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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM
Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office: 270-683-6525

Rector: Fr. Jerry Riney, jerry.riney@pastoral.org

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jamie Dennis,
james.dennis@pastoral.org

Parish Life Coordinator: Sr. Jeannette Fennwald, SSND
jeannette.fennwald@pastoral.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

Psalms — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or *Psalm 130.*

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or *Romans 8:8-11.*

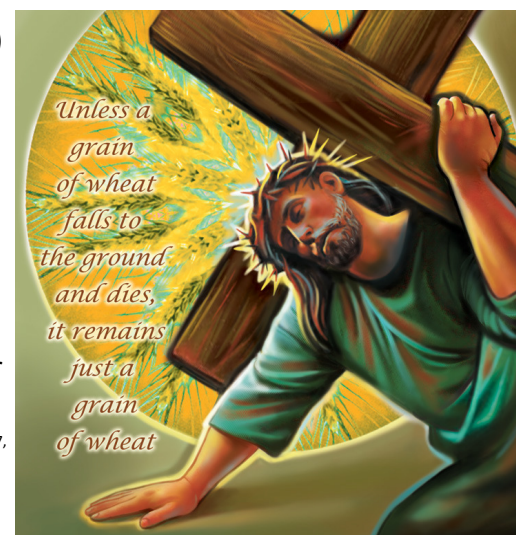
Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*

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Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.



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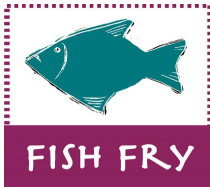
Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ♦ March 23 Fish Fry 5-7 PM
- ♦ March 25 Raffle drawing
- ♦ March 29 Holy Thursday Mass 7 PM followed by Adoration.
- ♦ March 30 Good Friday Service 7 PM
- ♦ April 1 Easter Sunday Mass 10 AM followed by Easter egg hunt on front lawn
- ♦ April 19 Donato Pizza Fundraiser 11 AM-10 PM



Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

- ♦ March 27 Chrism Mass 6:30 PM
- ♦ April 21 Annual Black Catholic Gathering 10 AM at Precious Blood

Thank you for your contributions..

Candles —\$4

March 11— \$559
Weekly Budget —\$865
Year to date —\$30,804.06
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Holy Week

Holy Week will begin on March 25th. Some of the important services that week are

- ♦ Chrism Mass 6:30 PM at Sportscenter
 - ♦ Holy Thursday 7 PM Mass with foot washing. This is followed by Adoration in the hall. **(Need volunteers to have their feet washed during Mass.) Rice Bowls will be collected.**
 - ♦ Good Friday Service 7 PM. This is the one time during the year when there is no Mass. Altar bare. Tabernacle empty. We have Veneration of the Cross, liturgy of the Word (Passion read) and Communion. Day of fast and abstinence.
 - ♦ Holy Saturday. We will not have the liturgy at Blessed Sacrament. Saint Stephen's Easter Vigil is 8 PM.
 - ♦ Easter Sunday. 10 AM Mass followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the young people.
- . Please volunteer for foot washing . Christ did it as an act of humility and service.**

We just received our check from the Chick-Fil-A fundraiser. The check is for \$530.54. This will go far with helping us with our budget expenses. Thanks again to all who help at the restaurant or who attended or encouraged others.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Spring begins

Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Help Needed

St. Stephen's Cathedral is in need of two people to do Child Care during the 9 AM Mass. They need someone who can be there every Sunday-starting April 8th from 8:45-10:15. Safe Environment and background check must be completed. If interested, call Beni at St. Stephen's 270-683-6525.

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.



ReconciliationService
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Lenten Reconciliation Seivices

- ♦ March 14, 21— 6:30-8:30 Lourdes, Blessed Mother, Sts. Joseph and Paul
- ♦ March 20 Immaculate, 6 PM
- ♦ March 22 Precious Blood 6 PM
- ♦ March 25 St. Stephen Cathedral 2 PM

Father Jamie’s Reflection



When we are children, we must be led by the hand until we can get to the point of walking on our own. Eventually, we gain independence and can safely go on our own, under the watchful care of an adult of course. This is what God does through the centuries. He led the Israelites out of the desert of Egypt by the hand of Moses. As time went on, he gradually helped the people to learn to walk spiritually more and more on their own, while still watching over us.

