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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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you
do, do everything for the glory of God.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, mak-
ing an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2,
44-46).

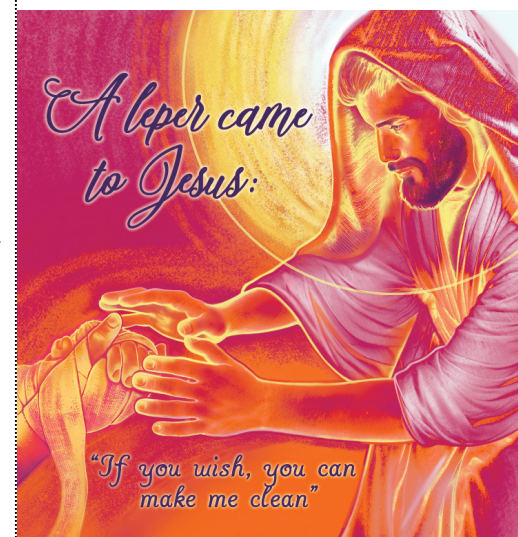
Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm
32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of
God

(1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and
he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

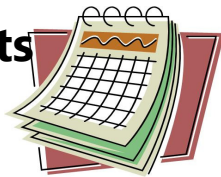
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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Mass at BSC at 6 PM Day of Fast and Abstinence
- Feb. 17 Italian Dinner 6 PM
- Feb. 18 Gospel Explosion 2 PM
- March 11 Ladies of Wisdom Tea



- March 23 Fish Fry 5-7 PM
- March 25 Raffle drawing

Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

- Feb. 17 Diocesan Men's Conference
- March 4 Owensboro Symphony Orchestra at SSC at 4 PM
- March 9-11 Youth 2000 at Brescia
- April 21 Annual Black Catholic Gathering 10 AM at Precious Blood

Thank you for your contributions..

Feb. 4 — \$450

Weekly Budget —\$865

Year to date —\$26,342.25

YTD budget—\$27,680

-\$1,337.75)

Candles —\$6



Lent

Lent begins this Wednesday. It is a time to get our focus on the right things. It takes discipline and persistence. The Church gives us three pathways to holiness: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.**

On Ash Wednesday there are three opportunities to attend Mass and receive ashes. At St. Stephen's there is a 7 AM and a noon Mass. At Blessed Sacrament there is a 6 PM Mass.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. **Fasting** is obligatory for Catholics from age 18 to 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal as well as two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal. Catholics are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (March 30th). **Abstinence**, which means not eating meat, is binding on Catholics from age 14 onward. We are asked to abstain every Friday during Lent.



Stations of the Cross are after noon Mass on Wednesday and Friday evening at 6 PM at the Cathedral. Precious Blood has them at 5:30 PM on Sunday.

Our **Outreach** the first two weeks (February 18th and 25) will be the Backpack ministry for Faust School. Fruit cups, canned pasta, packages of crackers with peanut butter or cheese, etc.).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick
- Monday: Lincoln's Birthday
- Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day; Fast and Abstinence
- Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716
- Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Precious Blood Parish

Fish Fry has started. Serving time 5:30. All you can eat! Adults \$10. Tilapia, French fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, white and baked beans, cornbread, dessert, and drink.

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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From the desk of Father Jamie



This first reading today can be troubling. Some of us point to this and say, "There's that vengeful and hateful God from the Old Testament." Passages like this seem rather heartless. How do we reconcile this with the loving God?

One of the things I think we forget is the historic context in which the people of Moses's time found themselves in. The reality is being a leper is dangerous during the time of Moses and continued to be until modern times since there was no cure. Separating people to keep others safe was a normal thing in the time of Moses. However, I think the main problem that arose, is that it was forgotten that lepers were still people too, even if they were unclean. Jesus saw this and desired to put a stop to the over harshness directed toward lepers. Lepers or anybody with an illness are still people. I imagine we feel the same way about flu today as lepers of Moses's time. I had to be isolated from everyone because of the flu and it did not feel nice; but it had to be done, for the sake of the community.

Who else aside from people with flu do we shun? Whose dignity do we take away? We need to remember that every person is made in the image and likeness of God, despite what infirmities or sins a person may have.

