

From the desk of Father Jamie



I guess one view of the first reading for today could be feed the minister and good things will happen to you. What I think is most important is how the woman from the first reading is a woman of hospitality. This is what we are all called to do to some degree. St. Benedict tells us to welcome the stranger as one welcomes Christ. While at seminary at St. Meinrad, which is based on St. Benedict's ideals, hospitality was ingrained in me, so I like to pass it on.

You never know when you show hospitality, you might be entertaining angels or Christ. When we give hospitality, God will reward us. Being there for one another, loving our neighbor is one way to praise God through taking care of others. If we have many resources, we should share what God has given us.

I live on a pretty good sized farm on my day off. It is no fun though, unless I share it. I love hosting dinner parties in my caboose and I love giving train rides. Hospitality is a large part of my ministry and really to an extent it should be for a lot of us. I will say though, you all here at Blessed Sacrament are very good at hospitality. Everyone who visits always tells me how welcomed they feel. If only others parishes would strive for this virtue. I urge all of you to keep being hospitable. Through love and hospitality, we can change the world. One hello and happy to see you at a time.

St. Maria Goretti whose feast we celebrate on July 6th, is the youngest canonized saint in the Church. She died tragically on July 6th, 1902 at the age of eleven. She never had a chance to go to school and never learned to read or write. However, she had no trouble with faith, God's will, decency and respect for her body. She captured love of people because of her simplicity and purity of her life. She is the patron of youth, young women, purity, and victims of rape. She was canonized in 1950 in the presence of her mother, and killer whom she forgave as she died.



July Birthdays

3—Ray Higgs
8—Alexis Hatchett
11—Diana Conrad
12—Darlina Etienne
13—Francine Epison
15—Georgia Holland
18—Lori Carman, Ondra Moorman
20—Tina Gough, Isaac Gough
22—Marcia Wilhite
27—Robert Hagan
28—Dylan Sanford
29—Becky Coble/Hugh Moorman
30—Yvonne Mundy
31—Gloria Adams

Mass Intentions:

July 2—Corie Lee Wilhite

July 9—Sandra Brown

July 16—Jerry Mezur

July 23—Les Bumm

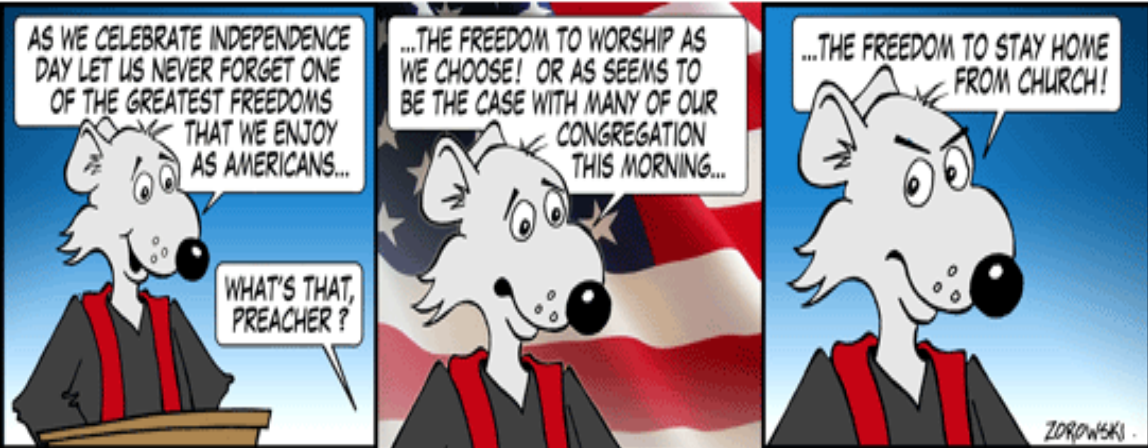
July 30—Blessing on BSC Picnic, B-B-Q

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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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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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2, 2017

Think of yourselves as dead to sin
and living for God in Christ Jesus.

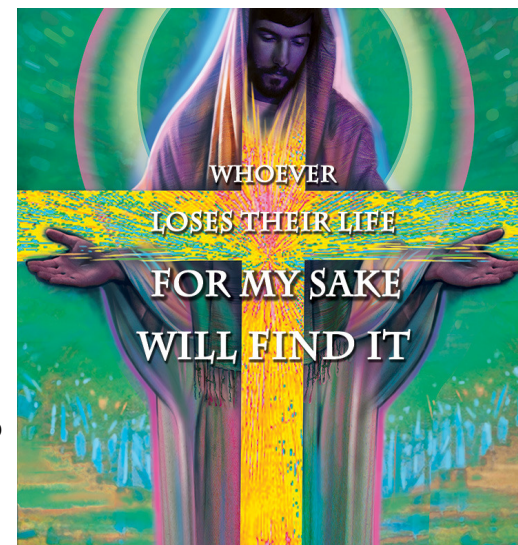
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

Psalms — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
(Psalm 89).

