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### Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an  
Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is com-  
mitted 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** — When the wicked turn away from  
their wickedness they have committed and do  
what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-  
28).

**Psalms** — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm  
25).

**Second Reading** — Consider others as better than  
yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to  
the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

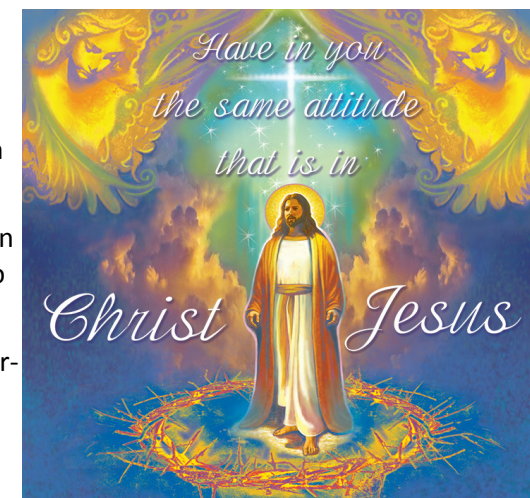
**Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are enter-  
ing the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew  
21:28-32).



**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 1, 2017**

Have in you the same attitude  
that is also in Christ Jesus.

Phil 2:5



# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ♦ Oct. 1 Parish meeting (Plans to keep moving ahead) Pot-luck
- ♦ October 15 Sharing of insights of Sunday's readings 9:30 in hall

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

October 15: Scripture Sunday—Bring Bibles

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—Oct. 1 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. 24— \$915\*\*\*\*

Weekly Budget \$865

Year to date —\$10,433.66

Year to date budget—  
\$11,245 -(811.34)

Candles \$2

\*\*\*\* \$320 came through We Share



### Mark your calendar

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.

Nov. 1 6 PM Mass for All Saints Holyday.

### PEACEFUL HEART

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.

—St. Francis of Assisi

### IMP—Kroger Update

Blessed Sacrament's # is 30623

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

**We will receive 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: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset

Thursday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Friday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Du-rocher; First Friday

Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary; First Saturday

### ANGELIC

The reason angels can fly is because they take themselves lightly.

—G.K. Chesterton

### GOD'S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

# RESPECT LIFE MONTH



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# From the desk of Father Jamie



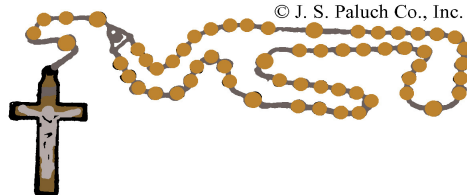
Why can't we be fair? We always complain about God not being fair, but are we really fair? Sometimes I think we put conditions on God. We like to say sometimes, "God I will do... as long as you..." What is wrong with this picture? We need to try our best not to try and limit God. God loves us so much and does not limit his love for us. Why should we make our love conditional for him?

In the first reading, we hear about God bringing up the issue of fairness. We then hear Jesus talking about the two sons and who really did God's will. The issue of fairness and God's will seem so simple, but we a lot of times are the ones who make things complicated, not God. I think we like making things complicated. As much as we say we don't like drama, I think we really do anyway. We get caught up in the drama of the moment and then we want God to get us out of it. I guess God gets to watch the most dramatic soup opera of them all, and that is, our lives.

May we strive to do God's will and not make following him more complicated. We are human though, but we can try our best. May we also be patient with those who haven't found God's will in their lives and seem to attract drama. God will see us through; he loves us beyond our complications.

## How to Pray the Rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
  2. Holding the Crucifix, say the *Apostles' Creed*.
  3. On the first bead, say an *Our Father*.
  4. Say one *Hail Mary* on each of the next three beads.
  5. Say the *Glory Be*
  6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the *Our Father*.
- While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten *Hail Marys* while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a *Glory Be*.