St. Damian on a leper colony in Hawaii went out of his way to care for lepers. He got a lot of negativity from his fellow priests and others. He was even shunned and more or less sentenced to stay on the leper island for the rest of his life, which he did and eventually died there. Jesus was not afraid to touch the leper; we should not be afraid to reach out to the lepers of our time. May we be Christ's touch to others.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

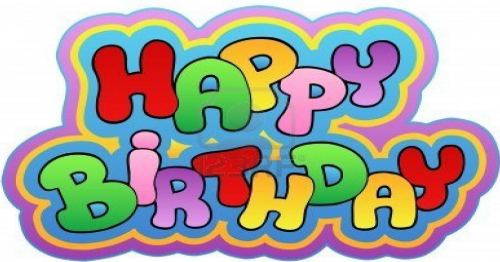
- ♦ Feb. 21 St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho 7:15
- ♦ March 11 St. Martin, Rome 7 PM
- ♦ March 20 Immaculate, 6 PM
- ♦ March 22 Precious Blood 6 PM
- ♦ March 25 St. Stephen Cathedral 2 PM



Marsha and Larry Allen celebrating their 11th anniversary on February 17th.

February Birthdays

- 2—Nancy Bumm
- 3—Jacques Williams
- 4—Diana Conrad
- 8—Karen Terry
- 10—Father Jerry Riney
- 17—Dorothy Fulton
- 23—Larry Allen
- 24—Yasmeen Williams
- 27—Sondra Hibbs



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A BOOK TO READ

There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.

—G. K. Chesterton

Mass Intentions:

Feb. 3—Kenneth Higgs

Feb. 10—Les Bumm

Feb. 14—Michael Carrico

Feb. 17—Sandra Brown

Feb. 24—Donald Moorman

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.

Prayer for Evangelization

Diocese of Owensboro

***Our good and gracious God
through your Son Jesus Christ,
pour forth your Holy Spirit upon
the Church of Western Kentucky,
the Diocese of Owensboro.***

***Open our hearts to hear the Word of God
and make fruitful the work of evangelization.***

***Through our encounter with Christ
deepen our relationship with your Son
so that we may accompany the pilgrims on
their faith journeys.***

***Transform our parishes,
make them places of joy and hope
that welcome the stranger
and search out the lost.***

***May the Word of God
be always in our thoughts, words and deeds
so that all we encounter may find in your Son,
Jesus; the Way, the Truth the Life Amen***

MINSTERS

Lectors

Feb. 14: Marsha Allen
Sister Jeannette

Feb. 18: Von Williams
M.K. Gough

Feb. 25: Martha Kramer
Greg Gough

Eucharistic Ministers

Feb. 14: Charlene Meadows
Vivian Higgs
Cindy Clark

Feb. 18: Greg Gough
Payton Sanford
Cathy Kramer

Feb. 25: Misty Sanford
Tina Gough
Rita Moorman

Ushers/Offertory

Feb. 14: Shelby Webster
_Wonet Taylor

Feb. 18: Robert Hagan
Matthew Brown

Feb. 25: Jacques and Whitney Williams
and sons

Lenten story

When Ole quit farming, he discovered that he was the only Lutheran in his new little town of all Catholics. That was OK, but the neighbors had a problem with his barbecuing beef every Friday. Since they couldn't eat meat on Friday, the tempting aroma was getting the best of them. Hoping they could do something to stop this, the neighbors got together and went over to talk to Ole. "Ole," they said, "since you are the only Lutheran in this whole town and there's not a Lutheran church for many miles, we think that you should join our church by becoming a Catholic." Ole thought about it for a minute and decided they were right. Ole talked to the priest and he arranged it. The big day came and the priest had Ole kneel. He put his hand on his head and said, "Ole, you were born a Lutheran, you were raised a Lutheran, and now" he said as he sprinkled some water and incense over Ole's head, "now you are a Catholic." Ole was happy and the neighbors were happy. But the following Friday evening at suppertime, there was again the aroma of grilled beef coming from Ole's back yard. The neighbors went to talk to him about this and as they approached the fence, they heard Ole saying to the steak. "You were born beef; you were raised beef, " and as he sprinkled salt of the meat, he said, "and now you are fish."

Lent

Often we give up chocolate, soda or some like thing during Lent. This year I am inviting you to **practice love**. Saying "I love you" is often effortless and easy. It is much harder to put it into practice. It is not how much we do, but how much love we put into that action.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: Dorothy Fulton, Sister Janice Fennewald, Craig Johnson, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Rose Chapman, Denise Higgs, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, 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.**

THE HOMEBOUND:

Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place on Buckland Square. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can't visit.

Youth 2000

The Youth 2000 Retreat will be held March 9-11 at Brescia University. It is a weekend that includes talks, music, the celebration of Mass, fellowship, and panel discussions. The goal is to draw young people into a relationship with Jesus and to encourage young people to become active in their parishes.

This year the number is limited to 900 youths ages 13-30. You are asked to register soon so you can attend. Your registration must come through a parish so if you are interested in attending, please see Sister Jeannette ASAP.

