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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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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 4, 2018**

The LORD] tells the number of the stars  
and calls each by name.

### TODAY'S READINGS

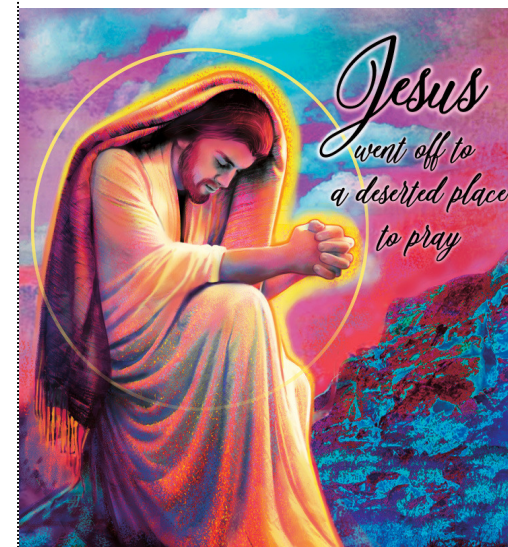
**First Reading** — Job experienced months of mis-  
ery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalms** — Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-  
hearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — I have become all things to all,  
to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-  
23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with  
various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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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
- 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
- Cursillo Men—March 1-4 and  
Women March 8-11
- 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..

Jan. 28 —\$962

Weekly Budget \$865

Year to date —\$25,772.25

YTD budget—\$26,815

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Candles —\$7



### Choose to live in Joy

Life goes by in the blink of an eye. It's too short to live upset, angry, resentful or ungrateful. If you look for the good, you will find it. Choose to be happy, to be at peace. Decide that each day is going to be a great day and grab each moment and make the best of it. Refuse to let negative thoughts take root in your mind and refuse to let negative people and situations drag you down. Trust your journey and know that if you make a mistake, it's okay. See it as a lesson learned and keep moving forward. Spend less time worrying and more time being grateful for those who love you and all of life's goodness. Choose to live in joy.

### Upcoming Events at Mount St. Joseph

- Feb. 6 Jesus the Bridegroom.

Sessions start at 5 PM and conclude by 6:30

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday  
Monday: St. Agatha  
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions  
Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking  
Saturday: St. Scholastica

*When t rains, look for rainbows;  
when it's dark, look for stars.*

### TIRELESS DISCIPLESHP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### 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.



# From the desk of Father Jamie

In today's first reading, we hear about Job and how he is going through a lot of difficulties. What I find interesting about Job is that his reaction to his problems usually consists of complaining, but he never leaves God. Job never says, "I don't believe in God anymore because of what has happened to me." Don't we hear of that a lot, when someone falls to their lowest and then they decide to not pray or believe anymore? That could be understandable, but really we still know that God is there. I have heard of a lot of blind people who say they are atheists, but really I think they have great faith; they have chosen to say they don't believe because they are mad at God.

May we place our trust in God, in good times and in bad. He is there, ready to heal us, but we have to be open to him, search him out and sometimes go out on a limb. God meets us where we are. Paul tells us today that he has to be many things for many people and that is what we are all called to at a certain point. May we take on an outlook of joining people in their sufferings instead of just feeling sorry for them. Instead of saying, "I feel sorry for you," say, "I am here and I am with you." Jesus does this joining with us through how he became man, so to take on all that we are. May we thank him for this joining and may we do so for others.



**Chick-Fil-A  
Night  
Jan. 25,  
2018**

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you for your support. It takes all to make  
a night successful.**

## Catholic Men's Conference

The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will host their seventh annual conference at the River Park Center in downtown Owensboro on February 17th. Keynote speakers this year will be Christopher West and Doug Barry. Mr. West is a best-selling author, speaker, teacher, and expert in John Paul II's "Theology of the Body." Mr. Barry is the host for EWTN's "Battle Ready", a mission to help strengthen and encourage the soldier of Christ. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$30 for adults.

## 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



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## HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman

## 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  
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***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. 11: Jacques Williams  
Gloria Adams  
Feb. 14: Marsha Allen  
Sister Jeannette  
Feb. 18: Von Williams  
M.K. Gough

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Feb. 11: Karen Leachman  
Rita Moorman  
M.K.Gough  
Feb. 14: Charlene Meadows  
Vivian Higgs  
Cindy Clark  
Feb. 18: Greg Gough  
Payton Sanford  
Cathy Kramer

**Ushers/Offertory**

Feb. 11: Robert Johnson  
Yvonne Mundy  
Feb. 14: Shelby Webster  
\_Wonet Taylor  
Feb. 18: Robert Hagan  
Matthew Brown

In our Gospel Reading from St. Mark, we hear the continuation of what we heard last week. Last week Jesus preached in the synagogue on the Sabbath day; today we hear what he did when he left the synagogue. We must remember that Jesus was in Capernaum. Capernaum was more or less the center of Jesus’ activities and ministry. It was also where the apostles Peter, James, Andrew, John, and Matthew were from. It is thus natural that the Lord would know many people there. The first thing we hear is that he visited Peter’s mother-in-law who was suffering with a fever. This act of healing is significant first because it was not in front of a large crowd, and second because it indicates that the Lord was interested in individuals. He loved them and cared for them, and was not doing it to promote himself.

There is a simple statement in today’s Gospel about the mother-in-law. Specifically, St. Mark writes, “He (Jesus) approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.” St. Matthew reveals this same fact in his Gospel (Matthew 8:15), and he writes, “He (Jesus) touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him.”

The message for us is very basic. Peter’s mother-in-law responded to Jesus the same way we should when Jesus blesses us. She responded to the Lord and immediately served Him out of gratitude. That should be our motivation, and action, as well.

**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**

We’re reading St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul’s day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul’s heart; he wrote to them sometimes “with many tears” (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There’s a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

***Our thoughts and prayers are with:***  
**SICK: Dorothy Fulton, Bob Springer, Craig Johnson, Danitra Brown, 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.