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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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 17, 2017**

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will  
be forgiven. Sirach 28:2

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

**Psalms** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

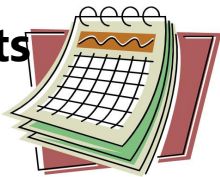
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# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Sept. 24 Parish Council Mt. (see column 2)
- Oct. 1 Parish meeting (Plans to keep moving ahead)

October 10 6:30 PM Diane Sherton (harpist)

At St. Stephen’s Cathedral

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

### Upcoming Diocesan Events

Sept. 22 Vocare 5-8:30 PM

Sept. 30 Mum Sale by Glenmary Sisters

Oct. 13 Marian Congress—Fatima 2017

6-9 PM at St. Joseph’s, Bowling Green

Oct. 19 Scam Alerts 1 PM at St. Stephen’s

### Thank you for your contributions..

Sept. 3 \$760

Sept. 10 \$ \$910

Weekly Budget \$865

Year to date \$8552.66

Year to date budget \$9515



### 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. 24 Immaculate 2-4 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](http://www.kroger.com) or call 1-800-KROGERS , option 3

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Tuesday: St. Januarius

Wednesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions;

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5778) begins at sunset

Thursday: St. Matthew

Friday: Autumn begins

Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Besides the autumn poets sing,

A few prosaic days

A little this side of the snow

And that side of the haze.

### FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: “Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?”

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel reminds us of God’s compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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### FORGIVE OTHERS

There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us.

—St. Augustine



# From the desk of

## Father Jamie



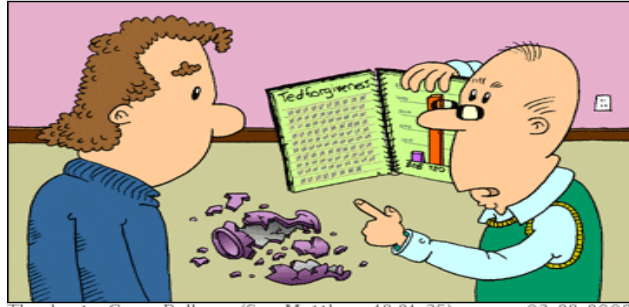
Today we dedicate our bell tower. It is always good to rededicate objects used for prayer if they have been changed or renovated. Having our bell able to ring again is a huge deal. As I said in my homily last Sunday, our bell is a sign to our surrounding community that we are here, watching and praying for our community.

I remember from the Disney version of Robin Hood, the scene where Friar Tuck is ringing the church bell, but nobody is coming, because Prince John has thrown everyone into prison, since they cannot pay the newly increased taxes. Friar Tuck said that at the very least, the bell could bring comfort to the people. This is so true, even for our own bell.

In the early church, before bells, someone would use boards to clang together in rhythm to call people to prayers. This method is still used in some Byzantine churches of the east. We have always had a way to get people's attention in the Church. We like to make noise.

May we celebrate this day as a way to thank God for all of the good things he has given us. In some places it is illegal to ring church bells, especially in countries where Islam is the governing force. May we hold fast to our faith and sound and ring out the love and presence of Christ. May we spread that message of love and through our bell, that ministry of presence .

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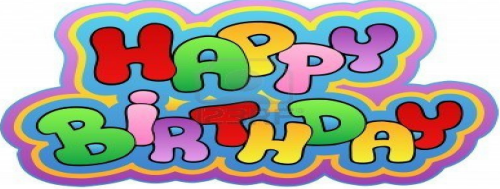


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**Remember that each day is  
God's gift to you.  
What you do with it  
is your gift to God.**

### 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



Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote a Gospel was a tax collector, not popular with the Jews. The Jews considered tax collectors cheaters. Jesus knew in his heart that Matthew was not a sinner or cheat. Matthew wanted his audience to know that Jesus came to save all people. He is the only Evangelist who shares the 8 Beatitudes with his readers. He wants us to know that our faith in Jesus makes us rich. Matthew is the patron of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers.



**St. Matthew**  
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### 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

Recently 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). **We still have \$400 of unfulfilled pledges. If you have forgotten, try to pay these off as we receive 50% of that back from the diocese.** These funds were used for AC repairs. Our goal for 2017-2018 is \$1025.24.

Blessed Sacrament has benefitted from this fund in past years.. This fall we submitted a request for funds to help with the restoration of our bell tower.

## MINSTERS

### Lectors

Sept. 24: Kathi Skidd  
Austin Gough

Oct. 1: Gloria Adams  
Layson Brooks

### Eucharistic Ministers

Sept. 24: Greg Gough  
Gloria Adams  
Vivian Higgs

Oct. 1: Karen Leachman  
Payton Sanford  
Marsha Allen

### Ushers

Sept. 24: Matthew Brown  
Ethan Gough  
Oct. 1: Nancy Bumm  
Barbara Hammond

### Offertory

Sept. 24: Matthew Brown  
Ethan Gough  
Oct. 1: Nancy Bumm  
Barbara Hammond

Take a look at the updated website.  
[www.blessedsacramentchapel.org](http://www.blessedsacramentchapel.org)

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. This year it falls on Sunday, October 15.

A lady went to the priest and said "I won't be attending Church anymore." He said, "May I ask why?" She said "I see people on their cell phones during service; some are gossiping; some just aren't living right. They are all just hypocrites." The priest got silent and he said "Okay, but can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?" She said "What's that?" He said "Take a glass of water and walk around the Church two times and don't let any water fall out of the glass." She said "Yes, I can do that." She came back and said "It's done." He asked her three questions. "1. Did you see anybody on their phone? 2. Did you see anybody gossiping? 3. Was anybody living wrong?" She said "I didn't see anything because I was too focused on this glass so the water wouldn't spill." He said: "When you come to Church, you should be just that focused on God so you don't fall."

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.

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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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