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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 — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

Psalms — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

Second Reading — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

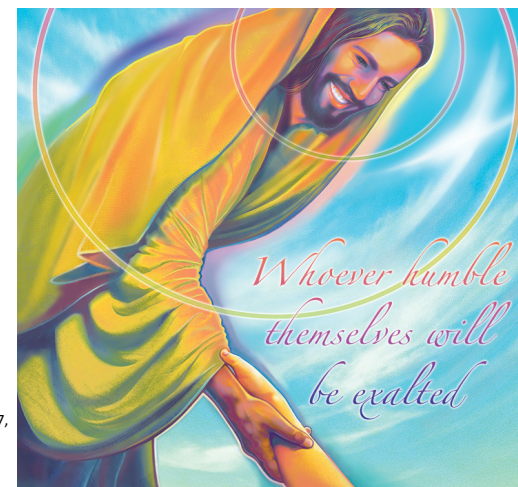
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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2017

The greatest among you
must be your servant.

— Matthew 23:11



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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sign up for Thanksgiving Dinner

- ◆ November 19 BSC Thanksgiving Dinner 12-2 PM
- ◆ Nov. 19—Stewardship Pledge forms due.
- ◆ Dec. 3 Holy Hour at each parish to start Year of Evangelization in diocese 2-3 PM

Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

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

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

Nov. 12 3 PM “Musical Celebration” (Alma Randolph Foundation)

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..

Oct. 29— \$849

Weekly Budget \$865

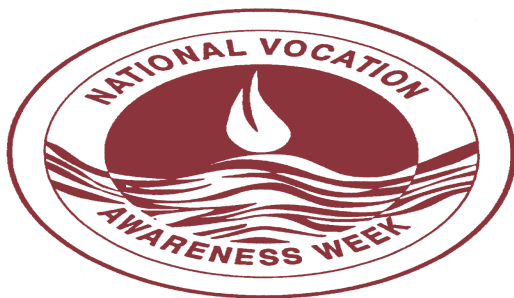
Year to date —\$14,442.45

Year to date budget—

\$15,570 (\$1,127.55)



God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women from the Diocese of Owensboro to serve in your Son’s kingdom as priests, deacons, and religious. We pray that you continue to inspire young men and women to respond courageously to your call and give themselves generously to the Church in service of the Gospel



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Prayer Experiences at Mount

- ◆ Nov. 7 Day of Prayer for Veterans 9-3
- ◆ Nov. 7 Gratitude 5-6:30 PM \$20 Meal and program

Registration: Kathy McCarty 270-229-0206

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week;

Daylight Saving Time ends

Tuesday: Election Day

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday: St. Leo the Great

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

LOVE NEEDED HERE

No one needs love more than someone who doesn’t deserve it.

—Anonymous

THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today’s Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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VETERANS DAY

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Honor our veterans and pray for them.

At Smothers Park, there is a display of 660 flags. This represents the number of veterans in the United States who commit suicide every month.

We have our freedoms because these men and women have been willing to put their lives on the line.

From the desk of Father Jamie



As I am writing this reflection, it is the day before All Saints Day. In the Gospel for today, Jesus is talking about what the Kingdom of God is like. I think this is a good lead in for All Saints Day and All Souls Day. What is fascinating to me is how Jesus always talks about what the Kingdom of God is like, but does not describe the Kingdom of God. I think what he is trying to tell us is how human language cannot begin to describe in detail what heaven is; so instead, he uses simple things like bushes and bread to say what the Kingdom of God is like.

The Kingdom of God is what we strive for and what the saints have attained. This is another reason we ask for the prayer of saints, so we can join with them someday. As Paul says in the letter to the Romans, the sufferings we undergo in this world are nothing compared to the glory of the life to come. Holding on to that future glory is what we need to hold onto, so we can make it through this world in joyful hope.

Every time we celebrate Eucharist, we are professing that joyful hope of what is to come. When we enter into Mass, we are getting a foretaste of what is to come in the future glory. Even though Eucharist is an earthly prefiguring of what we are going to experience in heaven, we forget heaven does touch earth during Eucharist. God does not abandon us. God touches us through Eucharist and so does heaven.

Place of No Sugar and Cholesterol: An old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash.

