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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM

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Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 20, 2016

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David is anointed king of Israel
(2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord
(Psalm 122).

Second Reading — The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — The repentant criminal receives Jesus' promise of Paradise (Luke 23:35-43).



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Lectors

Nov. 27: Charles Brown III

Adaira Hatchett

Dec. 4: Gloria Adams

Layson Brooks

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov. 27: Payton Sanford

Mary Katherine Gough

Diane Hatchett

Dec. 4: Tina Gough

Vivian Higgs

Karen Leachman

Ushers:

Nov. 27: Austin Gough

Von Williams

Dec. 4: Coleman Family

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Nov. 27: Ethan Gough

Justin Coleman

Dec. 4: Coleman Family

Confessions are available at St. Stephen Cathedral every Saturday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30

Jubilee Year of Mercy

November 20, 2016

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe Jubilee Year Ends

Today Luke, evangelist and by tradition artist, sends us forth from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* with an unforgettable portrait of Christ the King. The setting for Jesus' "royal portrait" is the cross. From this "throne," the crucified "crown prince" welcomes by "executive pardon" the kingdom of mercy's first citizen, a fellow criminal. The "Good Thief" requests neither deliverance nor salvation, or even forgiveness: "Remember me when . . ." (Luke 23:42). "Today you will be with me," King Jesus promises, "in paradise." (23:43). Paradise, even for non-believers, is an image of creation contentedly in harmony with self, fellow creatures, and Creator. Today, we "good thieves" beg Jesus to remember us. We promise to remember that, although Jesus' kingdom will be fulfilled only when Jesus' returns, that kingdom begins today in the paradise that will flower from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. We disciples, having been embraced unconditionally and undeservedly by Jesus' mercy, must now go forth to embrace all others, unconditionally, with that same unfailing mercy.

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IMP—Kroger Update

Each August Kroger requires all **supporters to re-enroll.**

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Blessed Sacrament's # is 30623..

November is Black Catholic Month

Did you know... that Catholics from Africa led the way in being witnesses for Christ in the face of grave persecutions? St. Charles Lawanga was one of 22 Ugandan martyrs who converted from paganism. He was the chief of the royal pages and was considered the strongest athlete of the court. He was also known as "the most handsome man of the Kingdom of the Uganda." He instructed his friends in the Catholic Faith and he personally baptized boy pages. He inspired and encouraged his companions to remain chaste and faithful. He protected his companions, ages 13-30, from the immoral acts and Homosexual demands of the Babandan ruler, Mwanga. He and his companions were burned to death by Mwanga's order on June 3, 1886. Pope Paul VI canonized Charles Lwanga and his companions on June 22, 1964. We celebrate his memorial on June 3rd of the Roman calendar. Charles is the Patron of the African Youth of Catholic Action

Did you know...one of the first foreigners mentioned in the Bible to be baptized was an African? In the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 8: 26-40, we read the account of the Ethiopian eunuch. This person was a black person baptized by Philip. The Ethiopian Eunuch was a court official in charge of the treasury of the Queen of the Ethiopians. "Ethiopian" refers to a person of color from Africa. The Greeks used this word, which means "burnt" or darker skin.

Congratulations to Payton Sanford for her service award at the Excellence Rally at OCHS

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: Beverly Chilton, Carol Hatchett, Philip Moorman, Sr., . Eric Holder, Martha Bellew, Jim Moorman, Bernice Williams, Charlene Meadows, Sarah Bumm, Yvonne Hatchett, Birdie Coleman, Camilla Washington Greer (*niece of Joyce Moorman*), Dorothy Fulton, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Betty Clark, Phillip Moorman, Jr., Linda McDonald **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the**

.DEPENDENCE DAY

On Thanksgiving Day we acknowledge our dependence.

—William Jennings Bryan

Lord, help me to find the blessings that are locked up in the things I complain about and to regularly express my gratitude to You and to others.

THE HOMEBOUND: Stan Howard at Bishop Soennecker Home, Knottsville, Donald Moorman room 40 at Wellington Park, 2885 New Hartford Rd, Maggie Howard at Twin River Nursing Center, A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can't visit.

Mark Your Calendar

Youth 2000 will be held at the Owensboro Convention Center March 10-12.

From the desk of Father Jamie



I am so glad to be back home with you all once again after my little vacation and pilgrimage. It was a beautiful trip, full of relaxation and a surprise or two. One of the surprises was what happened on election night. I was on the train making my way home during the election.

I know that a lot of us are a little bit uncomfortable with the result of the election. There are things that I am uncomfortable with, but I think whoever was elected would have issues. Those of us who are in minorities, including myself, have a few concerns. I don't know what to expect out of this presidency, but what I do know is that we will survive no matter what happens. I asked that all of us try to be open-minded and to not be afraid. I acknowledge that the feelings are real and we should not deny those feelings, but what we do with those feelings makes the difference. Let us try our best to be positive and move forward. May we stick together as a church and community. With God on our side, we will be OK. No matter what happens in this country, our church will outlast it all. Let us hold on to the hope that Christ gives us.

