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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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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2017**

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.

(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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## MINSTERS

### Lectors

Feb. 26: Gloria Adams  
Sylvia Coleman

March 1 Marsha Allen

March 5: Layson Brooks  
Greg Gough

### Eucharistic Ministers

Feb. 26: Charlene Meadows  
Vivian Higgs  
Greg Gough

March 1: Vivian Higgs  
Cindy Clark  
Charlene Meadows

### Ushers:

Feb. 26: Robert Hagan  
Austin Gough

March 1: Volunteers

### Offertory

Feb. 26: Robert Hagan  
Austin Gough

March 1: Volunteers

## THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

—Anonymous

## Ladies of Wisdom Tea

**Feb. 12, 2017**

*Thanks for sharing your wisdom with all of us.*



## IMP—Kroger Update

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called “Christians.” From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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## *Our thoughts and prayers are with:*

**SICK:** Georgia Holland, Rita Moorman, Beverly Chilton, Larry Leachman, 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.

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!"

## Youth 2000

Will be held at the Owensboro Convention Center March 10-12. Please get registrations in to Sister Jeannette by Feb. 29th.

T-shirts are available online for \$10 <https://owensborodiocese.org/youth>



Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

February

♦ 19 Gospel Explosion 2 PM

March

♦ 1 Ash Wednesday 6 PM Mass

♦ 17 Stations of the Cross 2PM

April

♦ 7 Fish Fry 5-7 PM

God our creator and guide, each week you invite us to a day of rest and special presence to you and to one another. Bless those who cannot rest—whose needs demand overwork. Bless those who cannot work. Show us effective ways to distribute the fruits of the earth for the good of all. Remind us that true unity means the good of all. Remind us that true unity means noticing, caring, and sharing when others have less than they need. Give us the wisdom and courage to be poor in spirit and to serve those who are poor indeed.

Thank you for your contributions.

Feb. 12— \$336

Goal: \$818

Monthly—\$1472

Budget—\$1636



Community Events

March 17 St. Stephen’s Cathedral Fish Fry 5-7 PM

**St. Meinrad’s** has several retreat offering:

- ♦ March 24-26 The Sacraments. “I am always with you.”
- ♦ April 7-9 Celebrating the Paschal Mystery (prepare for Holy Week)
- ♦ April 12-16 Holy Week Retreat

An offering at Mount St. Joseph

A Father Who Keeps His Promises

March 10th 10:30—12:30

Presenter: Sister Ann McGrew

\$10 cost includes lunch and program

Contact Kathy McCarty 270-229-0206

“A Story Worth Telling”

The Ash Wednesday Collection on 3-1-17 will again be for our Sister Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica.

“Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!” Our Diocese is in partnership with the Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica to make those words a reality. We have a 15 year history together in this wonderful work.

Your contributions to the Ash Wednesday Collection aid the Mandeville Diocese to share the Gospel with all the people in their region in both word and deed. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents’ Day

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian

Wednesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington’s Birthday

Thursday: St. Polycarp

Today I just want to thank God for the gift of life. No complaints, just thankful to be alive.

Before I start asking Jesus for something, I need to take time to thank Him for all the gifts that I have received.

DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord’s message, through Moses, was to “take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, “Great in theory, but not always realistic!”

Then Jesus in today’s Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we’re tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the “real world.”

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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# From the desk of

## Father Jamie



On the day I am writing this reflection, it is Valentine's Day. Also today, we celebrate two monks, St. Cyril and Methodius. These saints from the early church brought Christianity to the Slavic peoples. I think their actions should be very important to our community at Blessed Sacrament.

The reason that I think these two saints should be greatly valued by us is because of how they presented Christianity to the Slavic peoples. Cyril and Methodius came from the Greek speaking part of the church. Instead of imposing Greek on the Slavic peoples, they translated and modified the Divine Liturgy (the name the eastern churches give to what we call Mass) so that it would be accessible to the Slavic people. Thanks to the hard work of the two monks, the Slavic people were able to take ownership of the Christian faith, while still being in union with the rest of the Greek and Roman believers.

Unfortunately, for a long time, up until the 60's, the Roman Church had the habit of keeping everything in Latin, which made it difficult for non-Latin speakers. Now we all have access to the liturgy, despite the Latin. We are now able to also include music and customs within the liturgy, depending on what culture we come from, within reason. This is something to be very grateful for. However, we must not forget that Latin is still the official language of the Roman Church and Latin should be used in the liturgy sometimes.

For us who are diverse at Blessed Sacrament, we understand how important it is to have music and customs from our cultures. Diversity is beautiful. Cyril and Methodius are good examples for us to keep before us to own our Catholicism and still be in union with the rest of the Catholic Church. May we always strive to be ourselves and strive to be a sign of unity to the rest of the Church and our community.

- ◆ In today's reading from Leviticus, God says to Moses that he should teach the people this: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy."
- ◆ There is no way, of course, that we can be as holy as God is. God is divine, not human, and thus His Holiness is above and way beyond our capabilities. What God is saying to us though is that we do need to strive for holiness. We often speak of our call to holiness and how we can try to achieve that. One way is to embrace stewardship and all it entails as a way of life. Will that make us holy like the Lord? No, but it does mean that we need to comprehend that it is God and God's wisdom we must embrace and follow. Holiness for us means we need to attempt to separate ourselves from those things and thoughts and ideas which can be viewed as not holy in the Eyes of God.

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### 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.*

**Lent is fast approaching. Have you decided what you will do centering on the three Lenten disciplines—Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving?**

**Rice bowls are available today. Enclosed is a flyer with personal stories, recipes, and calendar for Lent.**

### 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.**