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Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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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

Rector: Fr. Jerry Riney, jerry.riney@pastoral.org

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts



Second Sunday of Easter April 28, 2019

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.
 —Revelations 1:18



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Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.



From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you all had a great Easter celebration and blessed Easter Octave. This Sunday we celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday. May we continue to experience the Mercy of the Risen Christ in the glorious presence of “Resurrection” in our lives. I am taking my holidays from this Monday, April 29th. I will be back on June 2nd. I am also planning to make my retreat with a Pilgrimage to Holy Land during my holidays. Please remember me in your prayers. You will all remain close to my heart during these days. I thank you all for your participation and cooperation in the pastoral ministry of the Parish.

The Gospel this Weekend recalls Jesus’ institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose sins you retain are retained” (Jn20:19-23). Presenting St. Thomas’ famous profession of Faith, “My Lord and my God,” the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

The declaration by the Thomas in today’s Gospel is very significant for two reasons. Firstly, it is the foundation of our Christian Faith. Our Faith is based on the Divinity of Jesus as proved by His miracles, especially by the supreme miracle of His Resurrection from the dead. Thomas’ profession of Faith is the strongest evidence we have of the Resurrection of Jesus. Secondly, Thomas’ Faith culminated in his self-surrender to Jesus, his heroic missionary expedition to India in AD 52, his fearless preaching, and the powerful testimony given by martyrdom in AD 72. Let us have the courage of our Christian convictions to share our Faith as St. Thomas did.

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

God Loves you!!! Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

April Birthdays

- 23—Misty Sanford
- 25—Charlene Meadows
- 26—Vivian Higgs
- 27—Ruth Coble
- 29—Jeffrey McCarter

May Birthdays

- 7—Connie Clary
- 12—Cindy Clark, Charles Brown, JR, Brent Hatchett



IMP—Kroger

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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:

- April 21—Dorothy Fulton
- April 28—Les Bumm
- May 5—Kenneth Higgs
- May 12—Betty Clark
- May 19—Sandra Brown

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 :

Brad Boarman (Marsha Allen’s brother), Stephanie Higdon, David Carter, Philip Moorman, Sr., Mary Hagan, Larry Allen, Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Beverly Chilton, Sarah Carman, Perry Washington, Frank Adams, Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr., If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Beverly Chilton, who is in her home and Ruth Coble who is at Heritage Park . Georgia Holland who has moved to St. Louis stays in touch with BSC. A phone call or a card can cheer them up.

A huge thank you to each of you who contributed to make our fish fry a success. We sold 125 dinners and cleared a little over \$910. Last year we made \$570. (A little hard to estimate some of the expenses—take-out containers, tea and lemonade because what we purchase we don’t use all. I estimated about \$30.) We received \$100 donation from a parishioner.

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

April 28, May 5 Scripture Study 9:20

April 28 Celebration of Pam’s entrance into church /Confirmation/1st Communion After Mass (Appetizers/hors d’oeuvres)

June 22 St. Meinrad tour (leave 9:30)

Diocesan/Community Happenings

April 28 1:30-4 Divine Mercy Celebration at Blessed Mother Church

April 29 6:30 Prayer service for Protection and Healing Immaculate Conception, Hawesville



Thank you for your contributions.

April 21—\$993

Weekly budget \$875

MTD budget \$2625

MTD collection \$2776

YTD Budget—\$37,625

YTD Collection

\$39,647

Seminary—\$41

Catholic Relief Services—\$20.

Rice Bowl \$272

Holy Land \$124



WELCOME BACK: Would you like to reconnect with the Catholic Church? Or connect more deeply to our faith community? Do you know someone in this position? Why not invite a neighbor, or friend? Come with them. No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church now. We miss you and we would like to welcome you home. Join us for an evening designed to help people return to the regular reception of the sacraments: Monday, May 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in St. Stephen Cathedral Media Center (located in the parish office—enter through the back door from the rear parking lot). For more information, please contact Rick Rhodes, 270/683-6525,

A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME

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Thanks to Kerry Hodgkinson 04-11-2008

THAT VISITING TEAM DOESN'T HAVE A PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy);

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday: St. Pius V

Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday: St. Athanasius; National Day of Prayer; (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday: Ss. Philip and James; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones’ faces near and far, “Doubting Thomas” could be our patron saint: “Unless I see, I will not believe!” But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas’s doubt, or love “doubters” who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn’t scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that “Jesus is risen!” but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus’ healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, “our brother John” doesn’t just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus’ life-giving words, “Do not be afraid.” Seeing Jesus in others is believing!



There will be a special Divine Mercy Celebration at Blessed Mother Church today 1:30-4:00PM with Fr. Thomas Petri, O.P., originally from Madisonville, KY speaking. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered.

<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>May 5</u>	Layson Brooks Barbara Bisel
<u>May 11:</u>	Jacques Williams Audrey Mezur
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	
<u>May 5:</u>	Marsha Allen Karen Leachman Vivian Higgs
<u>May 11:</u>	Barbara Bisel Gloria Adams Lori Robinson
<u>Ushers/Offertory</u>	
<u>May 5:</u>	Austin Gough Ethan Gough
<u>May 11:</u>	Whitney & Jacques Williams & sons

Disciple Response Fund

Thanks to you who pledged and have made payments to the diocesan Response Fund. We received a check for \$220.10 this week; this represents 50% of what is over our target. We hope to use this to help toward our lighted cross.

Discipleship

Like the apostle Thomas in today’s Gospel, most of us have experienced doubt, whether it’s doubt in our faith or perhaps doubt in our abilities. It’s only human! Just as Jesus offered peace to Thomas rather than criticism, He also offers us peace and mercy to counter our fears and doubts. One definition of the word ‘doubt’ is “an inclination not to believe or accept.” Do you believe God has given you gifts and talents? It is human nature to compare ourselves to others or focus on what we perceive to be our shortcomings. As disciples we must recognize and accept God’s gifts, nurture them, and share them for the good of others. A good steward is *grateful and giving*.

Easter Flower Donations

Thanks for the donations to help with our Easter flowers for the church.

- ♦ In memory of Ethel Clark, RT Clark, Tommy Clark, Mary Clark, unborn baby Phillips
- ♦ Steve and Becky Coble
- ♦ In memory of Rachel Hersey, Lucille Higgs, Betty Wright, Earsie Moore
- ♦ In honor of Loretta Wathen
- ♦ Audrey Mezur

We received \$95 and spent \$99.86

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or “Sunday in White.” During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed “Quasimodo Sunday,” or “Low Sunday.” In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing “Low” about this Sunday. At a week’s distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord’s presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

DON'T SAY TOO MUCH

One is almost bound to fall into error if one tries to say a great deal.

—Erasmus



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Pam Wilson on her Confirmation and First Communion last weekend. We welcome her as a full member of the Catholic Church. Thanks also to Misty Sanford who accompanied her on her journey of faith. Pam has participated in the RCIA process this past year. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the process, talk to Pam, Sister Jeannette, or one of the priests.