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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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**The Ascension of the Lord May 13, 2018**

Whoever believes and is baptized  
will be saved. — Mark 16:16

## TODAY'S READINGS

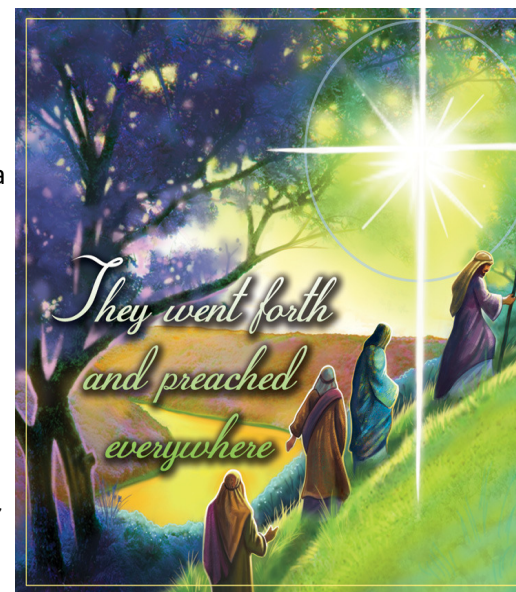
**First Reading** — Jesus tells the disciples that they  
will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts  
1:1-11).

**Psalm** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a  
blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

**Second Reading** — God seated Jesus at his right  
hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephe-  
sians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

**Gospel** — The Lord Jesus was taken up into  
heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

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# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

- ◆ May 13 Mothers’ Day Blessing
- ◆ 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 Dinner to follow

### Diocesan Events

- ◆ June 2 Corpus Christi Procession from Brescia to St. Stephen’s 10 AM to Noon

### Thank you for your contributions..

May 6— \$1058  
Weekly Budget —\$865  
Year to date—\$37,283.06  
YTD budget—\$38,060  
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### A Mother’s Prayer

*Loving God, you are both Father and Mother to us. You gave us your own Be-loved Child Jesus that we may come to see, from his words and deed of compassion, how much you care for us. You gave us Mary, our Mother, faithful disciple, who treasured your word in her heart. Like her, may I be ever attentive to your word. Make me sensitive to the needs of my children that they, like Jesus, may grow in wisdom, age, and grace. May they be joyous in their living, compassionate in their loving, and generous always in your service. In Jesus’ name, I pray.*

### MOTHER

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.  
—William Makepeace Thackeray

### OCHS Memorial

Alumni of OCHS have begun an effort to establish a permanent memorial honoring the service of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. They were the first educators and administrators when OCHS opened in 1951.  
For questions, contact Elizabeth Field jimliz@oh.rr.com or 440-510-8690.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19  
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25  
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; Mother’s Day; World Communications Day  
Monday: St. Matthias  
Tuesday: St. Isidore the Farmer  
Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension  
Friday: St. John I  
Saturday: Armed Forces Day; Vigil of Pentecost; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

### DEEP DEBT

All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.  
—Attributed to Abraham Lincoln

### MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ’s ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke’s description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark’s account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus’ name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ’s messianic mission on earth.

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# Father Jamie’s Reflection



Over the next few weeks, I would like to take time to reflect on angels with you. As a blind person, I tend to operate in more of the unseen. As we pray every Sunday, in the creed, “I believe in things visible and invisible.” What this quote refers to, is the belief in angels and demons. They are all around us, whether we know it or not. They play a huge part in our lives. I want to begin this series of reflections on angels, by giving a few basic facts about angels in general. To begin with, angels were created along time ago. Angels are spiritual beings, they are not material, although they do manifest themselves to us, but they are not material beings. They manifest themselves to us in ways that we can understand from our human perspective. They are very different than humans. We humans are made in the image and likeness of God and angels are not, that is why when we die we do not become angels, we are still human as opposed to what secular society might say. Angels are extremely intelligent, and all they have to do is think about a place and then they are there. Angels can even be in more than one place at one time.

