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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 — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2017

"Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth



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Coming Events

CALENDAR



- ◆ **Blessed Sacrament Chapel)**
- ◆ Sept. 10 Sophia Award at the Cathedral 2 PM (Layson Brooks)
- ◆ Sept. 10 Kickoff weekend for Disciples Response Fund

Upcoming Community Events

Aug. 31— Grandparents Support Group
5:30-7 PM O.M.S South 5-6 Center
(Scherin and S. Griffith)

October 10 6:30 PM Diane Sherton (harpist)
At St. Stephen’s Cathedral

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Sept. 15 Diocesan women’s Marian Conference (Our Lady of Fatima—Source of Hope, Healing, and Peace). St. Joseph and Paul
5:30 PM to 9 PM, Saturday 7:30 AM to 5 PM

Sept. 22 Vocare 5-8:30 PM

Sept. 30 Mum Sale by Glenmary Sisters

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August 20 \$501

Weekly Budget \$865

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Upcoming Bar-b-q’s

Sept. 9 Blessed Mother Parish 4 PM

Sept, 16 St. Columba, Lewisport 4 PM

IMP—Kroger Update

Blessed Sacrament’s # is 30623

Kroger has changed their Community Rewards program so that you no longer need to re-register each August. You will automatically roll over and stay enrolled.

Do you shop at Kroger? Are you signed up? Your contribution which costs you nothing is greatly appreciated. It does not affect your fuel points. You can make Blessed Sacrament your community rewards recipient and get fuel points for yourself. You can enroll at www.kroger.com or call 1-800-KROGERS , option 3

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

.Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Friday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

HAPPY PEOPLE

The happiest people don’t necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

—Anonymous

BE A ROCK

Peter’s history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn’t feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God’s power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter’s great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

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IMPRESSIONABLE

When we try to make an impression, that’s exactly the impression we make.

—Anonymous

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<u>Sept. 10</u>	Bianca Moorman Burnell Hamilton

ONLY ONE

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

—St. Augustine

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church”

Jesus called the twelve apostles and from among them, chose Peter to be the rock on which he would build his church. Since then, the Catholic Church has had a tradition of unbroken apostolic succession. Today, those called to the priesthood are ordained by bishops who are successors to those first apostles, and together they follow Christ in service to the Church as they offer sacramental and pastoral care to God’s people.

Catholic Stewardship

This week we hear Jesus say to St. Peter in the Gospel from Matthew, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.” An important part of the Vatican flag is two keys. Those keys, of course, represent the keys to the kingdom to which Jesus makes reference. Were you aware that one key is gold and the other silver. Interpretation is that the gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key represents worldly power.

We are also fond of images, one of which shows Saint Peter at the gates of Heaven deciding who is admitted and who is not. Nevertheless, the keys are reinforced in the Acts of the Apostles, and it is perhaps not that Peter opens the gates of Heaven, but Peter (and Paul as well) through his ministry and explanations make it clear that heaven (the kingdom) is available to all, Jews and Gentiles.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eucharistic Prayer II is a popular choice for Mass since it is both simple in structure and short. It is written with a preface, which is the section after the dialogue “The Lord be with you . . . Lift up your hearts . . . Let us give thanks,” which introduces all the Eucharistic Prayers. The preface states the reason for the eucharistic assembly on that occasion, and there are dozens of them covering almost every imaginable gathering for prayer, some specific to feasts, others for Masses for the dead or for other needs. The preface attached to the second Eucharistic Prayer may be dropped in favor of a more appropriate choice, especially one of the prefaces for weekdays. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that Eucharistic Prayer II is best suited for weekdays or “special circumstances.” In practice, however, it has become the common Sunday prayer because of its brevity and its comfortable familiarity. It also includes an optional phrase for adding the name of a deceased person remembered in the Mass, and therefore is often prayed at funerals. Article 50 of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* specified that the rites are to be simplified and restored “to the vigor they had in the tradition of the Fathers.” The rebirth of this ancient Roman prayer is a worthy response to this call.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with:
SICK: Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Gloria Adams,, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, . Darrell Pohlmeier, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, 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 we see the references in Scripture that revolve around Jesus giving authority to Peter. Peter is that rock foundation on which Jesus built the Church, the body of Christ. This is why our Church has managed to last to this present day.

It is a pure miracle that the Catholic Church has lasted, but God put into place tools and institutions that made sense when it comes to making the Church last. However, the one fault in the whole system of the Church is that there is a human aspect. Wherever humanity is present, this means there is the possibility for disaster. We have seen some disastrous popes in the past, but this is where the divine foundation of the Church saves the day through Christ promising to not allow the gates of hell to prevail against the Church. Therefore, we as Church are still here, even after a thousand years and a lot of human errors.

God always takes care of us and even though we have the disaster of human nature sometimes, we can still pick up and move forward. God sees us through. The devil may try to get us down, but he cannot win.

May we pray for Pope Francis; he carries a huge weight. He is just as human as we are and he makes mistakes. He is one of the most public and well known of our popes in recent history. We see him more, which means when he makes a mistake in this day and age, it will be seen just as much as his good actions. May we pray for Pope Francis and assist him in his ministry to win over the world through the love of Christ.

The Farmer's Prayer

A visiting priest was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio County. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began—"Lord, I hate buttermilk." The priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the priest was overly worried. However, without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour." Just as the priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, "But, Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are saying to us, we just need to relax and wait until You are done mixing, and probably it will be something even better than biscuits." Amen.

August Birthdays

27—Travis Higgs,

29—Andre Epison

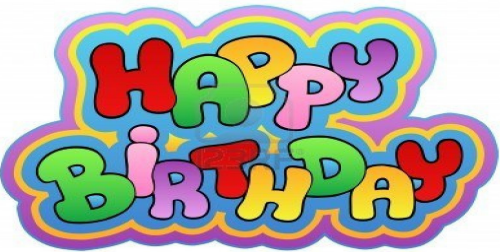
September Birthdays

1—Norwetta Taylor

2—Emma Latta

3—Father Suneesh, Joseph Johnson, Venice-Higgs, Carlos Hagan

16—Shelby Webster, Matthew Brown



Mass Intentions:

August 27—Kenneth Higgs

Sept. 3—Sandra Brown

Sept. 10—Jerry Mezur

Sept. 17—Les Bumm

Sept. 24—Michael Carrico

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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