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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 — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind

(Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017**

Those who are just must be kind.

— *Wisdom 12:19*



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Coming Events

CALENDAR



- ◆ Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- ◆ July 29—Clean-up day
- ◆ 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

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July 16—\$647.25
Weekly Budget \$865
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Can you think of a small gesture that made a difference in your day or even your life? Maybe it was a kind word received on a difficult day, a hug from a child, or a card in the mail from a friend. Perhaps it was a meal delivered from someone who thought you needed a break, or a word of appreciation from your employer, or a heartfelt “I’m sorry”. Now think of a time when you felt that something you offered to God seemed small or unimportant. Be assured that every little thing we offer to God in love, whether it is prayer, a gift of our treasure, or our talent and time in ministry service, is like that small mustard seed. It is transformed through the Spirit into something greater, something that helps build God’s Kingdom.



“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed—the smallest of seed.” Every small deed that we do is transformed through the Spirit into something greater. **In what moment today were you most able to give or receive love? Pray to the Holy Spirit to be with you this week in noticing and meeting people’s needs.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
[44-46]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
- Tuesday: St. James
- Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
- Saturday: St. Martha

LOVING SOMEONE

To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.
—Lao Tzu

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God’s power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God’s people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God’s might, but is a direct result of God’s primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God’s mercy, power, and love.



Sts. Joachim and Ann are honored as the grandparents of Jesus. What a privilege they had to “spoil” Jesus. Let us pray to them for our grandparents who support us in so many ways.

MINSTERS

Lectors

July 30 Audrey Mezur
Darlina Etienne
August 5 Diane Hatchett
Layson Brooks

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July 30: M.K. Gough
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THANK YOU

FORGIVENESS

And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin?

—St. Catherine of Siena



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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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For centuries, the only Eucharistic Prayer we heard as Western Catholics was the old Roman Canon, usually recited in a low voice by the priest, in Latin. By the 1940s, many Catholics were learning to follow along with the actions of the priest by means of a bilingual missal, with Latin on one side and English on the other. Drawings of the priest's position at the altar, moving from one side to the other, or bowing or standing with uplifted hands at the center, helped the readers stay on track.

The Roman Canon is a long prayer, and since it was done every day for every occasion, priests had a way of galloping through it. Even though long, its structure is fairly simple, with the consecration and sacrifice clearly marked out. Sadly, this surviving prayer had triumphed over many treasures of our tradition that emphasized other dimensions of Eucharist. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* in 1963 did not call directly for new Eucharistic Prayers, but that direction was inevitable. Discussion began almost immediately, and by 1967 the Vatican approved three new Eucharistic Prayers. In 1974, the Congregation for Worship unveiled the experiment of two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and three for Masses with Children. At last, a period of creativity and enrichment had begun.

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, Philip 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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From the desk of

Father Jamie



Today I would like to look at the reading from Romans. Isn't it amazing how God knows what we need before we even ask? Even when our weakness gets in the way, the Holy Spirit provides our intercession.

God knows what we need and as the psalms say, he gives us our food in due time. Sometimes we pray for things and we don't always get what we pray for when we want it. Sometimes we get something other than what we pray for. God can be surprising sometimes. He gives us what we need though.

Surrendering to God is easier said than done. Relying on his providence is a matter of faith. I have to tell myself these things more often than not. God never forgets us and he never abandons us. He always hears us. Do we hear him though?

I have kept a journal since I was in high school. It always shocks me when I look years back into my journal and I think to myself, "What was I thinking? or "Look at that fine mess I got myself in." Despite seeing my messes, I also see where God's hand was active in those situations and a lot of times prevented me from really falling on my face in more ways than one. Of course, we don't always see God's hand until after the fact.

May we continue in prayer; may we trust God and his providence. He does take care of us. Try to hold fast to faith and he will do things for us, even before we ask. God loves us so much.

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.

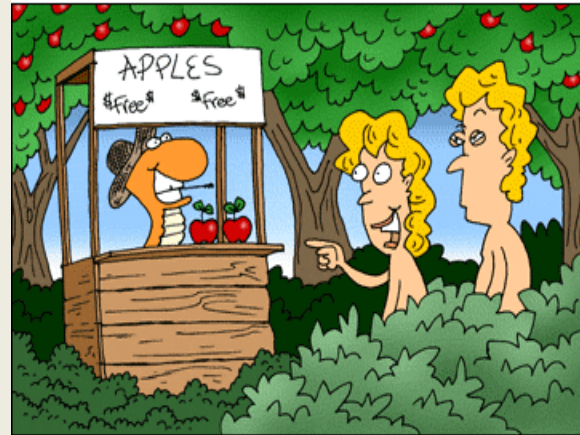


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Community Garden

Just a reminder about the community garden on the corner of 7th and Walnut. Not sure what is ready now, but last week there was squash.

Thanks to Deacon Dirck and his wife Cholina who put a lot of work into planting and keeping the garden going and to Father Ray Clark who donated a lot of the plants in the garden beds.



Thanks to K.C. Armogida (See Genesis 3) 08-30-2005
OH LOOK, ADAM ... A FARMER'S MARKET