They had been in good health for the previous ten years mainly due to the wife's interest in health food, and exercise. When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite, jacuzzi and lavish buffet breakfast. "How much can we eat?" asked the old man. "Don't you understand?" Peter replied. "This is Heaven, it's all free!" After a sumptuous breakfast the old couple went to the clubhouse of Heaven's extensive golf grounds and saw the lavish buffet lunch. "Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly. Peter replied, "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven." The old man looked at his wife angrily and said, "This is all your fault. If it weren't for your bran muffins and sugar-free diet, I could have been here ten years ago!"

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



People observed that Jesus loved God the Father with his whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, and that he loved his neighbor as himself. That is why he had the credibility to challenge others to do the same. That is why he had the credibility to challenge the scribes and Pharisees who dressed in elaborate garments, claimed high sounding titles, sat in places of honor, performed acts to be seen, and assumed the "chair of Moses" - all the while placing heavy burdens on the people. It is no wonder the scribes and Pharisees rejected Jesus and his example of "servant leadership." But for us who claim to be Christian, we must be servants. We get closer to God by serving others.

Mass Intentions:

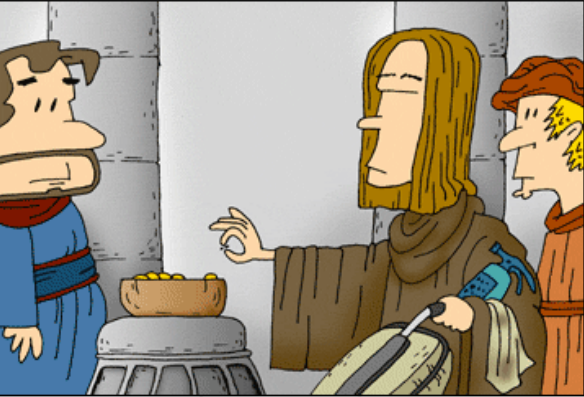
- Nov. 1—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Epison Jr.
- Nov. 5—Sandra Brown
- Nov. 12—Jerry Mezur
- Nov. 19— Donald Moorman
- Nov. 26—Les Bumm

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.

Congratulations to Mary Katherine Gough who was the BSC nominee for the Excellence Award at the Excellence Rally at OCS. Payton Sanford was also recognized for her academic excellence.



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Lectors

Nov. 12: Greg Gough
Gloria Adams

Nov. 19: Buddy Brown
Austin Gough

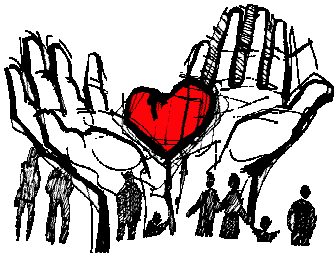
Eucharistic Ministers

Nov. 12: Mary Katherine Gough
Marsha Allen
Misty Sanford

Nov. 19: Payton Sanford
Karen Leachman
Diane Hatchett

Ushers/Offertory

Nov. 12: Robert Hagan
Cathy Kramer
Nov. 19 Von Williams
Matthew Brown



.RIGHT AND WRONG

What is morally wrong can never be politically right.

—Anthony Ashley Cooper

Discipleship

If we believe that everything we have comes from God—time, possessions, talents and abilities, financial treasure—then as grateful disciples we are asked to return to God a generous portion of the abundant blessings we receive. Annual renewals provide an opportunity to make prayerful decisions about serving in ministry and pledging our annual financial support to our parish.

Pray about it! Decisions about financial giving and service in ministry should be made prayerfully. Prayer helps us make important decisions, prioritize our busy lives, and become aware of God’s blessings every day. ***Giving.*** The planned, proportionate, and sacrificial gift of our treasure is an expression of gratitude, our need to give back freely to God from our ‘first fruits’. If we pray about the gifts we receive, we will make the right decision for our annual financial support to our parish. ***Serving.*** As responsible caretakers of the talents that God gives us (and we ALL receive talents!), we can express gratitude by sharing our talents wisely. Our parish offers dozens of ministries in which to serve; there’s something for almost everyone. How is God calling you?

A big thank-you to Layson Brooks for getting and installing the borders around the mulch on the south side of church. Hopefully the mulch will not float away every time we get rain.

Treasures from our Tradition

What is the name of the pope’s cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter’s, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the “Mother Church” of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, the Trumps of their day, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don’t know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was at last legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Soon the great meeting halls were expanded and adapted.

Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! This Thursday’s feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: Charlene Meadows, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Bob Springer, Diana Conrad, Brian Fennwald, 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.

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