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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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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

TODAY'S READINGS

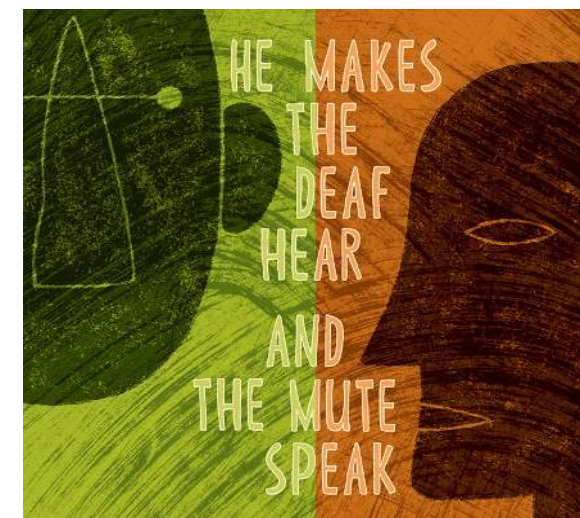
First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom? — James 2:5

From the desk of Father Sinoj



The whole story in the Gospel passage this weekend shows us most vividly How Jesus was careful in considering the deaf person as an individual. The man had a special need and a special problem, and with the most tender considerateness Jesus dealt with him in a way that spared his feelings and in a way that he could understand.

He took the man aside from the crowd, all by himself. Deaf folk are always a little embarrassed. In some ways it is more embarrassing to be deaf than it is to be blind. A deaf person knows he cannot hear; and when someone in a crowd shouts at him and tries to make him hear, in his excitement he becomes all the more helpless. Jesus showed the most tender consideration for the feelings of a man for whom life was very difficult. And again, throughout the whole miracle Jesus acted like in a dumb-show. He put his hands in the man’s ears and touched his tongue with spittle. This attitude of Jesus challenges us to be more considerate of the less privileged people around us.

When it was completed the people declared that he had done all things well. That is none other than the verdict of God upon his own creation in the very beginning (Genesis 1:31). When Jesus came, bringing healing to men’s bodies and salvation to their souls, he had begun the work of creation all over again. Our attitudes of mercy and consideration towards our suffering brethren can become our participation in the re-creation process initiated by Jesus Christ. We can regain the beauty of Creation.

Love in Christ

(☺☺☺) Always
☺☺☺(☺☺☺) Keep
(☺☺☺)☺☺☺ Smiling!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

September Birthdays

- 1— Norwetta Taylor
- 2— Emma Latta
- 3— Joseph Johnson, Venice Higgs, Father Suneesh
- 6— Shelby Webster
- 16— Matthew Brown
- 20— Mary Katherine Gough
- 26— April Moorman



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If you know anyone who is not enrolled, please encourage them. Thanks.

Mass Intentions:

- September 2—Les Bumm
- September 9—Kenneth Higgs
- September 16—Sandra Brown
- September 23—Barbara Horsley
- September 30—Jerry Mezur

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.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: SICK Martha Kramer, Dorothy Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Larry Clark, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, 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. Dorothy Fulton and Beverly Chilton are in their homes but can no longer join us for Sunday Mass and activities. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.

Marian Conference
“Mary, Mother of the Church”

The Marian Shrine Committee is sponsoring a Marian Conference on Saturday, September 29 at the Owensboro Convention Center. Speakers are Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC and Teresa Tomeo. Music by Maria Spears. Tickets are available at the Owensboro Convention Center box office. Call 270-297-9932 or stop at the box office Monday through Friday from 8-5 PM. Tickets are \$30 per person. Students and children 21 and under are free.

Coming Events
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel
September 9 Picnic update after Mass
September 13 Fundraiser Night at Freddy’s 5-9 PM
September 19 Finance Mt. 4:30 PM

Diocesan Happenings
September 9—Sophia Award 2 PM at St. Stephen’s Cathedral **Carol Hatchett**
September 8-9—Eastbridge Arts Festival/ OSU festival at Mount St. Joseph
September 14—Vocare 6 PM at Convention Center
September 29 Marian Conference at Owensboro Convention Center

Upcoming Bar-B-Q
September 15 Blessed Mother 4 PM

Thank you for your contributions.

Sept. 2—\$1232.23
Weekly Budget —\$875
August \$3314.10
August Budget \$3500
Year to date—\$7145
YTD budget—\$7875



Invite family and friends to visit and dine at Freddy’s on Frederica on September 13 from 5-9 PM. You must mention Blessed Sacrament for us to get our 15%.

Register now for Branson Christmas Extravaganza!

The Diocese of Owensboro’s Office of Stewardship presents Branson “Christmas Extravaganza” featuring Daniel O’Donnell on Nov 1-4, 2018. \$799/person. This tour is sure to bring out the magic of Christmas with five Christmas shows: Haygoods, Christmas Show at Dolly Parton’s Stampede, Raiding the Country Vault, Sight and Sound Samson, and the famous Daniel O’Donnell “Christmas with Daniel”! Enjoy your chartered comfortable bus ride, beautiful hotel accommodations and nine delicious meals! (Includes an extra surprise top attraction). Payment will be due Sept 17. Call early to hold your reservation-these tours will fill up fast! Insurance is available for \$44. For more information, contact Faith in Travel at 270-389-1002

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5779 begins at sunset
Tuesday: Patriot Day
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Thursday: St. John Chrysostom
Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



THOUGHTS

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

—Marcus Aurelius

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase “Sunday best” has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it’s a healthy sign that we’re as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man’s origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark’s Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

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EDUCATION

The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of an education.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

MINSTERS

Lectors

Sept. 16: Jacques Williams

Audrey Mezur

Sept. 23: Martha Kramer

Von Williams

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Sept. 16: Karen Leachman

Cindy Clark

Rita Moorman

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Vivian Higgs

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Sept. 16: Burnell Hamilton

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Sept. 23: Cindy Clark

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Diocesan Youth Conference November 9 and 10. Deadline to register is September 30th. Grades 6-12 invited to be part of this.



Business Picnic Auction Donations. Thank them if you shop/eat there.

- ◆ Buffalo Wild Wings
- ◆ Pan Asian Japanese Chinese
- ◆ TGIFriday's
- ◆ O'Charley's
- ◆ Golden Corral
- ◆ Shoney's
- ◆ Culver's
- ◆ Shammy's Car Wash
- ◆ Red Lobster
- ◆ Donato's
- ◆ Cup Cakery
- ◆ Welborne Florist
- ◆ Maximillian Kolbe
- ◆ Chick-fil-a
- ◆ Gifted hands
- ◆ Freddy's
- ◆ Great Harvest
- ◆ Dairy Queen
- ◆ Colby's
- ◆ Starbuck's
- ◆ Jimie's Liquor
- ◆ Health Park
- ◆ Moonlight
- ◆ Dr. Nicole Brey
- ◆ Dr. Misty Brey

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It's a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you're stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you're in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us—nation, parish church, occupation, illness—can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the “communion of saints” is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life's struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

Stay with You: After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His dad asked him three times what was wrong. Finally the boy replied, “That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys.”



Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen!