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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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Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

TODAY'S READINGS

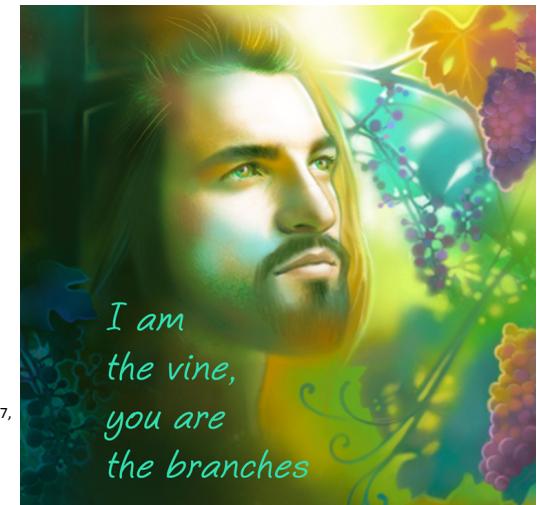
First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

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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
- ◆ June 24 70th Anniversary celebration. Bishop Medley celebrant

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 22—\$775

Weekly Budget —\$865

Year to date —\$35,339.06

YTD budget—\$36,330



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.

Safe Environment

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (687-8888 or 685-8444) or the Kentucky child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1). The diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all who have been sexually abused and especially those abused by a person working for the church, paid or unpaid, either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator confidential phone line (270-852-8380). The revised sexual abuse policy, which explains fully the diocese's efforts to address sexual abuse in the Church can be found in the back of church on the book rack.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Pius V
- Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker
- Wednesday: St. Athanasius
- Thursday: Ss. Philip and James; National Day of Prayer
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

BE WHAT YOU SEEK

Even as you seek a virtuous, fair, and good spouse . . . it is fitting that you should be the same.

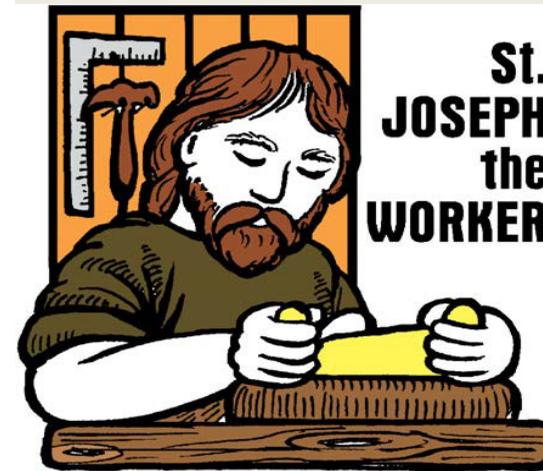
—St. Bernardine of Siena

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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Father Jamie's Reflection



May we never go off on our own from Christ and his church. We hear in the first reading today, that Paul tried to minister after his conversion, but he had a hard time because some people were not yet aware of his conversion and they still thought he wanted to kill them and was trying to trick them. Paul had to go before the apostles and get authority from them in order to be sent out; then people would know Paul comes in peace. The word apostle means "one who is sent", so in order for Paul to be a true apostle, he has to be sent by God and his church.

Jesus in the Gospel today talks about being the vine and we are the branches. Just as it makes no sense for Paul to go off on his own without church and God given authority, it also makes no sense for us to break off from Christ and his church. We are all on this journey together; we cannot just be on our own. God founded the church to help keep us together with him. There are a lot of churches today. A lot of these churches were started by one person for whatever reason; but usually these organizations don't last very long, especially if the founding minister leaves or is involved in some sort of scandal. There are over 25,000 denominations in the United States alone. It is nice to see churches on every corner, but if they are not one and cannot work together, what is the purpose of that? It is no wonder that people get frustrated and turned off by Christianity because they see the divisions. Christ prays for unity. May we pray for church unity and for ourselves that we may always do our best to follow the church and what God has put before us which is the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church is perfect because Christ founded it, even though the people with in the church are not perfect. She has lasted this long and as Christ promised Peter the gates of hell will never prevail against her.

Black Catholic Gathering, April 21, 2018



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 22—Jerry Mezur

April 29—Les Bumm

May 5—Stan Howard

May 13—Bernice Williams

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

May 6: Von Williams
Layson Brooks

May 13: Jacques Williams
Connie Clary

Eucharistic Ministers

May 6: Tina Gough
Karen Leachman
Vivian Higgs

May 13: Cindy Clark
Charlene Meadows
Gloria Adams

Offertory

May 6: Mary Katherine Gough
Payton Sanford

Ushers

May 6: Jeff Sanford
Dylan Sanford

Ushers/Offertory

May 13: Yvonne Mundy
Nancy Bumm

Stewardship

We have pointed out numerous times that being a good steward requires action. It may be easy for us come to an understanding of what it means to love one another; and additionally, we may speak of doing it; but the true measure is what we do, how we live our lives.

The best examples of stewardship of that we may be aware in our parishes and community involve what we see and experience in others. That is the most effective way to be taught and it is the best way to teach others. Do it and live it.

That is John's point is it not? He continues his instructions in the Second Reading by saying, "We should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us." The Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik Ibsen, who had a great appreciation for the written word, once stated, "**A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed.**"

A huge thanks to Phil Robert for striping the parking lot and to Vivian Higgs for arranging it. It really spruces BSC up.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

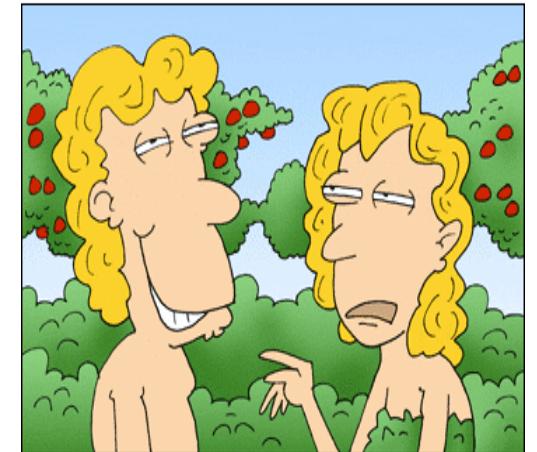
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:
SICK Dorothy Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, 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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FOR THE LAST TIME, ADAM, YES ... YOU ARE THE MOST HANDSOME MAN ALIVE

Invite Jesus into your problems and fears. Expect Him to show up.

—Pope Francis

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux