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# Blessed Sacrament

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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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#### **READINGS OF THE DAY**

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanguished (Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).



#### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** January 22, 2017

Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.



#### **MINSTERS**

#### Lectors

Jan. 29: Marsha Allen

Gloria Adams

Feb. 5: Layson Brooks

Sylvia Coleman

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Jan. 29: Tina Gough

Vivian Higgs

Karen Leachman

Feb. 5: Adaira Hatchett

Lori Carman

Marsha Allen

#### **Ushers:**

Jan. 29: Larry Leachman\

Barbara Hammond

Feb. 5: Brown Family

#### **Offertory**

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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.

#### LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

### **IMP—Kroger Update**

Each

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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Brothers, Simon and Andrew, presumably like their father and many generations before them, were fisherman on the deep and sometimes treacherous Sea of Galilee. They tended their nets, repaired their boats, went out on the waters day and night in hope of finding fish to fill their nets. If they were fortunate to make a catch they had to manually haul in their nets, row to shore, dock their boats, sort their catch, bring them to market, and do it all over again as soon as possible. It was a tough life and they were rugged people. Jesus calls them to become "fishers of men." Mark tells us they abandoned their nets and followed Jesus. They probably continued fishing to earn a livelihood, but they did follow Jesus to learn from his teaching and carry on his mission. They eventually learn that fishing for men is at least as difficult and dangerous as fishing for fish, if not more so. Through Simon, called Peter, Andrew, James and John, Jesus is calling us to fishers of others by imitating him and being a person for others. Are we willing to follow Jesus?

#### PRAY FOR THE UNBORN

In a frail human being, each one of us is invited to recognize the face of the Lord, who in his human flesh experienced the indifference and solitude to which we often condemn the poorest of the poor, whether in developing countries or in wealthy societies. Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before we, he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. *Pope Francis* 

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**

#### **CALENDAR**



#### **February**

- **5** Coffee and Donuts
- <u>5</u> Day of Prayer for African Am.
- 12 Ladies of Wisdom Tea
- 19 Gospel Explosion 2 PM

#### March

• <u>1</u> Ash Wednesday

#### **April**

• <u>7</u> ???? Fish Fry

#### This is my prayer—

That, though I may not see, I be aware of the Silent God who stands by me.

That, though I may not feel, I be aware of the Mighty Love which doggedly follows me.

That, though I may not respond, I be aware that God—my silent, mighty God waits each day.

Quietly, hopefully, persistently, waits each day and through each night for me, for me—alone

Thank you for your contributions.

Jan. 15—\$556.30

Goal: \$818

Candles:



#### Arts at the Cathedral

<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

#### **Community Event**

**February 11**—Catholic Men's Conference of W. KY 8:30 Am to 5 PM (Mass)

RiverPark Center in Owensboro

February 18—OCS Annual Auction and Dinner

 $www.bidpal.net/ocsvision\ (to\ get\ ticket)$ 

Entertainment: Big Rain from St. Louis

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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 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk

3:22-30,

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a,

10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps

117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-

8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24,

39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk

4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSER-VANCES

:Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent;

St. Marianne Cope

Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul; Week

of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Friday: St. Angela Merici

Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas;

Chinese New Year 4715

#### **EFFORTLESS**

The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age.

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Do you know that you can help raise money for Blessed Sacrament (or an OCS family) when you buy SCRIP gift card?

Scrip is sold at OCHS on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM. Just mention Blessed Sacrament (or the name of an OCS family) when you purchase. If you have any questions, call 270-852-8033

Picture Directories are here.

Thanks to Tonia Brown for her work in putting the pages together.
Thanks also to everyone who took time to take pictures. Hopefully you can associate a few names and faces.

## From the desk of

## **Father Jamie**



In the readings for today, we have a lot of mention of light. I was especially struck by the psalm that we have for today, Psalm 27.

A lot of people look at the Old Testament as signs of a vengeful and hateful God, but I disagree. Most Jewish people back and the time of Jesus mainly prayed the Psalms throughout their day as we priests and religious do today. The core message of the psalms, is a message of hope and of God's love. Now there are moments where God is angry, but he is always merciful and calls his people back home to him. When we think of the Old Testament, I think we forget about the mercy of God, since we are so focused on his punishment. Most of the time, God does not punish his people; he lets them punish themselves, since the people at times don't want God, so he separates himself from them, while longing for them from a distance. God only wants to make us happy, and if being away from him is what we want, then he will allow that to happen. I think this is truly what hell is, not necessarily fire, but just the absence of God.

Psalm 27 is full of light and hope, but it also says that we need to be stouthearted. In other words, there will be difficult times when it is harder to see the light of God. There will be trials and tribulations that we undergo in this life. No matter what happens though, the light of God is always present, even when we are not looking. God comforts us in our difficult times.

I am sure that a lot of people involved in the civil rights movement were probably comforted by some of these Psalms, including Psalm 27. These hard-working people, could see the light ahead of them, but they knew the reality that things would be difficult along the way. We might still have quite a distance to go in this battle of equality. We have come a long way though. May we not fall back, but may we keep going forward. May we allow the light and love of Jesus Christ to be our guide, our hope, and our lifestyle. Through him we will have victory and whatever difficulty we face. The Lord is our light and our salvation, whom shall we fear. Blessings,

After his baptism, Matthew tells us that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert in order to be tempted. When I experience my own desert times — times of alienation, barrenness, or aloneness, I tend to forget that I may have been led there by the Spirit to face my own demons, to let them emerge and rise before me, and to learn my own powerlessness and weakness, to enable me to see my oneness with others who feel alienated, rejected, barren, alone. I need to recognize and acknowledge those whom I have kept at a distance as those who can broaden my vision, who can stretch my boundaries and free me from the trap of judging who or what is "acceptable.' My demons can minister to me if I acknowledge them, and those others whom I held at a distance may well be the angels who will bring me to wholeness. *Carmelites of Indianapolis* 

#### 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

January 8 Les Bumm

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.

Here on the pulse of this new day,

You may have the grace to look up and out and into your sister's eyes

And into your brother's face,

Your country,

And say simply,

Very simply, With hope—

Good morning." Maya Angelou

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flock

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal the broken,

To feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner

12-06-1999 To bring peace among people,

To make music in the heart. —Howard Thurman



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(See 1Samuel 17:34-37)

DURING DAVID'S TRIP THROUGH MICHIGAN AND ILLINOIS HE MANAGED TO KILL BOTH A BEAR AND A LION