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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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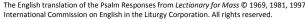
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).





Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2017

Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. — Isaiah 55:7b



Coming Events CALENDAR

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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

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

October 15: Scripture Sunday

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. 30 Mum/pumpkin Sale by Glenmary Sisters (at Cathedral)

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.17— \$946

Weekly Budget \$865

Year to date \$8552.66

Year to date budget \$9515

Candles \$14



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 reregister 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: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn,

7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;

Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;

Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab,

13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-

11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Tuesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus;

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Friday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atone-

ment) begins at sunset

Saturday: St. Jerome

EDUCATION

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.

-Edward Everett

CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

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PRAISE HARVESTER

A Joyful toon by Mike Waters



Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

— PSALM 67:5-6 KIV

From the desk of

Father Jamie _



Is it not interesting how sometimes when we ask God for something, we put conditions on his grace at times? On my day off, I was observing the storms beginning to come in. I have a lake that my family and I recently had expanded and it still has quite a ways to go before it is full. As the storm came in, I prayed to God that a large amount of rain would come and fill the lake some more, but at the same time I prayed that the rain would not be hard, since my father had just planted grass seed on the banks of the lake.

My little situation with the rain is kind of like with the workers in the Gospel today. They want to be paid, but they want more than what the workers who were paid that did not work as long. They want to put conditions on the generosity of the foreman. Sometimes we just need to be happy with what God gives us and in what quantity he gives. He has bestowed a lot of blessings on us. Sometimes he gives us much more than we comprehend.

Another issue which stems from the Gospel for today is the issue of jealousy. Sometimes not only do we get upset because we feel like we did not get enough, but we are upset by what someone else gets. I think there are a lot of entitlement issues going on, especially in our capitalistic, American society. A lot of times we want something and we want it right now; and if someone else gets it first, then we get mad. We just need to breathe, relax and be happy with what we have.

May we strive to count our blessings. God gives us so much. May we try to support one another in our good times and in our more difficult ones. May we be happy with our neighbor's successes. When we support one another in our good times, we can be there for each other even more when times are not so great. God puts just the right people in our lives when we need them .

So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage."

A TV commercial depicts a mom who makes a peanut butter sandwich for two little boys with the last two pieces of bread. She tells one boy that he can cut the sandwich in half and he gets excited. After he cuts the sandwich she says that the other boy will get to choose which half he wants. Our attitude about what is just is often influenced by the impact such justice will have on us. It is probably natural to side with the workers who started first and complained that the workers who started last received the same wages. But justice is not about how much we have in comparison to others, but about what we do with what we have regardless of what others do or fail to do with what they have. God made us stewards and caretakers of all that we are, all that we have and all that we ever will be. He also made us stewards of justice of things over which we have control. Happily, we are not responsible for what God has given to others, except to give them a good example of how to act justly by imitating Jesus.

September Birthdays

20—Mary Katherine Gough

22—Jenna Higgs

October Birthdays

9—Beverly Chilton

10—Jacques Williams III

13-Vicki Leonard



Archangels are considered to very powerful spiritual beings that have captured our attention for centuries. The prefix 'arch' means ruling or chief in Greek. Religious texts refer to archangels as being at a high level in the celestial hierarchy,

Michael: Name means "He who is as God." Angel of protection

Raphael: Name means "God heals". Patron of those in need of physical and emotional healing.

Gabriel: Name means "God is my strength." Angel of communication.

Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

Mass Intentions:

Sept. 17—Les Bumm

Sept. 24—Michael Carrico

Oct. 1—Jerry Mezur

Oct. 8—Donald Moorman

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 got another check for \$30 this past week. 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. The pews which we have in our Church are one example of how Blessed Sacrament has benefitted from this fund. This fall we submitted a request for funds to help with the restoration of our bell tower.

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MINSTERS

Lectors

Oct. 1: Gloria Adams

Layson Brooks

Oct. 8: Audrey Mezur

Mary Katherine Gough

.Eucharistic Ministers

Oct. 1: Karen Leachman

Payton Sanford

Marsha Allen

Oct. 8: Tina Gough

Cindy Clark

Vivian Higgs

Ushers

Oct. 1: Nancy Bumm

Barbara Hammond

Oct. 8: Norwetta Taylor

Robert Johnson

.Offertory

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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. Stay tuned for more information, and be sure to visit owensborodiocese.org/ scripturesunday.

Mark your calendar for Scripture Sunday 2017





Bell being rung for the first time. Our reminder to the community that we are praying for them.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the "institution narrative" to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

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Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: Charlene Meadows, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Gloria Adams,, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, 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

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