, to rediscover the  
meaning of the goal of our  
lives, so also for the great  
human family it is always  
necessary to rediscover the  
common horizon toward which  
we are journeying. *The horizon  
of hope!* This is the horizon that  
makes for a good journey. The  
season of Advent...restores this  
horizon of hope, a hope which  
does not disappoint for it is  
founded on God's Word. A hope  
which does not disappoint,  
simply because the Lord never  
disappoints! He is faithful!"

## An Examination of Conscience For Advent

Where in my life do I need the miracle of Jesus' **healing**?

- Has my anger, judgment, or temper hurt those around me?
- Have I allowed work, hobbies, or other activities to rule my life instead of God?
- Am I able to share with Jesus the parts of myself that need his healing touch?

Where in my life do I need the miracle of Jesus' **generosity**?

- Have I given my time and gifts freely to the service of others?
- Have I cared for the poor and the needy?
- Do I commit myself in tangible ways to the creation of a more just society?

Where in my life do I need the miracle of Jesus' **love**?

- Do I let Jesus love all of me, even the parts that I am not proud of?
- Do I share that healing love with others who are in need of it?
- Do I invite Jesus to be present in my daily interactions with those I love and those I meet?


Where in my life do I need the miracle of Jesus' **companionship**?

- Have I allowed time to connect with God?
- Have I created space in my family or community to learn about Jesus?
- Do I look for Jesus into my daily life?

Where in my life do I need the miracle of Jesus' **wisdom**?

- Do I follow Jesus in times of conflict at home or work?
- Do I ask Jesus to share his wisdom when I am faced with a difficult decision?
- Have I invited Jesus to change my heart and mind?

*by Jennifer Owens  
& Jay Mitchell*



God speaks to us in the special sign language of a baby. Not much. A small December child. A baby is birth, beginnings, potential without guarantee. A baby is helpless but not hopeless. A baby is someone to watch. A baby is the future appearing now. Are there baby-signs from God signaling hope to us watchers on the hillside?

Robert A. Raines

## An Advent Family Blessing

Dear God,

**We thank you for all of the miracles in our lives, the small ones that sometimes we don't even notice, and the big ones.**

**Help us to remember this Advent that you are a God of miracles who can bring light into our darkness.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus, your greatest miracle.**

**Amen.**



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