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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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**First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 18, 2018**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths.

### TODAY'S READINGS

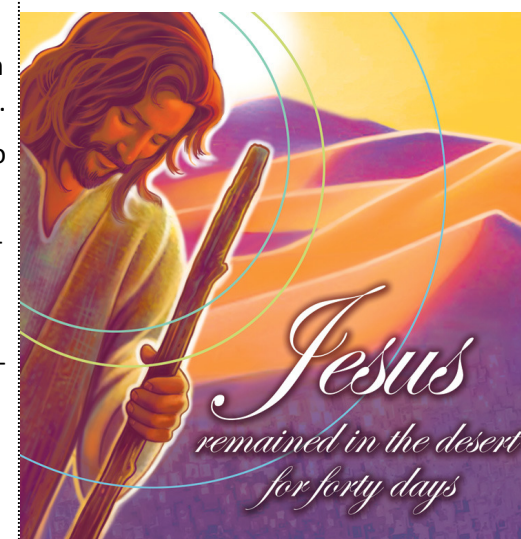
**First Reading** — God's covenant with Noah when  
he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalms** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to  
those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefig-  
ured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter  
3:18-22).

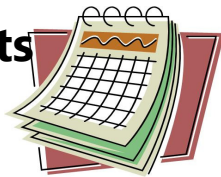
**Gospel** — This is the time of fulfillment. The king-  
dom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Feb. 18 Gospel Explosion 2 PM
- March 11 Ladies of Wisdom Tea
- March 23 Fish Fry 5-7 PM
- March 25 Raffle drawing
- March 29 Holy Thursday Mass 7 PM followed by Adoration.



### Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

- March 4 Owensboro Symphony Orchestra at SSC at 4 PM
- March 9-11 Youth 2000 at Brescia
- March 27 Chrism Mass 6:30 PM
- April 21 Annual Black Catholic Gathering 10 AM at Precious Blood

### Thank you for your contributions..

Feb. 11— \$599.31  
Weekly Budget —\$865  
Year to date —\$26,941.56  
YTD budget—\$28,545  
-(\$1,603.44)

Candles —\$6



## Lent

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

There are opportunities to pray and sacrifice during lent.

**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.

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. The next two weeks we will reach out with items for Birthright.

The **Reconciliation services** in the area are listed elsewhere in the bulletin.

### Prayer, almsgiving, Fasting

Sign up for life-changing Lenten message. Free.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending  
Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent  
Wednesday: St. Peter Damian  
Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday  
Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence

### TRAINING

Those who wish to hold the fortress of contemplation must first of all train in the camp of action.

—Pope St. Gregory the Great

### PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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### Lenten Reconciliation Services

- Feb. 21 St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho 7:15
- March 6 St. Pius X 6:30 PM
- 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



# Father Jamie’s Reflection



We have arrived at the first Sunday of Lent. Have we decided what we are doing for this season? Do not forget, we don't just give up things, but we can do extra as well. Sometimes giving up the sodas, chocolate and the typical things are not really sacrificial. Sometimes it is good to have friends or someone to tell what you are doing for Lent, so they can help keep us accountable.

I am going to restart a practice I had tried a few years ago, of praying the Jesus prayer every time I would walk a distance. This prayer falls into step as I walk and helps to keep me from getting distracted by worldly things. Putting prayer into my life in this simple way helped to change my outlook on my day. Paul does call us to pray unceasingly. Of course, we all have to find our own way to carry this out.

When it comes to prayer, I hear people talking all of the time about not praying enough. Maybe we should use our technology to our advantage. I encourage all of us to try and maybe set a couple of alarms on our smart phones to remind us to pray. Eventually this could begin a good habit of prayer. There are even free apps on the phones that we can get to help us with prayer. As you all know, I even use my phone for Mass parts sometimes.

May we not be afraid to try to develop new Lent practices and not just give up things. May we truly make sacrifices and do them out of love. May we be thankful for what God has done for us.

