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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 — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

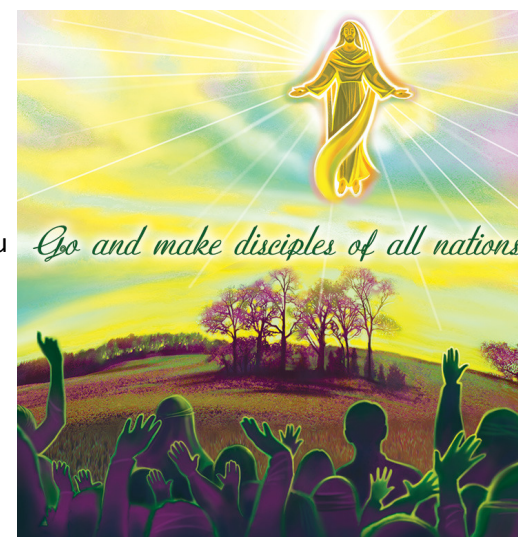
Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

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The Ascension of the Lord May 28, 2017

He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.



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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 3—Freedom Fund Banquet 6 PM
KY Wesleyan (sponsored by NAACP)
- ◆ June 19-23—VBS at St. Stephen’s
- ◆ June 23-25 Preached retreat at
Passionist Retreat House “God,
Whose Mercy Endures Forever.”
- ◆ August 25-26 Catholic Women’s Re-
treat at Kentucky Dam Village State

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May 21—\$446
Needed weekly —\$818
Candles—\$4



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History and Culture Trip

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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.

Vacation Bible School

Blessed Sacrament will have Vacation Bible School June 26-30 in the morning.

The theme is Weird Animals. (This is a religious theme!)

Sign-up sheets are available this weekend. Please invite your neighbors or anyone that you think might be interested. We also need older students and adults as helpers.

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 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday: Memorial Day
Tuesday: Shavuot (“Weeks”), the Jewish festival of the giving of the Law, begins at sunset
Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Justin
Friday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday
Saturday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Saturday

SHARE THE HOPE

The readings for today’s celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit’s power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

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Feast of the Visitation

Our Lady, as soon as she had heard the news that she was to be the Mother of Jesus and the announcement that her cousin Elizabeth was expecting a child—the Gospel says—she went to her in haste., she did not wait. She did not say: “But now I am with child; I must take care of my health. My cousin is bound to have friends who can care for her.” ...And Our Lady is always like this. She is our Mother who always hurries to us whenever we are in need.

—Pope Francis

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<u>May 28:</u>	Greg Gough Darlina Etienne
<u>June 4:</u>	Layson Brooks Kathi Skidd
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<u>Offertory</u>	
<u>May 28:</u>	Robert Hagan Connie Clary
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MEMORIAL DAY	
They fell, but o’er their glorious grave	
Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save.	

Jesus’ words, as reported in the Gospel Reading from Matthew, are “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you always until the end of the age.” As is always the case, these words are intended for us also. This is called by some “the Great Commission.”

When we were baptized, we were baptized with water, but more important than that, we were at that moment incorporated in Jesus Christ Himself, made members of His Body, the Church. St. Augustine also wrote, “Where the Head is, there is the Body; where I am, there is my Church. We, too, are one; the Church is in me and I in Her, and we two are your Beloved.” Yes, we have ascended with the Lord, but are we part of the Church in the way Jesus wanted us to be? Is the Church part of us? It should be. We are called, and we must work each day to respond to that calling. That is what being a good steward is about.

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

If you could somehow transport a third-century Christian into your twenty-first-century Sunday Mass, once the initial shock wore off he or she would be more or less at home with the structure of the first part of the liturgy, the Word. The second part might be more difficult to comprehend. The stumbling block would be the book. We have a book, a missal that is set down on the altar with a very precisely prescribed set of words for the priest to say and the people to sing at the Eucharistic Prayer. In the early days of the church, there were no set “formulas” for this prayer. The ancients would have raised eyebrows at our “bookishness” since they preferred to let the prayers roll forth from a gifted leader of prayer. There was a basic shape to the prayer of thanksgiving, and almost general agreement that the words of Christ at the Last Supper ought to be included.

By the second century, Justin Martyr wrote that the presider “gives thanks at some length . . . and when he has finished the prayers and the thanksgiving, all the people present give their assent by saying ‘Amen.’ ” In the world before books, people could memorize long passages of prose and poetry, and so it is easy to see how particular phrases or expressions passed from church to church.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with:
SICK: Mark Moorman, Loretta Wathen, . Beverly Chilton, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, 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.**

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BIG MOUTHS

What should not be heard by little ears should not be said by big mouths.
—Anonymous

From the desk of

Father Jamie



Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into heaven. The last couple of Sundays, Jesus has been preparing his followers for his Ascension. This was a joyful time, but difficult as well. The apostles themselves and the disciples still don't get everything yet. They are fearful of the unknown.

It is like the parent sending the child off to college, away from home for the first time. That is how the disciples must have felt, knowing that Jesus would be ascending soon. They were terrified enough right after the death of Jesus during those 3 days, but this ascending is going to be much longer than 3 days. What is more, is that there is talk of this Holy Spirit. Like with a lot of things, the disciples will have to experience the Holy Spirit; then they will get it. That is okay, we and the early disciples have to work through these things, through prayer, study and experience.

May we pray for those young people who are going to receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation on Pentecost, especially our own Austin Gough. We all need the Holy Spirit to guide us and give us strength. Come Holy Spirit.

Church Mice



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May Birthdays

26—Diane Hatchett

30—Karen Leachman

31—Layson Brooks, Barbara Hammond

June Birthdays

2—Antonia Hagan

13—Charles Brown III (Buddy)

16—Sister Jeannette

18—Justin Coleman, Drayton Higgs

22—Tonia Brown

23—Pamela McCarter

24—Loretta Wathen

25—Father Jamie

26—Trent Hatchett



Mass Intentions:

May 28—Jerry Mezur

June 4—Frances Johnson

June 11—Kenneth Higgs

June 18—Les Bumm

June 25—Mr and Mrs. Earl Epison Jr.

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.

VBS Planning Meeting

Thursday, June 1st at 1 PM.

If you plan to help, but cannot make the meeting, please let Gloria or Sister Jeannette know. Thanks for your help.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Yvonne Mundy on the death of her sister Martha Bellew. Martha was a member of Blessed Sacrament Chapel before she moved to FL



To Mary Katherine Gough for her nomination for the diocesan SLIM Award (Servant Leader in Ministry). The criteria includes service in the parish, school, and community.