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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 people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

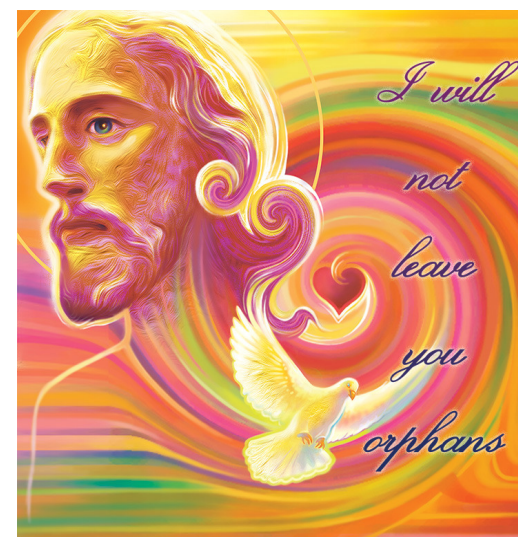
Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or John 17:1-11a.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 2017

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth."



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Coming Events
CALENDAR



- ◆ Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- ◆ May 28—May Crowning after Mass
- ◆ June 4—Confirmation (Austin Gough) 11 AM Mass at St. Stephen’s
- ◆ June 26-30—Vacation Bible School

Community Events

- ◆ June 3 Precious Blood Picnic.
(See details next column)
- ◆ June 6-8 —Cultural workshop at Mount St. Joseph
- ◆ June 19-23—VBS at St. Stephen’s
- ◆ August 25-26 Catholic Women’s Retreat at Kentucky Dam Village State Park

Thank you for your contributions.

May 7— \$1695.50
May 14— \$579
Needed weekly \$818
Donuts—\$9—



National Museum of African American
History and Culture Trip

October 5-9, 2017
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June 3 Precious Blood Picnic. Booths open at 3; serving begins at 4. Drive Thru. (enter on Fenmore St.) Live Band from 4-6 PM. Bring your own lawn chairs. Fun and prizes galore. This year’s raffle has prizes totaling approximately \$14, 650 including a 2017 Hyundai Elantra or \$7000 cash option. Everyone welcome.

Our fish fry seemed to go well and was a success. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. We made a profit of \$968. 71. We were asked to contribute to the fees for the National Black Congress which is being held in Orland in July. We have three BSC members attending: Charlene Meadows, Carol and Yvonne Hatchett. The cost for each one of them to attend is \$1286 plus registration fees. The diocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministry asks us to help defray the cost. At one of our pre-fish fry meetings, the members in attendance agreed to contribute \$200 per person (\$600 total). The remaining \$368 will be used for needs at BSC.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Rita of Cascia; Victoria Day (Canada)
- Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday)
Julian Calendar Ascension
- Friday: St. Philip Neri
- Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

No One can do **Everything** but
Everyone can do **Something**.

PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today’s Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

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There will be someone here this week to help you walk through it if you have any problem.

<u>MINSTERS</u>	
<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>May 28:</u>	Greg Gough Darlina Etienne
<u>June 4:</u>	Layson Brooks Kathi Skidd
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	
<u>May 28:</u>	Gloria Adams Adaira Hatchett C. Meadows
<u>June 4:</u>	Cindy Clark Marsha Allen Lori Carman
<u>Ushers:</u>	
<u>May 28:</u>	Robert Hagan Connie Clary
<u>June 4:</u>	Burnell Hamilton Rita Moorman
<u>Offertory</u>	
<u>May 28:</u>	Robert Hagan Connie Clary
<u>June 4:</u>	Burnell Hamilton Rita Moorman
EXTREMES	
If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity. —St. Philip Neri	

When someone says that Jesus is within each of us, that is indeed the case. We look at **St. Teresa of Calcutta** as a saint and an example of how to live as a Christian and a Catholic. Nevertheless, we sometimes fail to see that she had an intellectual depth and ability to put things in terms we could grasp. She once said, **“When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, you see wires. Until the current passes through them, there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God, the Holy Spirit. We have the power to let the current pass through us, use us, to produce the Light of the World, Jesus, in us. Or we can refuse to be used and allow darkness to spread.”**

Let us with the help of the Advocate be lights in this world.

May is the month dedicated to Mary. In her own life Mary saw many difficult moments. And like a good mother, she is close to us so that we may never lose courage before the adversities of life and might feel her support in facing and overcoming the difficulties of our human and Christian journey.

Let us turn to our Heavenly Mother not just in difficult moments but let her be part of our joys and accomplishments.

