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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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2017

*I can do all things
in him who strengthens me.*

TODAY'S READINGS

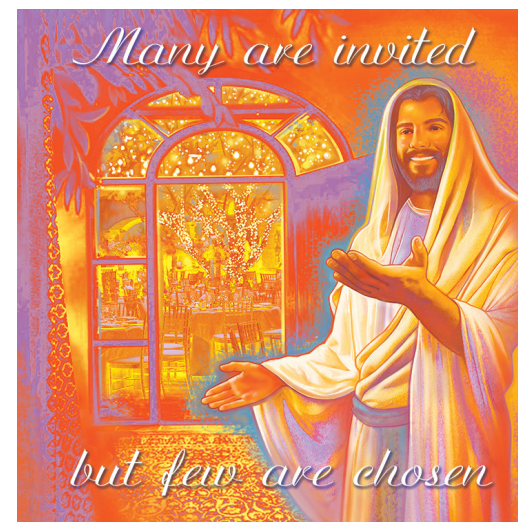
First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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Coming Events

CALENDAR



- ### Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- October 15 Scripture reflection of Sunday's readings 9:30 in hall
 - November 1 6 PM Holyday Mass for Feast of All Saints
 - BSC Thanksgiving Dinner 12-2

Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

October 15: Scripture Sunday

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

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

Oct. 29 **Trunk or Treat** at St. Stephen's Parking Lot at 4PM

Nov. 5 Special collection for assistance for Puerto Rico (75% to diocese in Chiapas)

Faith Fest Nov 3-19

Thank you for your contributions..

Oct. 8—Unavailable

Weekly Budget \$865

Year to date —\$11,364.45

Year to date budget—\$12,110 **-\$(\$745.55)**



**3rd Annual Tri-Parish Mission:
Living Fully For Jesus!
Oct. 23-25, 2017 • 6:30-8 p.m.**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON A GOOD THING
Mon., Oct. 23 - St. Stephen Cathedral**

**ALL IN THE FAMILY
Tues., Oct. 24 - Blessed Mother Church**

**TRAVELLIN' THIRD-CLASS
Wed., Oct. 25 - Sts. Joseph & Paul Church
Child care available each evening
Reception each night**

IMP—Kroger Update

Blessed Sacrament's # is 30623

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We have received a check for \$128.60 for this quarter. Thanks to all who have listed Blessed Sacrament as your community reward partner.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
- Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss's Day
- Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
- Wednesday: St. Luke
- Thursday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
- Friday: St. Paul of the Cross
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

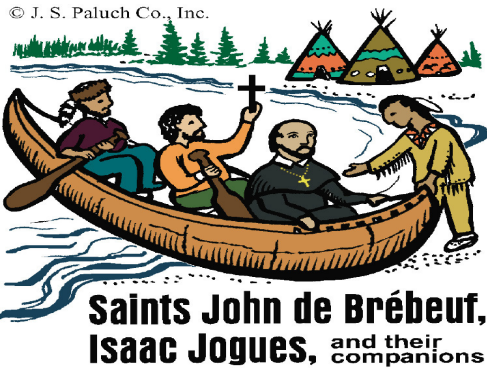
YOUR ACTIONS COUNT

Knowledge may give weight, but accomplishments give luster, and many more people see than weigh.

THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

The mountain of the Lord described in today's first reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us "RSVP" to God's invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom.

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The eight North American martyrs, included six priests and two lay brothers. They were heroic members of the Society of Jesus who were martyred in North America in order to bring the Faith to the Huron, the Iroquois and the Mohawk Indians. There is a shrine to the United States' martyrs at Auriesville in New York.

From the desk of

Father Jamie



By the time this reflection is read, it will have been a couple of weeks after the shooting in Las Vegas. These situations shake us up when they happen and get us to question many things. We wonder what is safe, and probably why God allows these things to happen.

I don't have any answers to these questions, but I do want us to not lose hope in our society and country. Humanity has been through much worse things. God allows these things, because he gave us a free will. He wants us to love him freely, so that means he gives us the ability to make choices and choose the right or wrong way to go. Unfortunately it hurts more than just God sometimes when those wrong choices are made. I do have a challenge for us though.

