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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

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office: 270-683-6525 **Rector:** Fr. Jerry Riney, jerry.riney@pastoral.org Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jamie Dennis,

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READINGS OF THE DAY

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

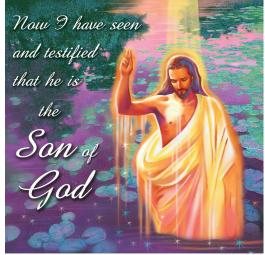
Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2017

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.



MINSTERS

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Jan. 22: Diane Hatchett

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Jan. 29: Marsha Allen

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Jan. 22: Payton Sanford

Misty Sanford

Charlene Meadows

Jan. 29: Tina Gough

Vivian Higgs

Karen Leachman

Ushers:

Jan. 22: Fulton Family

Jan. 29: Larry Leachman\

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Barbara Hammond

You have probably noticed that you are receiving your church envelopes in packets of a couple months instead of every month. This saves us shipping costs.

THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

IMP—Kroger Update

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Each August Kroger requires all **supporters to re-enroll.**..Go to www.Kroger.com Click the blue Sign in tab at the top of the page. Enter your email address and password and click the blue Sign-in tab. From the department menu, click Community and then Community Rewards. From Community Rewards, click on the Edit or Re-enroll button. Find Organization. Select Organization. Save Your selection. Questions call 1-800-KROGERS

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today's shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple "low" Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: Beverly Chilton, Carol Hatchett,
Philip Moorman, Sr., Martha Bellew, Jim
Moorman, Bernice Williams, Charlene Meadows, Sarah Bumm, Yvonne Hatchett, Birdie
Coleman, 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.

Conference begins 9:30, closes 4:30

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

Tickets \$30 (Financial help available)

Register: www.KyCatholic.com

Mark Your Calendar

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

Will need to know who is attending soon.

Coming Events





January

February

- 12 Ladies of Wisdom Tea
- 19 Gospel Explosion 2 PM

March

• <u>1</u> Ash Wednesday

April

◆ <u>7</u> ???? Fish Fry

Christians from many denominations will join together to pray for Christian unity at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 19 at St. Stephen's Cathedral. The prayer service will take the form of a Hymn Festival with Scripture readings, a sermon by Rev. Jim Coleman, and prayers for Christian unity. Afterwards there will be fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the Father John Vaughn Community Center.

Lift every voice and sing!

Thank you for your contributions.

Jan. 8— \$1431

Goal: \$818

Candles: \$7



Arts at the Cathedral

<u>Jan.</u> 19 Hymn Festival (choirs from Owensboro area churches). Celebrates Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 6 PM*** (see announcement, column 1)

<u>Feb. 19</u> Owensboro Symphony Chamber Orchestra 4 PM

An offering at Mount St. Joseph

A Father Who Keeps His Promises

Feb. 11th, March 10th 10:30—12:30

Presenter: Sister Ann McGrew

\$10 cost includes lunch and program

Contact Kathy McCarty 270-229-0206

Opportunities for Life annual collection will be taken the weekend of January 14-15. Opportunities for Life is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. This ministry is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to offer support and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

This course is to help ensure that everyone has a strategy to become debt-free. The course covers

- Paying off debt
- ♦ Creating a budget
- ◆ Accumulating savings
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There are 9 weekly sessions at St. Pius X on Sundays and Thursdays at 6PM. Childcare will be provided. Classes begin on January 19th or 22nd.

Cost is \$85 per family but those missing only one class will be refunded 1/2 their cost.

Financial assistance is available.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9,

10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk

3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk

3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk

3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSER-VANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian

Unity begins

Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany

(Epiphany)

Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Saturday: St. Agnes

GOD KNOWS BEST

God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

—Anonymous

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

"WORKING ON COMMON GROUND"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

3:00 PM

SPEAKER: REV. RABON TURNER, PASTOR

New Hope Baptist Church, Evansville

Location: Zion Missionary Baptist Church

2311 West 9th St., Owensboro, KY 42301

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May these highest ideals: love, respect, hope, compassion, kindness, mercy, civility, courage, and whatever else each one of us adds, become the daily norm, our way of being, and the life we live.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

From the desk of **Father Jamie**



We have arrived in Ordinary Time once again. I don't know about you all, but it is nice to go back to a little bit of normal. Christmas is nice, but change is also good. We should be so thankful for our liturgical year. Having liturgical seasons is a way for us to keep in the present moment, while also looking ahead to what is to come as we strive to continue on our pilgrimage to our heavenly homeland.

Our liturgical year is a continuation of the Jewish liturgical year. Both the Jewish and Christian liturgical years have a natural basis to them as well. There are some who say that Christianity has a liturgical year, just so it can replace pagan feasts with Christian ones, which is simply not true. A lot of our liturgical year was in place long before we began evangelizing the pagans. The reality is, Christianity is a natural religion and takes the natural world into account. We center our year around natural and supernatural events and we use natural material things in our worship, such as bread, wine, water, oil, fire, and the like. We live in a beautiful world, a world that God has made very good. In the psalms and in the book of Daniel, it is said that everything created has its way of praising and blessing the Lord. The movement of time itself blesses the Lord.

As we continue into Ordinary Time, may we remember that all God has made is good, even time itself. May we seek God in all he has made and especially seek him in our neighbor. God has given us such a wonderful world. Let us give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love and mercy endures for ever.

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.

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

Note that John says "sin of the world" and not "sins of the world." We all have free will and are capable of committing individual sins for which we must account and seek forgiveness. But what is the sin of the world? John observed the self-centeredness in the people of his day that is the opposite of being centered on God. John understood that such self-centeredness is at the heart of all sin in the world and recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God, the person who would sacrifice himself to help us root out self-centeredness and become centered on God. Jesus did that with his life and his teaching. But he needs our help. Because God has given us the great gift of free will we must choose to stop being centered on ourselves and choose to put God at the center of our lives. When we are centered on God we become a person for others. If everyone in the world becomes a person for others would there be any sin of the world?

January Birthdays

7—Jacques William II

10-Whitney Williams

14—James Hamilton (Burnell)

20—Janet Clark

22-Von Williams

25-Louisa Johnson

28-Frank Adams



Mass Intentions:

January 1 Sonny Schwartz

Les Bumm January 8

January 15 Frances Johnson

January 22 Jerry Mezur

January 29 Michael Carrico

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.

We are not Christian "part-tine," only at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain decisions; no one can be Christian in this way—we are Christian all the time! Totally.

Pope Francis

Prayer to the Holy Spirit for our Confirmation candidate, Austin Gough

Loving God, I believe that you call us every day of our lives to be your witnesses. I

pray especially for Austin as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Send your spirit to be a helper and guide. Give to Austin the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill Austin's life with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. I ask this in your name.

Amen

(Austin will be confirmed on Pentecost, June 4).

