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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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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017**

"If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them

TODAY'S READINGS

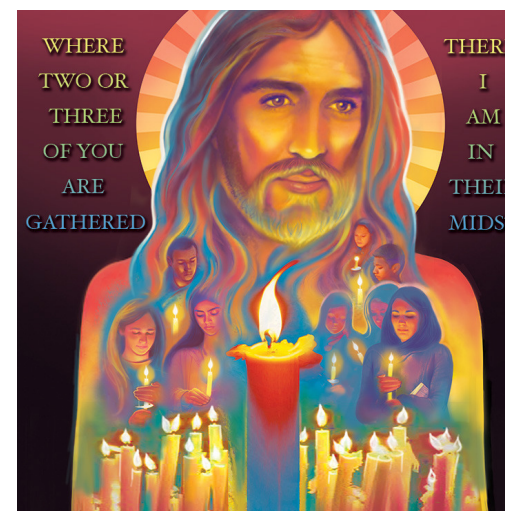
First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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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
- ◆ Sept. 17 Blessing/ringing of bell before Mass.

Sept. 10 1-3 Mount Festival (food, crafts)

October 10 6:30 PM Diane Sherton (harpist)

At St. Stephen's Cathedral

October 23-25 Tri-Parish Mission Rev. John Judie. 23rd at St. Stephen's, 24th at Blessed Mother and 25th at St. Joseph and Paul

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

Thank you for your contributions..

Sept. 3 NA

Weekly Budget \$865

Aug. collections \$3189.21

Aug. budget \$3460



Mark your calendar

Sept. 24 As a follow-up to the National Black Congress which was attended by three of our parishioners—Yvonne and Carol Hatchett and Charlene Meadows, Veronica would like to meet with the **Parish Council** after Mass. Breakfast will be provided by the Office of Black Catholic Ministry. The National Black Catholic Congress Pastoral plan of action is now available and she would like to distribute and discuss it with you.

October 23-25: Blessed Sacrament will not have a mission this year. However, there is a Tri-parish mission to which we are invited. **Rev. John Judie**, a dynamic speaker will be the presenter. If you were inspired by Father Chester last year, I think you will be moved by Father Judie.

Upcoming Bar-b-q's

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: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day

Monday: Patriot Day

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom

Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

HATE NOT

I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.

—Booker T. Washington

GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body

PATIENCE

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

—Chinese proverb

From the desk of Father Jamie



Just to follow up from the Sunday where we talked about Peter getting the keys, I would like to reflect on the other topic in that passage. Jesus asks about who do people say that he is and then he asks the apostles who they say Jesus is.

We hear Peter's response to Jesus, which then leads to Peter being made the first pope, the leader among the apostles. Every Sunday we tell who Jesus is when we recite the Creed. We say some very theologically heavy things. Basically though it all comes down to what Peter said in his response, that Jesus is the Christ (the Anointed One) the Son of the living God. Eventually the Church would flesh out what Peter's statement means as they developed the Creed. A lot of ink and blood was spilled over the Creed, all for the sake of explaining who Jesus is.

I would like for us to reflect on all of the different roles that Jesus plays in our lives. Sometimes he is the listening friend, the healing doctor, the rescuer, the loving brother, and Almighty God. I ask us to remember to not just think of Jesus in one role alone, but all of them. Some Christians have gotten to the point that they have forgotten the divine nature of Christ and over glorified his human nature. He is God and even though He took our human flesh to meet us where we are, He is still God. It took God made flesh to redeem us through the cross. A man alone could not make happen what Jesus did.

May we hold close to Jesus, especially in his sacraments. The sacraments are how Jesus touches and embraces us. May we also remember the other names and roles that He takes in our every day lives. All were created for Him and all created through Him; He is before all else that is.

Church Mice



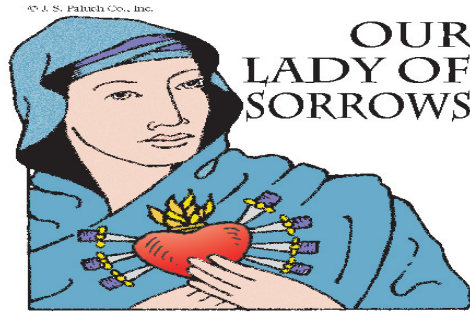
September Birthdays

- 1—Norwetta Taylor
- 2—Emma Latta
- 3—Father Suneesh, Joseph Johnson, Venice-Higgs, Carlos Hagan
- 16—Shelby Webster, Matthew Brown
- 20—Mary Katherine Gough
- 22—Jenna Higgs



Seven Sorrows of Mary

1. Prophecy of Simeon
2. Flight into Egypt
3. Loss of Jesus for 3 days
4. Witnessing Jesus Carrying His Cross
5. Crucifixion of Jesus
6. Taking Jesus down from Cross
7. Burial of Jesus



Mass Intentions:

- 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.

Diocesan Response Fund

This past week all registered members of the parish received a letter from Bishop Medley asking for financial support of the disciples Response Fund. This is one of the ways that parishes assist in the work of their diocese. Last year because we exceeded our goal, we received a rebate of \$718.75 in April and we will get another smaller check this fall. (50% of what we contributed over our goal). Our goal for 2017-2018 is \$1025.24.

Blessed Sacrament has benefitted from this fund in past years for Saturday School, pews, Liturgy Conference, TV/DVD player, professional development. This fall we submitted a request for funds to help with the restoration of our bell tower.

Please read the bulletin insert this week.

MINSTERS

Sept. 17: Greg Gough
Marsha Allen

Lectors

Sept. 24: Kathi Skidd
Austin Gough

Eucharistic Ministers

Sept. 17: Charlene Meadows
Misty Sanford
Lori Carman

Sept. 24: Greg Gough
Gloria Adams
Vivian Higgs

Ushers

Sept. 17: Rita Moorman
Connie Clary

Sept. 24: Matthew Brown
Ethan Gough

Offertory

Sept. 17: Rita Moorman
Connie Clary

Sept. 24: Matthew Brown
Ethan Gough

Take a look at the updated website.
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Mark your calendar for Scripture Sunday 2017 in the Diocese of Owensboro! In Pope Francis' apostolic letter, *Misericordia et misera*, he explained that the Year of Mercy reminds us that mercy isn't only for a specially-designated year, but is part of the ongoing life of the Church. He said it would be a good idea if "every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known." Following up on Pope Francis' suggestion, Bishop William F. Medley has designated the third Sunday of October as Scripture Sunday in the Diocese of Owensboro.

**"If your brother sins against you,
go and tell him his fault between you and
him alone."**

Superman is a fictional character that started as a hero in the comic genre then graduated to the television and then to the movie screen. He has served as an icon for the moral truth that with great power comes great responsibility to choose to use such power for good or evil. Happily, for many generations of Americans, Superman has chosen to use his powers for good. Although we may not be able to fly faster than a speedy bullet or leap building with a single bound, we all possess the awesome power to forgive sins - the sins of commission and omission that others commit directly or indirectly against us. God has given us the ability to say to others, "I forgive you." Unless we are a priest we have not been given the power to forgive sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But we are stewards of our own ability to forgive and Jesus assures us that if we turn to our heavenly Father in prayer He will be with us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?

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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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