Liturgy Schedule Saturday 5pm

<u>Cantor</u>

Parish Life Director Sister Amy Westbrook awestbrook@cdlex.org

Sacramental Minister Fr. Bob Damron

<u>Lector</u> Judy Jett <u>Gifts</u>

Eucharistic Minister

Announcements

- Faith Formation will continue this Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm. Bring your book,
 "The Gospel of Mark" by Mary Healy. We will be discussing chapter 8
 "Understanding the Bread I."
- Please be thinking about a ministry of service to our parish that you would be willing to commit to for this new year. We want to schedule a commissioning service to celebrate our offer of sacrifice and service to each other and God's Church. You are needed.
- Work continues in our dorm rooms, please come, and help paint or lay flooring if you can. Thank you!
- Saturday Offertory 1/6/24

\$ 130.00







Thank you for your ministries!

Liturgy Notes Breaking Bread: p.579 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <u>Music:</u> Entrance: #321 "Gather Us In" Offertory: #389 "Here I Am" Communion: #344 "Gift of Finest Wheat" Closing: #584 "They Will Know We Are Christians" Paolm Perspense:

Psalm Response:

"Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will."

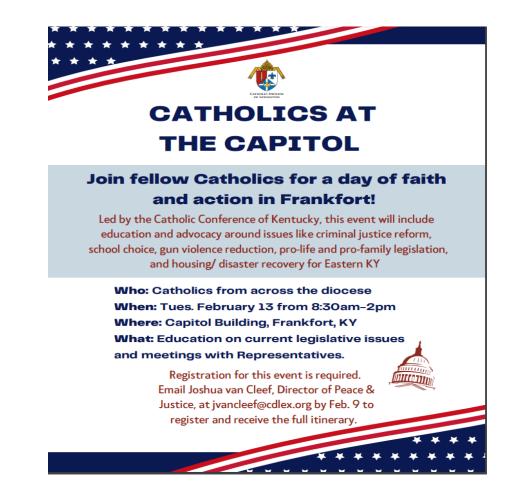
Dear Holy Cross Family,

As the Christmas Season leaves us with memories of joy and hope, we needn't feel a rush to end this beautiful season. The USCCB states, "The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him..." However, the historical Christmas cycle extends even past the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally the feast of Candlemas (Presentation of the Lord) occurs on February 2 and marks the final conclusion of the "Christmas cycle."

Happy New Year to you and your family! Let us pray that God will guide us, and the Holy Spirit bring to fruition every good and noble deed we seek in the New Year!

In consultation with parishioners throughout the past few weeks, we will be changing our Faith Formation night to Wednesday to coincide with other churches in the area. Wednesday has long been thought of as "Church night" and serves to remind us midweek of our need for spirituality and faith formation. Please pick up a new January calendar. See you Wednesday for Bible Study at 5:30!

Yours in Christ, Sr. Amy (614-282-2103)



Gospel Reflection:

John the Baptist's role is to identify Jesus as the Lamb of God, who will forgive the sins of the world. This statement recognizes Jesus' importance and leads John's disciples to leave him and follow Jesus, the Son of God. In this short section of the Gospel, much is said about openness, for example, the ability to accept the word about Jesus and letting one's heart be moved.

(Faith Sharing for Small Communities by Baranowski)

Reflection Question:

What are you really looking for in your life... how has scripture influenced those ideas?

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil, January 14, 2024



Speak Lord, your servant is listening.