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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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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017

Blessed are you who fear the Lord.
— Psalm 128:1a

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is
to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord
(Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are
children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be
given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew
25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ◆ November 19—BSC Thanksgiving Dinner 12-2 PM
- ◆ Nov. 19—Stewardship Pledge forms due. Campaign for Human Development collection
- ◆ Nov 19, 26— Food for the Poor
- ◆ Dec. 3—Holy Hour at each parish to start Year of Evangelization in diocese 2-3 PM

Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

Nov. 3-19 Faith Fest (brochure with events on bulletin board and on small table)

Nov. 19 World Day of the Poor

Dec. 3 2-3 PM Diocesan-wide Eucharistic adoration to begin year of evangelization.

March 9-11 Youth 2000 Retreat (held at Brescia University)

Thank you for your contributions..

Nov. 12— \$535.55

Weekly Budget \$865

Year to date —\$15,677.45

YTD budget—\$16,435

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Candles .

Thanks for using the Debt Reduction envelope. It helps bring down what we owe.



World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis has set aside November 19th as a Day of the Poor. As we know poverty is all around us. It is marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture, deprivation of freedom and dignity, illiteracy, social injustice and other faces.

We are asked to help the poor by encountering them in friendship, solidarity, and concrete assistance. We can welcome them as honored guests at our table who can teach us how to live simply, trusting ourselves to God’s providence.

Prayer Experiences at Mount

- ◆ Dec. 5 5-6:30 PM The Mystery of Christmas \$20 includes meal and program
- ◆ Dec. 9 9-2 Advent Day of Prayer (Msgr. Bernard Powers \$25 includes lunch and program.

Registration: Kathy McCarty 270-229-0206

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. 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: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Cecilia

Thursday: St. Clement I, St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro;

Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

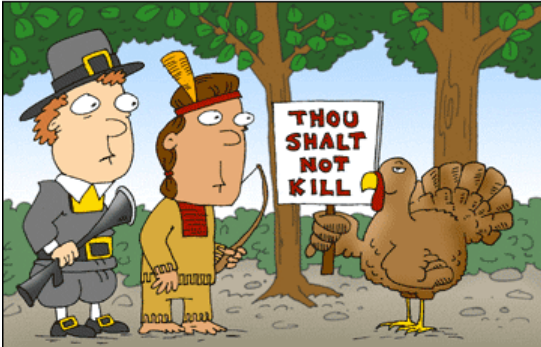
Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria; Blessed Virgin Mary

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week’s scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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Thanks to Jay Benfield (See Exodus 20:1-21) 11-25-2004

Picnic

At the meeting we had two weeks ago, the consensus was that we need to start early for the picnic. If you see items on sale after Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, pick them up for a basket. We need baskets for the County Store and Silent Auction.

From the desk of Father Jamie



When you all read this, I will be gone. On Sunday the 19th, I will be enjoying my last day in California. On the 18th, I will have had a wedding for a friend in Los Angeles.

I love to travel and I love adventures. You might have noted, how I asked for your prayers as I prepared to leave on this trip and how I look at my trip, not just as vacation, but as mission. As you might imagine, a priest is never really on vacation. Even though I have to get permission to celebrate Masses publically outside of the Owensboro Diocese, I can still hear confessions and, in certain emergencies, give last sacraments when needed. Really, we are never on vacation from our vocation. Our Christian lives are not something you stop for a week. God does not go on vacation either. We know that God rested, but no vacation.

As I continue on my adventure, please keep me in your prayers. Please also keep my friends Marvin and his new wife Carren in your prayers, as they begin their life of marriage. Also pray that I am able to be present to people whom I encounter on my trip. Who knows, maybe I will have converted all of southern California before I return home.

Thanksgiving Mass at St. Stephens 8 AM

Register now for the 4th Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress!

“African American Catholics: Missionary Disciples”

The congress will take place on Saturday, December 9, 2017, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Flaget Retreat Center, Louisville, and is presented by the Archdiocese of Louisville’s Office of Multicultural Ministry and African American Catholic Ministries. Speakers are Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville and Fr. Maurice Nkemfuna Emelu of the Diocese of Orlu in Nigeria. The day includes continental breakfast, lunch, workshops, and more. Those within the Diocese of Owensboro who would like to attend may contact F. Veronica Wilhite, director of the Diocese of Owensboro’s Office of Black Catholic Ministry, at (270) 683-1545 or email veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org.

