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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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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 22, 2018

See what love the Father has be-
stowed on us that we may be called the
children of God. I John 3:1

TODAY'S READINGS

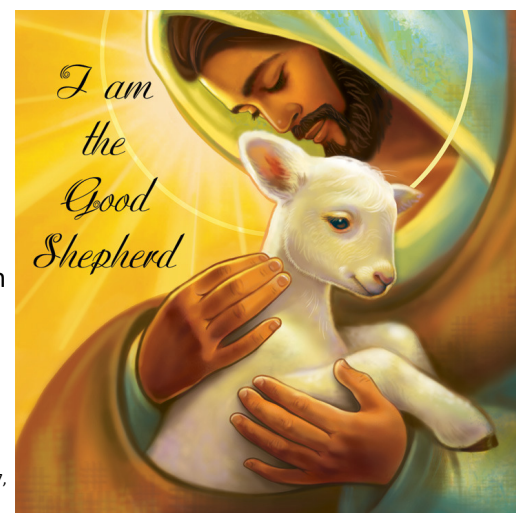
First Reading — There is no other name under
heaven by which we are to be saved than the
name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has
become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has
bestowed on us that we may be called the children
of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — I am the good shepherd. A good shep-
herd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-
18).

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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ♦ May 6 10 AM Honor graduates Mary Katherine and Payton
- ♦ May 20 Mary Crowning
- ♦ June 12 Father Jamie's moving date
- ♦ June 17 Father Sinjo Pynadath's first day

Diocesan Events

- ♦ May 1 Rebuilding after Divorce Our Lady of Lourdes 6:30 PM
- ♦ June 2 Corpus Christi Procession from Brescia to St. Stephen's 10 AM to Noon

Thank you for your contributions..

April 15—\$658

Weekly Budget —\$865

Year to date —\$34,136.06

YTD budget—\$34,600



T-shirts

A number of parishioners have talked about getting a Blessed Sacrament Chapel t-shirt. Everything is in motion. Sign-ups are being taken so that we know how many to order. (Cost changes if we get more). As soon as we get a design, we will give out the order form so you can order the size you want. Hope to see many of us in these at the picnic and at other events throughout the year.

TimeSavers

I just recently became acquainted with an organization that will help if you are moving or downsizing (help sort, pack, get rid of excess, etc.) They also can help with care-giving from 2 hours to 24/7, transportation, housekeeping, companionship, errands, meal prep. They are licensed and insured. They have been in Bowling Green and now have started in Owensboro. If you want more information, call 270-702-7887 or 270-792-5703. I have seen them in action and have been impressed.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert
- Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day
- Friday: Arbor Day
- Saturday: St. Peter Chanel;



SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God.

—St. Vincent Pallotti

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and live-stock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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Word Play

- ♦ Left Bank: What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.
- ♦ Heroes: What a man in a boat does
- ♦ Parasites: What you see from the Eiffel Tower
- ♦ Paradox: Two physicians
- ♦ Pharmacist: A helper on a farm

Father Jamie’s Reflection



The name of Jesus is powerful. In the Bible times names carried a lot more weight. Names could tell others what their trade was, their family line, and other things. To know a name means power, not just the power to recall who someone is, but to have an authority over them as well. To give someone a name is twofold, since naming a person is a great responsibility and the change of a name is important too. God changed the names of people and gave people names for special specific reasons, Abraham had a name change and this was to signify his elevation to begin a great race of people. Even today religious monks and nuns receive a new name at their consecration to the religious life which signifies their new life as a consecrated person.

The name of Jesus has more power and is the greatest name above all names. When the name of Jesus is spoken, demonic spirits are driven away. The name of Jesus has power. Not only do we have power over evil in Jesus name, we also have comfort in his name. His name is also important because it is in his name that we Christians represent, so when we do things to either honor or tarnish his name, that has power as well. If we don’t live up to the expectations of the name of Jesus, when we represent him, we harm the church. There are some people who are offended by the name of Jesus because of how a Christian has treated them and we don’t want that to happen. May we do our best to be Jesus to people and bring his name glory. It is in his name that we have glory.

To be a shepherd in Jesus’ time required living a life of total self-giving. The area where Jesus lived and worked had ground that was mostly rough and rocky. Raising sheep was, nonetheless, possible. However, it required moving constantly to find pastures for grazing. Every flock of sheep needed a shepherd who would lead the flock from place to place so the sheep could eat and survive. (“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall lack.”)

Thus, being a shepherd could be very difficult. The shepherd was on duty every hour of every day. In the midst of that sheep could get lost, they could be attacked by predators, and they could be stolen by others. We as people are not that different from the sheep. Sheep without a shepherd were virtually defenseless. Look at our society. We have children who are orphans even though they have parents; we have people who long to be loved and protected. We are among those people. But we have a Good Shepherd, Who loves us and Who is with always because we are His children.

April Birthdays

21—Kathi Skidd

23—Misty Sanford

25—Charlene Meadows

26—Vivian Higgs

27—Ruth Coble

May Birthdays

12—Cindy Clark, Buddy Brown, Brent Hatchett

14—Steve Coble



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Mass Intentions:

April 15—Barbara Horsley

April 22—Jerry Mezur

April 29—Les Bumm

May 5—Stan Howard

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>April 29</u>	Austin Gough Gloria Adams
<u>May 6:</u>	Von Williams Layson Brooks
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	
<u>April 29</u>	Mary Katherine Gough Rita Moorman Greg Gough
<u>May 6:</u>	Tina Gough Karen Leachman Vivian Higgs
<u>Ushers/Offertory</u>	
<u>April 29:</u>	Ethan Ashby Cathy Kramer
<u>May 6:</u>	Mary Katherine Gough Payton Sanford



AT WORK

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

Why Being Grateful Isn’t Just for Thanksgiving

The practice of gratitude can have dramatic and lasting effect in a person’s life. It can lower blood pressure, improve immune function, and facilitate more efficient sleep.

Being grateful is allowing yourself to be happier, more content, and more satisfied with everything that is going on around you. So how do we do this?

- ◆ **Learn to live in the moment:** Life is a wonderful adventure filled with enriching experiences and endless possibilities. Instead of doing something just for the sake of doing it, actually make an effort to savor the experience.
- ◆ **Make an oath of gratitude:** Be aware of your goal to be more grateful.. Gratitude is a conscious decision.
- ◆ **Make a gratitude board:** Post what you are grateful for. Focus on people or experiences rather than materialistic things that won’t necessarily last very long.
- ◆ **Always resist the temptation of comparing yourself with other people.**
- ◆ **Control your thoughts:** Stop repeating negative thoughts. Stop thinking more and more self-entitled.
- ◆ **Appreciate what you have right now.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord’s Pass-over: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Easter. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King’s chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Easter once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn’t take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with:
SICK Dorothy Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Tiah Brown, 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.**

THE HOMEBOUND:

Loretta Wathen is at Hermitage and Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place.on Buckland Square. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.

Insurance Policy: Fire swept the plains and burned down the farmer’s barn. While he surveyed the wreckage, his wife called their insurance company and asked them to send a check for \$50,000, the amount of insurance on the barn. “We don’t give you the money,” a company official explained. “We replace the barn and all the equipment in it.” In that case,” replied the wife, “cancel the policy I have on my husband.”