## Lazy Daughter In Law But Great Son In Law:

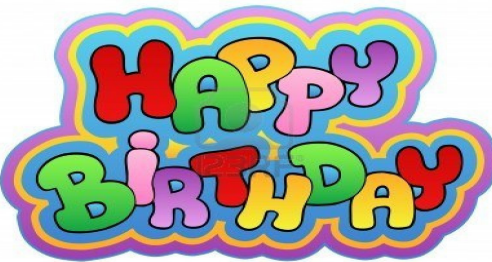
Congratulating a friend after her son and daughter got married within a month of each other, a woman asked, “What kind of boy did your daughter marry?” “Oh he is wonderful.” gushed the mother. “He lets her sleep late, wants her to go to the beauty parlor regularly and insists on taking her out to dinner every night.” “That’s nice.” said the woman. “What about your son?” “I am not so happy about that,” the mother sighed. “His wife sleeps late, spends all her time in the beauty parlor and makes them eat takeout meals.”

## Black History Month

This year the theme is “African Americans in Times of War.” Many blacks have served in the Armed Forces, starting with the Revolutionary War up to the present time. There are a number of program on TV this month, tracing the history of blacks in the U.S.

## 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



## E-Giving is Alive!!

You can go to [www. blessedsacrament chapel.org](http://www.blessedsacramentchapel.org) and click on “E-giving”.

## GOD’S POWER

We are not in our power, but in the power of God.

—St. Perpetua

## 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***

<u>MINSTERS</u>	
<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>Feb. 25:</u>	Martha Kramer  Greg Gough
<u>March 4:</u>	Layson Brooks  Austin Gough
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	
<u>Feb. 25:</u>	Misty Sanford  Tina Gough  Rita Moorman
<u>March 4:</u>	Marsha Allen  Karen Leachman  M.K. Gough
<u>Ushers/Offertory</u>	
<u>Feb. 25:</u>	Jacques and Whitney Williams  and sons
<u>March 4:</u>	Rita Moorman\  Dorothea Melton
<h2>Lent</h2> <p>Often during Lent we give up chocolate or something like that. This year I am inviting you to <b>practice love</b>. 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.</p>	

**Ask the Lord for rain in the season of spring rain. The Lord makes the rain clouds, and he will give them showers of rain and crops in the field for everyone.” *Zechariah 10:1***

At the Kitchen sink there are only dishes and soap suds and my thoughts. So late at night while the household sleeps, I straggle into the kitchen to find peace in a sink full of waiting dishes. I find myself praying desperate dreams for the future. I pray for what I want but rarely for what I have.

Recently, I was reminded of the verse in Zechariah that says: *In the season of rain, pray for rain*. And suddenly I’m back in South Africa on a dry game farm surrounded by farmers who haven’t seen rain in months. These sun-weathered men sit in their rough clothes at a long table outside. The first course is cucumber soup. But with first bites come cold, hard drops. Rain. I prepare to make a dash for the inside of the lodge, but I’m the only one to move.

The men carry on with their meal as the rain falls down and the soup splashes up. But their actions speak louder than words and my father interprets them for me, “They won’t leave the rain, because they don’t want it to leave them.” In the season of rain, they want more rain.

What I have now is once what I wanted so desperately: a healed marriage, healthy children, the beginnings of meaningful work. I don’t want to lose sight of these in the chase after my next prayer request. In the season of rain, still pray for rain. Because, once the rain begins, it’s tempting to walk away from the answered prayer and move on to the next thing. But I do not want to do that. I want to sit and revel in what God has given me here and now. Daily, between soap suds and dirty dishes, I want to pray for what I have.

**A Moment to Breathe**

Pray for the rain that is already falling, giving thanks for the abundance He’s already shown.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It’s the cardinal who has been given the “title” of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope’s homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the “Order of Preachers,” commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

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***Our thoughts and prayers are with:***  
**SICK: Dorothy Fulton, Sister Janice Fenne-**  
**wald, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta**  
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Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman,  
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lip 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.