November Birthdays

- 1—Austin Gough
- 7—Lennox Williams
- 8—Audrey Mezur
- 11—Jeff Sanford
- 12—Bernadette Thames
- 16—Joyce Moorman, Greg Gough
- 19—Ron Moorman
- 22—Trey Hatchett
- 25—Payton Sanford
- 29—Sylvia Coleman

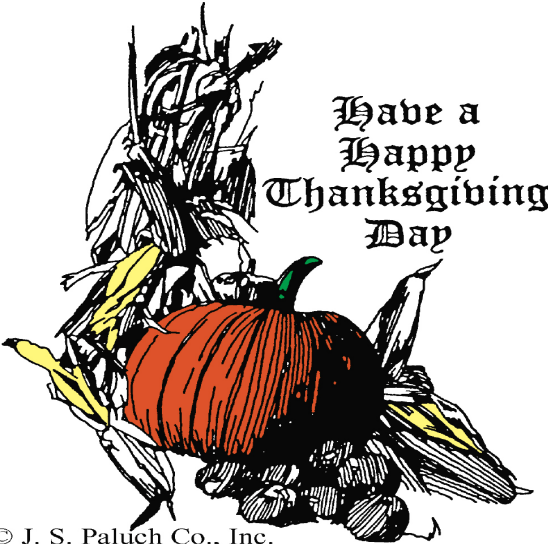


Let us respond to Pope Francis’ call for the 1st World Day of the Poor. Please be generous in the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development on November 18-19, 2017. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins

Mass Intentions:

- Nov. 1— Mr. and Mrs. Earl Epison Jr.
- Nov. 5— Sandra Brown
- Nov. 12—Jerry Mezur
- Nov. 19— Donald Moorman
- Nov. 26—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.



A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

MINSTERS

Lectors

Nov. 26: Darlina Etienne
Kathi Skidd

Dec. 3: Layson Brooks
Diana Hatchett

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov. 26: Cindy Clark
Tina Gough
Greg Gough

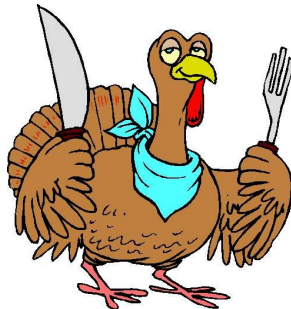
Dec. 3: Marsha Allen
Gloria Adams
Vivian Higgs

Ushers/Offertory

Nov. 26: Burnell Hamilton
Shelby Webster
Dec. 3: Barbara Hammond
Yvonne Mundy

Thanks

To everyone who volunteered to help bring food or serve at our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Through this dinner we create moments of encounter and friendship. We are sharing the love of Christ to all who enter our doors.



We may long to hear the Lord say to us, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” as He does with the first two servants mentioned in the Parable of the Talents in today’s Gospel from Matthew. However, although the third servant did not squander or waste the gifts (talents) he had received, the Master’s reaction was not the same.

As we have often stated, stewardship is an active way of life. There is nothing passive about it. The Lord expects us to do things, to take the gifts we receive and to share them and multiply them, as was the case in the first two servants cited in the parable.

If we really wish to hear the Lord say, “Well done, good and faithful servant” to us when we are finally judged, we need to do something to earn that praise. The key word in that sentence is “do.” There is nothing spiritual or abstract about being ready for Jesus’ return and judgment of us. God has gifted us in a multitude of ways. We need to recognize those gifts; acknowledge those gifts; be grateful for those gifts; and most of all use those gifts to benefit the Church and others.

What have we done with our time, our money, and our abilities? In our Church we recognize and point to sins of omission — that is, things we did not do, but should have. Like the first two servants in the parable, it is not just a case of preserving what God has given us, it is a case of using it, increasing it, and returning it to the Lord.

USING TALENTS

If we use God’s talents, we shall find that they become multiplied in the use. We thought we had two; we find we have five.

—Richard Meux Benson

Treasures from our Tradition

Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the “Holy Year” of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today’s fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had long been closed. Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they were never formally removed from the *Sacramentary* and have been incorporated into the new Roman Missal.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: Charles Clark, (grandson of Dorothy Fulton), , Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Bob Springer, Charlene Meadows Diana Conrad, 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, 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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60 Years

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