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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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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalm** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

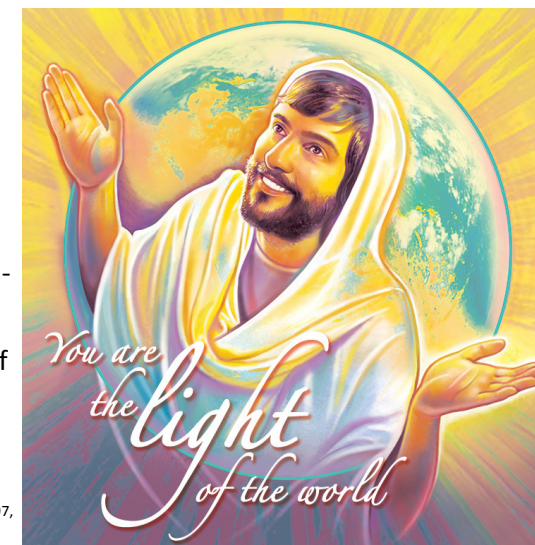
**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 5, 2017**

Light shines through the darkness



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<u>Feb. 12:</u>	Rita Moorman Yvonne Mundy
<u>Feb. 19:</u>	Burnell Hamilton Lori Carman
<u>Offertory</u>	
<u>Feb. 12:</u>	Rita Moorman Yvonne Mundy
<u>Feb. 19:</u>	Burnell Hamilton Lori Carman

**God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus.** *Max Lucado*

### THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today’s Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It’s only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week’s readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

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Blessed Sacrament’s # is 30623..**Do you shop at Kroger? Are you signed up? Your contribution which costs you nothing is greatly appreciated.**

Our next Cursillo Weekends are: March 9-12 (Men); March 23-26 (Women) at Immaculate Conception, Hawesville. Cost is only \$75. Interested candidates can contact the Parish Office to find a Cursillo Sponsor or contact: Men's Weekend- Kelley Wheatley, [270.316.5609](tel:270.316.5609), [wheatleysdd@att.net](mailto:wheatleysdd@att.net); Women's Weekend-Julie Tiell, [270-962-7109](tel:270-962-7109), [j.a.ritzheimer@gmail.com](mailto:j.a.ritzheimer@gmail.com). Come and See!"

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**What does obeying God mean? Does it mean that we must behave like slaves? No, whoever obeys God is free; he is not a slave! And how can this be? It seems like a contradiction... The word “obey” comes from Latin and means to listen, to hear others. Obeying God is listening to God, having an open heart to follow the path that God points out to us. Obedience to God is listening to God and it sets us free.**

*Pope Francis*

*Take some time to listen to God. What path is he asking you to follow?*

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### 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. Begins 9:30, closes 4:30.

Conference will address how to live your life as a Catholic man.

Cardinal Dolan is the speaker—excellent! Entertaining and inspirational. Reconciliation is available. The day concludes with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan.

Tickets \$30 (Financial help available)Register: [www.KyCatholic.com](http://www.KyCatholic.com)

### Mark Your Calendar

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

Please get registrations in to Sister Jeannette by Feb. 12th. T-shirts are available online for \$10



# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

#### February

- ♦ 5 Coffee and Donuts
- ♦ 5 Day of Prayer for African Am.
- ♦ 12 Ladies of Wisdom Tea
- ♦ 19 Gospel Explosion 2 PM

#### March

- ♦ 1 Ash Wednesday 6 PM Mass

#### April

- ♦ 7 Fish Fry

In September and October we were asked to think about and make a pledge to the **Disciples Response Fund** in the Diocese. We had 21 people who made a pledge, the total amounting to \$2840. (Our goal was \$967.51). Thank you again for your pledges. As of January 6th, \$1835 has been paid. In March we will receive a check for 50% of whatever is over our goal. In August we will receive another check. Keep sending in your pledged amount and if anyone still wants to make a donation, that will be welcomed.

Thank you for your contributions.

