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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 — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

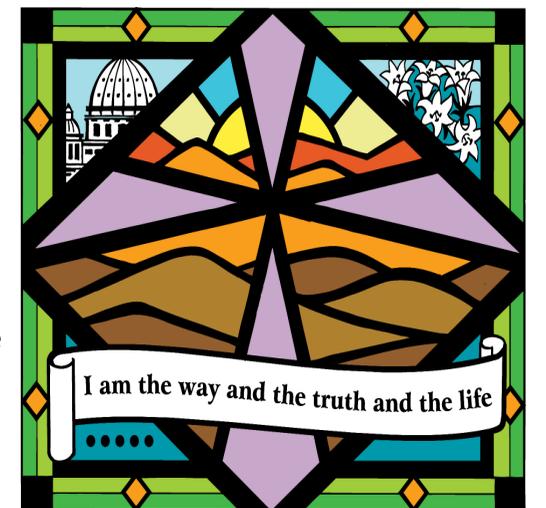
Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).



Fifth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2017
"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father
except through me."



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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

◆ August 5—PICNIC

Community Events

May 20—Carmel Home Bar-B-Q 11 AM

May 19-21 —Fruits of the Catholic Faith at St. Meinrad's

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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May 7— Not available

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Candles—



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National Museum of African American History and Culture Trip

October 5-9, 2017

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May is a month devoted to our Mother Mary. She is the Mother of the Church, always nearby, ready to come when and where the world needs her the most. Throughout the ages, there have been many claims of apparitions. The Church evaluates each apparition with an approach developed by Pope Benedict XIV. Apparitions are categorized as "Not Worthy of Belief", "Nothing contrary to the Faith" or "Worthy of Belief". We as Catholics are free to believe them or ignore them. Among those that are "Worthy of Belief" when the Church permits special devotions (pilgrimages, liturgies, prayers) are

- ◆ Miraculous Medal
- ◆ LaSalette, France
- ◆ Lourdes, France
- ◆ Knock, Ireland
- ◆ Fatima, Portugal

No matter what title we use to address Mary, we show our love for her by praying to her and asking her to intercede to her Son Jesus for us. She is our mother!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Monday: St. Isidore the Farmer

Thursday: St. John I

Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena; Armed Forces Day

MOTHERHOOD

All mothers are working mothers.

—Anonymous

THE WAY

Today we sense the apostles' trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *he* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord's promise that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

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MINSTERS

Lectors

May 21: Austin Gough

Marsha Allen

May 28: Greg Gough

Darlina Etienne

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May 21: Diane Hatchett

Misty Sanford

Karen Leachman

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May 21: Dylan Sanford

Jeff Sanford

May 28: Robert Hagan

Connie Clary

Offertory

May 21: Dylan Sanford

Jeff Sanford

May 28: Robert Hagan

Connie Clary



In today's Gospel Reading, St. Thomas the Apostle questions Jesus and asks, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way? Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" We may recall that in last week's Gospel Jesus explained that He was the Gatekeeper, the Good Shepherd. Our readings on this Fifth Sunday point again to the Lord as our guide in life. It is worth noting that the early Church was called merely "The Way." The center of our lives should be Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for others, no matter what our calling in life may be, should flow from this. When asked why she did what she did, St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) responded simply, "I do it for Jesus."

Our First Reading continues what we have been hearing about the early Church throughout the Easter season. The developments reported today, are still significant to the Church today. What is reported is the appointment of Deacons as an order within the Church. The Church was growing daily and as the numbers expanded it became increasingly difficult for the Apostles to serve all the needs of the people. They declared in response, "Brothers, select from among you 7 reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task." They did not just appoint them though; they ordained them: "They presented them to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them." This is still part of the way priests and deacons are ordained today. Part of that early decision was inspired by the fact that the Apostles, the first priests, felt they needed to concentrate on their central calling, which was prayer and the ministry of the Word. Deacons can perform some duties the normal lay person can't because they are ordained. Nevertheless, it is through stewardship that laity are relied upon to serve and to be ministers.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In many parish churches, more rarely in monastery churches and cathedrals, the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament is visible from a doorway or aisle in the church. Normally, a person is to give the proper sign of reverence, a genuflection, when passing in proximity to the tabernacle. The word "genuflect" comes from Latin roots meaning bending (or flexing) the knee. A common-sense exception to the rule is for a sacristan who is taking care of the church and can't be genuflecting every thirty seconds during a vacuum run. Also excepted are persons in procession entrusted with important symbols of the Lord's presence. So, a crossbearer or a minister carrying the Gospel book, or ministers on their way to their Communion stations do not genuflect. For everyone else, the usual sign of reverence for the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament is to genuflect on the right knee.

The oldest form of reverence during prayer in our tradition is standing; kneeling or genuflecting is a sign borrowed from old civic practice. The posture of kneeling, even on one knee, is a sign of submission. Servants would take this position before their masters in the ancient world. It said: I'm not running away, I'm yours, I'm here for you. This is what your genuflection says when you enter a Catholic church where the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is visible to you: I'm yours.

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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.**

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.

You weren't an accident. You weren't massed produced. You aren't an assembly-line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on the earth by the Master Craftsman.

—Max Lucado

LONGING

The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for.

—German proverb

From the desk of

Father Jamie



Today we have from the Acts of the Apostles, the ordination of the first deacons of the Church. As the Church began to grow, the apostles, who are the first bishops, figured out they could not do everything, so to keep from neglecting anyone, they ordained the first deacons, to serve at the altar and to take care of the poor.

Before priesthood, one is ordained a deacon. Even after being ordained a priest, one is still a deacon. This shows us that ministry starts with service. I was not just a deacon for very long, but only a few months. Thankfully now, guys are transitional deacons for at least a year before being ordained a priest. Of course, we now are using again, the permanent deacon. Deacon Dirck is our deacon and I believe he is one of the best examples of a deacon in our city. He is a doctor and helps those who are poor. He lives out his calling as deacon to the poor, as well as serving at the altar.

We are all to serve one another, but some are called to be servants in a formal way. This is why the vestment of the deacon is different than the priest. The deacon vestment, called the dalmatic, has sleeves that are closed, which is a garment of the Roman servant. The chasuble of the priest has open sleeves. If the deacon does not wear an outer garment, you will notice that his stole only goes over one shoulder.

May we learn from the early deacons of the church. May we serve one another and support both ministries of the deacon and priesthood. We all support one another and build up the Body of Christ.

Church Mice

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May birthdays

- 7—Connie Clary
- 8—Mary Ann Terry
- 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

Mass Intentions:

- 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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Mother's Day Blessing

Holy God, you compared your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on our mother who has shared in your creating love by the gift of her children. We thank you for the joys and sorrows of her life, the giving and sharing, and, especially for your love that has formed us in your

image.

Listen to our prayers and bless the mother who has nurtured and sustained us. Give her patience in abundance and let her find joy and satisfaction in all her work.

Glory and praise to you, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, and who reigns with you in the glory of heaven, for ever and ever. Amen.

