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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 — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery and fed you with manna in the desert (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body

(1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel — Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever"

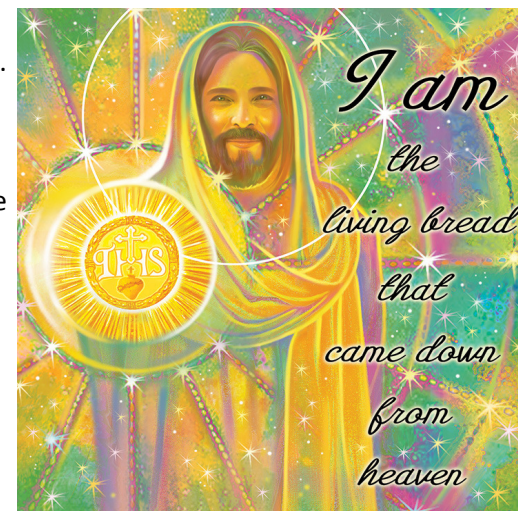
(John 6:51-58).

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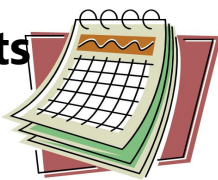
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but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of the LORD.



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Coming Events
CALENDAR



- ◆ Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- ◆ June 18—Parish Feast Day
- ◆ June 25—Picnic meeting
- ◆ June 26-30—Vacation Bible School
- ◆ August 5—PICNIC

Community Events

- ◆ 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 Retreat at Kentucky Dam Village State Park

Thank you for your contributions.

June 11—Not available

Needed weekly—\$818



Vacation Bible School

Blessed Sacrament will have Vacation Bible School June 26-30 9 AM-noon

The theme is Weird Animals. Where Jesus’ Love is One of a Kind

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

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: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt. 6:7-15
- Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
- Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ;
- Father’s Day
- Monday: Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time; St. Romuald
- Wednesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins
- Thursday: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
- Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

TRUST IN JESUS

Today’s feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith—the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God’s word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today’s Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in his very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take him at his word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist.

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Corpus Christi Procession
And Adoration

The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood on June 18th will be celebrated with a Eucharistic procession at 12:10 from the Cathedral to the Chapel at Brescia University. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the afternoon until the closing with Benediction at 4:45. If you can, stop in the chapel for some quiet time or join for Benediction. Remember to pray for Blessed Sacrament on our feast.

<u>MINSTERS</u>	
<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>June 25:</u>	Austin Gough Audrey Mezur
<u>July 2:</u>	Layson Brooks Darlina Etienne
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	
<u>June 25:</u>	Greg Gough M.K. Gough Charlene Meadows
<u>July 2:</u>	Marsha Allen Adaira Hatchett Lori Carman
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<u>June 25:</u>	Ethan Gough Barbara Hammond
<u>July 2:</u>	Robert Hagan Nancy Bumm
<u>Offertory</u>	
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STAFF OF LIFE Bread is the staff of life. <small>—English saying</small>	

This week Friday we celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began around 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun in France. During these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His heart of flesh; He asked for acts of reparation, for frequent Communion, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour.

Some of the images of the Sacred Heart present Jesus in an almost feminized manner. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is not identified with some of the art that we see. Jesus has a strong, manly, and loving heart. He had a courageous will to save, rooted in love. He never hesitated to speak the truth in love. He loved us enough to warn us of sin and call us to repent. He loved us enough to summon us to sacrifice and taught us that the greatest love was to lay down your life for others. He loved us unto the end, dying for us to bring us to salvation, consolation, and peace. In the end, **it was not nails that held him to the cross but love—love for the Father and love for us.** The heart of Jesus contains not just a sentimental love, but a saving and summoning love. His heart is strong and spacious, vigorous and victorious. And His love alone is powerful enough to drive back sin and restore grace. Martin Luther King’s words “Darkness cannot conquer darkness; only light can do that; and hatred cannot conquer hatred; only love can do that” fit well with this feast.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At the heart of today’s solemnity is a Eucharistic procession, held in many parishes, that calls to mind the procession of Holy Thursday, yet has a purpose different from the somber adoration in the night watch. In the late Middle Ages, a procession through the city with the Blessed Sacrament was an occasion of heartfelt joy and great emotion. In a time when people seldom approached the altar to receive Holy Communion, the procession through the streets, past homes and workplaces, was a vibrant reminder that Christ was with them as a dear companion and guide.

