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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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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct. 7, 2018

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. — Mark 10:14

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (GN.2:18-24).

Psalms — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it



Remember that each day is God’s gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift to God.



From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,
This week, the Church invites us to reflect and refresh our understanding on marriage. Christian marriage involves both a sacred and legal contract between a man and woman and at the same time is rooted in a special Covenant with the Lord. That is why Jesus states that a valid marriage is permanent. Jesus’ prohibition of divorce here stands out dramatically for its sternness, which admits of no exceptions. Jesus did not claim to introduce a new teaching. He reminded the Jews that his doctrine went back to the original intention of God. Citing the book of Genesis, Jesus proved that God made us male and female and commanded that "the two shall become one flesh." He then drew the conclusion that “they are no longer two, but one body” – partners with equal rights. These words might have reminded the Pharisees of Yahweh’s warning given through his last prophet: “I hate divorce” (Malachi 2:16). Hence, the Church has always firmly taught that a Sacramental marriage between Christians in which there has been true matrimonial consent and consummation, is absolutely indissoluble, except by the death of one of the spouses. The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes the Church’s teaching: “Divorce is a grave offense against the natural law. It claims to break the contract, to which the spouses freely consented, to live with each other till death..... Divorce is immoral also because it introduces disorder into the family and into society. This disorder brings grave harm to the deserted spouse, to children traumatized by the separation of their parents and often torn between them, and because of its contagious effect which makes it truly a plague on society” (CCC 2384, 2385)

The marriage relationship is God’s gift to us. It is God’s way of providing a lover, a helpmate, someone who will always be there for us. It requires many mutual adjustments; much generosity and great goodwill to forgive and ask for forgiveness; sincere cooperation in training children and raising them as practicing Catholic Christians; and daily strength from God obtained through personal and family prayers and punctual participation in the parish liturgy.

(^.^) Always
^.^(^.^) Keep
(^.^).^ Smiling!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

October Birthdays

- 9—Beverly Chilton
- 10—Jacques Williams III
- 13—Vicki Leonard
- 20—Dorothea Melton
- 28—Martha Kramer



IMP—Kroger

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Blessed Sacrament would appreciate being named as your community reward recipient. Thank you for your support. You can enroll at www.kroger.com or call 1-800-KROGERS

For the past quarter we have received \$88.89. Twenty-two families participate. If you know anyone who is not enrolled, please encourage them.

Mass Intentions:

- October 7—Fennewald Family
- October 14— Les Bumm
- October 21—Kenneth Higgs
- October 28—Patricia Lett

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, Greta Beal, 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.

Scripture Sunday | Favorite Verses from Psalms. Sunday, October 14 is Scripture Sunday and this year the focus will be on the Psalms. Parishioners are asked to send in their favorite verse(s) from the Book of Psalms and share WHY it is their favorite. Responses will be posted on the diocesan website, owensborodiocese.org. Be sure to include your name and parish and send to [Elaine Robertson](#), Director of Faith Formation.

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

October 14 Scripture Sunday (Psalms)

Diocesan Happenings

October 20-21 ICON women’s Retreat at KY Dam village

October 24 Bishop’s Listening Session at Our Lady of Lourdes 6:30-8 PM

Nov. 5-7 Tri-parish Mission

Nov. 9-10 Diocesan Youth Conference at Owensboro Convention Center



Thank you for your contributions.

Sept. 30—\$620

Weekly Budget —\$875

Sept. \$3188.23

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Year to date—\$10,333.33

YTD budget—\$11,375

Candles \$10

Kroger—\$88.89



In March of 2010 Chona and I moved to Owensboro, KY and in July of 2014, I was incardinated as Deacon Dirck A. Curry to the Diocese of Owensboro. We have enjoyed our time here serving this community. although in a few months, Chona and I will be moving back to Illinois with a new job opportunity and family support in taking care of my mother who is now 93 years old.

My mother, Virginia, now desires to return to Central Illinois. This will be close to my daughter and older brother who can assist us in her care. Also Chona will be closer to her family who live in Chicago.

We have appreciated the opportunity of assisting the Diocese of Owensboro. My wife and I will continue to pray for the Owensboro Diocese.

Prayerfully yours, Chona and Dirck A. Curry, Deacon

Women’s ICON Retreat

Ladies from around the diocese are invited to attend a women’s retreat Oct. 19-20 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. The title of the retreat is Reclaiming True Femininity.. The cost is \$50 and lodging is a separate fee and must be completed by attendee. Rooms are blocked off and a discount code is available online. Find out more information, a schedule and online registration by visiting <https://owensborodiocese.org/womens-icon-retreat/>. This event is sponsored by the Office of Evangelization.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi

Thursday: St. John XXIII

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

October is Rosary Month. There are rosaries available in the back of church in a basket.

ALL WET

To repent and not to amend is like paying a debt by writing a check on water.

HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God’s love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ’s love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

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Bury Your Troubles

When I dig others out of trouble, I find a place to bury my own.

Angry Couple: A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the wife replied, "in-Laws."

MINSTERS

Lectors

October 14: Greg Gough

Barbara Bisel

October 21: Austin Gough

Jacques Williams

Eucharistic Ministers

October 14: Cindy Clark

Vivian Higgs

Yvonne Hatchett

October 21: Gloria Adams

Rita Moorman

Cathy Kramer

Offertory/ Ushers

October 14: Robert Hagan

Robert Johnson

October 21: Burnell Hamilton

Ethan Kramer

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



“...Come, follow me.” (Mark 10:21) 2018-2019 Disciples Response Fund

The 2018-2019 Disciples Response Fund campaign has begun with a recent mailing from Bishop Medley to all registered parishioners. We are asked to give generously in support of the important works funded by DRF contribution.

Support of the work of our Diocese is important. For example, the DRF puts money into an endowment for the care of retired priests and assists with expenses for the education of our seminarians. In addition, DRF provides operating income and scholarship funds for Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel received a rebate of \$283.63 this year, which was used to assist with our general operating expenses. Our parish was also the recent recipient of a \$5,000 DRF grant which was used to repair our bell tower.

We are grateful for the generosity of our faith community. Your gifts are appreciated and help support the good works of the Diocesan Disciples Response Fund appeal. If you received a letter from Bishop Medley asking for your support of the DRF, prayerfully consider making a generous gift today.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from “popery” to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a “chapel.” Catholic “Emancipation” was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil!

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Respect Life Month

Pray for a culture of life to develop in our country. God loves each and every one of us, big and small, old and young, intelligent and struggling. May our leaders adopt policies to safeguard dignity of life for the unborn, the aging, the chronically ill, and the physically and mentally challenged.

