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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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 12, 2017**

Stay awake, for you know neither the day  
nor the hour.

— Matthew 25:13

### TODAY'S READINGS

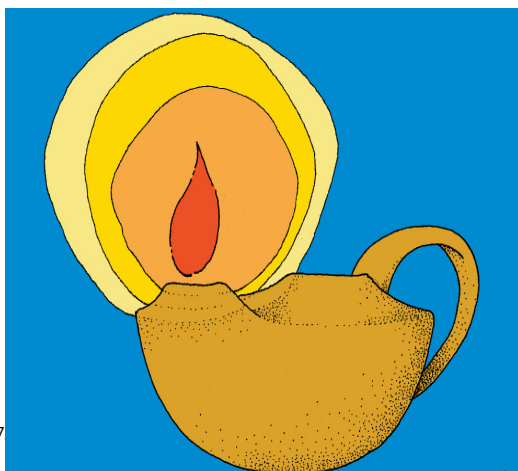
**First Reading** — Wisdom is easily discerned by  
those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my  
God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Since we believe that Jesus  
died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring  
with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians  
4:13-18 [13-14]).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! You know neither the day  
nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

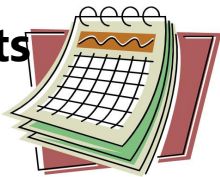
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# Coming Events

## 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

#### Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

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

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

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..

All Saints Day—\$96

Nov. 5—\$1119

Weekly Budget \$865

Year to date —\$15,677.45

YTD budget—\$16,435

(\$757.55)



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

*Thanks to those of you who have returned your stewardship form. Each of us have many blessings. God is always there for us and will not be outdone in generosity.*

*Each of us is asked to support our parish and its activities according to our ability. In fact it is one of the Commandments of the Church. (There are Commandments of God {what we call the 10 Commandments} and Commandments of the Church which outline our moral obligations—receive Communion, attend Sunday Mass...). The form is a commitment on your part to do your best.*

#### 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

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Wednesday: St. Albert the Great

Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; Blessed Virgin Mary

#### THE GAP

It’s interesting that there is such a huge gap between advice and help.

—Anonymous

#### WISDOM

We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ.



#### 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



I love our first reading today from the book of Wisdom. Sometimes I think we get into the notion that wisdom is more knowledge than anything. Really, wisdom is more prudence and preparedness. Wisdom is thinking two steps ahead, confronting the possible unknown.

In the Gospel for today, we hear about the foolish and wise virgins. The wise virgins were wise, because they thought two steps ahead and were not afraid of uncertainty and the unplanned arrival of the bridegroom. Being prepared for the unknown is tricky, but it can be done with a little bit of being prudent, but not going into a paranoid panic.

For us in waiting for the second coming of Christ, the way we are to be prudent is to live a good life and not stress over being perfect, but trying our best as we wait. There are some who get all paranoid and excited and start yelling "It's the end of the world!" We cannot live in total fear. God wants us to change the world for the better while we wait for him. Running around scared and trying to scare others doesn't make his kingdom come; it just makes more unhappy, paranoid people.

As I have said to you all many times, we can change the world for the better, one person at a time. May we flood the world with our love and kindness. Please keep me in your prayers as I go on my vacation to California. Along the way on these trips I have many opportunities for evangelization. May your prayers assist me in my mission.

**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](mailto: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.*



**"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."**

The parable of the five wise virgins who brought extra oil and the five unwise who did not seems to suggest that Jesus was a Boy Scout and was well aware of their motto, "Be Prepared." It is more likely that the Boy Scouts were aware of that parable, and others, and based their motto on the teaching of Jesus. People who live in areas prone to hurricanes, earthquakes, tornados, blizzards and other climate or geology related events know the value of being prepared. Jesus clearly meant that being prepared involved more than having an extra vial of oil for a lamp or the right supplies and equipment in the event of an emergency. He intended that we should live our life always prepared to grow in the understanding and use of all the talents, abilities and gifts God has given to each of us, to the best of our ability, for ourselves and for others. That is truly "being prepared," especially the part about using all that God has given us *for others*.

**MINSTERS**

**Lectors**

Nov. 19: Buddy Brown  
Austin Gough

Nov. 26: Darlina Etienne  
Kathi Skidd

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Nov. 19: Payton Sanford  
Karen Leachman  
Mary Katherine Gough

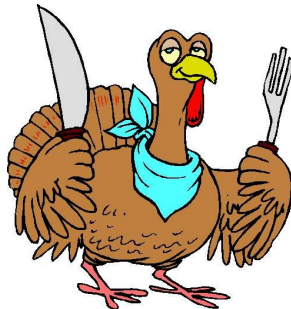
Nov. 26: Cindy Clark  
Tina Gough  
Greg Gough

**Ushers/Offertory**

Nov. 19 Von Williams  
Matthew Brown  
Nov. 26: Burnell Hamilton  
Shelby Webster

***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.*



***A Message from Father Jerry:***

Our ***Time, Talent, and Treasure*** renewal is underway. Many thanks to everyone who has already returned a pledge! If you have not yet had an opportunity to do so, please pray about your level of annual support (Sunday giving) to our parish and your offering of time and talent in ministry service:

- ◆ Consider your blessings and pray to determine your appropriate level of financial support to our parish. Everyone can do something!
- Review our ministry opportunities; then pray about how you can offer your time and talents in ministry. Your service is needed and appreciated!

Since stewardship is the responsibility of our entire parish, I am asking everyone to participate. Whether you are a longtime member, new to our parish, or just new to the pledging process, please return a pledge by **Nov. 19**. Drop your pledge in the offertory collection at Mass or return it by mail.

**I CAN DO ANYTHING**

I have started houses with no more than the price of a loaf of bread and prayers, for with him who comforts me, I can do anything.

—Frances Xavier Cabrini

**Treasures from our Tradition**

We had sixteen hundred years’ experience with one Eucharistic Prayer in our repertoire, and the liturgical reforms of the Council of Trent shaped the way we worshiped for four hundred years. In the last years of the Tridentine Mass, the early 1960s, we tended to see children as miniature adults. Fully rooted in the Sunday assembly by the decision of Pope Saint Pius X to push Communion back to the age of seven or so from the standard age of twelve to fourteen years during the early 1900s, children were still more tolerated than acknowledged. The Mass was in Latin, and by the 1960s the people had begun to regain their voices in the “dialogue Mass,” so the focus was on training little children to recite or sing in Latin.

The new attention to the experience of children, their ability to enter into ritual, their spontaneity, their ability to grasp key concepts in faith, felt “untraditional.” Yet we can trace in our tradition the ways in which children have long been given a special place in the assembly. From earliest times, boys have served in choirs and certain ministries in monasteries and in parish churches. Girls were sometimes entrusted to nuns, learning liturgical chants and the arts. Yet, in our day, the formation of a Lectionary for children and Eucharistic Prayers suited to them are truly tremendous breakthroughs in our treasury of prayer.

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***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 Fennwald, 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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