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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

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office: 270-683-6525

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

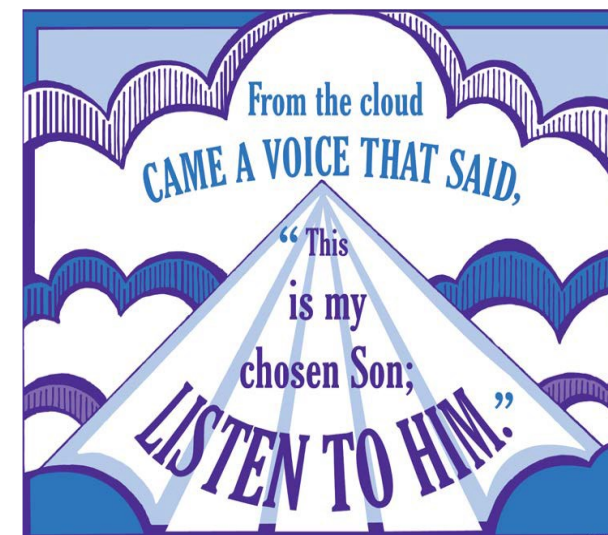
Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).



Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 2019

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom should I fear?



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Your presence, O Lord, I seek.

From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Hope and pray that our observance of Lent helps us to experience the merciful love of God and our acts of repentance and reparation cause the light of Christ to spread to others through our works of charity. May this season also empower us with the strength to overcome the desires of the world.

The second week of Lent presents the Transfiguration of Christ for our reflection. In the first week of Lent we reflected on Christ's humanity by presenting the temptations of Christ, but this week we reflect on His Divinity. The Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of the coming glory of Christ on Easter. But it also reminds us that the only way to Easter is through the cross. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Him to consult His Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of his Divine glory so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams and might be strengthened in their time of trial.

In the Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar become "transfigured" or transformed (transubstantiated) into the living Body and Blood of the crucified, risen, and glorified Jesus. Just as Jesus' Transfiguration was meant to strengthen the apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and through our Lenten renewal, giving us a glimpse of the coming eternal glory.

(☺☺☺) Always

☺☺☺(☺☺☺) Keep

(☺☺☺)☺☺ Smiling!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

March Birthdays

- 2—Marsha Allen
- 6—Elizabeth Hatchett
- 7—Britney Carmona
- 18—Jean Higgs
- 25—Carol Hatchett
- 31—Frank Fulton



IMP—Kroger

Blessed Sacrament's # is
WX799

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

If you know anyone who does not have a designated charity, ask them to sign up for BSC as their charity.

We have 8 more contributors and will receive a check for \$127.61. Thank you.

Mass Intentions:

March 3 Kenneth Higgs

March 6—Dorothy Fulton

March 10—Jill Mueller

March 17—Les Bumm

March 24—Sandra Brown

March 31—Jerry Mezur

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, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: SICK, Mary Hagan, Sarah Carman, Larry Allen, Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Perry Washington, Rita Moorman, Cindy Clark, Larry Clark, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman, Father Pat Ryan, Larry Leachman, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr., **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer, please contact the office or visitation, please notify the office.**

THE HOMEBOUND:

Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place on Buckland Square. Beverly Chilton and Loretta Wathen 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.

The faith community of St. Anthony in Browns Valleys, Utica is having a parish mission from March 17th to March 20th at 6:30 pm. The theme is: "No Ifs, Ands, or Buts, God is with us. Now what?" What does God's presence mean for us? Presenter is Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI from the Shrine of Our Lady of Snows in Belleville, IL

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

March 24, 31— 9:20 Scriptures for Sunday in hall.

March 24—Parish meeting (Italian dinner and fish fry)

April 12 Fish Fry 5-7 PM

Diocesan/Community Happenings

March 27-28 Divine Mercy presentation at St. Stephen’s 6 PM

April 16 6:30 PM Chrism Mass

July 12-13 IAACEC in Cincinnati



Thank you for your contributions.

March 10—\$1057

Weekly budget \$875

MTD budget \$1750

MTD collection \$2089

YTD budget—\$32,375

YTD Collection

\$33,818,82

Candles \$10

Ash Wed. Mandeville—\$367.27

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



We are called to **Prayer, Fast, Almsgiving.**

The Church asks us to **fast** two days in Lent—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. That means one main meal, two smaller meals and nothing in between the meals. Everyone between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

Abstinence is denying ourselves meat. This is our obligation on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. This is asked of everyone the ages of 14 and up.

Reconciliation Schedule

Every Sat. 9:30-11:30 at SSC

March 18 Mount St Joseph 6 pm

March 31 St. Mary Magdalen 6 pm

April 7 St. Martin, Rome 6:45

April 9 Precious Blood 6 PM

April 11 Immaculate 6 PM

April 14 St. Stephen 2:00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89: 2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick’s Day

Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Tuesday: St. Joseph

Wednesday: Spring begins; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sundown

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

AMBITIONS

Many ambitions are nipped in the budget.

—Anonymous

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, “Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things” (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, “our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (3:20). He will “change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body” (3:21). Note that he says “body” rather than “bodies.” He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So “stand firm in the Lord” (4:1).

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Lent is here and area fish fries

Precious Blood Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 and 12. Serving time 5:30.

Menu: Fried tilapia, French fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, white beans, baked beans, cornbread, dessert, lemonade or tea. All you can eat! Prices: Adults \$11. Carry-outs available.

<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>March 24:</u>	Barbara Bisel
	Gloria Adams
<u>March 31:</u>	Marsha Allen
	Audrey Mezur
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	
<u>March 24:</u>	Karen Leachman
	Rita Moorman
	Cindy Clark
<u>March 31:</u>	Barbara Bisel
	Tina Gough
	Gloria Adams
<u>Ushers/Offertory</u>	
<u>March 24:</u>	Burnell Hamilton
	Michelle Jones
<u>March 31:</u>	Ethan Gough
	Austin Gough

IRELAND

No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die.

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- *Fast from hurting words and say kind words*
- *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude*
- *Fast from anger and be filled with patience*
- *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope*
- *Fast from worries and trust in God*
- *Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity*
- *Fast from pressures and be prayerful*
- *Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy*
- *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others*
- *Fast from grudges and be reconciled*
- *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen*

Attributed to Pope Francis

Lenten Opportunities

Rice Bowls: Eat a simpler meal one time a week or don’t eat out and donate the money to help the poor. 25% of donations go to poverty alleviation in our community. .

Scripture Reflection: Each Sunday at 9:20 you have the opportunity to reflect on the Sunday’s readings.

Outreach Opportunities:

Weeks 3 and 4: Donate items for the Backpack Ministry. Ravioli, Spaghetti O’s, individual fruit cups....

Weeks 5 and 6: St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Faith Life Enrichment

Formed: Free Online resource giving access to quality Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books. Sign in at www.ststephencstheedral.formed.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

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Safe Environment

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (687-8888 or 685-8444) or the Kentucky child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597-2331) or contact your local Comonwealth Attorney. The diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all who have been sexually abused and especially those abused by a person working for the church, paid or unpaid, either past or present. To report such abuse, current or past, please call Louanne Payne, the diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator confidential phone line (270-852-8380). You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) The revised sexual abuse policy, which explains fully the diocese’s efforts to address sexual abuse in the Church can be found in the back of church on the book rack.

Plan to stay next Sunday (24th) after Mass for a parish meeting. We will do a wrap-up of our 2nd Annual Italian Dinner and make plans for the fish fry on April 12th and look at other upcoming events.