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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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### First Sunday of Advent

**November 27, 2016**

"You . . . must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come."

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

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

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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Dec. 4: Gloria Adams  
Layson Brooks  
Dec. 8 Sylvia Coleman  
Dec. 11 Greg Gough  
Marsha Allen

## Eucharistic Ministers

Dec. 4: Tina Gough  
Vivian Higgs  
Karen Leachman  
Dec. 8: Marsha Allen  
Diane Hatchett  
Charlene Meadows  
Dec. 11: Lori Carman  
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Cindy Clark

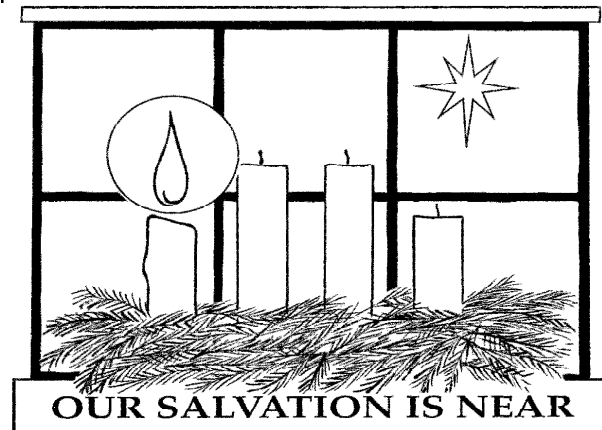
## Ushers:

Dec. 4: Coleman Family  
Dec. 8: Volunteers  
Dec. 11: Rita Moorman  
Yvonne Mundy

## Offertory

Dec. 4: Coleman Family  
Dec. 11: Rita Moorman

We prepare for everything we consider important in life, and that includes Christmas. We shop for gifts, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and visit family and friends until we're ready to drop. Best Advent Ever is a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a different way. Beginning Nov. 27th and continuing every day until Dec. 26th, you'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips or free Christmas music that will help you slow down during the busy Christmas season to focus on what's really important in life. It's free!!! To sign up or learn about Best Advent Ever, visit [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com) or call 800-980-7900.



## IMP—Kroger Update

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Blessed Sacrament's # is 30623..

## November is Black Catholic Month

Did you know...that of the one billion Roman Catholics in the world today, at least 20% (200 Million) are Black? Africa alone has 130 Million Black Catholics. In fact, the largest Catholic Church building in the world is found in Africa, the cathedral in Yamassouka, the capital city of the West African country known as Cote d'Ivoire. During the selection of the latest pope, many scoffed at the idea that one of the 12 Black cardinals would be picked. However, it would not have been the first. There have been three; all of them have been declared saints. It's interesting to note there are hundreds of revered icons/ statues, of Christ and his mother throughout Europe which picture them as Black figures. The last pope, John Paul II, had a Black icon in his personal chapel that he prayed before every day. Black people have been and are a very vibrant part of the church.

Did you know....Few Catholics and others have heard of the Knights of Peter Claver. This organization was founded in 1909 at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Mobile, Alabama. The organization was founded to give "colored men" a Catholic fraternal organization. (Yes, sadly, there was a time that those other Knights allowed no "colored men" among them. Fortunately those days are gone.) Like the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of Peter Claver are engaged in charitable works. From their start in Alabama a century ago, they now have over 1000 subordinate units around the country.

## *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 office.**

**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.

## Men, Mark Your Calendars

Diocesan Men's Conference at River Park Center February 11, 2017.

Cardinal Dolan is the speaker—excellent! Entertaining and inspirational.

## FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

—Anonymous

## Mark Your Calendar

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



# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

- ◆ **November**
- ◆ 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. 20— \$1097  
Goal: \$818  
Candles: \$7



### Community Events:

Dec. 10 Dr. Scott Hahn 8 AM at Blessed Mother.  
Register online [www.blessedmotherchurch.com](http://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

#### 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

#### Thank you!

A **thank you** to everyone who has brought food or helped with the serving for the Mezur or Bumm funeral meals: Sylvia Coleman, Karen Terry, Gloria Adams, Barbara Hammond, Janet Clark, Shelby Webster, Marcia Wilhite, Sister Jeannette, Marsha Allen, Jean Higgs, Cindy Clark, Susan Mutter, Louise Johnson, Tina Gough, Joyce Moorman, Sondra Hibbs, Vivian Higgs, Rita Moorman, Charlene Meadows. (I hope that I did not forget anyone.)