I challenge us to love hard. I think the world could change if we could only love harder. Maybe another plan of diminishing horrible things in the world, is to love, but also know when not to enter into conflict. There is a time for uprising, but others, not so much.

On the day I write this reflection, the day after the news of the shooting took place, the Gospel from the Mass today, Luke Chapter 9, focuses on how sometimes it is best to walk away. When Jesus entered a Samaritan town, when the people there heard Jesus was going to Jerusalem, they shunned him. James and John wanted to call down fire upon the people, but Jesus rebuked the idea and they simply continued onward. Sometimes it is best to just walk away. May we have the strength to make those hard decisions of when to stand up and when to walk away. Sometimes less drama is better, but sometimes there is the place for standing up for what is right. We just have to remember that we cannot always change people. We cannot see into people's minds or God's for that matter. Don't ever lose hope. God will see us through.



Rosaries are available in a basket on the table in the back of Church. Please feel free to take one.

Luminous Mysteries

1. Baptism of Jesus
2. Wedding feast at Cana
3. Proclamation of Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

October Birthdays

- 9—Beverly Chilton
10—Jacques Williams III
13—Vicki Leonard
20—Dorothea Melton



GOD'S GOODNESS

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.



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

Mass Intentions:

- Oct. 1—Jerry Mezur
Oct. 8—Donald Moorman
Oct. 15—Patricia Lett
Oct. 22—Kenneth Higgs
Oct. 29—Les Bumm

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.

Our Response????

The Lord invites us to join Him on a regular basis through Holy Scripture and the Sacraments. Many ignore the invitation, and in most cases are not even aware of the fact they have received it. Those who read this are aware of the invitation. The question is "How do we respond?"

What do we do after we attend a Holy Mass? What is our reaction to the reception of Christ's incredible gift in the Eucharist? We may not make light of it like some of the people in the parable, but if we merely go our separate ways, and do not strive to be active disciples, we are basically doing the same thing as those Jesus describes in this parable. In one of his first appearances Pope Francis declared, "Go make disciples of all nations." We cannot make disciples unless we are ourselves disciples.

MINSTERS

Lectors

Oct. 22.: Greg Gough
Darlina Etienne

Oct. 29: Austin Gough
Kathi Skidd

Eucharistic Ministers

Oct. 22: Lori Carman
Misty Sanford
Gloria Adams

Oct. 29: Payton Sanford
Tina Gough
Karen Leachman

Ushers

Oct. 22: Carol Hatchett
Yvonne Mundy

Oct. 29: Gloria & Frank Adams

Offertory

Oct. 22: Carol Hatchett
Yvonne Mundy

Two “companions” are needed for 3 shifts of 4 hours once a month at **St. Benedict’s Shelter for Homeless Men.** If anyone can help out, let me know and I will send your name on to the appropriate people.

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.

At 9:30 on the 15th we will break open the



For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ROMANS 6:23 KJV

Treasures from our Tradition

In 1971, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship completed a survey of the presidents of the national liturgical commissions around the world. How were children doing in the liturgical reform? Probably to their surprise, the cardinals learned of special weekday Masses for children designed to teach them how to participate on Sunday, Masses with separate components for children. The decision was made quickly to develop adaptations for Masses where children were a majority of the assembly. Changes would include a simpler structure, understandable texts, a simplified Lectionary, more active participation, and most surprisingly, new Eucharistic Prayers. By 1973 the work was done, and with very specific advice from Pope Paul VI, including the need for two new Eucharistic Prayers, the *Directory for Masses with Children* was published on December 20, a timely Christmas gift for the children of the world.

The prayers are the first to be written fresh in a modern language—not Latin, but French and German—then translated into English, Italian, and Spanish. With a sense of caution, these new prayers were approved for three years, until 1977, but it soon became apparent that they had truly been embraced.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: Diana Conrad, Charlene Meadows, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Sister Janice Fennewald, SSND, Brian Fennewald, 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
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