The cross is what brings spiritual maturity. The cross cleared the way for us to have the law of God within our hearts as Jesus describes in the Gospel for today. God desires us to be happy and free. He knows that the more spiritually mature we are, the more we can love him. The time of loving God out of fear is over, but now we can love him with a more outreaching and positive love. Sometimes we still need that fear of God within us; but more often than not, the time of fear and trembling is replaced by wonder and ah.

May we never lose sight of the spiritual progress that we have through the cross and the sacraments. We have come a long way since the time of God using thunder and fire to get his point across. God wants us to love him freely and with our hearts instead of out of trembling fear. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love and mercy endures for ever.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro has contracted with Amend Psychological Services for Joy Navan, a licensed psychological associate, to provide diocesan counseling services in English and Spanish. Working under the supervision of Dr. Edward Amend, Joy has experience working with children, adolescents, and adults. Although not a native speaker, Joy is fluent in Spanish and has a depth of understanding of Hispanic cultural values. Joy is available to provide face-to-face services in Paducah or online tele-mental health services to parishioners in need of counseling throughout the Diocese. Contact information: call [\(877\) 732-8683](tel:(877)732-8683) or [\(859\) 269-6465](tel:(859)269-6465), or email her at jnavan@amendpsych.com to schedule a confidential appointment.

March Birthdays
2—Marsha Allen
6—Alizabeth Hatchett
7—Britney Carmona
18—Jean Higgs
21—Tracy Hunter
25—Carol Hatchett
31—Frank Fulton



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REPENTANCE

God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins.

—St. Anselm

Mass Intentions:

March 4—Bernice Williams

March 11—Jerry Mezur

March 18—Kenneth Higgs

March 25—Les Bumm

March 29—Sandra Brown

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

March 25 Von Williams
Martha Kramer
Passion: Mary Katherine Gough
Austin Gough

April 1: Layson Brooks
Gloria Adams

Eucharistic Ministers

March 25: Tina Gough
Payton Sanford
Cathy Kramer

April 1: Rita Moorman
Vivian Higgs
Marsha Allen

Ushers/Offertory

March 25: Ethan Ashby
Robert Johnson
Yvonne Mundy

Outreach

Lent is a time of almsgiving and seeing how we can reach out to our brothers and sisters who have less. Thanks for your donations to Backpack Ministry for Faust School and Birthright. The next two weeks we will take up a collection for local special needs.

Father Jamie has recently received the assignment to St. Mary of the Woods parish in Whitesville. We appreciate the time that he has spent with us, sharing himself but especially his love of the priesthood. The move is effective June 12th.

Father Sinoj Pynadath, a Herald of the Good News (Father Suneesh’s community) will be joining us. He is a classmate of Father Suneesh and is staying with him until the June move.



Some of our Ladies of Wisdom enjoying a tea/brunch. Thanks to these ladies for sharing the gift of the wonderful people that they are with Blessed Sacrament Church. Thanks also to the ladies who served them and provided food : Cindy Clark, Marsha Allen, Barbara Hammond, Rita Moorman, Susan Mutter, Janet Clark, Vivian Higgs, Kathi Skidd, and Cathy Kramer..

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means “olive press,” and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can’t be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a “gethsemane,” and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or “The Cry of the Lord,” built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with:
SICK: Frank Adams, Dorothy Fulton, 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.

BE AWARE

We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn’t know we had left open.

—Anonymous

Congratulations

Rita Moorman has been nominated for the diocesan Creating Hope Award. This award is for individuals who do works aligned with the mission of Catholic Charities. She works with The Owensboro Affordable Housing. They recently were recognized by the state for their accomplishments.