Jan. 29—. \$486

Goal: \$818

Candles: \$4



#### Arts at the Cathedral

Feb. 19 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 13—Preschool registration at SSC  
February 18—OCS Annual Auction and Dinner  
www.bidpal.net/ocsvision (to get ticket)  
Entertainment: Big Rain from St. Louis

#### Safe Environment

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (687-8888 or 685-8444) or the Kentucky child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1). The diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all who have been sexually abused and especially those abused by a person working for the church, paid or unpaid, either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator confidential phone line (270-852-8380). The revised sexual abuse policy, which explains fully the diocese’s efforts to address sexual abuse in the Church can be found in the back of church on the book rack.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Boy Scouting Sunday  
Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions  
Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita  
Friday: St. Scholastica; *Tu B’Sivat* (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset  
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

I know God won’t give me anything I can’t handle. I just wish he didn’t trust me so much.

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

#### Discipleship: A Way of Life All Year Through

By now, all of the Christmas trees, Nativity displays, and inflatable lawn decorations have been taken down. The hectic pace of gift-giving and celebrations has given way to a more ‘normal’ routine. It is wonderful to know that we open our hearts to support various charities and outreach programs during Advent and Christmas. This extra giving and sharing at the holidays is certainly important, but our efforts as disciples of Christ need to continue year round. Living life as a Christian steward means sharing our treasure, offering our talents in service, and making time for regular prayer all year through. When we recognize, gratefully receive, carefully tend, and generously share a portion of our God-given gifts, we deepen our relationship with the Lord and support our parish and greater community. We continue to reach out to the less fortunate, whose needs continue long after the Christmas season is over.

#### PRAYING. GIVING. SERVING.

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

#### GIVING

When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving.

—Raymond Lull

# From the desk of

## Father Jamie



Today Jesus calls us in the Gospel to be salt for the earth. We all like salt. In the time of Jesus, salt was something very valuable. Spices were very expensive at that time. Therefore, if Jesus is calling us to be salt, then he is also saying that we are valuable.

I know that sometimes we don't always feel like we are doing anything to help our world, or community, but far from the contrary. One hello, or smile can go a long way. Even just a little prayer for someone who is going through a difficult time can go quite the distance. We all have the power to change the world for the better in our own way. We as Christians are salt, who not only taste good, but are valuable. We have such potential to do great and amazing things, large or small.

I reflect every day since my ordination, about how I have had the privilege of touching lives in my ministry as a priest. I never imagined that I would be doing these sort of things. You all participate in my ministry as a priest, through your own Christian lives. My main task as a priest, is to preach the gospel to you, feed you with the sacraments and then send you out to do likewise in your own way. We are all in this together.

May we all do our best to be salt for the earth in our difficult times, when our country is still a little divided. We can overcome these issues. a little salt can go a long way.

### A Little Story

There is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. JUST DO IT!!

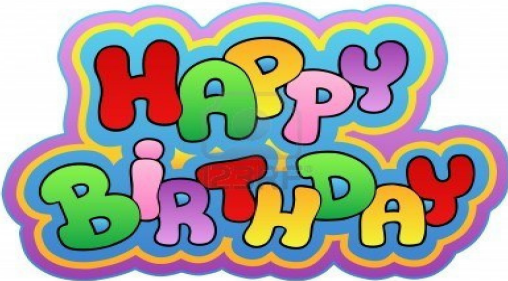
### February Birthdays

- 2—Nancy Bumm
- 3—Jacques Williams, SR
- 4—Diana Wells
- 17—Dorothy Fulton
- 23—Larry Allen
- 24—Yasmeen Williams
- 25—Donald Moorman
- 27—Sondra Hibbs

### Mass Intentions:

- February 5—Kenneth Higgs
- February 12—Les Bumm
- February 19—Jerry Mezur
- February 26—Sandra Brown

*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.*



If you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace; I was a drum major for righteousness... I just want to leave a committed life behind.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### Prayer for African American and African Family

God of mercy and love, we place our African American and African families before you today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians, and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth, and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do.

Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick, and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends . May they be led into the light of your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity.

This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of our Families, pray for us.