**Thanks** also to our cleaners on Clean-up Day: Jean Higgs, Vivian Higgss, Charlene Meadows, Robert Johnson, Tonia, Charles III, and Matthew Brown, Cindy Clark.  
Layson Brooks and Larry Leachman have been on lawn detail over the summer and fall. Much appreciated. Charlene Meadows adds her hands also.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
Wednesday: St. Andrew  
Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

Congratulations to Payton Sanford who was recognized recently at OCHS Excellence Rally. She was honored for service to the parish community.

#### TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

#### BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

**"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."**

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace we might do well to contemplate that moment when we actually meet Jesus face to face. Imagine that you are told that Jesus will come to meet you. You are taken to a vast open field and told that Jesus will approach from a certain direction. You train your eyes on the horizon and wait. Then, in the far distance, you see a figure moving toward you. As the figure gets closer you begin to make out some features, such as height, gait, clothing, and more. As the person steadily walks closer to you can make out hair color and facial features. Suddenly, you realize that you know this person. It is someone you encountered who was in need of your assistance. There are two possibilities. You did help this person or you did not. Knowing it is Jesus who approaches, what do you hope you did? So we must always be prepared, for at an hour we do not expect, the Son of Man will come to us.

# From the desk of Father Jamie



We just celebrated the end of a liturgical year with Christ the King of the Universe. Now during Advent we prepare for Christmas, and also for the second coming. This means that we will have readings predicting the coming of the Infant Jesus, as well as readings from Revelation which point to the second coming. We also hear Gospel readings, like the one for today, where Jesus tells us about his second coming.

I know that a lot of us are uncomfortable with the Book of Revelations and what seems to be a violent and scary story, but I ask us to look to the end. We know how the end turns out, Jesus wins and the eternal peace begins. Jesus turns up-side-down the ways we define kingship and end times. This past week on Christ the King Sunday, we see Jesus as the king who gives his life. We then see how Jesus is coming at an unknown time and will fix everything and not just come to let out wrath.

Let us try to take hope in what is to come, despite some of the discomfort that will come along the way. It does get the darkest before light comes. We have to die in order to have resurrection

*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.*

Today marks the beginning of the Advent season and a new liturgical year. Advent has been observed since around the fourth century AD. Initially Advent was seen as a time of preparation, both for new believers to be baptized and for all believers to look forward to Jesus' return in glory. As time went on, the emphasis grew on Jesus' first coming as a baby. Today it seems that Advent is much more about celebrating Jesus' first coming rather than anticipating His second Coming. Still, the Church reminds us to use this time to prepare for Christmas and to let it "renew our ardent desire for (Jesus) second coming." (Catechism of Catholic Church. This is a season of hope.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

25—Payton Sanford

29—Sylvia Coleman

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5—Hunter Gough

14—Linda McDonald

16—Yulanda Williams

18—Robert Johnson

24—Susan Mutter



## Mass Intentions:

November 27—Jerry Mezur

December 4—Frances Johnson

December 8—Michael Carrico

December— 11—Les Bumm

December 18—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.*

## Job Opportunity

The Diocese of Owensboro has a job opportunity for a Chief Financial Officer in the Office of Administration. This position is located at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro, KY. The Diocese encompasses 78 parishes and 17 schools in western Kentucky.

**Position Summary:** The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the overall financial management of the Diocese and the fiscal resources in support of the mission and goals of the Diocese.

## **“When I was naked you clothed me”**

Matt. 25:36

The Sew With Love group has been meeting monthly and working at home to make clothes for the poor in mission areas. Thank you for your outreach to the poor.

Some estimates say we only use about 20% of the clothes in our closet. Can we donate clothing in good condition to the local charitable store?