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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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**.Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2017**

"Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give you rest."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

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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

- ♦ August 25-26 Catholic Women’s Retreat at Kentucky Dam Village State Park

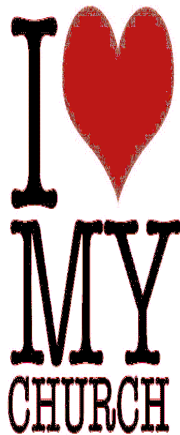
Bar-b-q schedule

July 15 St. Peter, Stanley
Aug. 1—St. Martin (Drive-thru)

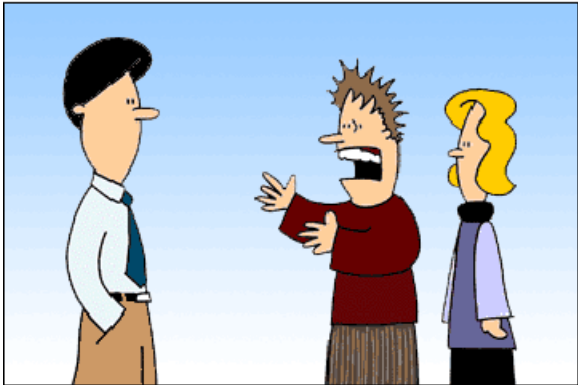
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We are beginning a new fiscal year as of July 1st. Thank you for your generosity this past year. There will be an end of the year report in a couple weeks.



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SOMEONE TOLD JOE THAT MASS WAS AT 9:30, SOMEONE ELSE TOLD ME TO SHOW UP AT 8:50, TOM THINKS IT'S ON FRIDAY ... I TELL YA, THIS IS MASS CONFUSION

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Benedict
- Thursday: St. Henry
- Friday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- Saturday: St. Bonaventure

HOPE

Never deprive someone of hope—it may be all they have.

—Anonymous

A HUMBLE KING

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today’s readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches “from the River to the ends of the earth” (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

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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 bar-b-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

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DESPERATION The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning but for the desperate. <small>—James Denney</small>	

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.

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Benedict. Include in your prayers the Benedictine monastery at St. Meinrad. That is where our diocesan priests are educated.

Safe Environment

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the “Wife of Bath,” by this telling remark: “Husbands at church door she had five.” Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride’s home to a public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren’t too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride’s family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles. The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride’s father to the priest’s authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren’t quite as confident as the Wife of Bath.

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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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From the desk of

Father Jamie



I am writing this reflection before leaving for my Amtrak beach vacation. In this reflection I want to stray from the readings and just talk about getting away.

Getting away can be many different things for many different people. For some of us, going on a far away vacation is a way to get away. For some of us, reading a book series, or watching a movie or TV series is a way to get away. For some of us, reaching out to friends and family is a way to get away. We all need to get away in some fashion at some point. Some of us like to rest and get away and some of us like to busily get away.

I myself like to get on a train, head to California and stay on the beaches on the west coast. For me, listening to the sound of the train and then the sound of the ocean waves are what helps me to recharge. Even Jesus went away from everyone for a time to recharge. We all need to try our best to find that way to recharge.

I know not everyone is able to go to a far away place, but at the very least, we can go to a park, go to the river front. It is good to get out for a bit. We need to try our best to enjoy the world that God has given us. There is so much to be thankful for and to praise God for.

Every time that I travel across the country on the train, I always end up making new friends and having a greater appreciation for life. Sometimes I have the same experiences when I am present in our city, going to the stores, or down to the river front. Sometimes the most ordinary places can become a holy place.

When I was taking a train to Texas one time, I met a lady, who happened to be my sleeper car attendant, who was going through a hard time in her life. When I told her that I was a minister, she opened up to me and we ended up becoming friends. We shared our struggles, joys and dreams. The train became a holy place. It was as unexpected as when Moses encountered the burning bush. That is what I call one of those take off the shoes on holy ground places.

May we all look for those retreats and just be when we need to, as we are able. We live in such a beautiful world, may we not let it pass us by. May we love and appreciate all that God has given us. Sometimes getting away means we need to sometimes get out of our comfort zone and that is okay. St. Augustine said something that really touched me and that is, "The world is a book; and if we do not travel, we have only read a page.

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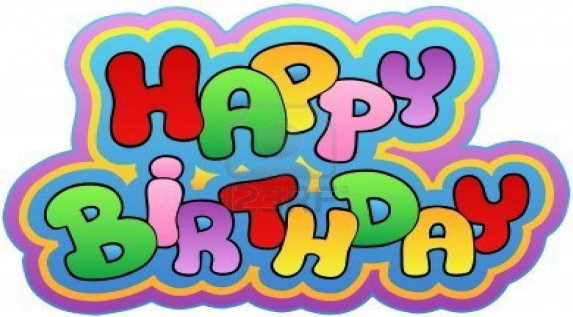
July Birthdays

- 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.



Jesus brings it all to sense in the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew. A Biblical Scholar once posed the question, "If you were put on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence among those close to you to convict you of being a disciple of Jesus Christ?" That is more or less the demand that Jesus makes of us in today's Gospel. Do we live God-centered lives? Do we seek and pursue daily conversion and rebirth? Jesus reminds us "whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." A Cross represents death, and that is the same kind of dying and renewal and conversion to which Paul was referring.

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