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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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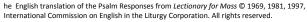
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

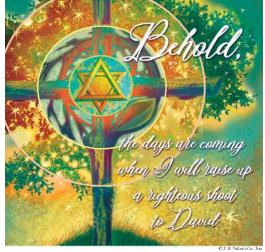
Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).





16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 22, 2018

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot



Coming Events CALENDAR

Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

July 28-29 Sell raffle tickets at St. Stephen's 5 PM, 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

August 3 Set-up for picnic 6 PM

August 4 Picnic 10 AM-4PM 5 PM Mass

August 5 No 10 AM Mass

August 15 6 PM Mass (Assumption)

Community Bar-B-Q's

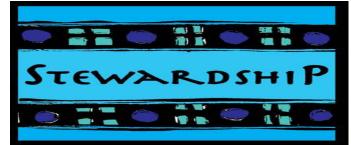
August 7 St. Martin Parish (Drive-through only)

Thank you for your contributions

July 15— \$1082 Weekly Budget —\$875 Year-to-date \$1124







C Annika Nelson

Discipleship Reflections

Today's Gospel is short in length but evokes powerful images. The disciples were tired and hungry, and Jesus suggests they "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." However, by the time their boat arrived there was a "vast crowd." We can all relate to what it must have felt like to see the crowd waiting—parents whose babies cry just as they're laying down their heads to sleep, families tackling homework after a busy day, the never-ending list of errands and chores, or the responsibilities piling up at work. Yet Jesus teaches us a wonderful lesson about stewardship in this Gospel. Because "his heart was moved with pity for them," He felt that the needs of others, those "sheep without a shepherd", were more important than his own. By sharing our time, talent, and treasure, we follow Jesus' example and His call to us to shepherd others by giving of ourselves.

Do you feel as if you are wandering aimlessly through life, like a sheep without a shepherd, or do you place your trust in Jesus? Through the Eucharist, we can find that the Lord offers us—the sheep of his flock—nourishment, instruction, mercy, and peace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-Monday: 17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8;

Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt

20:20-28

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-

11; Mt 13:10-17

Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-Friday:

23

Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt Saturday:

13:24-30

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Sunday:

Jn 6:1-15 Eph 4:1-6;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bridget

St. Sharbel Makhlūf Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. James

Ss. Joachim and Anne Thursday:

Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary**

MUCH-NEEDED PRAYER

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

-St. Francis de Sales

REST IN THE LORD

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2018 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship.

There are a limited number of Blessed Sacrament Chapel t-shirts available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Sister Jeannette in the office.

Thank you to Gloria Adams who faithfully bakes cakes for big occasions—most recently our 70th Anniversary and Father Jamie's farewell.

From the desk of Father Sinoj, HGN



The Christian life is a continuous shift between the presence of God and the presence of men. It is like the rhythm of sleep and work. We cannot work unless we have our time of rest; and sleep will not come unless we have worked until we are tired. When the Apostles returned from their Mission Jesus invites them to rest a while. because he knew it was important for His disciples to have some rest.

There can be two dangers in life. First, there can be a danger of continuous activity. Sometimes we do a lot of works and forget to find time with God in quietness. We need to recharge ourselves with spiritual energy to do our works with enthusiasm. Second, there is the danger of too much withdrawal. For some prayer is a means to escape from their responsibilities. Devotion that does not issue in action is not real devotion. The rhythm of the Christian life is the alternate meeting with God in the secret place and serving men in the market place.

But the rest which Jesus wanted was not possible because the pathos of the crowd was so intense that He could not but help them. He felt compassion for them. "Sheep without a Shepherd" is an expression of the pathetic situation of the crowd. Without a Shepherd, sheep cannot find their way, cannot find their pasture, and cannot be safe. Jesus gives priority to the compassion He felt for the crowd. Sometimes compassion should take the first place in our lives.

Love in Christ Fr. Sinoj Pynadath

("`···´") Always
`·.¸("`···´") Keep
("`···´"),..´ Smiling!

July Birthdays

3—Ray Higgs

8—Alexis Hatchett

10—Chelis Carmona

11—Diane Howard

12—Darlina Etienne

13—Francine Epison

15—Georgia Holland

18—Lori Carman

20—Tina Gough, Isaac Gough

22 — Marcia Wilhite

26—Becky Coble

27—Robert Hagan



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Mass Intentions:

July 1—Barbara Horsley

July 8—Michael Carrico

July 15—Les Bumm

July 22—Bernice Williams

July 29—Blessings on BSC Picnic/Bar-B-Q

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

July 29: Audrey Mezur

Kathi Skidd

August 4: Austin Gough

Layson Brooks

Eucharistic Ministers

July 29: Greg Gough

Mary Katherine Gough

Payton Sanford

August 4: Tina Gough

Vivian Higgs

Misty Sanford

Offertory/ Ushers

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Wonet Taylor

August 4: Burnell Hamilton

Barbara Hammond

SOLITUDE

Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself.

If you have letters for donors for silent auction, please do follow-up and turn in donations. I really appreciate all your efforts.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Picnic

August 4, 2018

Pick up your **Raffle Tickets** to sell. Each family is asked to sell at least 25.

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?

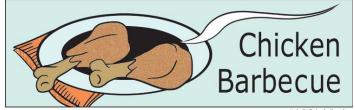
The **Cake Wheel** will need home-made cakes. Be thinking about what kind of cake you can bake and donate.

Picnic News

What are you doing at the picnic this year????

Plan on how you can help and maybe even ask someone else to join us. Many people believe in Blessed Sacrament. Would they be willing to give us an hour?

We are still needing workers and donations (over and beyond what everyone is asked to donate). Where can you put your time, talent, and treasure to the good of Blessed Sacrament Chapel?



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK Dorothy Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, .Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, 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.

hanks to Anthony Gates (See Matthew 18:12-13)

HEY GUYS, I FOUND THE MISSING SHEE

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