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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 — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

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Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.



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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ♦ May 7—Honor graduates: Adaira and Yasmeen. Coffee, donuts, hotdogs, chips
- ♦ August 5—PICNIC

Community Events

May 6—Confirmation Retreat

May 5-7 Church in Modern World (at St. Meinrad’s) Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB

June 6-8 —Cultural workshop at Mount St. Joseph

August 25-26 Catholic Women’s Retreat at Kentucky Dam Village State Park

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April 23— \$410.20

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Wellness can Be Fun

Laughter elevates our mood, strengthens our immune system , and protects us from the damaging effects of stress. Laughter is free, fun, easily shared. It has the power to heal.

- ♦ My goal for 2017 is to lose just ten pounds. Only 15 to go
- ♦ A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.
- ♦ Ate salad for lunch. Mostly **croutons** and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza.
- ♦ A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
- ♦ Kids today don’t know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk nine feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

It always helps us to have a bit of prayer in your back pocket. At the end of the day, you have to have something, and for me that is God. Jesus. My Catholic upbringing. My faith. —Pierce Brosnan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Joseph the Worker

Tuesday: St. Athanasius

Wednesday: Ss. Philip and James

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Friday: First Friday; Cinco de Mayo

Saturday: First Saturday

WORTHY WORK

I must believe no work beneath me, since Jesus was a carpenter for thirty years, and Joseph all his life.

—Charles de Foucauld

ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today’s second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: “Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning” (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today’s story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

Give us a Quietness of Mind

Teach us to be Patient

And always to be Kind

Give us Reassurance

When everything goes wrong

So our Faith remains unfaltering

And our Hope and Courage strong

MINSTERS

Lectors

May 7 Layson Brooks
Gloria Adams
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May 7: Greg Gough
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May 14 Karen Leachman
Marsha Allen
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May 7: Yasmeen Williams
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May 14: Fulton Family

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Jesus makes himself present in a new way; he is the Crucified One, but his body is glorified; he did not return to early life but returned in a new condition...For us, too, there are many signs through which the Risen One makes himself known: Sacred Scripture, the Eucharist, the other sacraments, charity, all those acts of love which bring a ray of the Risen One.

Let us permit ourselves to be illuminated by Christ’s resurrection, let him transform us with his power.

—Pope Francis

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Some monks and nuns trace their community origins back a thousand years or so, before it became customary to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles. In their rules of life, which evolved from the lifestyle and prayer of their predecessors, the core experience of Christ’s presence is at the altar itself, and in the symbol of assembly for prayer. To this day, when the monks or nuns file into their church in procession, they march two by two, and then bow profoundly to the altar before turning and bowing in reverence toward the brother or sister at their side. It is probably more difficult, in practice, to revere the presence of Christ in a person who irks you by taking the car keys, shirking a work duty, or burning the toast!

We can trace in these religious orders’ enduring customs the ancient appreciation for the altar as the center of the church building, and of the community of the faithful as the Body of Christ. Usually, a monastery today will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in some quiet corner of the monastic church, in a fairly small space, more suitable for private prayer than for the gathering of the whole community. In a cloister, the architecture may allow the public limited access to this space. Liturgical law tells us, in both monasteries and parish churches, that there is no need for more than a few hosts in the place of reservation, just enough for viaticum, the “food for the journey” that is the final sacramental celebration for a dying Christian.

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Special Scripture Texts

Our thoughts and prayers are with:
SICK: Loretta Wathen, . 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.

- ◆ *When in sorrow, read John 14*
- ◆ *When your faith needs stirring, read Hebrews 11*
- ◆ *When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90*
- ◆ *For a great opportunity, read Isaiah 55*

THE HOMEBOUND: Stan Howard at Bishop Soennecker Home, Knottsville, Donald Moorman room 40 at Wellington Park, 2885 New Hartford Rd, . A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.

EFFECTS

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope Saint Leo the Great

From the desk of

Father Jamie



Today we see a 180 degree turn with St. Peter. In the Passion St. Peter denied Jesus three times. In the first reading today, we see Peter boldly proclaiming Jesus. Now Peter does not just admit to knowing Jesus, but proclaims what Jesus teaches. Peter boldly proclaims in the first reading, despite the glares of the Jewish elders and Roman officials.

The resurrection of Christ has power. Not only does the resurrection give us hope of eternity, but it gives us the motivation to speak the truth and proclaim it on the mountain tops. When we truly believe in what Jesus does, fear does not get in the way. If we do fear, maybe we need to believe a little more.

We see the power and conversion take place in the Gospel today, with the disciples on their journey as Jesus walks with them. It is the realization of Jesus resurrected and present in the breaking of the bread that gives the disciples the courage to unlock the doors and proclaim Jesus to the world.

May we have the belief in Jesus that will drive us forward to proclaim him and his Gospel, even when it will be uncomfortable. When we do things in Jesus name, we have nothing to fear. When we hand over that fear and allow our hope in Jesus to prevail, we can change the world. May we, like Peter, boldly proclaim Jesus and be on fire with his love. May his love show through us.

May 1—Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

The feast of St. Joseph the Worker was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 in order to Christianize the concept of labor and give to all workmen a model and a protector. By the daily labor in his shop, offered to God with patience and joy, St. Joseph provided for the necessities of his holy spouse and of the Incarnate Son of God, and thus became an example to all laborers.



May birthdays

- 7—Connie Clary
- 9—John McDonald
- 12—Charles Brown Jr., Cindy Clark, Brent Hatchett
- 14—Steve Coble
- 22—Charles Brown , Sr.
- 25—Bianca Moorman
- 26—Diane Hatchett
- 30—Karen Leachman
- 31—Layson Brooks, Barbara Hammond



Today's Gospel Reading recounts Jesus' appearance to two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus. In various scriptural passages, there are 12 accounts of Jesus appearing in the flesh, a few times to just one person, but once to 500 people (1 Corinthians 15: 6). What is interesting about today's account is the two, although evidently familiar with the Lord, do not recognize Him ("...their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."). This is a challenge for us today as well. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) once wrote, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus; I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." That should be our motivation for serving, for being a disciple, for practicing stewardship. Like the two disciples going to Emmaus we must be alert and prepared to see Jesus in places we least imagine Him. Stewardship is, of course, a two-sided perspective. Not only do we need to seek and search for Jesus in others and then serve, but also others need to see and recognize Jesus in us. If we properly live out our faith, we, too, may experience the sense of joy and ecstasy the two disciples found in today's Gospel: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened Scriptures to us?" Jesus speaks to us every day, but we must learn to listen.

Mass Intentions:

- April 30—Les Bumm
- May 7— Sandra Brown
- May 14—Velma Cooper
- May 21—Michael Carrico
- May 28—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.

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