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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 — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Lk 6:39-45).



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 2019

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.



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Know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN

Greetings! Congratulations and thanks to all of you who have contributed to the success of the Italian Dinner fundraiser of our parish. Hope we have shared the goodness of the Lord with our brethren and it has surely helped us in the growth as a Catholic family of Blessed Sacrament. This Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. Let us observe this Lent as an opportunity to grow in our faith and holiness.

In His message this weekend Jesus draws our attention to practical points of Christian living and challenges us to use our words as He used them in His preaching and healing ministry – to heal, to restore, and to bring back life, joy and hope. He invites us to share our Christian life, love, and spiritual health by our words, and to avoid gossiping about, and passing rash, thoughtless and pain-inflicting judgments on others thus damaging their good reputation and causing them irreparable harm.

To share our Christian life, to guide the other, we must have the “Sight.” The sight is the insight that comes through Faith and Holy Spirit, and Faith-filled relationship with the Lord. We have no business trying to guide others unless we ourselves can see clearly. This is why it is so important to go in for regular “eye exams.” Every day, Christian should go to God, our spiritual Eye Doctor, to ask Him to check our vision. As we get into His Word, as we pray, He corrects our sight and He shows us what to watch out for. It is vitally important that we have this regular “eye exam,” because we are not alone in the car; there are people who trust us to lead them to safety. It may be our children or our spouse. It may be a friend. It may be people in the Church or community who are following where we lead. If we lead them off a cliff because of poor vision, God will hold us accountable. May this season of Lent help us improve our “Sight.”

(☺) 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.

Mass Intentions:

March 3 Kenneth Higgs

March 6—Dorothy Fulton

March 10—Jill Mueller

17—Les Bumm

24—Sandra Brown

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, 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.

THANKS

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

—Ambrose of Milan

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- March 6** Ash Wednesday Mass 6M
- March 10 9:20** Scriptures for Sunday in hall.
- April 12** Fish Fry 5-7 PM

Diocesan/Community Happenings

- March 8-10** Youth 2000 at Brescia.
- March 16** Precious Blood Parish Steak dinner/reverse raffle 6:30 pm (at Sts. Joseph and Paul Hall) \$70 ticket
- April 16** 6:30 PM Chrism Mass



Thank you for your contributions.

- Feb. 24—\$915.14
- Weekly budget \$875
- MTD budget \$1750
- MTD collection \$1855
- YTD budget—\$28,875
- YTD Collection \$29,364.77
- Candles \$6

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



Lent begins Wednesday. We have a 6 PM Mass; if you cannot attend that one, please check other local parishes for their Mass time. Ashes will be distributed.

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.

A Simple Plan could be 1-1-1 Plan

Concentrate on one sin or fault that is getting in your relationship to God. Try to get rid of it.

Add one positive action (Bible reading, visit the lonely, say kind things instead of gossip..)

Deny yourself something that you really like or are attached to. (Critical tongue, impulse purchases, time in front of TV or internet, fast food and donate money to poor)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Casimir
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
- Thursday:** Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- Friday:** St. John of God; Abstinence
- Saturday:** St. Frances of Rome

THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression—words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

Lent is fast approaching 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.

Lectors

March 6: * Marsha Allen

Kathi Skidd

March 10: Austin Gough

Connie Clary

March 17: Jacques Williams

Greg Gough

Eucharistic Ministers

March 6: * Tina Gough

Charlene Meadows

Cathy Kramer

March 10: Yvonne Hatchett

Greg Gough

Gloria Adams

March 17: Marsha Allen

Misty Sanford

Vivian Higgs

Ushers/Offertory

March 6: Volunteers

March 10: Fulton Family

March 17: Lori Robinson and

family

*March 6 is Ash Wednesday
6 PM Mass

Today's Gospel, like many Scripture passages, uses a reference to agriculture to make a point. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." Lent begins this week. During this season of spiritual preparation, we can reflect on what kind of "trees" we are. Christ seeks to bear fruit in each one of us; what kind of fruit do we produce?

The weeks of Lent offer the opportunity for us, as disciples, to devote ourselves to the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ask the Lord for help to focus outwardly rather than on ourselves—to change—so that we can bear much fruit.

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 hunger and poverty alleviation in our community. Will be collected on Holy Thursday.

Scripture Reflection: Each Sunday at 9:20 you have the opportunity to gather in the hall to reflect on the Sunday's readings.

Outreach Opportunities:

Weeks 1 and 2: Donate items for the people who live at the homeless shelters.

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 and video based studies.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Italian Dinner a fun and successful night.

Don't Panic—Know the Plan!

Save the Date!

Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:00PM, St. Stephen's will host Sergeant Jeremy Mulligan, from the Owensboro Police Department. He will make a presentation on how to keep ourselves more aware of danger (should it come our way) during Mass and other events. We want to be prepared and know the best course of action to take in such an unfortunate event. We can't plan for every contingency, but we can always be better prepared. **ALL PARISHIONERS** are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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