May Mary, Mother of God and our mother, pray for us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

. The custom of genuflection is not found everywhere in the Catholic Church. In fact, it is a bit of breach of etiquette to genuflect in most Eastern Catholic Churches. If you’re visiting an Eastern Catholic or an Orthodox church, the “when in Rome” rule should be adopted. Watch what the home team is doing! Usually, Eastern Catholics and Orthodox reserve a small portion of the Eucharistic bread for the dying in a cupboard or Eucharistic dove, but it is not a center of attention or devotion. The rule is to make a profound bow, called a “metasis,” toward the altar—bowing deeply while making the sign of the cross.

East and West split years before we Westerners began to reserve the Blessed Sacrament prominently in our churches. Thus, the East never changed the original custom of bowing toward the altar. Increasingly, as tabernacles became more widespread in the West and moved into prominent placement within churches, we replaced the bow toward the altar with a genuflection toward the Blessed Sacrament when its place of reservation is visible.

In a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a special chapel or off the main axis of the building, normally you should bow toward the altar when you enter your pew, because the Eucharistic table is the principal sign of Christ’s presence in the church building. If you have ever participated in the liturgy of Dedication of a Church and Altar, there is no mistaking the altar’s significance: it is first slathered with chrism and then adorned with a brazier billowing clouds of incense that fill the whole church as a sign of prayer and presence!

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Our thoughts and prayers are with:
SICK: Loretta Wathen, . Beverly Chilton, Larry Leachman, Georgia Holland, Carol Hatchett, Philip Moorman, Sr., Jim Moorman, 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.



To several of our behind the scene angels:

Vivian Higgs for her help weekly setting up the altar (and many other assists), Jean Higgs for doing church laundry, Shelby Webster for making coffee and setting up 1st Sundays in the hall, and Hugh Joseph Moorman for decorating the Church with banners and other items.

From the desk of Father Jamie



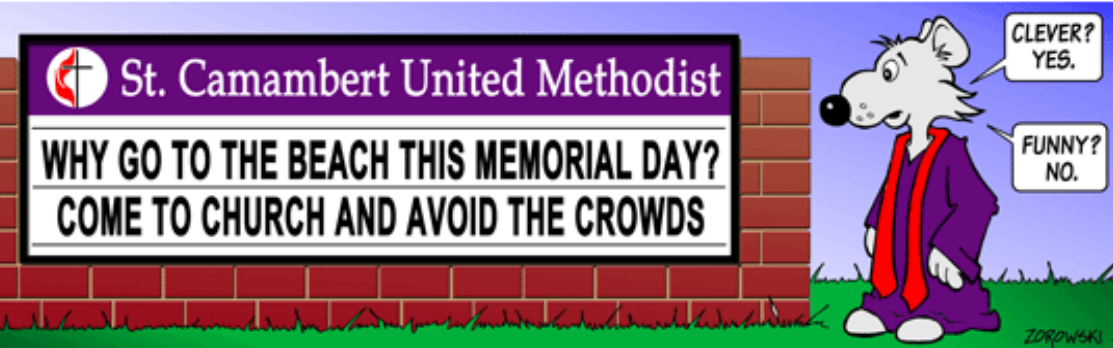
Today we hear a lot about the Holy Spirit. They did not have the word or title for the Sacrament of Confirmation during the early church, but it was simply understood as the laying on of hands and the calling down of the Holy Spirit after Baptism. We focus on the preparation for the Holy Spirit since we are approaching Pentecost. Pentecost is that time when the Holy Spirit came upon the church, which then enabled the church to go out.

Each of us have our time of Pentecost when we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Recently Miss Ruth received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. I have said this already , but I think it is worth saying again. She is such a wonderful witness to us, proof that God can bring conversion in our lives regardless of our age. Her Confirmation was the first one I ever did as a Priest. It was quite the moment for both of us. I could definitely feel the Holy Spirit present as we participated in the giving and receiving of the sacrament..

Another way that I look at the Sacrament of Confirmation is that it is like activating the Sim card in a cell phone. The Holy Spirit coming down upon us is the activation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit at work within us. After this activation, we can better connect with those in the Christian community and then evangelize the world.

May we always take advantage of the receiving of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. May we encourage those who have not yet received Confirmation, especially our young people. The Sacrament of Confirmation is not a right of passage or a way into adulthood. It is not an end, but a beginning. We don't turn off our cell phones forever after they are activated, do we?

Church Mice



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



Congratulations



To our two recent graduates: Adaira Hatchett and Yasmeen Williams. Adaira is off to University of Kentucky in Lexington and Yasmeen to Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. Our prayers go with these two young ladies. We will miss seeing them at Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis and hope that they come to see us during breaks.

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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