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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

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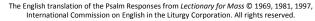
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).





Third Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018

You alone. O LORD.

bring security to my dwelling.

— Psalm 4:9





Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- April 19 Donato Pizza on Parrish Ave. Fundraiser 11 AM to 10 PM. Dine-in, carry-out or delivery count toward our 15% as long as Blessed Sacrament is mentioned.
- May 6 10 AM Honor graduates
 Mary Katherine and Payton
- June 12 Father Jamie's moving date
- June 17 Father Sinjo's first day at Blessed Sacrament

Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

April 21 Annual Black Catholic Gathering
 10 AM at Precious Blood

Candles: \$3

WEEKLY

Thank you for your contributions

April 1—\$991

April 8—\$355

Weekly Budget —\$865

Year to date —\$34,136.06

YTD budget—\$34,600

Kroger check \$125.69

OBCM Diocesan Day of Reflection

All are invited! The annual Black Catholic Day of Reflection will be held at Precious Blood Catholic Church on April 21 from 9 AM to 4 PM. The keynote speaker will be Sr. Desiré Anne-Marie Findlay, and Bishop Medley will begin the day with Mass. at 10. Continental breakfast at 9. Each participant is asked to bring a pack of pencils for Jamaica. Find out more and register at: owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-day-of-reflection ...

Flower Donations

Thanks to all who donated for flowers for the altar at Easter

- Georgia Holland in memory of George Holland, Mr & Mrs. John Orendorff, Mr. & Mrs. George Holland
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- Jean Higgs In memory of Rachel Hersey Earsie Moore, Joseph Jersey, Sara Grundy and in honor of Loretta Wathen
- Steve and Becky Coble
- Vivian Higgs In memory of Kenneth Higgs, Sr., Lucille Higgs, Rachel Hersey, George Higgs, Penny Blackwell
- ◆ Nancy Bumm in memory of Les Bumm, Abel family, Bumm family .

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2;

Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-

69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26,

28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:Third Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: Income Tax Day

Saturday: St. Anselm

WINGS

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to Heaven.

-St. John Climacus

CHURCH

God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of our hearts they must arise.

-Anonymous

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

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Word Play

- Arbitrator: a cook that leaves Arby to work at McDonald's
- Bernadette: The act of torching a mortgage
- Burglarize: What a crook sees through
- Avoidable: What a bullfighter tries to do.

Father Jamie's Reflection



Today I would like to focus on the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. What struck me as I read over this first reading is the striking difference that we see in the apostle Peter. It amazes me how we hear his discourse in this reading, standing up for Christ, calling for repentance, but not long ago, just months possibly before the sermon, Peter denied Christ three times and ran away from him. It is obvious that the Holy Spirit is with Peter and has helped to strengthen him. I myself could not imagine preaching in front of such a crowd as Peter did. The reality is that this particular crowd, at this particular time, could have easily stoned Peter at a moment's notice. Peter knew this and eventually would be put to death because of his words; but now as we hear, he is standing up for Jesus Christ and the church.

Do we have the courage and the trust in God to do what Peter did? Sometimes I question myself about these things. I love sharing the word of God with you all, that I know that you will not stone me, or at least I hope you won't. I am sure that there are places in the world where I could go and possibly be killed for preaching the word of God. There are places in our own backyard where it is difficult to visibly and actively be a Christian. May we be inspired by Saint Peter, to continue fighting the good fight and standing up for Christ and his church. Our lives depend on it.

Saint Peter finally understood how beautiful gift of the church really is and he stood up for her. This, of course, came at a price. However, his words, the words of Christ, had a huge multiplication fruit. We would not be what we are today without the words that he spread. How can a simple fisherman, start out as a fisherman, then end up being a pope? Only God can do that. I myself am just a simple farm boy, and I never could have imagined to be a priest. God makes these things happen. God gives all of us the ability to change the world for his good. May we not let the chance to do this good pass us by.

Church Mice

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April Birthdays

3—Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough, Bobby Hardin

6-Marshall Williams

15—Frank Adams, JR

21—Kathi Skidd

23—Misty Sanford

25—Charlene Meadows

26—Vivian Higgs

27—Ruth Coble





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Mass Intentions:

April 1—Donald Moorman

April 8—Bernice Williams

April 15—Barbara Horsley

April 22—Jerry Mezur

April 29—Les Bumm

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.

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.

Open our hearts to hear the Word of God

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

April 22: Martha Kramer

Mary K. Gough

April 29 Austin Gough

Gloria Adams

Eucharistic Ministers

April 22 Gloria Adams

Payton Sanford

Marsha Allen

April 29 Mary Katherine Gough

Rita Moorman

Greg Gough

Ushers/Offertory

April 22: Cindy Clark

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April 29: Ethan Ashby

Cathy Kramer

Recent Collections

Rice bowl: \$377.36

Holy Land: \$60

Catholic Relief Services: \$65

Sick and infirm priests: \$35

Seminary: \$40

Local assistance \$216

Thank you for your contributions

Raffle

Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets and/or contributed prizes. Larry Clark donated the bench, Dennis Mayfield the quilt, Kathi Skidd the two framed stitched pictures, and Martha Kramer the three dog bone pillows. Our winners were:

Pitino basketball: Sandra Everly

Afghan: Jacques Williams

Quilt: Pam McCarter

Bench: Jacques Williams

Picture: Barbara Hammond

Picture: Misty Sanford

Pillow: Sondra Hibbs

Pillow: Sandra Everly

Pillow: Wonet Taylor

We took in \$511.50.

Disciples Response Fund

As mentioned previously, we received 50% of anything our parish puts into the Disciple Response Fund over our target. **We received a check this week for \$179.88.** Thanks to each of you who have contributed. If you have not completed your pledge, please continue to do so. We receive another check in the fall.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a "rule" that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called "Kentucky Dominicans," began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ's dying and rising in an inspiring way.

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK_Dorothy Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Sister Janice Fennewald, Frank Adams, 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.

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