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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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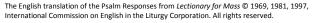
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).





Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 2017

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.



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

Catholic Women's Retreat: Friends, Faith & Flip Flops | Aug. 25-26

Join women from around the Diocese of Owensboro for a women's retreat at Kentucky Dam Village. This is an opportunity to be spiritually and emotionally refreshed. Speakers are Hallie Lord and Cyndi Spivey. Bishop William F. Medley will be on hand for Mass Saturday morning. Register before July 20th for \$25 and after July 20th for \$40. Learn more, register and pay online at owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/.

Sept. 22 Diocesan Vocare 5 PM

Thank you for your contributions.

July 2—\$797

July 9—\$779

Candles—-\$3

Debt reduction—\$136



Our thoughts and prayers go with Georgia Holland who has moved to St. Louis. We will miss her.

July 16th, Fifteenth Sunday

"My word should not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it"

The promise God makes through Isaiah is that His word will achieve the end for which He sent it. Perhaps we are the instrument through which God's harvest will be fruitful and abundant.

Thanks to your generosity and sharing of your treasure, we finished the 2016-2017 year in the black. We will have a complete accounting in the upcoming weeks.

Parish Hall As of the end of May, we owed \$119, 929.33 to the diocese. We paid \$1500 this past year and because we were in the black, the finance committee made a decision at the end of June to pay an extra \$1500 toward the debt.

Bell tower The repair of the bell tower will have to be done soon so as not to cause more damage to the Church. We do not have an exact bid as of yet.

Year to Date: We are two weeks into the new fiscal year. Year-to-date collections have been \$1573.00 The year-to-date monthly budget is \$2595. Weekly budget amount is \$865. This leaves us with a deficit of \$86 for the first 2 weeks.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;

Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-

34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7;

Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;

Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13,

15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-

15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis

Thursday: St. Apollinaris

Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene

TOWARD HEAVEN

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven.

—St. Camillus de Lellis

FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

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Picnic Update

We are less than a month away from our picnic.

We need everyone to do something to make the day a huge success. Please begin to invite people to come eat, play Bingo, bid on the silent auction., etc.

The raffle tickets are on sale now. We ask each family of the parish to sell at least 25 tickets. Pre-sale flyers for barb-q ribs and chicken are also available.

There will be a clean-up day on the 29th. Put it on your calendar now so we can spruce up inside and outside

MINSTERS

Lectors

July 23: Greg Gough

Austin Gough

July 30: Audrey Mezur

Darlina Etienne

Eucharistic Ministers

July 23: Karen Leachman

Misty Sanford

Charlene Meadows

July 30: M.K.Gough

Lori Carman

Marsha Allen

Ushers:

July 23: Burnell Hamilton

Rita Moorman

July 30: Fulton Family

Offertory

July 23: Burnell Hamilton

Rita Moorman

July 30: Fulton Family



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Picnic Update/Times

- July 24—July 31 Items dropped off for Flea Market, Country Store, silent Auction
- ♦ July 29 Clean-up day 9 AM
- August 4 6 PM Set up tents
- ♦ August 4-5 Bar-B-Q overnight
- ◆ August 5 6 AM Set up tables, flea market
- ♦ 11 AM Games and booths open
- ◆ 11:30-12:30 Pick up Bar-b-q presale items
- ◆ 12-3:30 Dinner, Silent auction
- 4 PM Raffle drawing and clean up and put away items
- 5 PM (or when finished with clean-up)
 Mass

LISTEN

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

—St. Benedict

Prayers are requested for the repose of Tammi Adams, daughter-in-law of Gloria and Frank Adams who died last week. RIP

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of English. Recently, the European Union even considered making English its official language, a curious proposal since only two English-speaking countries are members.

Just as English is a unifying language today, it was hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of Greek. Even the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." For a long time, Greek was the language of worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture, and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmitted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centuries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul and Britain.

-Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: 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 HOMEBOUND:

Stan Howard at Bishop Soennecker Home, Knottsville, A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can't visit.



From the desk of

Father Jamie

Today as I am writing this reflection, it is the feast day of Saint Benedict. Saint Benedict is the founder of western monasticism. He also wrote the Rule of St. Benedict, which is used in most Benedictine monasteries around the world.

Saint Benedict started out as a hermit, who lived by himself and he would give spiritual advice to people who came to visit him. Eventually other men started building hermitage places to be close to him. This eventually became a monastery. I think it is ironic though that many men joined him as monks and yet a couple of them were so jealous of him that they tried to poison him. If a raven had not swept down and took away a piece of bread that had been poisoned, Benedict would have died. The devil is present even in the most holy of places.

Jesus was met with jealousy by the Jewish officials of his time and eventually they did kill him. I am sure that a lot of us have experienced jealousy in different forms. May we never give in to jealousy. May we welcome the guest as Christ. May we welcome all of our neighbors as Christ. The rule of St. Benedict tells us that we are to welcome the stranger as we welcome Christ. Since I went to the seminary in a Benedictine monastery, this is something that has always stuck with me. Attached to every monastery is a guest hours to welcome the traveler; charity goes along with prayer.

Another famous teaching of Saint Benedict is work and prayer. The monk is not just a person who prays, but a person who works along with prayer. Really this is what we are all called to do, as Saint Paul tells us, to pray unceasingly. For some of us, this means we are called to live monastic life, but those of us who live in the world are to pray along with our work. It is hard for some of us to pray along with our work, but there are ways of doing it. Something that I recommend to all of us, especially those of us who have smart phones and alarms on your phones throughout the day to remind you to at least do a short little prayer for someone, for an intention, or just simply than God and praise him for the good things of the day. Every little tiny prayer goes a long way. May we all strive to find the balance between work and prayer and conquer evil in our world, by showing charity and hospitality to all those we meet.

July Birthdays

- 3-Ray Higgs
- 7—Robert Hagan
- 8—Alexis Hatchett
- 11—Diana Howard
- 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.





AS IT TURNED OUT, JESUS CAST THE DEMONS INTO THE PIGS OF A VERY RESOURCEFUL FARMER