Second Reading — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

Gospel — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).



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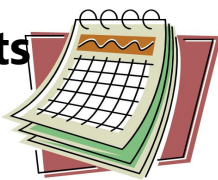
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Coming Events
CALENDAR



- ◆ Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- ◆ July 29—Clean up day 9 AM
- ◆ August 5—PICNIC 5 PM Mass
- ◆ August 6—No 10 AM Mass

Community Events

- ◆ August 25-26 Catholic Women’s Retreat at Kentucky Dam Village State Park
- ◆ Sept. 22 VOCARE 5 PM

Bar-b-q schedule

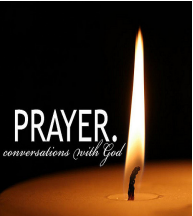
- ◆ July 8—St. Alphonsus 4 PM
- ◆ July 8—Immaculate Con, Hawesville 4

Thank you for your contributions.

June 25—\$1094.06
Needed weekly—\$818
Kroger donation:
March 1-May 31, 2017
\$129.38. Thanks to all who have BSC as their charity on their plus card.



Month to date collections \$3719.56
Month to date budget \$3272



Please pray for me this week as I go the Trappist Monastery in Gethsemani, KY for my retreat. You will be in my prayers. I will be gone from Monday—Friday.

July 2nd Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever finds his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it”
Our relationship with Jesus should be the most important one in our lives. When we make Jesus the center of our lives, we will chose to lose our life for him and for one another, just as he gave his life for us. Our reward will be the fullness of life only he can give.

Please remember in your prayers the three members of our parish who are traveling to Orland this week for the National Black Catholic Congress. Those attending from our parish are Carol and Diane Hatchett and Charlene Meadows. This event takes place once every five years.

Diocesan Response Fund

Thanks to all who pledged last fall. You have done well in meeting the pledged amount. We only have \$430 yet to reach the full pledged amount (\$2865).

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: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
- Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Country or a City,” nos. 882-886, or “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
- Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;
- Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Thomas
- Tuesday: Independence Day
- Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria;
St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Thursday: St. Maria Goretti
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.



MINSTERS

Lectors

July 9: Marsha Allen
Gloria Adams

July 16: M. K. Gough
Kathi Skidd

Eucharistic Ministers

July 9: Tina Gough
Adaira Hatchett
Cindy Clark

July 16: Gloria Adams
Payton Sanford
Vivian Higgs

Ushers:

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Dylan Sanford
July 16: Robert Johnson
Connie Clary

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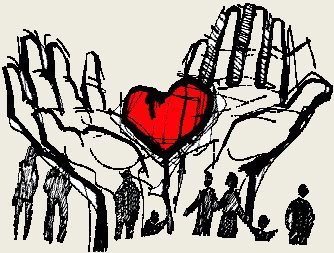
TYRANNY

Tyranny is always better organized than freedom.



To **Layson Brooks** who will receive the Diocesan Sophia Award at the Cathedral on Sunday, September 10th at 2 PM. He is being recognized for giving of his time, talent, and treasure. We appreciate all he does around Blessed Sacrament.

Thanks to each of you for contributing to the parish life of Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



Just to give you a little update.

Our fiscal year ends June 30th. As of June 18th, our year-to-date collections have been \$43,904.77 Our budget is \$41,718. It takes everyone, even if it is a widow’s mite to make this happen. A complete account will be given in the next couple weeks.
Our pledges for the Diocesan Response Fund were \$2865. \$2435 has been paid. Hopefully, all this will be paid by the end of August.

FREEDOM

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It’s Independence Day week, and there is a link worth tracing between the Declaration of Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on that July 4 long ago was Charles Carroll, probably the wealthiest man in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on the political scene. As a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing the same name by penning “Charles Carroll of Carrolltown”—a defiant “come and get me if you dare” postscript aimed at the British.

Carroll’s brother John was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task formally. Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our faith by American people who mistrusted our customs and could not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in the vernacular, English. His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, but for the Church throughout the world.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: Jean Higgs, , Loretta Wathen, . Beverly Chilton, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, Mark Moorman, Georgia Holland, Carol Hatchett, Philip Moorman, Sr., Jim Moorman, Sarah Bumm, Dorothy Fulton, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Betty Clark, Phillip Moorman, Jr., Linda McDonald
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