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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 — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit

(1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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Pentecost Sunday June 4, 2017

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.



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Coming Events
CALENDAR



- ◆ Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- ◆ June 4—Confirmation (Austin Gough) 11 AM Mass at St. Stephen’s
- ◆ June 26-30—Vacation Bible School
- ◆ August 5—PICNIC

Community Events

- ◆ June 10—Bar-b-q St. Pius Tenth Parish 4 PM
- ◆ June 17—Bar-b-q Our Lady of Lourdes 3 PM
- ◆ 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

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May 28— \$484.76
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National Museum of African American History and Culture Trip
October 5-9, 2017
Cost—2 to room \$485 each
For trip inquiry call McCellus 270-302-6131

St. Stephen’s Youth Group is going on a Summer Canoe Trip. You are invited to go along. Call Corey if you are interested. 6th grade to high school graduates.

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
(This is a religious theme!)
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: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Pentecost Sunday; Julian Calendar Pentecost
Monday: Ninth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Boniface
Tuesday: St. Norbert
Friday: St. Ephrem
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT
Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus’ post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today’s Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus’ followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church’s greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: “Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!” (Psalm 104:30).
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When life seems difficult
P.U.S.H.
Pray
Until
Something
Happens

MINSTERS

Lectors

June 11: Gloria Adams
Mary K. Gough

June 18: Diane Hatchett
Marsha Allen

Eucharistic Ministers

June 11: Greg Gough
Payton Sanford
Diane Hatchett

June 18: Vivian Higgs
Misty Sanford
Karen Leachman

Ushers:

June 11: Robert Johnson
Yvonne Mundy
June 18: Cindy Clark
Shelby Webster

Offertory

June 11: Robert Hagan
Connie Clary
June 18: Cindy Clark
Shelby Webster

MISSION

Christ sent me to preach the gospel
and he will look after the results.
—Mary Slessor

Pentecost falls 50 days after Easter. Our Gospel Reading from St. John records the first time Jesus appeared to His Apostles after the Resurrection, in other words on Easter Sunday. Just as today we are reminded of our call, so we are through this reading. Jesus says, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” We have been given a mission to continue the work of Christ here and now. Every time we gather for Mass and receive Christ through the Eucharist we should have awareness and an understanding of that mission.

When we leave here today, whenever we go out in the world, we are to share and spread the Good News.

The best way to do that has to do with how we live, what those around us see and experience through us. There is an idea that best explains what that means; that concept is stewardship. On Pentecost it became clear to the followers of Jesus that they were the stewards of His mission, the stewards of His Church. That sense of stewardship has been handed down for centuries and now rests on us. With the help of the Lord, permeated with the Holy Spirit, we need to go forth from here; indeed we need to go forth each and every day, to accomplish that mission. That is what the Church is all about, and that is what life should be all about for us.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, the languages of the whole world arise to God in a Pentecost of praise. In some American dioceses, the Mass is offered every Sunday in more than thirty different languages, including the silent praise of American Sign Language. Fifty years ago, the landscape of liturgy was very different. It was grounded firmly in Latin, which is to the present day still the official language of the Roman Rite. Very few people were fluent in Latin, even though in those days Latin was far more widely studied in school. Nevertheless, almost every Catholic was competent in the responses and chants of Latin since it is not difficult to pronounce. The clergy were normally minimally competent in Latin, since much of seminary education was conducted in that language.

When the Second Vatican Council was convened, all of the debate and daily work of the council was to be in Latin. In the first session in 1962, Boston’s Cardinal Richard Cushing continually complained about it, and threatened not to return in 1963 if something wasn’t done. He convinced the fathers when he rose to speak in fairly fluent Latin in an unforgettable Boston twang. The next year, he returned, but with a simultaneous translation system funded by the people of Boston. The ordinary everyday language of the people, the vernacular, had arrived at the Vatican via Boston!

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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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THE GIFT

Ask nothing of God, then, but this gift of divine Love, that is, the Holy Spirit.
—Walter Hilton

From the desk of Father Jamie



Here we are at the time we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is one of the moments that we point to as the birthday of the Church. This is the time when most of the fear that the early disciples had, was finally put to rest. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, the assurance and courage of the Church was activated. After this moment, nothing could hold the Church back.

Jesus assures us that his Spirit will always be with the Church and the gates of hell will not prevail. Our Church has endured violence through martyrdom, heretics, and even internal struggles from within, on up to this present age; but despite all of that, our Church is still here 2,000 years later. God does not break his promises.

May we especially pray for Austin, as he is confirmed today. He and those being confirmed with him are going to experience the coming of the Holy Spirit in a unique way. God is so good and he watches over us and gives us what we need when we need it. Sometimes his will in our lives may seem foggy, but we just need to rely on the Holy Spirit. All will be okay. God always provides. Never lose hope.



O God, you have given us Mary, the mother of Jesus, to encourage and guide us on the way to union with you. Let her life of loving obedience and humble prayer be a beacon of light and courage for us as we seek to follow your Christ.



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:

- 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.

A huge Thank-you to everyone who contributed in any way for the recent funerals that we have had Your generosity with time and contribution of food is much appreciated and I know the families are very grateful.

Senior Health Fair

There will be a Senior Health Fair for all people 55 years and older and care givers. It will be a morning of health screenings, prayer, Mass, short health care talks, and food, and fun. There will be door prizes and bingo exercise for prizes. Bring a friend. It will begin in the undercroft at St. Stephen's Cathedral at 7 AM for the cholesterol screening. It will be over by noon. There will be a break at 9 for Mass. You may come for any portion of the day. If you have any questions, please call Deacon Dirck Curry at 2270-318-1668. Please call and leave a message if you will be attending so they have an accurate number for continental breakfast and lunch.