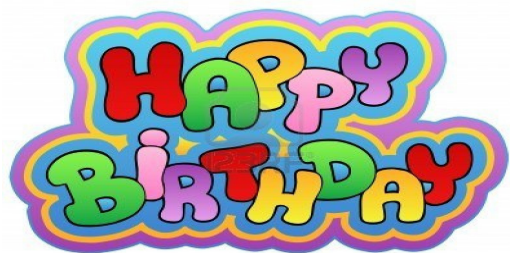


The usual rotation of the mysteries is

- ♦ Monday—Joyful Mysteries
- ♦ Tuesday and Friday—Sorrowful
- ♦ Wednesday and Saturday and most Sundays—Glorious Mysteries
- ♦ Thursday—Luminous Mysteries

## October Birthdays

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



*Angel of God, my Guardian dear  
To whom God's love commits me  
here,  
Ever this day be at my side  
To light and guard , to rule and  
guide.  
Amen*

On the journey and in the trials of life, we are not alone; we are accompanied and sustained by the angels of God who offer, so to speak, their wings to help us overcome the many dangers, to be able to fly above those realities that can make our lives difficult or drag us down. —Pope Francis

## 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.*

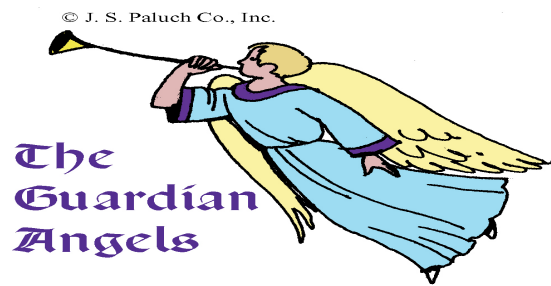
## Diocesan Response Fund

The Disciples Response Fund. This is one of the ways that parishes assist in the work of their diocese. 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.

Please read the insert in the bulletin to read more about where the funds go.

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



## MINSTERS

### Lectors

Oct. 8: Audrey Mezur  
Mary Katherine Gough

Oct. 15: Veronica Wilhite  
Marsha Allen

### Eucharistic Ministers

Oct. 8: Tina Gough  
Cindy Clark  
Vivian Higgs

Oct. 15: M.K. Gough  
Diane Hatchett  
Vivian Higgs

### Ushers

Oct. 8: Norwetta Taylor  
Robert Johnson

Oct. 15: Fulton Family

### Offertory

Oct. 8: Norwetta Taylor  
Robert Johnson

Oct. 15: Fulton Family

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. Stay tuned for more information, and be sure to visit [owensborodiocese.org/scripturesunday](http://owensborodiocese.org/scripturesunday).



*Congratulations to Layson Brooks who received the diocesan Sophia Award on Sept. 10. He was honored for his service to church and community.*

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

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eucharistic Prayer IV is, like Eucharistic Prayer III, a fresh composition from the 1960s, based on a prayer from the tradition of the ancient church of Alexandria. It has an interesting structural feature. The new prayers all nod toward the East with the *epiclesis*, or calling down of the Spirit, over the gifts. In this prayer the Spirit is asked to come down again, after the consecration, to make holy the communicants who "partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your glory." This beautiful phrase is well worth meditating on. What is the goal of your reception of Holy Communion today?

The preface for this Eucharistic Prayer is firmly attached to the prayer, and the directives for using the prayer anchor it to Ordinary Time. It is not intended to be an option if the Mass has a proper preface of its own, like a funeral, a Lenten weekday, or a great feast. It is not often used these days, in part because of these limitations. At first, it was suggested that this prayer was better suited to small groups of people who were well educated in scripture. This was kind of an odd stipulation, especially since its images are so beautiful and worthy of attention.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## *Our thoughts and prayers are with:*

**SICK:** Charlene Meadows, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, 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 **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

## E-Giving is Alive!!

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You can follow the steps to set up your account. You may choose direct deposit, credit card, or debit. You can use it to make a weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly, or one-time donation.

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