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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** — We are the clay and you, O LORD,  
are the potter: we are the work of your hands  
(Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalms** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your  
face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you  
were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corin-  
thians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know  
when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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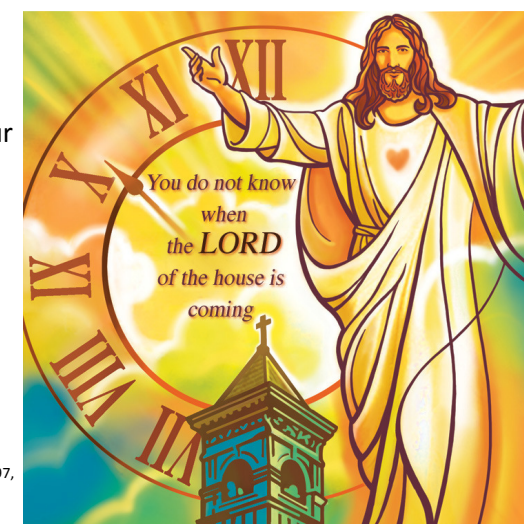


1st Sunday of Advent

**December 3, 2017**

Be watchful, Be alert!

You do not know when the time will  
come. —Mark 13:33



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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ◆ Dec. 3—Holy Hour at each parish to start Year of Evangelization in diocese 2-3 PM
- ◆ Dec. 8—Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass 6 PM
- ◆ Dec. 19—St. Nick after Mass
- ◆ Dec. 19—Decorate Church (begin)
- ◆ Dec. 24—Finish Church decorations
- ◆ Dec. 24 10 AM Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
- ◆ Dec. 24—7 PM Mass Christmas Eve



Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

- ◆ Dec. 17 Diocesan Men’s Conference
- ◆ March 9-11 Youth 2000 Retreat (held at Brescia University)

Thank you for your contributions..

Nov. 19— \$629

Nov. 26—\$1387

Weekly Budget \$865

Year to date —\$18,269

YTD budget—\$19,030

(\$761.00)

Candles—\$7

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Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Blessed Mother—Dec. 10 2 PM

Precious Blood—Dec. 13 6 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes—Dec. 13 6:30 PM

St. Mary Magdalene—Dec. 14 6 PM

St. Stephen’s Cathedral—Dec. 17 2 PM

Immaculate—Dec. 19 6 PM

Sts. Joseph and Paul—Dec. 19 6:30 PM

Mount St. Joseph—Dec. 21 6 PM

St. Pius Tenth—Dec. 21 6PM

St. Alphonsus—Wednesday evenings

St. Martin, Rome—Sunday evenings 4:00-5:45

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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John Damascene

Wednesday: St. Nicholas

Thursday: St. Ambrose;

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

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GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God’s faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For “behold, you are angry, and we are sinful” (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God’s promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God’s might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to “rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you” (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God’s hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory.





# From the desk of Father Jamie



We have now started the season of Advent. A lot of us begin thinking about Christmas, but we must not lose sight of the fact that Advent is also to help us be reminded of how we are waiting for the second coming of Christ.

The readings for today talk a lot about being watchful and longing for the coming of Christ. We cannot just be watchful, because I think that has a more negative slant. We need to be watchful, but also long for the second coming. The second coming is a good thing, not a bad one. As long as we are trying our best to live a good life in line with God's will and plan, we have nothing to worry about.

Living in fear of the second coming does not bring a longing for the second coming. We know how the story ends, Christ beats death and a new heaven and earth are prepared for us. How much better can we get?

May we strive to watch longingly for our Christ to come. He is coming. May we help to make his kingdom come. He loves us and will fulfill our longing, good measure and flowing over.



December Birthdays
14—Linda McDonald
16—Yulanda Williams
18—Robert Johnson
20—Cathy Kramer
24—Susan Mutter



## E-Giving is Alive!!

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**Year End**

Many times people are looking to make an end-of-the-year donation for tax purposes. Blessed Sacrament would be honored and happy to be remembered.

## Mass Intentions:

- Dec. 3—Kenneth Higgs
- Dec. 8—Michael Carrico
- Dec. 10—Donald Moorman
- Dec. 17—Jerry Mezur
- Dec. 24 (10 AM)—Barbara Horsley
- Dec. 24 (7 PM)—Sandra Brown
- Dec. 31—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.*


## Safe Environment

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (687-8888 or 685-8444) or the Kentucky child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1). The diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all who have been sexually abused and especially those abused by a person working for the church, paid or unpaid, either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator confidential phone line (270-852-8380). The revised sexual abuse policy, which explains fully the diocese’s efforts to address sexual abuse in the Church can be found in the back of church on the book rack.

<u>MINSTERS</u>	
<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>Dec. 8</u>	Sister Jeannette
<u>Dec. 10:</u>	Audrey Mezur
	Greg Gough
<u>Dec. 17:</u>	Mary Katherine Gough
	Austin Gough
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	
<u>Dec. 8:</u>	Cindy Clark
	Tina Gough
	Vivian Higgs
<u>Dec. 10:</u>	Misty Sanford\
	Payton Sanford
	Karen Leachman
<u>Dec. 17:</u>	Charlene Meadows
	Cindy Clark
	Diane Hatchett
<u>Ushers/Offertory</u>	
<u>Dec. 8:</u>	Steve Coble
	Austin Gough
<u>Dec. 10:</u>	Jacques and Whitney Williams
	Family
<u>Dec. 17:</u>	Shelby Webster
	Wonet Taylor

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*The only thing we take with us when we die is what we have given away. The only things that endure are our relationships with God and with others. We give him all that we have, and he takes the gift and calls us when he is ready to do so.* —Cardinal Francis George

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany’s Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children’s books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ’s coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

***Our thoughts and prayers are with:***  
**SICK:** Frank Adams, Denise Higgs, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Sister Janice Fennewald, Charlene Meadows, 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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***You are Invited!***

Please join Bishop Medley and the faithful around the diocese in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2-3 PM on December 3rd as we pray for a New and Engaged Evangelization of ourselves and our families.

**“Living as Missionary Disciples.”**

We will have Adoration here at BSC just like all the parishes in the diocese. Please plan to be here to pray .