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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 — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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First Sunday of Lent March 5, 2017

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."

— Matthew 4:10



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March 12: Marsha Allen
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Adaira Hatchett

March 19: Karen Leachman\
Diane Hatchett
Vivian Higgs

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LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn’t want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Ávila

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

This year, CRS Rice Bowl provides a path for Catholics in the United States to build, what Pope Francis calls “a culture of encounter”. By following the [daily Lenten calendar](#), sharing the weekly [stories of hope](#), and making the [meatless meals](#), participants will follow a personal journey that leads to us seeing ourselves in the faces of our neighbors, cultivating a spirit of global solidarity and encountering God’s love anew.

Pope Francis told Catholic leaders that the “ability to see yourselves in the faces of others, this daily proximity to their share of troubles and their little acts of heroism: this is what enables you to practice the commandment of love, not on the basis of ideas or concepts, but rather on the basis of genuine interpersonal encounter.” “We do not love concepts or ideas,” the Pope said. “We love people.”

“CRS Rice Bowl is about people and the hope we have for each other. It’s about our ability to encounter our neighbors no matter where they live, to love them as God loves us.

It is global in its reach, bringing tangible goods and services to people in need around the world. Twenty-five percent of all contributions stay in local dioceses to support hunger and poverty prevention programs such as community gardens, food pantries, soup kitchens, support groups, and job centers. The remaining 75% goes to support CRS’ humanitarian and development programs overseas, providing life-saving assistance and hope to impoverished and vulnerable communities.

IMP—Kroger Update

Blessed Sacrament’s # is 30623

**Do you shop at Kroger? Are you signed up?
Your contribution which costs you nothing is greatly appreciated.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we’ll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. “Perpetual Adoration,” “Reservation,” “Benediction,” and “Reposition” are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There’s plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: Loretta Wathen, Rita Moorman, Beverly Chilton, Larry Leachman, Otha Holbrook, Georgia Holland, Carol Hatchett, Philip Moorman, Sr., Jim Moorman, Bernice Williams, Sarah Bumm, 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; Women's Weekend-Julie Tiell, [270-962-7109](tel:270-962-7109), j.a.ritzheimer@gmail.com. Come and See!"

TIMING

What you give in health is gold.
What you give in sickness is silver.
What you give after death is lead.

—Jewish proverb

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

March

- ◆ Weeks of March 5 and 12—Outreach for Local needs.
- ◆ 12 Collection for local needs
- ◆ 17 Stations of the Cross 2PM

April

- ◆ 7 Fish Fry 5-7 PM

Penance Services

- ◆ March 16 Our Lady of Lourdes 6 PM
- ◆ March 19 Blessed Mother 2 PM
- ◆ March 22 St. Joseph and Paul 6 PM
- ◆ March 27 St. Pius Tenth 6 PM
- ◆ March 28 Immaculate 6 PM
- ◆ April 3 Precious Blood 6 PM
- ◆ April 9 St. Stephen 2 PM
- ◆ **Every Wednesday 6:30 –8 PM at St. Stephen’s**
- ◆ Every Saturday after 9 AM Mass at St. Stephen’s

Thank you for your contributions.

Feb. 26— \$296

Goal: \$818

Candles: \$7.20



Community Events

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

April 11 6:30 PM Chrism Mass at the Sports Center.

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

Congratulations to Mary Katherine Gough. She is a member of the Owensboro Catholic Acettes Dance Team that went to state recently for competition.



To our money counters: Janet Clark, Diana Conrad, Steve and Becky Coble.

Stations of the Cross

Blessed Sacrament will have Stations on March 17th at 2 PM

St. Stephen’s Cathedral has Stations on Wednesday after noon Mass and on Fridays at 6 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Wednesday: St. John of God

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

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.

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

Each year during Lent we reach out to help others. (One of the pillars of Lent is Almsgiving)

We have chosen three: local needs, backpack ministry, and Crossroads Women Shelter.

We will take up a collection on March 12 for local needs—someone has emergency needs

The weeks of March 19 and 26 we will collect for the Backpack ministry. (canned pasta, Vienna sausage, fruit cups, crackers with peanut butter or cheese) No macaroni and cheese.

The weeks of April 2 and 9, we will collect for Crossroads Women Shelter. (umbrellas, bus passes, blankets, sheets, pillow cases)

From the desk of

Father Jamie



Now we begin the season of Lent. We now begin to prepare our hearts for Easter and the amazing things God has done for us. In looking forward to what God has done and is doing, we must also look at our past, what Adam did and what we have done.

The sin of Adam, the original sin, set into motion a horrible chain of events, death, hate, violence and so on. Jesus then comes to undo all that Adam and that we have done through our sinfulness. Even though Jesus has fixed things, we still have the responsibility to do our part and cooperate with God's grace. Even though Jesus has mended the relationship between humanity and God, we still have our part. We are called by Jesus to be his hands and feet to perpetuate what Jesus did and is doing. We must cooperate with this grace and mission that Christ gives us.

As Lent continues, may we start anew the mission and healing action that Christ started. Lent is a time to not just give up things, but to do more. We need to pray more, give more, love more and be more merciful. May we always strive to love more, be more and live more according to God's mission for our lives. We are all in this journey of life together to be together and bring the kingdom Christ prayed for to a reality on this earth. May his kingdom come more fully during this Lent.



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Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Days of Fast and Abstinence.

All Fridays of Lent: Days of Abstinence

Abstinence: Refrain from eating meat. Required for those 14 and older.

Fasting: 1 regular-size meal, two lesser meals, no eating in between. Ages 18-59.

March Birthdays

1—Bernice Williams

2—Marsha Allen

7—Britney Carmona

18—Jean Higgs

21—Tracy Hunter

25—Carol Hatchett

31—Frank Fulton



Mass Intentions:

March 1—Michael Carrico

March 5—Frances Johnson

March 12—Les Bumm

March 19—Kenneth Higgs

March 26—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.

Needed:

Blessed Sacrament is in need of someone to clean the Church and hall. Usually it takes 1-2 hours a week. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Sister Jeannette. If we had 4 individuals (or families) who could come one week a month and clean until we find someone, that would be much appreciated. Thanks.

Best Lent Ever

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a **free** video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author, Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness. and what to do about it. Are you ready for the best Lent ever? This series of videos is based on the book that we gave away at Christmas, Resisting Happiness. Sign us at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>