There are nine choirs of angels, each choir has specific duties and titles. Just to put things into perspective, the bottom choir of angels are mainly the guardian angels, God created a guardian angel for each person, so if you think about it, there is a guardian angel for every person who has ever been born, is alive now and will be born. That is a lot of angels and that is only the bottom choir. We know according to Scripture, that a third of the angels fell and became the demons. Satan himself was one of the most beautiful and highly ranked seraphim angels. If you haven’t figured out by now, there are many more angels than there are humans. They’re always has been more and always will be, since the spiritual realm goes above and beyond anything we can comprehend in our material world. Most of what we know about angels comes from scripture. Some of what we know about angels comes from sacred tradition, which differs a little bit between the Eastern and Western churches, but the basics all point to the same reality, that angels are real and they are with us. I hope you enjoy reflecting with me on Angels the next few weeks before I depart to head to Whitesville. Angels are very dear to me, especially my guardian angel, who I talk to on a very regular basis.

## Church Mice



## May Birthdays

- 7—Connie Clary
- 12—Cindy Clark, Charles Brown, Jr., Brent Hatchett
- 14—Steve Coble
- 22— Charles Brown, Sr.
- 26—Diane Hatchett
- 30—Karen Leachman
- 31—Barbara Hammond, Layson Brooks



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## Mass Intentions:

- May 5—Stan Howard
- May 13—Bernice Williams
- May 20—Kenneth Higgs
- May 27—Don 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  
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,  
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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 20: Kathi Skidd  
Audrey Mezur

May 27: Barbara Bisel  
Marsha Allen

**Eucharistic Ministers**

May 20: Greg Gough  
Cathy Kramer  
Misty Sanford

May 27: Payton Sanford  
Cathy Kramer  
Vivian Higgs

**Offertory/ Ushers**

May 20: Robert Hagan  
Shelby Webster

May 27: Barbara Hammond  
Pam McCarter

**Thank you**

**A huge thank you to the parishioners who have recently helped beautify the grounds help install smoke detectors and security lights and paint doors. Joyce and Philip Moorman, Sondra Hibbs, Rita Moorman, Layson Brooks, Robert Johnson, Charlene Meadows, and Janet Clark.**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” This is not a suggestion but a command. It still holds for each of us today. Being an evangelist, being a disciple, being a steward is not a matter of choice for those of us who are Catholic and Christian. It is something that the Lord expects of us.

As much as we may argue about how to carry out this command from Jesus, the fact remains that our very lives need to stand as a representation of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to “love one another,” what it means to live and to work as a disciple of Christ.

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel Picnic**

**August 4, 2018**

The **Silent Auction** is in need of baskets and gift cards. Can you donate items for a basket or ask some business to donate a basket? It is not too early to ask.

The **Cake Wheel** will need home-made cakes. Be thinking about what kind of cake you can bake and donate.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, Mother’s Day is over. “Mothering Sunday” was on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Long ago, people were freed from work to travel on this day to the parish where they were baptized, their “Mother Church.” Often, people were reunited with their mothers on this day. Employers would release their workers and servants for this visit. The American celebration, while based on this custom, really has to do with an anti-war movement of mothers in Civil War times. They crusaded for better sanitary conditions for their sons. When President Wilson instituted the first Mother’s Day in 1912, it was a day to fly the flag in honor of mothers whose children had died in battle. Knowing the tradition is a good balance to our celebration today. We can enfold in prayer the mothers who have suffered the loss of their children in war.

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***Our thoughts and prayers are with:***

**SICK Dorothy Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Shelby Webster, Catherine Brand, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman, 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:**

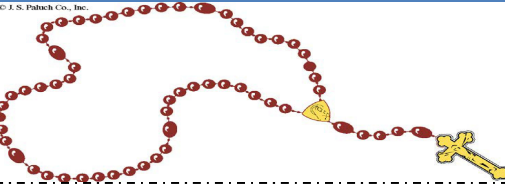
Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place on Buckland Square. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.

**WORRIES**

The greatest of worries can’t pay the smallest of debts.

—Anonymous

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**Save the Date**

**70 Year Anniversary at**

**Blessed Sacrament**

**June 24 10 AM Mass**