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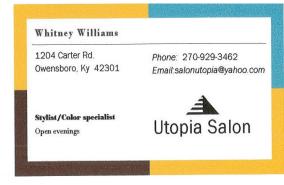
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# Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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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

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**Rector:** Fr. Jerry Riney, jerry.riney@pastoral.org Parochial Vicar: Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN sinoj.pynadath@pastoral.org

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#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalm** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

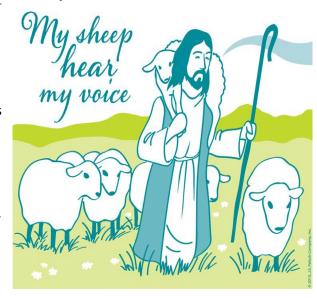
**Second Reading** — I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).



#### Fourth Sunday of Easter May 12, 2019

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that vou may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."



# My sheep know my voice and they follow me.

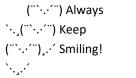


### From the desk of Father Jerry Riney

Call Your Mother! Honoring the mother of your family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society cannot be crammed into one day. No physical item can repay your mother for all the love she's sent your way, but Mother's Day is still a good time to give Mom some token of your affection. Flowers, chocolates, dinner, gifts, and cards are all fine, but perhaps the best gift is some of your valuable time—the presence of yourself. We will pray for our living and deceased mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, godmothers and those who have been like mothers to us at all our Masses this weekend.

We Honor Saint Isidore the Farmer (c. 1080-1130), not Saint Isidore of Seville, the Doctor of the Church whose memorial falls on April 4th. Isidore the Farmer was born in Madrid to poor parents who sent him to work for landowner. He was very devout and married a like-minded woman, Maria, who also became a saint. Isidore attended daily Mass and was often late arriving at the fields, but he managed to get his work done none-theless. He shared the little he had with the poor. He is the patron saint of farmers and a model of faith for all of us.

Take some time to reflect in gratitude on what you have been given from your own mother and from others who have cared for you.



God Loves you!!!

#### **May Birthdays**

7—Connie Clary

12—Cindy Clark, Charles Brown, JR, Brent Hatchett

14--Steve Coble

18—Tina McHenry

19--Lad Ottofy

20--Christian Trevor

22--Charles Brown, SR

26--Diane Hatchett

30--Karen Leachman,

31--Barbara Hammond, Layson Brooks



## IMP—Kroger

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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:

May 5—Kenneth Higgs

May 12—Betty Clark

May 19—Sandra Brown

May 26--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, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: <u>SICK</u>: Hunter Hoskins, Brad Boarman (Marsha Allen's brother), David Carter, Philip Moorman, Sr., Mary Hagan, Larry Allen, Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Beverly Chilton, 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.

Twilight Retreats: The Twilight Retreats take place on the second Wednesday of each month at Mount St. Joseph. Save these future dates: June 12, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

The event time is 6:00—7:30 p.m. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room. To register: Please call 270-229-0206, retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/

# Coming Events CALENDAR



#### **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

May 5, 12 Scripture Study 9:20

May 19 Recognize Von on his graduation.

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

#### **Diocesan/Community Happenings**

May 13-15 Parish Mission at Precious Blood Church 7-8:30. Deacon Strohn, a deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago, will be the speaker.

July 12-13 IAACEC in Cincinnati



# Thank you for your contributions.

May 5--\$446.50

Weekly budget \$875

MTD budget \$3500

MTD collection \$3472.50

YTD Budget—\$38,500 YTD Collection \$40,344.42

Outside Cross--\$100

Candles--\$6

Debt reduction \$1

May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.





#### **MOTHERHOOD**

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

-Anonymous

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8;

Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5,

6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25: Ps 89:2-3, 21-22,

25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab;

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4;

Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13;

Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

#### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;

Mother's Day; World Day of

**Prayer for Vocations** 

Monday: Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday: St. Matthias

Wednesday: St. Isidore the Farmer

Saturday: St. John I; Armed Forces Day

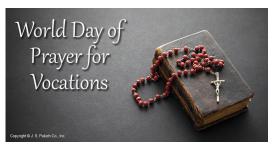
#### **MOTHER BLEST**

Though she was the Mother of the Lord, yet she desired to learn the precepts of the Lord, and she who brought forth God, yet desired to know God.

—St. Ambrose

#### **SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS**

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs



Please pray that young people, especially those from our parish, will be open to God's call in their lives.

Also include all young people preparing to answer God's call as priests and religious.

#### **Lectors**

May 19: Von Williams

Marsha Allen

May 26: Gloria Adams

Kathi Skidd

#### .Eucharistic Ministers

May 19: Misty Sanford

Tina Gough

Yvonne Hatchett

May 26: Rita Moorman

**Charlene Meadows** 

Cindy Clark

#### **Ushers/Offertory**

May 19: Whitney & Jacques

Williams and sons

May 26: Robert Hagan

Yvonne Mundy

Old Man's Will: After a rich business man died, his family met in the lawyer's office for the reading of the will. The man left \$8 million dollars to his wife, \$1 million dollars to be divided between his brothers and \$1 million dollars to be divided between his sisters. The will went on to read: "and to my nephew Ralph, who always reminded me he would truly appreciate it if he could be mentioned in my will, I say Hello, Ralph.

Today's Gospel from John offers messages of assurance and comfort. Jesus knows us, and no one can take us out of His hand. Consider the words "I know them, and they follow me." Do you believe you know and follow Jesus? We can make time in daily prayer to bring Him all we have—our sorrows, joys, challenges, needs, and gratitude for the blessings we receive. In these moments of prayer we can listen to hear the voice of Jesus.

In the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops pastoral letter *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, a Christian steward is described as a Christ follower who:

- ♦ Receives God's gifts gratefully
- Cherishes and tends them in a responsible manner
- Shares them in justice and love with all
- Returns them with increase to the Lord

Jesus knows each and every one of us, just as a shepherd knows his sheep. Do we pray to hear His voice? Do we follow Him?

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### **Picnic**

It is time to think about the picnic. As you shop this summer, please consider buying extra to donate to the parish for our bar-b-q

- Charcoal
- Rubs for poultry & ribs (Lawry or Montreal)
- Large disposable pans with lids for meat.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

<u>Feast of St. Matthias:</u> Let us not forget that the apostles were simple people; they were neither scribes nor doctors of the law, nor did they belong to the class of priests. With their limitations and with the authorities against them, how did they manage to fill Jerusalem with their teaching? It is clear that only the presence with them of the Risen Lord and the action of the Holy Spirit can explain this fact. God uses the lowly and insignificant for His plans. Ask God to help you overcome your limitations and weaknesses so that can serve Him freely and confidently.

# Church Mice





