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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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Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— Romans 8:31b

TODAY'S READINGS

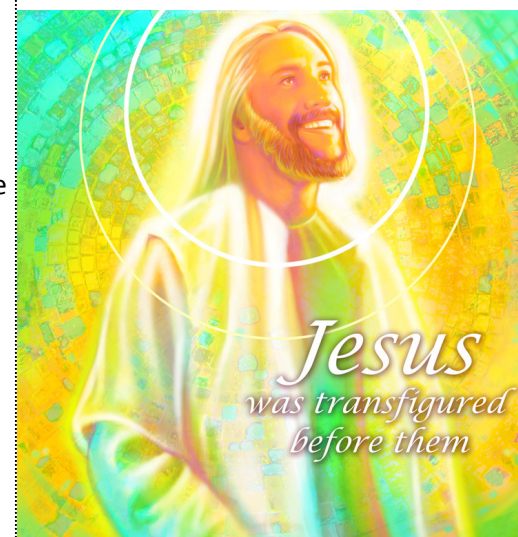
First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our
father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the
living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own
Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ◆ 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. 18— \$1046
Weekly Budget —\$865
Year to date —\$26,941.56
YTD budget—\$28,545
-(\$1,603.44)

Candles —\$6



Some of the Servers and Kitchen Helpers at the Italian Dinner

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our 1st Italian dinner a success. It took many hands to help sell tickets, get donations, bring china, silverware, and glassware, set-up and decorate the hall, serve the meal, wait on tables, and clean-up. etc. etc.

A special thank you to Layson Brooks for the time he spent scrubbing and buffeting the hall floors. Elmer Roberts was the photographer of the evening. Thanks to Jeff and Misty Sanford, Greg and Tina Gough, Cathy Kramer, and Connie Clary for the donations of drink and food. Olive Garden donated part of the meal and Old Hickory donated a table.

We will get the financial tally to you as soon as the money is counted and the bills are paid.

I think the people who attended enjoyed the evening and are ready to come back. Some of them did not know where Blessed Sacrament is. Your hospitality was outstanding.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Friday: Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

Lenten Reconciliation Seivices

- ◆ 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 hear in the second reading, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" We have nothing to fear, since God is always with us. We have a hard time remembering this fact though. It is just like another Gospel story, where the apostles were in the boat with Jesus and they were upset, because they had no bread, even though they had the creator of bread in the boat with them. We get caught up in the moment and forget who and what is happening all around us. It is kind of like that moment when you are searching for your sunglasses and they are right on top of your head the whole time. We are like that with God.

Abraham knew God was with him and he trusted. If only we could be so trusting. Jesus had to give several signs to his apostles, like the one in the Gospel today where he transfigures himself in front of them, but they still don't understand until after the cross.

May we live in the present moment, but not leave or forget that God is in it as well. My two closest friends and I, when we would run around together, sometimes would never have to even speak to each other, since we were simply comforted by being in each other's presence. My best friend Fr. Todd and I, when we were still in seminary together, sometimes would sit together in each other's room and work on homework separately, but content knowing the other was there. May we be content knowing that God is always in the room with us. He is that friend who is always there quietly, ready to be that stabilizing comfort.



February Birthdays

- 10—Father Jerry Riney
- 17—Dorothy Fulton
- 23—Larry Allen
- 24—Yasmeen Williams
- 27—Sondra Hibbs

March Birthdays

- 2—Marsha Allen
- 6—Alizabeth Hatchett
- 7—Britney Carmona



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IMPRESSION

When we try to make an impression, that’s the impression we make.

—Anonymous

Mass Intentions:

- Feb. 17—Sandra Brown
- Feb. 24—Donald Moorman
- March 4—Bernice Williams
- March 11—Jerry Mezur
- March 18—Kenneth Higgs

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>March 4:</u>	Layson Brooks Austin Gough
<u>March 11</u>	Darlina Etienne Audrey Mezur
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	
<u>March 4:</u>	Marsha Allen Karen Leachman M.K. Gough
<u>March 11:</u>	Cindy Clark Greg Gough Vivian Higgs
<u>Ushers/Offertory</u>	
<u>March 4:</u>	Rita Moorman\ Dorothea Melton
<u>March 11:</u>	Fulton Family

For A Smile: Football player’s wife: “I hate it when my husband calls leftovers ‘replays.’. TV executive’s wife: “My husband calls them ‘reruns.’. Mortician’s wife: “Be grateful. My husband refers to them as ‘remains.’” -----

A little girl asked her mother for ten cents to give to an old lady in the park. Her mother was touched by the child’s kindness and gave her the required sum. “There you are, my dear,” said the mother, ‘but tell me isn’t the lady able to work anymore? “ “Oh yes,” came the reply, “she sells sweets.”

What To Give Up During Lent: GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines. GIVE UP 5 to 10 minutes in bed! Instead use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion. GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first. GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door? GIVE UP hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins." GIVE UP worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about, like tomorrow!

Live today and let God's grace be sufficient. GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Give someone a precious gift: your time! GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn’t identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that’s us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It’s hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter’s plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:
SICK: Dorothy Fulton, Sister Janice Fenne-
wald, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta
Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Rose Chapman, De-
nise Higgs, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Mead-
ows, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, .Philip
Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman,
Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Betty Clark, Phil-
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 rela-
tionship 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.