Every year on this day, a joyful procession winds through the streets of Rome from the Lateran cathedral. A few years ago, Pope John Paul II, deeply moved at the sight of the throng accompanying the sacred host, said that we ought to feel profoundly united with the faithful everywhere in the world at such a moment. “Before our mind’s eye all the Churches of the world, from East to West, from North to South, are present.” Originally this feast was on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but after the calendar reform of 1970, its title was expanded from “Corpus Christi” to “The Body and Blood of Christ” and in the United States it was moved to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Even though Easter season ended two weeks ago, this beautiful feast is aglow with Easter light.

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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FATHERHOOD

 Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!

—Lydia M. Child

From the desk of Father Jamie



Corpus Christi is another way to honor what Jesus did for us on Holy Thursday. It is a little more difficult for us to recognize in the United States, since we have moved this celebration to Sunday. Everywhere else around the world they celebrate this day on the Thursday of that week. Regardless of the day on which Corpus Christi is celebrated, we still celebrate and that is the main thing.

We have such a wonderful treasure and gift present with us in Holy Communion. In this most blessed sacrament, we have the ability to touch God, taste him and sit in his physical presence. It does take faith to understand this mystical, but real presence. As the old hymn tells us, “Faith will tell us Christ is present, even when our human senses fail.” This is what we hold onto, that God happens, even though we may not fully understand. This is something that I am still in amazement of, since I am a newly ordained priest. It does not matter how sinful I am, God still works through my hands to bring his presence to all of you. This is such a wonderful and humbling gift.

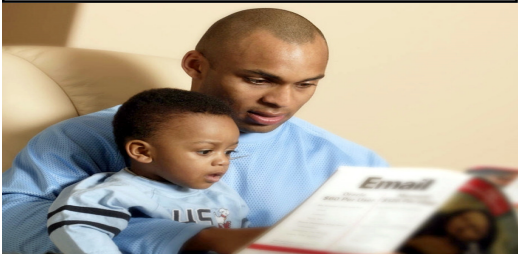
This gift that we have in the Most Blessed Sacrament, is why we sing songs, we ring bells, we process through the streets and give our lives for this belief. As the catechism tells us, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Just think about it, the devil, sin, and the world is conquered by one small crumb of what looks like bread and one swallow of what looks like wine, but is in fact the creator of the universe. If we do not celebrate the sacrifice of the cross shown to us in the Lord’s supper, the world will fall apart, as Thomas Merton says.

May we hold onto this core of our faith. This most Blessed Sacrament, is a foretaste of heaven and what we have to look forward to in the life to come. May we never lose sight of the hidden mystery. May we do as Saint Augustine says, and try our best to be what we have received. May we take the love of Christ that he gives us in the Eucharist and may we be Eucharist to the whole world.



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



Father, I thank you for the gift of my family for whom I now pray for upon whom I now ask you to shower your blessings. With St. Joseph as my guide, may I always be ready to spend my life for them.

Bless my children with your life and presence. May the example of your son be the foundation

upon which their lives are built, that the Gospel may always be their hope.

I ask you, Father, to protect and bless my family. Watch over it so that in the strength of your love its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the gift of your peace, and as the Church alive in this home, always bear witness to your love. Amen.



Mass Intentions:

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.

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth are holding a “Super Raffle” with a grand prize of \$20,000, second prize of \$5,000 and a third prize of \$1000. Raffle tickets are \$20 each. The drawing is on Friday, August 25 at 1 PM. Only 3,500 raffle tickets will be sold. For more info call 502-348-1586.