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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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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan. 27, 2019

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

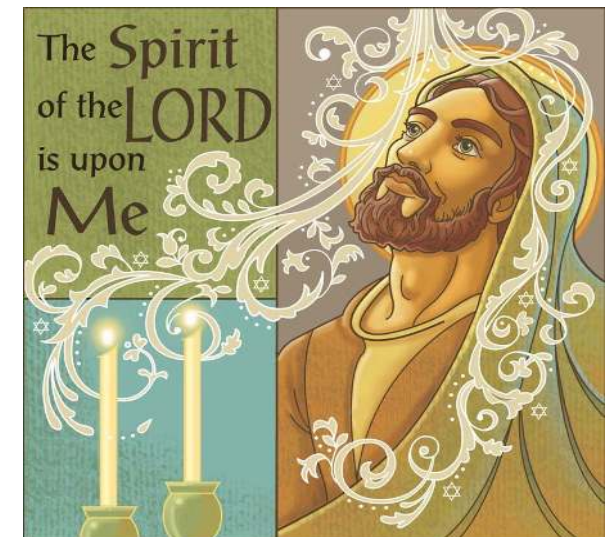
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).



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Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.



From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! The third week in Ordinary Time gives us the Inaugural Address of Jesus about His ministry for our reflection. The Gospel describes how, on a Sabbath, Jesus stood before the people in the synagogue of his hometown, Nazareth, reading and interpreting what Isaiah had prophesied about the Messiah and His mission. Jesus testifies that He is the One sent “to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed.” To the great amazement and disbelief of his own townsmen, Jesus declares that Isaiah’s prophecy is being fulfilled at that very moment “in their hearing,” because the prophecy foretells and describes Jesus’ own mission and ministry. Jesus’ mission is to give liberation to everyone who will listen to his “Good News,” accept it and put it into practice.

As members of Christ’s Mystical Body, we share in the freeing, saving mission of Jesus. But often we are in bondage of sin, and only Christ can set us free. We are often blinded by our evil habits, addictions and need for financial security. Pride and prejudice can make us blind to the needs of the less-fortunate, prompting us to fear and avoid them, rather than to love and help them. We can also be blind to the presence of God within ourselves and other. We are often not free to listen to a lonely, heart-broken neighbor. We can be prisoners of materialism and consumerism, chained to pleasure, power, money and control of everyone and everything in our world. Accordingly, we need to be freed and raised to a richer level of life. Once we receive true liberation from Christ, we need to share it with those we encounter in our daily lives – in our families, communities parish, and workplaces

(☺) Always

☺ (☺) Keep

(☺) Smiling!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath,

January Birthdays

25—Louise Johnson

28—Frank Adams

30—Pam Wilson

February Birthdays

2—Nancy Bumm

3—Jacques Williams Sr.

6—Philip Moorman

8—Karen Terry

10—Father Jerry Riney



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We will receive a check for \$114 for Sept. through Nov. supporters. Thank you.

Mass Intentions:

Jan. 27 Dorothy Fulton

Feb. 3 Hugh Moorman

Feb. 10 Bernice Williams

Feb. 17 Sandra Brown

Feb. 24 Donald Moorman

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: SICK Rita Moorman, Cindy Clark, Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Perry Washington, Larry Clark, Maggie Sheenan, 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., If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation,

THE HOMEBOUND:

Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place on Buckland Square. Beverly Chilton is in her home 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.

St. John Bosco worked with youth who lacked the positive influence of a parent. He made each one feel important, teaching them catechism, a trade, and music. When people said he should take more time to rest and sleep, he said that he could not rest because the devil does not rest. He found the Salesian order. His feast is Jan. 31



Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Feb. 17—Gospel Explosion 2 PM
- March 2 Italian Dinner 6:30 PM
- April 12 Fish Fry 5-7 PM

Diocesan/Community Happenings

- Feb. 2 Diocesan Men’s Conference at River Park Center. Register online
- Feb. 10 Ladies of Wisdom Tea
- March 8-10 Youth 2000 at Brescia.
- July 12-13 IAACEC in Cincinnati



Thank you for your contributions.

- Jan. 20—\$385
- Weekly budget \$875
- MTD budget \$2625
- MTD collection \$2292
- YTD budget—\$26,250
- YTD Collection \$26,454.77
- Candles \$2

May each of us give according to what we have been blessed with.



If you drew a name for a prayer pal at the last Parish Meeting, please try to find out who they are and let them know that you are praying for them. Don’t forget to include them in your prayers on a regular basis.

God has blessed us with many people who have helped us throughout the year. We are called to share our blessings with others. We donated some of our chairs from the hall to Boulware Center Mission. Thanks to Connie Crane for making the connection and transporting them. They were very grateful.

The Catholic Men’s Conference: The annual Catholic Men’s conference of Western Kentucky will take place on Saturday, February 2nd at the RiverPark Center. The conference includes the following well known Catholic speakers: Dr. Edward Sri, Kevin Reilly and Mike Michalak. There is more information on the website www.kycatholic.com. Additionally, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered to all who attend, and there will be Mass at the conclusion of the conference celebrated at St. Stephen Cathedral with Bishop Medley. The ticket cost is \$30 each for adults and \$15 each for students (lunch included). The event is limited to men who are high school seniors or older. I encourage the men of our parish to attend.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel, it will be “a year acceptable to the Lord.” And Jesus surely didn’t mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the “arrival” of God’s favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God’s word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, “Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep.”

The “year acceptable to the Lord” is this year. The day that is “holy” is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God’s help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God’s word.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
- Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Thursday: St. John Bosco
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday; World Day for Consecrated Life;

LOVE IN OUR WORKS

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.



Lectors

February 3: Kathi Skidd
Layson Brooks

February 10: Marsha Allen
Greg Gough

Eucharistic Ministers

February 3: Tina Gough
Cathy Kramer
Marsha Allen

February 10: Gloria Adams
Barbara Bisel
Yvonne Hatchett

Ushers/Offertory

February 3: Jacques & Whitney
Williams & sons

February 10: Pam McCarter
Barbara Hammond

BROKEN BRIDGES

When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.

—George Herbert



"Racism still profoundly affects our culture, and it has no place in the Christian heart. This evil causes great harm to its victims, and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts. The Bishops of the US have issued a pastoral letter entitled Open Wide our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love in November. It is available online.

Johnny Carson (who hosted the Tonight Show for 30 years), was interviewing an eight-year-old boy one night. As Johnny questioned him, it became apparent that the boy was a Christian. Johnny asked him if he attended Sunday School. When the boy said he did, Johnny inquired, "What are you learning in Sunday School?" "Last week," the boy replied, "our lesson was about how Jesus went to a wedding and turned water into wine." The audience burst into laughter and applause. Keeping a straight face, Johnny asked, "And what did you learn from that story?" The boy squirmed in his chair. It was apparent he hadn't thought about this. But then he lifted up his face and said, "If you're going to have a wedding, make sure you invite Jesus and Mary!"

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

Church Mice

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Lift up in prayer the hundreds of thousands youth traveling to Panama for the World Youth Day January 22-27. Together they will pray, worship, and celebrate their Catholic faith. Pope Francis will be there to pray with and encourage the youth.