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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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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The gift of the Holy Spirit was  
poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26,  
34-35, 44-48).

**Psalm** — The Lord has revealed to the nations his  
saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — Let us love one another, be-  
cause love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John  
4:11-16.

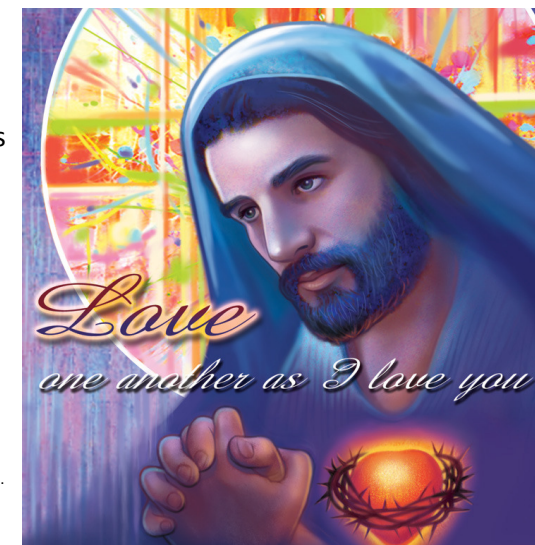
**Gospel** — This is my commandment: love one  
another as I love you (John 15:9-17) or John  
17:11b-19.

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2018**

It was not you who chose me, but I who  
chose you and appointed you to go and  
bear fruit.



# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ♦ May 6 10 AM Honor graduates Mary Katherine and Payton
- ♦ 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

### Diocesan Events

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

### Thank you for your contributions..

April 29— \$814  
Weekly Budget —\$865  
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# Congratulations

## Payton and Mary Katherine

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday:; Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday) or St. Damien de Veuster
- Saturday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras



### WONDER

People go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains . . . and they pass by themselves without wondering.

—St. Augustine

### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.

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# Father Jamie’s Reflection



Today in the first reading, we hear about Peter visiting the home of Cornelius. I don’t think Peter knew exactly what he was going to find and was quite shocked when he experienced the Spirit coming upon the Gentiles. The other circumcised with Peter were just as shocked. It seems to me, as though they were almost angry that the Holy Spirit had come down upon the Gentiles. It seemed as though they were wanting to continue to be the exclusive crowd. Aren’t we like that sometimes? Sometimes it seems as though we get angry when someone is given a great gift, a great joy, or mercy. We should not be like that. God is love as we hear in the second reading and in the Gospel today. May we truly believe in this fact of God being in love and act on that believe. It is difficult sometimes to love, but we can love and we should love. Sometimes it even seems easier to hate and easier to not love; sometimes unfortunately, it is a little bit fun to hate and that is very sad. It is obvious we live in a very fallen world, but we can change it for the better.

One bit of love at a time. Sometimes to love takes an extra step or two, but the rewards are out of this world. To bring joy into the world instead of hate, has much more benefits. It is one thing to love, but taking another step, is to look for Christ in others, especially those whom we don’t particularly like. I challenge each of us to try today to think of one person that we don’t like, and to think of their Christlike qualities.

## Church Mice

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## 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:

April 29—Les Bumm

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,  
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 13: Jacques Williams  
Connie Clary

May 20: Kathi Skidd  
Audrey Mezur

**Eucharistic Ministers**

May 13: Cindy Clark  
Charlene Meadows  
Gloria Adams

May 20: Greg Gough  
Cathy Kramer  
Misty Sanford

**Offertory/ Ushers**

May 13: Yvonne Mundy  
Nancy Bumm

May 20: Robert Hagan  
Shelby Webster



**PRIDE**

What better proof of your pride  
could you have given than to claim you  
were not proud?

—St. John Climacus

**Love One Another**

This is proclaimed from pulpits every-  
where! And it’s exactly what today’s scripture  
says: “This is my commandment, that you love  
one another as I have loved you.” Even in the best  
marriages and the best relationships, loving one  
another *as Jesus loved* (and all the time) is a tall  
order! How can we keep what seems like an im-  
possible commandment?

Earlier in John’s gospel, Jesus spoke about  
the “new commandment”: “I give you a new  
commandment, that you love one another. Just as  
I have loved you, you also should love one an-  
other.”<sup>1</sup> The fact that Jesus brings this up a sec-  
ond time shows how important it was to him —  
and thus should be to us.

One thing should be clear right at the start.  
As one commentator puts it, “Jesus is not talking  
about a particular set of feelings or emotions. He  
is not telling his disciples to concoct some par-  
ticular combination of dreaminess and quickened  
pulses at the sight of a beloved. It is clear that  
‘love’ means service, means action, means a  
life of self-sacrifice for the benefit of others.”<sup>2</sup>

We are Jesus friends if we love one  
another.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patron-  
ess of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a  
day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the cus-  
toms of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary,  
sometimes called “Lady Month,” which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the  
custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was  
the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit  
Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of  
Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to  
some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen.  
Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. De-  
voting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

—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,  
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man, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows,  
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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  
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*We are slaves to our gadgets, pup-  
pets of our power, and prisoners of  
our security. The theme of our gen-  
eration is: ‘get more, know more,  
and do more’, instead of ‘pray  
more, be more, and serve more.’*

—Billy Graham

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