May we not forget to pray for our government and our new president. We should pray for them, regardless of what we think about them or what they think about us. Paul encourages us in his letters from the New Testament to pray for our leaders. One of the oldest prayers in the Byzantine churches has a petition for the government leaders. They valued praying for the government. Depending on what country or government the church happened to be dwelling in would make the prayer fluctuate a little bit. I close this reflection with the petition from the Litany of Peace as it applies to us in the United States:

Let us pray for president Donald Trump, his family, the government and all the armed forces; may they be upheld in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

Father Jamie leads Vespers on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 PM at St. Stephen's Cathedral. Please join him in this official prayer of the Church that is prayed by priests and religious every day.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Austin Gough
- 7—Lennox Williams
- 8—Audrey Mezur
- 11—Jeff Sanford
- 16—Joyce Moorman, Greg Gough
- 22—James Williams, Trey Hatchett
- 25—Payton Sanford
- 29—Sylvia Coleman



Church Mice



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Mass Intentions:

- November 1—Michael Carrico
 - November 6—Sonny Schwartz
 - November 13—Kenneth Higgs
 - November 20—Frances Johnson
 - November 27—Jerry Mezur
- Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Always remember to pray for the poor souls in purgatory.*

The Church and Cremation

- ◆ May Catholics be cremated? Yes, but Church's preference is burial of the body
- ◆ Must cremated remains be buried or entombed? Yes. Burial options include a family grave, a special section in a cemetery or a "columbarium (arrangement of niches for urns). Keeping in home is not considered reverent disposition.
- ◆ May I scatter the cremated remains? No. Burial at sea in an appropriate container is acceptable.

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

November

- ◆ 20 Thanksgiving dinner —noon to 2 PM
- ◆ 27 1st Sunday of Advent

December

- ◆ 8 Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception (holyday) 6 PM at BSC
- ◆ 18 Christmas gathering (Santa) after Mass
- ◆ 24 Christmas Mass 7 PM

January

- ◆ 1 10 AM Mass followed by Kwanzaa

We will have an altar of remembrance by the Blessed Mother statue in the back. If you wish to bring a picture, you may do so. If you prefer, you may add the name to our Book of Remembrance that we will put on the altar. We will remember these special people during our Masses during November

Thank you for your contributions.

Nov. 13 \$949.77

Goal: \$818

Candles: \$5



Community Events:

Dec. 10 Dr. Scott Hahn 8 AM at Blessed Mother.
Register online www.blessedmotherchurch.com
Free but space is limited.

Mount St. Joseph has enrichment offerings.

December 10

Advent Day of Prayer 9 AM—2 PM
\$25 includes program and lunch

December 13

Advent Evening with Bishop Medley 5-7 PM
\$20 includes meal and program
[Call Kathy 270-229-0206 to register](tel:270-229-0206)

Confessions in December

4—Blessed Mother 2 PM
6—St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho 7 PM
14—Our lady of Lourdes 6:30 PM
18—St. Stephens Cathedral 2 PM
19—Precious Blood 6:30 PM
20—Immaculate 6 PM

.“Amen, I say to you. This day you will be with me in paradise.”

We should all long to hear Jesus speak those words to us. And, if we are good stewards and caretakers of all of the gifts God has given to us (all that we are and have and ever will be), we will one day hear those words. With Christ as our King, let us review some simple truths about being his steward. Catholic stewards accept responsibility for God’s creation to preserve it and make it productive for oneself and for others; have a mature and constantly growing faith and a prayer life that is open to God’s will; accept responsibility for the welfare and well being of their parish faith community; joyfully give and share the gifts our culture holds most dear - our time and treasure; do not give until it hurts, but joyfully give until it helps. A good Catholic Steward is not a title or award. It is the way we imitate Jesus Christ our King, who will one day say, “Good and faithful steward, come and enter into my kingdom.”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (suggested):

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Cecilia

Wednesday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

Thursday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions; Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

KINGSHIP

The book of Samuel recounts for us today the anointing of David as king of Israel. It was the elders of Israel who declared David king that day, but it was God who called David to shepherd Israel. Thus mandated by the citizens of his kingdom and by his God, David took his place in a long line of kings.

The apostle Paul speaks to us of kingship as well, but on a much higher plane: the kingship of Jesus our Lord. As great as David was, he and all earthly monarchs who came before and after him in their kingdoms around the world are minor kings by comparison to the true King. And lastly, we hear the story of that true King in perhaps his weakest moment: near death, hanging on a cross, taunted by a common criminal and by the world at large.

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You can shed tears that they are gone

Or you can smile because they lived;

You can close your eyes and pray that they’ll come back

Or you can open your eyes and see all they’ve left

Your heart can be empty because you can’t see them

Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday;

You can remember them and only that they’re gone

Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on;

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back;

Or you can do what they’d want: smile, open your eyes, love and live on.

Author Unknown